N.C. strawberry season has arrived

RALEIGH, NC (April 16, 2018)...Strawberry lovers won't have to wait any longer because N.C. strawberry season is here. Growers in Eastern North Carolina are already harvesting their crop, and growers in the piedmont and mountain regions of the state are slated to begin in the coming weeks.

"Despite unusually cold weather in the first quarter of the year, crop conditions at this point look to be good," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "It may not be a record-breaking year, but there should be plenty of N.C. strawberries for consumers to enjoy."



North Carolina is the third-largest producer of strawberries in the nation, with about 1,200 acres harvested across the state. The peak of the state's strawberry season is traditionally Mother's Day weekend, but locally grown berries should still be available into Memorial Day.

To celebrate the season, the department and N.C. Strawberry Association will hold three Strawberry Day events at state-operated farmers markets in Colfax, Charlotte and Raleigh in May. The first event is at the State Farmers Market in Raleigh on May 3. The celebration includes a strawberry recipe contest, ice cream samples and a visit by Suzy Strawberry. On May 4, the Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market in Colfax will host its Strawberry Day, which also includes a recipe contest, ice cream samples and a visit by Suzy Strawberry. On May 11, visitors to the Charlotte Regional Farmers Market can enjoy free strawberry ice cream samples.

More information about the strawberry industry is available at www.ncstrawberry.com. Consumers interested in finding a you-pick strawberry farm near them, can go to www.ncfarmfresh.com.

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Thursday (19th): Partly sunny & windy. High 60 Low 33 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

> Friday (20th): Sunshine. High 65 Low 32 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

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Monday (23rd): Rain & a t-storm possible. High 63 Low 43 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

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Wednesday (25th): A couple of showers possible. High 66 Low 49 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

New Plymouth Press, LLC announces release of new book title by local author – all net proceeds are designated to support local DAV

CALDWELL COUNTY, NC (November 7, 2017)... New Plymouth Press, LLC is proud to announce today that a new book will be released to the public

on December 1, 2017. The author, Dan Rundquist has completed work on his nonfiction title, Tears For Byzantium; The Entropic Course of American Exceptionalism. The work seeks to address the question of what exactly is the proper size, role, and scope of American government in a post-9/11 world through the prism of world history. It is told by a father, taxpayer, and ordinary American citizen.



"I have wept for my nation until I am out of tears. Not from a personal depression, but with the deepest grief and sorrow as one might have for a dying loved one. The patient in this case is our nation, America, but she is not so much ill as she is being euthanized. I weep for her because I love my nation, and she is nearly lost to us. I have always loved my country, and I am not alone." Dan Rundquist

The Caldwell Journal has been awarded exclusive distribution of the e-book format...

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- ISBN: 978-0-9862967-8-9
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- Link to the Caldwell Journal: www.caldwelljournal.com
- Media inquiries, requests for advance copies for review can be made directly to the author at dbquist1986@gmail.com
- Inquiries to the Caldwell Journal: Mr. Mark Jackson, mark.jackson@caldwelljournal.com

State Highway Patrol Joins Governor Cooper to Address Teen Driving Fatalities

RALEIGH, NC (April 13, 2018)...The State Highway Patrol opened its annual "Operation Drive to Live" initiative with a press event on April 13, 2018 in Nash County. The week long initiative is designed to bring attention to the loss of life suffered from teen driving fatalities across our state.

The event was held at Northern Nash High School in Rocky Mount at 1 p.m. today. Remarks were provided by Governor Roy Cooper, Colonel Glenn M. McNeill Jr. and Superintendent Dr. Shelton Jefferies of the Nash-Rocky Mounty School System. Each speaker brought a unique perspective on how we all have a part in keeping our students safe each and every day.

"As a father to a 16 year old son and twin 14 year old daughters, I can tell you that from a parent's perspective, there is no greater anxiety each day than the safety of my children," said Colonel Glenn M. McNeill Jr. "As parents, we have to look at what we are doing to either help develop good drivers or plant seeds of negative driving habits in our children. We know that developing good teen drivers begins well before they start driving."

"Operation Drive to Live" will officially take place the week of April 16th through April 20th and will be conducted each day from 6:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Troopers will increase enforcement efforts in and around high schools and will be conducting traffic safety programs with teen drivers with the primary purpose of reducing the number of teenage related traffic collisions and deaths.

