



Watch Out For School Buses Carrying Precious Cargo Caldwell County Schools Back In Session On Monday, August 27...

CALDWELL COUNTY, NC (August 22, 2018)...The North Carolina Legislature imposed stricter penalties last year for drivers convicted of passing a stopped school bus.

The new bill says a motorist who passes a school bus that is stopped for students...getting on or off would be guilty of a Class1 misdemeanor and must pay a minimum fine of \$500. Depending on the infraction, the penalty could be harsher and more costly.

This should help increase the awareness that the consequences of passing a stopped school bus are not only monetary consequences, but could have criminal implications as well.

Motorists will see heavy traffic the first few weeks of school. That's generally when bus drivers in our area start to see dangerous driving behavior like speeding and passing stopped school buses. Also, more and more parents drive their children to school, thus causing more traffic. Another safety concern is the inexperienced and numerous high school students driving themselves to school. Cell phone use while driving also plays a dangerous role for school buses where distracted motorists simply can't or don't pay attention while driving.

You should always give school buses plenty of space and watch for oncoming vehicles that may not be paying attention. It only takes a couple of minutes to be cautious.

Please remember to give yourself extra time in the morning and afternoon when school buses are on the road picking up and dropping off their "Precious Cargo."

Most of the time it only takes a few seconds of patience to drive safely when you encounter a school bus. You should never "tailgate" a school bus...bus drivers say that this happens frequently and the vehicle simply disappears behind the bus.

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Caldwell Journal Weather

Thursday (23rd): Mostly sunny; nice.

High 79 Low 54

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Friday (24th): Mostly sunny; nice.

High 78 Low 56

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Saturday (25th): Mostly cloudy.

High 82 Low 60

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Sunday (26th): Mostly sunny; pleasant.

High 87 Low 63

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Monday (27th): Mostly sunny; humid.

High 88 Low 66

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Tuesday (28th): A t-storm possible.

High 86 Low 65

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

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High 87 Low 69

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The Lenoir / Caldwell County Crime Stoppers need your assistance in solving the following crimes:

LENOIR, NC (August 17, 2018) -- On 07/16/2018 a report for damage to personal property was reported where an unknown offender(s) used a firearm to cause damage to a 2005 Nissan Murano while it was parked in the 300-block of Harrington Street.

On 08/08/2018 a report for damage to real property was reported where an unknown offender(s) caused damage to a mailbox located in the 1100-block of Meadowland Drive. The total amount damage was valued at \$50.00.

On 08/11/2018 a report for Larceny and damage to personal property was reported where an unknown offender(s) removed gasoline and caused damage to a Chevy van located in the 300-block of Shasta Lane. The total amount of property removed was valued at \$100.00 the damage was valued at \$900.00.

On 08/10/2018 a report for B&E to auto with larceny was reported where an unknown offender(s) entered a 1999 Chevy Tahoe and removed property while it was parked in the 600-block of Harper Avenue. There was no damage reported to the vehicle. The property taken was valued at \$50.00.

On 08/12/2018 a report for breaking and entering was reported where an unknown offender(s) entered a residence located in the 1100-block of Regal Place. There was nothing reported as taken from the residence. The damage was valued at \$30.00.

On 08/13/2018 a report for damage to personal property was reported where an unknown offender (s) cut the tires on a 2007 Hyundai Elantra while it was parked in the 1200-block of Weaver Court. The damage was valued at \$150.00.

On 08/13/2018 a report for damage to real property was reported where an unknown offender(s) caused damage to the windows of a business located in the 2000-block of Morganton Blvd. The total amount damage was valued at \$200.00.

On 08/16/2018 a report for breaking and entering was reported where an unknown offender(s) entered a residence located in the 500-block of Willow Street. There was nothing reported as taken from the residence. The damage was valued at \$500.00. **Continued on page 3...**

The Lenoir / Caldwell County Crime Stoppers need your assistance in solving the following crimes:

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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.

Christ United Lutheran Church Yard Sale...

When: August 25, 2018 6:00 a.m.

