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## Local News Briefs

According to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, starting July 1st disposal of computer equipment and televisions is banned. The state gives residents across the state many options for disposal. They want the ban to succeed, and not only conserve resources but also help return valuable materials to the economy. Multiple links are given at [www.p2pays.org/electronics/household-opportunities.asp](http://www.p2pays.org/electronics/household-opportunities.asp) to help households comply with the ban.

### The Good News...

#### Wilson Church Carries on Despite Fire

A Wilson church was apparently struck by lightning Friday, June 10th, igniting a fire.

The First Free Will Baptist Church, located on Nash Street North, caught fire Friday evening and local firefighters responded. It was reported that there were no injuries, even though two people were inside the church when the fire started.

Despite fire damage in two sections of the church, services were held the following Sunday in an adjacent building. The church has postponed their Vacation Bible School and updates are available on the church website, [www.ffwbcwilson.org](http://www.ffwbcwilson.org).

### The Bad News...

#### Missing NC Children

Subjects of recent searches and an Amber Alert, two missing NC children have been found. Both a 13-year old Tarboro girl and a 5-year old Wilson boy were both recovered safely. These two young people were recovered quickly. This is great news; however, many NC children are still missing and all residents can help bring them home through vigilance.

The Amber Alert system, started around 1996, is a child abduction alert bulletin used in many parts of the US. “Amber” is a reference to Amber Hagerman, a 9-year old girl who was abducted and murdered. Officially, AMBER is referenced as a reverse acronym (an acronym constructed to a pre-specified word) for “America's Missing: Broadcasting Emergency Response”.

Some US states do not use the Amber Alert designation. For example, in Hawaii, a child abduction alert is called a “Maile Amber Alert” after Maile Gilbert, a 6-year old abducted from Kailua and murdered in 1985. Wal-mart started its own system, Code Adam, named for Adam Walsh.

Throughout the US, child abduction alert systems can coordinate with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Their online system, located at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com), currently lists 54 NC children. If you have a moment, take a look at their photos and you might help bring a family back together like the two children from Tarboro and Wilson.

## A Little Local History

#### Oliver Nestus Freeman Round House Museum

1202 Nash St  
Wilson, NC 27893

The Oliver Nestus Freeman Round House museum features cultural artifacts relating to the history of African Americans in, and their contributions to development of, Wilson.

The Round House was built by Oliver Nestus Freeman (1882-1955) in 1946. Freeman was a prolific local stonemason. He built houses to help alleviate the post-war housing shortage. The Round House is made of stone and a variety of materials Freeman found at hand, including bottles, tree saplings, and string according to the [www.wilson-nc.com](http://www.wilson-nc.com) museum page.

The museum is run by volunteers, and is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 9am-4pm, and 12pm to 4pm on Saturdays.



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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

An acquaintance connects with you using a social networking website. You know her through a close friend, but don't know her well. Since you're all getting together for a Couples Night Out in a few weeks, you let her become a part of your network.

As the days go by, you see her posts coming through. She is kind of a "wild child" and shares a little "too much information" for your liking. But, she's in your circle so you just ignore most of it to keep the peace.

One of her posts includes a suggestive photograph of a married man you know from work. Thinking you've seen more than enough, you remove her from your social network without mentioning it to your close friend.

The day before your Couples Night Out, you decide not to attend because of the wild child; you feel it is easier than facing her and your friend. Your husband wants to know why you don't want to go.

You share with your husband why you are uncomfortable, including what you saw in the photograph with the man from your work. He suggests you go anyway, and forget about it. He says it isn't your problem. Do you agree with him and go to the event, or insist the two of you go elsewhere alone? Would this kind of discussion spur a fight, or an open discussion?

Alternatively, if the man from work will be there with his girlfriend, do you decide to go and let his girlfriend know discretely about the photo? What if they were about to be married, would that change what you think you should tell her?

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### News From The Grey Area



This June 15th issue includes local news and events for Rocky Mount, Wilson, Zebulon, as well as events outside the immediate area. It is summertime, and activities are available to you and your family all across North Carolina! Whether you stick to your home county, or head for the mountains or beach, there is much to do in the coming months and we'll include many types of events in each issue of The Grey Area.