"Save the Date" events for CECHS

May 4 4:00 - 7:30pm Reflections Festival/K Building CCC&TI

May 9 12:30pm College Decision Day/JE Broyhill Civic Center

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> 2 teaspoons salt 1 teaspoon sugar 6 scallions

5 tablespoons unsalted butter 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour Freshly milled black pepper 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Instructions

Place the corn cobs in a soup kettle. Add the milk and chicken stock. Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 hour. Remove the cobs and add the corn kernels, salt, and sugar. Continue to simmer as the corn cooks. With a small spoon, scrape away the pulp from the cobs and add it to the chowder. Chop the scallions, including most of the green tops, and briefly sauté them in 4 tablespoons of the butter. Set aside. In a small bowl, blend the remaining 1 tablespoon butter with the flour. Whisk the flour mixture into the chowder. Season with pepper to taste and the cayenne and cook for another 15 minutes. Fold in the scallion mixture. Taste for seasoning and serve in heated soup plates.





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2018 Hall of Honor inductees announced

LENOIR, NC (April 12, 2018)...The Caldwell County Schools will present the 16th Annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony on Friday, April 27, 6:00 pm at the JE Broyhill Civic Center in celebration of Caldwell County graduates who have made significant personal and professional contributions to their community.

The 2018 Hall of Honor inductees are Robert O. (Bob) Floyd, Jr., Gregory Paul Knight, and Cecil E. (Sonny) Viverette, Jr. Posthumous award will be presented to the family of Mary Hood Thompson.

Tickets are now on sale for \$20 each at the Education Center until April 23. The Education Center is located at 1914 Hickory Blvd., SW, Lenoir.

Each year a 15-member selection committee representing communities in each high school district accept and review nominations for the Hall of Honor. A nominee must meet one of the following criteria to be considered as a candidate for the Hall of Honor: 1) be a graduate of a Caldwell County Schools, 2) while attending Caldwell County Schools was admitted to the NC School of Mathematics and Science or the NC School of the Arts and received a high school diploma from that institution, or 3)ended his/her secondary education as a Caldwell County Schools student, did not receive a high school diploma, but did receive a postsecondary degree from an institution of higher learning.

Nomination forms are available year-round at the Education Center. The program began in 2003, and since then, 76 Caldwell County graduates have been esteemed by their families, colleagues and friends as inductees in the Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor.

JH Jones Girls Cheerleading registration open

LENOIR, NC (April 12, 2018)...Registration is open for JH Jones Girls Cheerleading Martin Luther King Jr. Center. Cheerleading is open to children ages 7 to 12. Register by May 31. Cost is \$5 for city residents, and \$10 for non-city residents. Bring the registration form and payment to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. For more information, call 828-757-2170.



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CCC&TI wins Top Campus Award

HUDSON, NC (April 12, 2018)...Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute won the Top Campus Award for the NC Community College System at the N4CSGA (North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association) Spring Conference Banquet Saturday in



Durham. Nine community colleges were considered for the award, which recognizes the Student Government Association's outstanding involvement and interaction on campus as well as in the community. Pictured at the banquet: from left to right, front row, Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer Calistia Gragg, CCC&TI Student Activities Director Kim Lackey, SGA President Sarah Estes and SGA Secretary Jessica Osgood; back row, SGA Vice President Tynsley Gilchrist, SGA Senator Molly Joplin, SGA Senator Bryanna Ledbetter, Senator Brittany Brittain and SGA Parliamentarian Lucas Price. Not pictured, SGA Senator Valeria Cruz.

Section of Westview Street in Lenoir closed indefinitely

LENOIR, NC (April 16, 2018)...The City of Lenoir Public Works Department has closed a section of Westview Street until workers can repair a 14-plusfoot sinkhole on the side of the road. Westview will be closed between Grove Avenue SW and Wright Street SW indefinitely. The sinkhole was discovered on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Scam Alert: Hospice Donation Requests

LENOIR, NC (April 13, 2018)...Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care is warning the community about an organization named Hospice Support Fund, formerly Hospice Fund of America, who has been soliciting donations from local residents by phone and mail.

"We recently learned that local residents have again been approached for donations and feel it is our responsibility to let our community know that Caldwell Hospice has no affiliation with the Hospice Support Fund," said Caldwell Hospice CEO Cathy Swanson. "Caldwell Hospice wants to ensure the community that we never sell or share our patients, families or donor's names with anyone."