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Contact: Dena Henkle 828-962-7056

Web site: www.christunitedlutheranchurch.org

Livermush Monday at the Grocery Basket & Grill in Ferguson

At the Grocery Basket & Grill in Ferguson, North Carolina, Labor Day Monday is Livermush Monday. On the day after the Happy Valley Fiddler's Convention, Livermush Monday is a somewhat new music gathering celebrating an older foodways tradition and the longtime local eatery. Traveling from the festival towards Wilkesboro, the first left after the parking lot shared by the Ferguson Fire Department and the post office is Champion Road. That's the turn. It's just south of where 268 crosses the Yadkin River, about fifteen miles southeast of Wilkesboro. The Grocery Basket is less than 200 yards off of Highway 268.

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe Bruschetta Grilled Chicken

Ingredients

4 tbsp.

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Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp. Italian seasoning or dried oregano

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, pounded to even thickness

3 slicing tomatoes, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tbsp. freshly chopped basil

4 slices mozzarella

Freshly grated Parmesan, for serving

Instructions

In a small bowl, combine oil, half the lemon juice, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and Italian seasoning (or oregano) and whisk to combine. Transfer to a large re-sealable bag along with chicken; seal and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Heat grill over medium-high then add chicken, discarding excess marinade. Grill until charred and cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes per side. Meanwhile, combine tomatoes, garlic, basil, and remaining lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper. While chicken is still on grill, top each breast with 1 slice mozzarella and cover until cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes. Top chicken with tomato mixture. Garnish with Parmesan and serve.

The Islands of Men by Daniel B. Rundquist

SPECIAL TO THE CALDWELL JOURNAL -- "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

English metaphysical poet John Donne (1572-1631) in Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions and Several Steps in my Sickness - Meditation XVII, 1624

In the past ten years or so I have noticed a pattern that grown men seem to be becoming more and more isolated. I have had many men from different places in life to pull me aside at one time or another to pour out their frustration and sorrow. I don't know why, really; perhaps I'm perceived as a good listener. The one thing they all have had in common is a separation on more than one level in their lives. They have become islands surrounded by deep waters.

These men are hardly alone in their isolation. It must be near epidemic. A group called Essentially Men based in New Zealand offers help courses for men who might be dealing with a variety of now common issues, and I am certain that they are not the only group doing so. They address:

- Isolation and competitiveness.
- Loneliness and lack of friendship with other men.
- Numbness to your own feelings and difficulty in developing intimacy.
- Emotional over-dependence on women.
- Lack of positive masculine identity.
- An un-nameable sense of loss due to the absence of fathering.
- Cycles of control, depression, frustration and inappropriate expressions of anger.
- Challenges in relationship and family life.
- Questions of who am I and where am I going with my life? – especially in relation to midlife transitions.¹

Why would there be a need for such a course? Because it is evident that we are becoming disconnected as much from ourselves and others as we are from the culture which is increasingly problematic for American families. These are men who are age 35 to 60 who are often in careers and have families of their own. In this environment they have to be cognizant of how they are raising their families as well as maintaining several types of different relationships. Unfortunately, few of any of these relationships seem to be truly connecting with men because the national culture of victimhood and political correctness has prevented most relationships from being anything but politely superficial today. Men are continually isolated in this culture and not just because of the press of modern feminism.

In the United States and elsewhere we are creating islands of men, and the results of that are devastating the nation in a quiet way. Look at the suicide rate. Today men die by suicide 3.53x more often than women. White males accounted for 7 of 10 suicides in 2016. The rate of suicide is highest in middle age, white men in particular.²

Why is this happening? I don't have scientific evidence for you, but I do have a hunch, and my hunches are often right. First, we have to examine why would men become isolated in their community. Men certainly have plenty of things to keep them occupied, right? Time with their families and their children, their jobs and their places of worship and so on. What is happening here and how is this even possible that men could be so desperately isolated in in such a crowded and busy social environment? Let's examine this one piece at a time as there seem to be several foundational factors. **Continued on page 5...**

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An article in TIME online notes that, “According to data from the General Social Survey (GSS), the number of Americans who say they have no close friends has roughly tripled in recent decades. ‘Zero’ is also the most common response when people are asked how many confidants they have, the GSS data show. And adult men seem to be especially bad at keeping and cultivating friendships.”³ It has been noted anecdotally that the first miracle of Jesus Christ might not have been turning the water into wine at the wedding at Cana but rather reaching the age of thirty and still having twelve close friends. As technology increasingly replaces personal interactions at an alarming rate, interpersonal contact and skillsets are being lost. It’s not that friendships are being lost, it’s that new friendships are no longer being made to begin with. You could have 400 Facebook friends and not a single person to go eat lunch with.