Watch for our July 1st issue, which will be an early edition! The July 1st issue will be distributed late in June and will contain "Where to Go to Watch the Sparks Fly" — a special listing of fireworks and Fourth of July events!

Future issues of The Grey Area will include special features including a list of rabies clinics, Fall festivals, and holiday events.

### Classifieds

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## Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

### \* Wilson \*

#### **Downtown Farmer's Market (June 15, 22 @ 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](http://www.wilsonnc.org) for details on local markets.

#### **Downtown Alive Concert June 15, 29 @ 5:30-8:30 pm**

Featuring "Alabama Blues Brothers" June 15th and "The Monitors" June 29th. Downtown Wilson, 210 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson NC. More info, [www.wilson-nc-downtown.com](http://www.wilson-nc-downtown.com).

#### **Wilson Tobs**

#### **(Home Games June 16, 18, 20, 22, 24-25)**

Take the family out for a night at the ball game, played by Wilson's own Tobs, part of the Coastal Plain League Summer Collegiate Baseball. Fleming Stadium, Wilson, NC. Visit [www.wilsonsobs.com](http://www.wilsonsobs.com) for details.

#### **Wilson Farmer's Market (Jun 18, 25 @ 7:30am-12pm)**

Pick up fresh local produce from local growers. Wilson County Fairgrounds, 2331 US Hwy 301 S, Wilson

#### **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](mailto: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 16, 30 @ 6pm)**

Featuring "The Catalinas" June 16th and "The Holiday Band" June 30th. Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount NC. Visit [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org) for info on these free events.

#### **CPR Saturdays - learn CPR for FREE! June 18 @ 9am - 12pm**

Come and learn CPR and defibrillator use. Call the Frederick E. Turnage Chapter of the American Red Cross at 252-977-1720. Fire Station #3 901 S. Winstead Ave, Rocky Mount NC

#### **Lawn Chair Theatre (June 24 @ 7pm, movie starts at sundown)**

Featuring "Nanny McPhee" This free movie series includes a variety of movies from early June through August, and is presented by sponsor Subway. Concessions and kids activities during the event. Attendees are advised to bring lawn chairs or blankets. The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, NC. Call 252-972-1266 or email [museum@imperialcentre.org](mailto:museum@imperialcentre.org).

### \* Zebulon \*

#### **Open Mic & Featured Musicians (June 18, 25 @ 6pm)**

Open mic from 6-8pm. Bring your jokes, poetry, or musical talent. Featuring "Peace by Piece" June 18th and "Transistor Zen" June 25th, each at 8pm. Eclectic Intellectual, 120 N. Arendell Ave, Zebulon, NC. Visit [www.facebook.com/EIZebulon](http://www.facebook.com/EIZebulon) for more information.

#### **Carolina Mudcats (Home Games June 23-27)**

Load up your crew and take them to the stadium for a great family outing. Fireworks following Friday games. June 24th "Philanthropy Friday" Canned Food Drive for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern Carolina. Bring a non-perishable food item that date and receive a free general admission ticket. Five County Stadium, Zebulon, NC. Call 919-269-2287 for info or visit [www.gomudcats.com](http://www.gomudcats.com).

### \* Elsewhere \*

#### **Town Square Concert Series - Johnny Orr Band (June 16 @ 7-9pm)**

The Town of Clayton and Downtown Development Association are offering this free concert. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Refreshments available. Town Square, Main & Fayetteville Streets, Clayton NC. Info at [www.townofclaytonnc.org](http://www.townofclaytonnc.org) or call 919-553-1545.

#### **Edenton Music and Water Festival (June 17-18)**

Join the fun on the waterfront in Historic Edenton, NC. Event starts Friday evening with a Sunset Paddle at 6:45pm. Saturday includes live music, paddling, and sailboat races. Also vendors, children's games, and free boat rides. Visit [www.edentonmusicandwaterfestival.com](http://www.edentonmusicandwaterfestival.com).

