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Walking Tour of Sculptures

1. **Pig**
   - by Glen Gander
   - Caldwell Arts Council
   - METAL ONE OF THE FIRST PIECES ACQUIRED; IT NOW SITS ATOP THE CALDWELL ARTS COUNCIL

2. **The Meltdown**
   - by Mark Potter
   - Caldwell Arts Council
   - CREATED AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR; DEPICTS THE SOVIET UNION’S HAMMER AND SICKLE SHAPED IN THE AMERICAN FLAG

3. **Finish Line**
   - by Jim Wolzet
   - Caldwell Arts Council
   - TITLE IDEA CAME FROM FOLDING A PHOTO OF A CHEERLEADER FLAG

4. **Keepers of the Wild**
   - by Jane Tucker
   - Caldwell Senior Center
   - REALISTIC BRONZE PIECE

5. **Interrupted Column**
   - by Marion Tadlock
   - corner of Mulberry & Pennton
   - METAL SCULPTED CUBES INTERRUPT THE RECTANGLES

6. **Other Words Fly**
   - by Gretchele Lohmeyer
   - Caldwell Memorial Hospital
   - 10-FOOT SCULPTURE SHAPED LIKE AN OCEAN WAVE; THE SURF CAN BE SEEN ON A PIECE "GOOD ENOUGH TO FLY"

7. **Daedalus**
   - by Scott Stoudt
   - Caldwell Family Care Center
   - ALUMINUM; COULD THIS PIECE BE RELATED TO THE GREEK MYTH OF ICARUS?

8. **Special Delivery**
   - by Stafan Photo
   - Davenport School
   - ARTIST WORKS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH RECLAIMED METAL; WESTERN SURFING BIRD DIPPED IN BLAST OVER THE PLAYGROUND

9. **Amaryllis Architecturals**
   - by Vega Metals
   - LHS Apartments (old Lenoir High School)
   - STEEL; COMPOSED BY THREE ARTISTS COMBINING IDEAS AND TALENTS

Walking tour highlights:

- **Special Delivery**
- **Daedalus**
- **The Meltdown**

Inside panel, clockwise from top left:

- **Leaving Anger**, Heather Alexander (private)
- **Passages**, Marvin Tadlock (private)
- **Totemic IV**, Glenn Phifer (private)

On the cover:

- **West Wind Sentinel**, Mike Roig

On the town:

- **Wind River Sentinel**, Mike Roig

Inside panel, clockwise from top left:

- **Soldier**, Tali Cooper (private)
- **Sculpted Horse**, in a special project with community citizens & help

- **Metal; one of the first pieces**
- **weather-vane**
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- **Walking Tour of Sculptures in the Downtown Lenoir Area**

- **Pendleton Spot**
- **by Orion Curfman
- J.E. Broyhill Park
- DONT MISS THIS ONE! WHEN YOU FIND IT, MAKE A SEAT AND ENJOY

- **Talisman**
- **by Scott Stoudt
- J.E. Broyhill Park
- ALUMINUM; A TALISMAN IS THOUGHT TO HAVE MAGIC POWERS OR BRING LUCK

- **The Last of the Spokane**
- **by Griffin Chiles
- Lenoir Post Office
- ONE OF A SERIES OF NATIVE AMERICAN PORTRAITS; THE ARTIST MANIPULATES THE NOBILITY AND INNER STRENGTH OF A BELLESQUE PEOPLE

- **Mosaic Triptych**
- **by Debbie Van Ordstrad
- Family Resource Center
- TITLE: “SCULPTURE” IN A SPECIAL PROJECT WITH COMMUNITY CITIZENS

- **Located on public school grounds, open to the public weekdays after 4:30 p.m. or on weekends only. Please do not visit the school during the school days.

- **Indoor Places**
The sculptures that are highlighted in this walking map are simply a handful of those that make up our sculpture collection. To view and locate all of the pieces, you may visit www.caldwellarts.com/sculpture

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While downtown, you will also notice sculptures that are part of Tucker’s Gallery. Tucker’s Gallery is a showcase of outdoor works created by area sculptors and displayed in downtown Lenoir. Each time you visit you may see something “old” replaced with something new. Many pieces in Tucker’s Gallery are purchased by visitors to the gallery. This outdoor gallery is managed by local artists and is not officially affiliated with the Caldwell Arts Council. However, you may call the Caldwell Arts Council for more information at 828-754-2486.