Men lose not only the contact with others, but even lose the ability to interact when they do. This factor, of course is universal and not exclusive to men. In fact, because it’s universal makes matters worse when we consider the other gender. How anyone would find a sane person to date in 2018 is beyond my comprehension.

But for married Christian men with families the story may not improve. Christ Himself is also being replaced. The sad reality is that many men are pressured by culture into elevating their family over Christ in a sort of bizarre “family worship.” It’s often family first and always and nothing else. Today, the children may often be the default head of the household. The children can direct the parents. The children and their many activities activate the parents, which also means that they ultimately control the assets of the family, where and how the time and money are to be spent. This power wielded by children facilitates little more than bad behavior, poor decisions, and teaches the children a distorted sense of self-worth that will not be sustained by society once they reach adulthood. A man need not apply for fatherhood in these circumstances.

The fact that “family” is now so often replacing Christ and the parents in the home, this has resulted hurting more families and individuals that it has helped and is a core problem. (Alternately, a family focused on Christ is not focused on themselves.) The men find themselves subjected as a secondary or even tertiary part of this family relationship which leads directly to isolation—and men who are isolated are naturally unfulfilled and unhappy. For the man in the household it can be devastating, a personal disaster in slow motion.

We cannot and should not seek to redefine or eliminate the role of men in American society as is being done today. Masculinity, for example, has become so maligned that truly masculine men are often seen now as just plain odd. Society continues to feminize men by redefining what men are supposed to be about. Even men’s biology is being altered to accommodate this desire.⁴ One of the keys in doing so is reducing testosterone levels in men. Pushing new soy-based food products is a big step towards achieving that goal on a massive scale.⁵ With less testosterone floating around, men are no longer men, but instead only docile, feminized versions of what men once were. This seems to be what the Leftist society wants for men as a whole. American men are often expected to put aside the things that made men bold, independent, decisive and courageous thinkers, doers, and leaders from their family on up. This is not manhood, and it’s unnatural.

Instead society now pushes for the normalization of homosexuality and transgenderism—a group that comprises less than 2% of the American population. Misguided parents can start changing the genders of their own child as young as age eight with approval and encouragement from the medical community.⁶ Now we’re into attacking men from both ends—existing adults are marginalized and ignored while future men are encouraged to be eliminated. *Continued on page 6...*

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Ultimately all the depreciation of the American man comes at the expense of the nation. It's dangerous to try to emasculate men for some kind of twisted liberal ideology that doesn't fit with the American culture or with Christianity, the basis of our founding principles—or perhaps that's just the point of it all. The tin-foil-hat theory might be that all of this purposeful depreciation and isolation of men is being done to suit an anti-American agenda that has been in place and developed since the 1960's, and there is strong evidence that this is a probability.

As a result of all these things, men can ultimately become mere spectators of their own lives, never to realize their own full potential in life. In such circumstances, they may become depressed and withdraw from the family, some will divorce as their marriage deteriorates, others will plunge themselves into their jobs, some will turn to addictive measures like alcohol or drugs. This entire discussion is eerily familiar to the subtext for the film, *Fight Club*, a 1999 film based on the 1996 novel of the same name by Chuck Palahniuk. The story is about an average man who engages with his alter-ego to energize disillusioned men and give them purpose in an otherwise bland existence. Is it a case of art imitating life or the other way around?