According to the legal disclosure buried discreetly on their website, contributions to the Hospice Support Fund are used as follows: "69.39 percent to fundraising, 10.22 percent on administration, 5.93 percent on program services, and 14.46 percent on public education in conjunction with fundraising appeals". Hospice Support Fund is associated with New Hope Foundation, which has been sued by the Hospice Foundation of America. New Hope reached a settlement agreement with the Hospice Foundation of America in March 2014, agreeing to stop the use of the name Hospice Fund of America and the abbreviation HFA. Since that time, they have solicited donations under the name Hospice Support Fund.

"We are absolutely certain," continued Swanson, "that not one penny of these donations will be given to Caldwell Hospice or spent on actually caring for hospice patients in Caldwell or surrounding counties."

"When you donate to Caldwell Hospice, 100% of your donations stay local and allows us to provide services, supplies, education, and patient care to our community," says Swanson. Donations to Caldwell Hospice may be sent to 902 Kirkwood St., NW, Lenoir, NC, or by phone to 828.754.0101.

Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care is a not-forprofit organization, licensed by the State of North Carolina, certified by Medicare, and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care.

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Sheriff's Office raids problem residence

LENOIR, NC (April 11, 2018)...Sheriff Alan C. Jones has announced on April 11, 2018, Narcotic Agents and Detectives with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant for drugs located at 1016 Greer Street in Granite Falls. The search warrant was issued as a result of several undercover purchases of methamphetamine from the residence. Agents also conducted surveillance on the premise and noticed an unusual amount of traffic coming and going.

Agents secured the residence without incident at approximately 11:10 am and conducted a search. As a result, a small amount of methamphetamine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and a sawed off shotgun was located and seized by Agents. Subsequently, Parker Lee Cox, age 46, was arrested and charged with felonious possession of methamphetamine and felonious possession of a weapon of mass destruction. Cox was incarcerated in the Caldwell County Detention Center under a \$50,000 secured bond. He has a first appearance in District Court in Lenoir on April 12, 2018.

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office is always in search of any information involving the use and distribution of illegal controlled substances. A concerned citizen's information and assistance will be kept confidential. If you have any information concerning illegal drug activity in Caldwell County, please contact the:

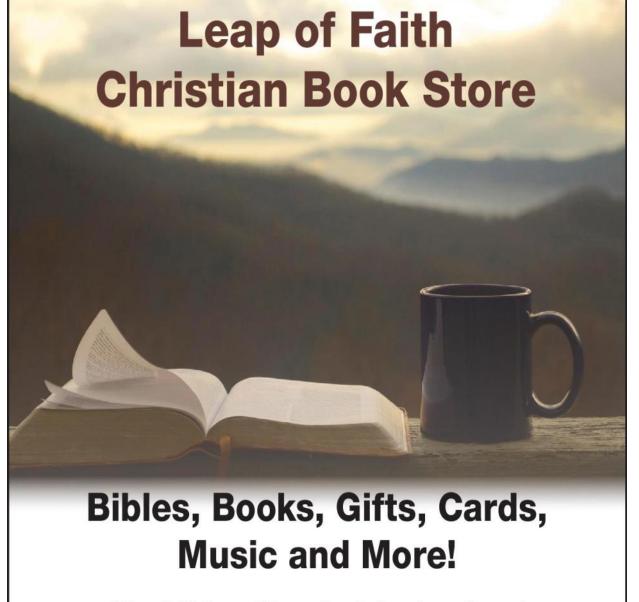
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"Movies with Mike"

Farewell, my Friend by Mike Holsclaw (April 7th, 2018)



One of my best friends, Judy Brigham, decided to retire from the library a few weeks ago. Although we had worked together for almost twenty years. the fact of her leaving couldn't help but remind me of the impermanence of life - I thought about that line in "Stand by Me" where Richard Drevfuss, as Gordon LaChance, says "People come in and out of your life like busboys in a busy restaurant." Our time together wasn't quite that transitory but, still, her

leaving has put me in a contemplative state of mind. Pretty much at random, these are some of the things that popped into my mind since she's been gone:

Sidney Poitier in "To Sir with Love": In "to Sir with Love", Poitier as Mark Thackery refuses to be cowed by the disrespect of a class room full of East End ruffians as he attempts to teach them in a rundown London secondary school. Despite their initial contempt, they can't take his dignity away from him; instead, by his example he shows them how to appreciate their own self-worth through behaving responsibly and practicing self-discipline. He essentially domesticates them and opens them up to a world of morality, respect, and integrity. I wouldn't say I was quite as chaotic as the fine young cannibals in this film when I first came to work with Judy but I was a lot more unstructured, let's say, in my approach to life in those days. She taught me the value of being consistent and methodical in the way I did my work; it didn't take me long to discover that Judy had already sussed out, long ago, the most reasonable, most economical way to do whatever needed to be done and that I would do well to follow her example. She domesticated some of my more unruly impulses and I credit her with making a sizable contribution to my efforts to civilize myself through the years.