#### **North Carolina Blueberry Festival (June 18 @ 9am-9pm)**

The Festival celebrates the significance of blueberries in the southeastern region of NC. Music, food, and fun. Courthouse Square, Historic Downtown, Burgaw NC. More info at [www.ncblueberryfestival.com](http://www.ncblueberryfestival.com).

#### **Juneteenth Celebration & Unity March (June 18 @ 1-8pm)**

Vendors, health fair, the Children's Village activities, artists and performers. CCB Plaza, 201 Corcoran Street, Durham NC. For more information, call 866-630-3796.

#### **Sunday In The Park (June 19 @ 7pm)**

Featuring "The Greenville Summer Pops Orchestra". Come by the park to hear this symphonic orchestra playing light classical music. at the Town Common Greenville Toyota Amphitheatre, Greenville NC. Details at [www.visitgreenvillenc.com](http://www.visitgreenvillenc.com).

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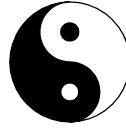
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Word of the Issue

**Obfuscate**

**Definition:** To confuse or bewilder; to make a subject unclear or obscure.

**Example:** "She likes to obfuscate a situation with extraneous details."

Translation of the Issue

**English — "Beautiful"**

German — Schön Spanish — Hermoso/Hermosa

Italian — Bello/Bella Irish — Álainn

Cherokee (Tsalagi) — ᎠᎵᎠᎵᎠ (ooh woe dew he)

Korean — 아름다운 (aleumdaun)

Translations for these and many other languages may be found at [translate.google.com](http://translate.google.com), [www.wehali.com/tsalagi](http://www.wehali.com/tsalagi), [babelfish.yahoo.com](http://babelfish.yahoo.com), and other online and print resources.

Quote of the Issue

**Paul of Tarsus (Hebrews 11:1)**

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Chuckle of the Issue

In 1921, as Albert Einstein was making rounds on the lecture circuit, he found himself eagerly longing to get back to his laboratory work. One night as his chauffeur was driving him to yet another rubber-chicken dinner, Einstein mentioned to his chauffeur — a man who somewhat resembled Einstein — that he was tired of all the speaking engagements.

"I have an idea, sir," his chauffeur said. "I've heard your speech so many times, I'll bet I could give it for you!"

Einstein laughed loudly and said, "Why not? Let's do it!"

So, when they arrive at the dinner that evening, Einstein donned the chauffeur's cap and jacket and sat in the back of the lecture hall. The chauffeur walked up to the podium and proceeded to give a beautiful rendition of Einstein's speech. The chauffeur even answered a few questions expertly at the end of the lecture.

Just as they were winding down the event, a pompous professor asked an extremely esoteric question about anti-matter, adding expansive detail so that everyone in the audience would know how intelligent he was.

Without missing a beat, the chauffeur fixed the professor with a steely stare and said, "Sir, the answer to your question is so simple that I will let my chauffeur, who is sitting in the back, answer it for me."

Something to Clip for Your 'Fridge

Perhaps as a youngster you heard some of Aesop's Fables, stories enjoyable to hear with a moral lesson within them. Here is one such fable.

*The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey*

An Aesop's Fable

A Man and his son were once going with their Donkey to market.

As they were walking along by its side a countryman passed them and said: "You fools, what is a Donkey for but to ride upon?"

So the Man put the Boy on the Donkey and they went on their way. But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said: "See that lazy youngster, he lets his father walk while he rides."

So the Man ordered his Boy to get off, and got on himself. But they hadn't gone far when they passed two women, one of whom said to the other: "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son trudge along."

Well, the Man didn't know what to do, but at last he took his Boy up before him on the Donkey. By this time they had come to the town, and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The Man stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor Donkey with you and your hulking son?"

The Man and Boy got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the Donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met them till they came to Market Bridge, when the Donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the Boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the Donkey fell over the bridge, and his fore-feet being tied together he was drowned.

"That will teach you," said an old man who had followed them:

**Moral:** Please all, and you will please none.

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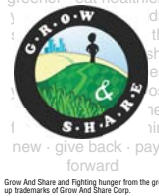
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