Combatting this masculine isolation with violence (as it was in *Fight Club*) is of course not a useful, productive, or practical solution. We need a means of addressing the issues at their core. Men's groups such as "F3" focus on Christian fellowship for men. These are the fellows you might see jogging around your neighborhood, a parking lot, or parking deck at 6am several times a week. These guys understand the need for men in their proper roles in the American fabric and are reconnecting to each other and strengthening their faith in Christ.

Brother Night is another Christian men's ministry that has recently sprung up in the Hickory area. It is a non-denominational ministry that meets once a month for Bible study, testimony and prayer.

There are other resources to be sure and we must discover and use them to actively restore the proper roles of men in America. The takeaway here is to be honest with ourselves about who men are supposed to be in today's America. Men are becoming devalued and, in that devaluation, America loses.

Now before you ladies out there judge me as a sexist, go and ask your pastor, your priest, your boyfriend, husband, father, brother, or uncle if I am right. Further consider that America today needs strong and grounded Americans—both women and men. It is not a mutually exclusive thing where if one gender is "strong" the other must be made "weak." Not here in America. That's the false fixed-sum game argument of today's leftists and it ought to be disregarded out of hand because it's simply not true. America cannot afford to continue to allow its citizens, be they men or women, to be isolated and marginalized by a culture aiming to do just that.

1 <http://www.essentiallymen.net/essentially-men-workshop/being-a-man/> accessed 8/19/2018

2 Suicide statistics <http://afsp.org/about-suicide/suicide-statistics/> accessed 8/19/18

3 "You Asked: How Many Friends Do I Need?" By MARKHAM HEID March 18, 2015 TIME/ <http://time.com/3748090/friends-social-health/>

4 Soy consumption by men today might one day be observed from the lens of history as dangerous for its effects on testosterone. It would not be the first time either: "In the 19th century women applied arsenic powder to whiten their faces as well as to their hair and scalp to destroy vermin. It was also thought that arsenic consumption by women gave 'beauty and freshness' to the skin, an appearance of pour rajeunissante...Arsenic continued to be used in cosmetics well into the early twentieth century and this was a common source of accidental poisoning." From Arsenic – the "Poison of Kings" and the "Saviour of Syphilis" By John Frith In Original Research & Articles Issue Volume 21 No. 4 . <http://jmvh.org/article/arsenic-the-poison-of-kings-and-the-saviour-of-syphilis/>

5 "Can Soy Protein Hurt Testosterone in Men?" BY WILLIAM GAMONSKI OCT. 03, 2017 "In research reported in the January 2007 issue of the journal "Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention," scientists...studied the effects of soy protein supplementation on testosterone levels in healthy men. They found that subjects consuming 56 g of soy protein for 28 days had reduced testosterone levels." <http://www.livestrong.com/article/377025-can-soy-protein-hurt-testosterone-in-men/>

6 "Sex-change treatment for kids on the rise" / AP February 20, 2012, 8:12 AM. CBS News <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/sex-change-treatment-for-kids-on-the-rise/>



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Bethel Advent Christian Church Revival

Our revival services will be Wednesday, September 26th through Friday, September 28th beginning at 7 p.m. each night. We will have special music each night. Paul Gentry will bring the message for each service and for the Homecoming service. We will have Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 30th. Ed Smith, an Elvis impersonator, will perform special music on Sunday. Homecoming services start at 11 a.m. on the 30th.

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Central Baptist Church will be celebrating their 80th Homecoming Anniversary on Sunday, September 9. Rev. Clyde Buckner will lead the worship service with special music by Tommy and Tracy Wilson Smith and family. This celebration service will begin at 10:30am with a covered dish lunch to follow in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Visit our Facebook page at Central Baptist Lenoir for updates.

Hartland Baptist Church will have a Youth Rally on Saturday, September 8 from 10:30am - 4:00 pm. This rally is for grade 6 to college. Lunch, games, prizes and special music by John Lewis will be provided. The church is located at 3730 Hartland Road, Morganton. For more information call 828-437-8940.