Willem Dafoe in "Platoon": In "Platoon", the day-glo, cannabis flavored humanism of Sergeant Elias provides a much-needed form of mystical spirituality in a world that is in dire need of it. He provides the men who serve under him with inspiration that there is more to the world than just the war-ravaged landscape in which they currently dwell. In fact, its easy to argue that it is his essential human decency that helps to keep Private Chris Taylor alive. Now, "mystical" is not a world that anyone who knew Judy would use to describe her but, nonetheless, over

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Farewell, my Friend by Mike Holsclaw (April 7th, 2018)

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time I came to view her deep abiding love for animals, both wild and domestic, to have a spiritual quality that was incredibly moving. She may have occasionally maintained a gruff exterior but as soon as you heard her talk about her pets you knew just what a tender, loving person she could be. I certainly know that she helped to make me more sensitive and attentive to the needs of the animals that came into my life. When I saw Steven Spielberg's "Warhorse", I was reminded of a plaque Judy used to have that talked about how, even though animals can't speak, the ones we live in most intimate contact with love, strive, and suffer right along with us as we journey through our mutual existences and they deserve our respect. What a beautiful sentiment and so representative of her attitude toward our non-human friends!

The screwball comedies of Howard Hawks: Although she and I weren't as witty or attractive as Cary Grant, Gary Cooper, Rosalind Russell, or Katharine Hepburn, I like to think that, in some ways, our working relationship resembled that between the strong men and women in the films of Howard Hawks. Hawk's films were renowned for the fact that all of his male and female characters interacted with one another on an equal footing, that none of the protagonists in his films ever took a back seat to anyone on the basis of their gender. With gratitude, I feel that Judy always treated me as her equal and that, although she really had no obligation to do so, she always included me in the decisions about the way things should go in Hudson. Before I came to work in the library, I had been in some work situations where the managers went to some pains to make sure everyone knew that, as employees, we were their inferiors. Thankfully, that was never the case with Judy; she always acted like I was her equal, whether I was or not! (In some areas, I plainly was not; she could always run circles around me with her memory for numbers, her math skills, and her talent for paying attention to small details. She never made me feel bad about any of these blind spots, though...)

I know that some people think that I have movies on the brain and find it odd that I would commemorate my time spent with Judy through a cinematic prism but, in honesty, this is my sincerest form of tribute to her; some of the artistic creations that have affected me most deeply were movies, so I think it's only appropriate that I relate them to my relationship with someone who came to mean a great deal to me. Judy, I hope you took this little paean in the spirit in which it was intended; rather than being frivolous, I hope these comparisons have helped to convey the depth of my affection for you - you've left an indelible impression on both my personality and my life. I promise, you won't be forgotten. Farewell, my friend!

Learn more about classic films and enjoy the magic of movies at Movies with Mike. Held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00pm downstairs at the Lenoir Library. This program is free and popcorn is provided! For more information, please call 828-728-4207. Caldwell County Public Library website: http://ccpl.libguides.com/main



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Winners of Poetry Recitation competition announced

LENOIR, NC (April 16, 2018)...On Saturday, April 7, 2018, fifteen students competed in the 13th Annual Middle School Poetry Recitation Competition at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The following students received cash awards:

- 1 Mehreen Ahmed, William Lenoir Middle School
- 2 Kallie Miller, Kings Creek School
- 3 Erik Williams, Granite Falls Middle School
- 4 Landon Elliott, Heritage Christian School
- 5 Amanda Lin, William Lenoir Middle School
- 6 Luke Roberts, Gamewell Middle School
- Merit Mazie Wakefield, William Lenoir Middle School
- Merit Kalia Pitts, Collettsville School
- Merit Taszmin Gupta, Collettsville School

The Caldwell Arts Council is located at 601 College Avenue SW in downtown Lenoir. Phone 828-754-2486. Website www.caldwellarts.com.

