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Local News Briefs

The Good News...

Summer Break

School's out! School's out!
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Yes, it is that time of year! For many schools in the five county area, that is. Most schools across Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Franklin, and Wake run on a traditional calendar, with some schools in Franklin and Wake choosing year-round.

For those children and teens in schools on traditional calendars, they will be released for Summer Vacation in the early part of June. Instead of running for buses, they may be running on playgrounds, basketball courts, and around or in to swimming pools!

Several local public pools are open as of Memorial Day Weekend, including the following locations:

City of Rocky Mount's Denton Street Pool
1434 Denton Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27801
Open afternoons and early evenings. Pool features competitive lanes, zero-depth entry, spray-ground elements, water slides, diving boards, bath house, and a family dressing area.
Hours/dates online at www.rockymountnc.gov/parks/pool.html

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City of Wilson's Reid Street Pool
901 Reid Street East, Wilson NC, 252-399-2288
More information on both City of Wilson pools at www.wilsonnc.org.

The Bad News...

Strange Visitor

Wednesday, May 25th a black bear was found dead along US 64 in Zebulon NC. The bear had been spotted the day before along Arendell Avenue. Zebulon residents are not accustomed to seeing bears. According to www.ncwildlife.org, Zebulon is outside of the expected black bear range, though their range has been expanding in recent years.

A Little Local History

Driving along US 264, a signpost announces the *Country Doctor Museum*. Locals and visitors alike may be intrigued by this sign, and decide to take the Bailey NC exit and check out this history museum.

According to the museum website, its 1800s farmhouse and other buildings include exhibits of early physician's tools and apothecary equipment.

Initially created by a group of local women interested in preserving this snapshot of early medicine, the museum serves as a tribute to early NC physicians. In 2003, the museum was donated to the Medical Foundation of East Carolina University.

The Country Doctor Museum is open for guided tours Tuesday - Saturday, 10:am - 4pm. Guided tours include the medicinal herb garden, and take 45 minutes to an hour. Museum admission is \$3 to \$5, with children under 3 admitted free.

So the next time you're taking a drive down US 264, stop in and check out this tribute to day's gone by. More information is available at www.countrydoctormuseum.org.



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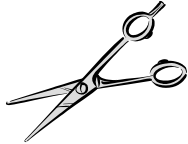
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Shades of Grey What Do You Think?

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.

Submitted for Your Consideration and Conversation

Your neighbor, whom you get along with very well, gets a new dog. While the dog seems fairly calm when you meet it, as your children play you see the dog reacting aggressively if they get close to him.

On numerous occasions, the dog escapes through the gate and terrorizes the neighborhood. While he doesn't bite, his barking and aggressive behavior send the neighborhood children running inside.

You tell your neighbor that the dog is behaving threateningly toward your children, and you are concerned. The neighbor understands, and builds a better fence to keep the dog in his yard.

Your neighbor is doing everything he can to control the dog. You know he is trying to prevent a problem; however, the dog continues to escape despite his owner's best efforts at fencing and training.

A friend stops by, and she tells your wife you should call animal control to complain about the dog. You and your wife disagree with causing trouble for your neighbor, and the friend pushes the issue for "your childrens' safety".

Would you take her advice, or find a different way to fix the situation? Do you feel you should go to your neighbor and insist he get rid of the animal? Do you fence in your yard to keep your children safe? Do you go against your own judgement and call animal control?

Alternatively, what if someone else calls animal control? Would you take your neighbor's side when the dog catcher arrives?

What do you think is the best course of action to keep the peace with your neighbor and keep your children safe?



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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

* Wilson *

Downtown Farmer's Market (June 1, 8 @ 8am-1pm)

Buy locally grown fresh produce, fresh baked goods, canned items, and more. Includes activities for the kids. 207 W. Green Street (grass lot), Wilson NC. Visit www.wilsonnc.org for details on local markets.

Wilson Tobs

(Home Games June 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12)

Take the family out for a night at the ball game. Fleming Stadium, Wilson, NC. Visit www.wilsonsobs.com for details.

Popcorn & A Movie or 2

(June 4 @ 12:30 and 3:30pm)

Classic film "Murder on the Orient Express" at 12:30pm. Current film "The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader" at 3:30pm. Free for ages 13 and up. Public Library Assembly Room, 249 Nash St, Wilson NC

Whirli-Run 5K Race

(June 4 @ 7am register, 8am race start)

This 5K race is a fundraiser for Wilson's Buddy Ball program. Pre-register by May 20 and \$25 fee includes t-shirt. Race organized by Alumni Dynamic Leadership class & sponsored by Wilson Chamber of Commerce. Paul V. Berry "Whirligig" Park, 200 Kenan Street, Wilson. More information at www.wilsonncchamber.com.

Shimmy for a Cause 2011

(June 25 @ 6pm curtain opens)

Proceeds go to breast cancer research and recovery. A great opportunity for families to spend an evening watching dancers from across the East Coast perform. Edna Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson NC. Tickets, contact ShimmyForACause@DanceStudioB.com.

Summer Science Academy: Camp Hogwarts (July 4-8 @ 9am-4pm)

Designed for ages 8-10, this five-day camp invites day-campers to play Quidditch, dissect an owl pellet, drink a potion, and make a mandrake scream! Join the adventure at Imagination Station Science Museum 224 E. Nash St. Wilson NC. Contact 252-291-5113 for registration fee and details.

