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Local News Briefs

The Good News...

Setting World Records Right Here

Heard of the Guinness World Records? The North Carolina School of Science & Math in Durham NC went after a Guinness record for the "largest food drive at a single location in 24 hours by a non-profit organization". This was the school's second attempt, and this time they set the record!

March 5th the school held their fast-paced food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC. The food drive results broke the Guinness World Records by gathering a total of 559,885 lbs of food. Not too shabby for one day's work!

The Bad News...

Five Pigs Take Tumble on Highway

Five little piggies were captured on 40 near Morrisville, NC, after apparently falling from a moving vehicle March 30th. No accidents were caused by the ensuing commotion, which prompted multiple 9-1-1 calls.



Rounded up by police officers, the mostly unharmed pigs were turned over to an animal shelter to await collection by the owner. Hopefully the pig transporter noticed the missing porkers and will come to claim them. Likely they cannot "wee! wee! wee!" home by themselves.

Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

Wilson

Wilson Tobs Baseball (Home Games May 31, June 2)

Fleming Stadium, Wilson, NC.
Visit www.wilsontobs.com for details.

Shimmy for a Cause 2011 (June 25)

Curtain opens at 6pm. Proceeds go to breast cancer research & recovery. Edna Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson NC
Contact ShimmyForACause@DanceStudioB.com

Zebulon

Open Mic & The Sound of Waves (April 16, 30 @ 6pm)

Eclectic Intellectual, 120 N. Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC
Visit www.facebook.com/EIZebulon for more information.

Carolina Mudcats Baseball (Home Games April 18-27)

Five County Stadium, Zebulon, NC.
Visit www.gomudcats.com for tickets and promotions.

Festival on The Lawn (April 30, 2011 @ 10:00am- 4:00pm)

Event is family friendly and includes music, food, crafts, inflatables, childrens' entertainment, and more.
On the lawn of Zebulon NC's Town Municipal Complex, Zebulon, NC
More information online at www.townofzebulon.org.

Elsewhere

Spring Concert Series (April 15 @ 7pm-9pm)

Sponsored by Wendell Chamber of Commerce
Feature: "Common Ground". American Legion is selling hot dogs/soda.
J Ashley Wall Park, Wendell, NC.
For more information, contact the Chamber at 919.365.6318.

HerbFest (April 15-17, 22-24)

Raleigh, NC
For a more detailed schedule, visit www.herbfest.net.

American Music Jubilee (April 16 @ Matinee 1:40pm)

Rudy Theatre, 300 North Raiford Street, Selma, NC
From www.amjubilee.com: "Our Music Variety Show is a two hour extravaganza that will have you singing along with your favorite songs, laughing out loud, and feeling a stirring of pride from deep within your soul as we pay tribute to this great country."

Nashville Blooming Festival (May 6-7)

Includes live music, craft booths, a carnival, and food.
Downtown Nashville NC near Nash County Courthouse, Nashville, NC

Super Science Day - May 11, 2011 (1:30pm - 5:00pm)

This "Nature Encounters" class size is limited and there is a fee to register. Imagination Station Science Museum, 224 E. Nash St. Wilson NC
Visit their website for more details: www.imaginescience.org.

Rocky Mount Downtown Live Concert (May 19)

Featuring "The Band Of Oz"
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
Doors open 5:00pm, music at 6:00pm. Admission and parking free.
Visit www.imperialcentre.org for complete 2011 concert schedule.

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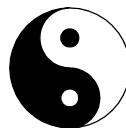
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The Backside



Little Bits

Word of the Issue

Tendrils

Definition: A thread-like stem, leaf or part of a plant used for climbing, twining around nearby objects.

Example: "The peas covered the trellis using their tendrils to entwine it."

Translation of the Issue

English—"April"

German — April

Spanish — Abril

Italian — Aprile

Polish — Kwietnia

Translations for these and other languages may be found at babelfish.yahoo.com, www.howtosayin.com, and other online and print resources.

Quote of the Issue

Mark Twain

"Do not tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish."

Chuckle of the Issue

Mrs. Paulson phoned a repairman because her dishwasher wasn't working. He said he'd come by the next morning, and since she had to go to work, she said, "I'll leave a key under the front mat for you. Please fix the dishwasher, leave the bill, and I'll mail you your check." Then she added, "By the way, I have a Rottweiler named Killer; but he won't bother you. I have a parrot named Polly, and whatever you do, do not talk to the bird!"

The repairman let himself in the next day. The dog, Killer, totally ignored him. The entire time he was working on the dishwasher, though, Polly the parrot cursed, squawked, screamed, and drove him crazy.

As the repairman was leaving, he couldn't hold his tongue anymore, and yelled at the bird, "Why can't you just be quiet?"

To which the parrot squawked, "Killer, get him!"

Shades of Grey

What Do You Think?

Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, many people think situations also have a grey area where solutions are not so easily discerned.

For Your Consideration and Conversation:

You're driving down the street, and you see your neighbor pulled over by the side of the road. There as another car pulled over, and it looks like a man is yelling at your neighbor. He is outside his car, and the stranger is pushing him around.

What if your neighbor is a helpful, kind person? Do you stop to talk with the men and help sort out the situation?

Alternatively, if you believe your neighbor to be a troublemaker or you dislike him, do you still stop to help? Or would you assume it's your neighbor's problem and keep driving?

Does it really matter whether you like your neighbor or not, if he seems to be in danger? What do you think?

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