Winners of Shakespeare Monologue competition announced

LENOIR, NC (April 16, 2018)...On Saturday, April 7, 2018, eighteen students competed in the 6th Annual High School Shakespeare Monologue Competition at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The following students received cash awards:

- 1 Olivia Stegall, Watauga High School (Watauga County)
- 2 Ethan Maheux, South Caldwell High School (Caldwell County)
- 3 Lorelai Miller, Harmonic Haven Arts Academy (Caldwell County)
- 4 Simone Miller, Harmonic Haven Arts Academy (Caldwell County)
- 5 Talia Earl, Honor Academy Home School (Burke County)
- 6 Katherine McCoy, Hibriten High School (Caldwell County)
- Merit Mason Smith, Hibriten High School (Caldwell County)
- Merit Annabell Cassidy, Caldwell Early College High School (Caldwell County)
- Merit Victoria Bowman, South Caldwell High School (Caldwell County)
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WINSTON SALEM, NC (April 17, 2018)...In light of the storm and tornadic activity of this week, the Better Business Bureau of Northwest North Carolina is issuing the following information to consumers affected by severe weather.

The BBB is urging consumers who may have experienced damage to their homes and property to make informed choices when hiring anyone to complete repairs. The BBB consistently experiences an increase in complaints and scam reports after severe weather activity. The demand for services such as roof and gutter repair, tree and yard services, and general home repair creates an opportunity for unlicensed, uninsured, and at times unqualified workers, often called "storm-chasers," to take advantage of homeowners in the aftermath of severe weather.

The BBB of NWNC recommends the following steps to avoid being taken advantage of in an already stressful situation:

- Resist high-pressure sales. Be pro-active in selecting a contractor and not re-active to sales calls on the phone or door-to-door pitches. Disaster victims should never feel forced to make a hasty decision or to choose an unknown contractor.
- Be especially careful of door-to-door contractors. Many cities require a solicitation permit if sales people go door-to-door. Ask for identification. Check their vehicle for a business name, phone number, and license plates for your state.
- Don't pay for the job in advance. Be wary of any contractor who demands full or half payment upfront. Insist that payments be made to the company, not an individual. And pay by credit card, if possible; you may have additional protection if there's a problem.
- Get a written contract. Make sure it specifies the price, the work to be done and who will do it, the amount of liability insurance coverage maintained by the contractor, and a time frame. Require a copy of their current certificate of insurance.
- Check your insurance coverage. As you begin the process of fixing storm damage, check your homeowner's insurance to see if your project is covered and how you should proceed if it is.
- Do your research. Find businesses you can trust on bbb.org. You'll find hundreds of BBB Accredited Businesses, meaning they are held to high standards of accountability, that can help you put your home and yard back in order.

BBB is also issuing a warning to area contractors: Beware of storm chasers who offer to pay local construction companies substantial amounts of money to use the business's established name, reputation and phone. They masquerade as a local business, collect the insurance money and then move on, leaving the real business to deal with unsatisfied customers due to bad workmanship, unfinished work or unfulfilled warranties.

Terrific Tuesday Month at Solid Rock Baptist Church

GRANITE FALLS, NC (April 12, 2018)...You are invited to Terrific Tuesday. May Is Terrific Tuesday Month at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 131 Duke Street Granite Falls, NC 28630, with Pastor Jerry Stines. Each Tuesday at 7pm there will be a different speaker, and special music.

May 1st -7pm; Pastor Scott Hooks from Tabernacle Baptist Church Hickory, NC

May 8th – 7pm; Pastor Steve Pope from Calvary Baptist Church in Union Grove, NC

May 15th – 7pm; Pastor Rick Finley, from Fellowship Baptist Church Durham, NC

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RALEIGH, NC (April 16, 2018)...Finding affordable housing is a challenge in many parts of North Carolina, and rental scammers are well aware of this fact. They exploit the situation by "hijacking" existing online ads (substituting their contact information for the real owner or agent), or by cutting and pasting photos from actual rental property listings to create a new online listing, or by making up online listings for rental units that don't exist.

These scammers, who tend to use free sites like Craigslist to post their fake ads, generally offer to rent at a bargain price to get your attention. If you have conditions (needing it on short notice, only needing it short term, or not knowing how long you will need it), those conditions will turn out to be no problem for the owner or agent. Depending on the length of the rental you need, be wary of owners or agents who ask you to pay multiple months of rent up front or as a deposit, especially if they ask you to make the payment via an uncommon method like wire transfer.

If you are seeking housing with a modest rent, you might be delighted by your good fortune to find this unit. The possibility that the ad could be a scam might not cross your mind. But when renting, keep your guard up. Be aware that consumers can be victimized in their search for affordable housing, and seek out additional information to help you spot and avoid rental scammers.

If you think you've been victimized by this or any scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division or call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

This message brought to you on behalf of North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein.

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