* Rocky Mount *

Rocky Mount Downtown Live Concert (June 2 @ 6pm)

Featuring "Black and Blue" Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount NC. Visit www.imperialcentre.org for complete 2011 schedule.

Free Compost

(June 3 @ 7:30am - 4pm)

Free compost available for residents to pick up at the City's compost site: 1244 Arrow Road, Rocky Mount, NC. Visit publicworks.rockymountnc.gov or call 252-467-4906.

Adopt-A-Thon

(June 4 @ 9am - 12pm)

Animals from Rocky Mount's city animal shelter are available for adoption. Stop by to see them, and adopt a pet for your family. At Tractor Supply Center, 506 Sutters Creek Blvd, Rocky Mount. More information at www.rmanimal.petfinder.com.

Chamber Annual Golf Classic

(June 9)

This Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce golf tournament for adults is an opportunity for a day out on the course and to support The Chamber's Education Division initiatives. The Golf Club at Rocky Mount, Ford's Colony. Contact Bobbi Booth at 252-973-1202 or visit www.rockymountchamber.org.

Lawn Chair Theatre

(June 10 @ 7pm, movie starts at sundown)

Featuring "Shark Tale" This free movie series includes a variety of movies from June 10th through August, and is presented by sponsor Subway. Concessions and kids activities during the event. Attendees are advised to bring lawn chairs or blankets with them. Next movie is June 24th, "Nanny McPhee". The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, NC. Call 252-972-1266 or email museum@imperialcentre.org.

* Zebulon *

Greater Zebulon Road Race

(June 18 @ 6:30am register, 8am race start)

This 5k road race and 1M fun walk starts at the Zebulon Municipal Complex. Proceeds benefit the Zebulon Boys & Girls Club. Pre-register for the race by June 3 for \$20 which includes t-shirt; after June 4 race registration is \$25. Walk entry fee is \$15. Pay for two walkers and register a third walker free! Baby strollers and racing wheelchairs are permitted, but are warned of traffic. Zebulon Mun. Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave, Zebulon NC. Call 919-269-6320 or visit zebulonchamber.org for info.

Open Mic & Danny McCullers

(June 4 @ 6pm)

Open mic from 6-8pm. Bring your jokes, poetry, or musical talent. Danny McCullers takes over at 8pm with ambient electronic tunes.

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

Carolina Mudcats

(Home Games June 9-13)

Baseball, hot dogs, soda, and sunshine can make for a great family outing. Load up your crew and take them to the stadium. Fireworks following Friday games. Five County Stadium, Zebulon, NC. Visit www.gomudcats.com for tickets and promotions.

One World, Many Stories

Summer Reading Program

(June 13 @ 4-5pm)

All ages. Door prizes at each event. Paint Aboriginal Art! Zebulon Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr., Zebulon. For more information, contact the library at 919-404-3610.

* Elsewhere *

Washington Summer Festival

(June 10-11)

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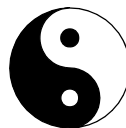
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The Backside



News From The Grey Area

We've been hearing good things from readers of The Grey Area, and our advertisers. We're glad to know that readers in Rocky Mount, Wilson, and Zebulon are enjoying the local and national unusual news.

This issue includes local news and events for Rocky Mount, Wilson, Zebulon, and Washington NC. Summertime festivals and special happenings are coming in full force and there are many choices for you, your family, and friends indoors and out.

We'll have a special announcement in our July 15th issue. Please be sure to pick up a copy of the next issue for our special announcement. All we'll say now is that it is related to an upcoming and USA-oriented holiday.

Little Bits

Word of the Issue

Opportunity

Definition: Situation or position favorable for reaching a goal, advancing, or attaining success.

Example: "She knew the job would offer great opportunity for advancement."

Translation of the Issue

English — "Good Morning"

German — Guten Morgen Spanish — Buenos Días

Italian — Buongiorno Dutch — Goedemorgen

Chinese — 早安 (Zǎo ān)

Korean — 좋은 아침 (joh-eun achim)

Translations for these and many languages may be found at babelfish.yahoo.com, translate.google.com, and other online and print resources.

Quote of the Issue

Sancho Panza (in Don Quixote, by author Miguel de Cervantes)

"Whether the pitcher hits the stone, or the stone hits the pitcher, it goes ill with the pitcher."

Chuckle of the Issue

You've likely heard tales of the US Air Force's super-secret base in Nevada known as "Area 51".

Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks at Area 51 were surprised to see a Cessna landing at their secret base. They immediately surrounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

The pilot nervously explained that he had taken off in Las Vegas, got lost, and spotted the base landing strip just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full background check on the pilot and held him overnight while they checked him out.

By the next morning, his interrogators were convinced that the pilot's story was true: he really was lost, and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his plane, gave him a terrifying "you did not see a base" warning—complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, directed him back to Vegas, and sent him on his way.

The next day, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the Cessna showed up again. Immediately, the guards surrounded the plane. They saw that this time there were two people in the plane.

The same pilot jumped out with his hands up and said, "Do anything you want to me, but my wife is in the plane and you *have* to tell her where I was last night!"

Something to Clip for Your 'Fridge

Those of you old enough to remember, the Schoolhouse Rock songs augmented our Saturday Morning cartoon time with little lessons in government, grammar, and more. One song was designed to teach an important part of our US history—the Preamble of the US Constitution. The preamble is a brief statement that explains the document's purpose and philosophy. This important Preamble is included below for reminder or reference.

Preamble of the US Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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