Caldwell Prison Ministries will have their annual Golf Tournament fundraiser on August 28 at Orchard Hills Golf Course. A light breakfast will be served starting at 7:45am with shot gun start at 8:30. Cost is \$200.00 per 4 player team. Hole sponsorships begin at \$50. Lunch will be served immediately following the tournament.

www.caldwellprisonministries.org
828-726-6117

Bethel Colony Women's Campus: We have some great news. A group of the Eastern Baptist Association is coming to stay at our Campus from Aug. 31 - Sept. 7. They will be working to complete the 2 cabins we need to open. We are asking for volunteers to bring some food for them as they work each day. They will get started early and work as long as they can. We are open to any items you can provide. Paper products would be greatly appreciated as well. Anyone wanting to help, contact Donna McCall at 828-308-3031.

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Rising Kinders ready for school

LENOIR, NC (August 14, 2018) -- For nearly 300 rising kindergarten children who attended Rising Stars, they are now ready and eager for school to officially start on August 27.

These children, who are eligible to enroll in the 2018-2019 school year, participated in Rising Stars, a program specifically designed by the Caldwell County Schools to prepare young children for a successful start in kindergarten. Rising Stars classes operated July 23 to Aug. 15, 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Mondays through Thursdays in most elementary schools offering kindergarten classes. "The transition from pre-school or the home to full-day classes in the elementary school can be exciting, but sometimes stressful for students and their parents," said Superintendent Dr. Donald Phipps. "The Rising Stars program, specifically designed for rising kindergarten students, helps children to become more familiar with the formal school environment and introduces them to the kindergarten curriculum. Basically, it's a positive boost before school starts."

The following are the goals for the Rising Stars program:

- * Help children transition to kindergarten
- * Let children learn to play together
- * Teach children about classroom rules
- * Help children learn all about school
- * Encourage parents to become involved in their child's school activities
- * Introduce children to the alphabet in a fun way
- * Explore math with hands-on activities

"The four-week summer literacy program has been extremely successful in helping children transition to kindergarten," said Vickie Sproul, Pre-K Director. "The vision for Caldwell County Schools Rising Stars program is to provide a positive experience for children entering public school, which will create a lifelong love for learning and build character."

Most kindergarten classes follow a staggered scheduled the first week of school to provide an adjustment period for students and families. For more details, contact your child's elementary school administrative office.

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Animal Control Decreases Adoption Fees

LENOIR, NC (August 17, 2018) -- Caldwell County Animal Control (829 Fairview Dr SW, Lenoir) will be decreasing the price of their adoptions fee from \$75 to \$35 until August 31st.

Animal Control is regulated by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in order to stay in compliance, minor upgrades will be conducted to repair the floors and paint in the kennel interiors.

Starting August 30th, Animal Control will have limited services, emergency calls only, and will not be taking animals until renovations are complete. Beginning September 10th, Animal Control will be closed due to shelter renovation.

The adoption fee includes spay or neuter of the animal you choose, a one (1) year rabies vaccination, a physical examination and a health vaccination.

Adoption viewing hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM – 4:45 PM Every 2nd
Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information please contact Caldwell County Animal Control, (828) 757-8625.

Granite Falls Garden Club awards “August Yard of the Month”

GRANITE FALLS, NC (August 15, 2018) -- The Granite Falls Garden Club presented the August Yard of The Month to the home of Sonny and Judy Walker on Shamrock Drive in Granite Falls. The Walker yard is lined with pink and white summer sun Impatiens, along with a huge planter of pink geraniums placed at the entrance of their home. In the back yard is Knock Out Roses aligned in front of a white lattice fence. Hibiscus plants displayed in containers alongside their pool. Club members Christine Wilson and Karen Levasseur presented the award.

Poetry in LA: Only in LA (L.A. Poems)

Paperback November 2, 2017

Poetry about L.A. (east in North Carolina). These poems are taken from the Facebook page, Poetry in LA (@poetryinla) created by LB Sedlacek. Poems are about Hibriten Mountain, the annual Sculpture Fest, the annual Blackberry Festival, Wilson Creek, Highway 1890, the antique car shows, old timey buildings, and the general way of life in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountain area that locals fondly call "LA." for Lenoir Area.



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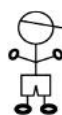
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