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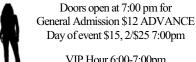
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www.zebulonchamber.org



Local News Briefs

Tax Free Day

The NC Dept. of Revenue's 2011 tax free weekend runs August 5th through 7th. You can purchase school supplies tax free including clothing, shoes, classroom supplies, winter clothing, uniforms, rubber pants and even diapers! You can also purchase sporting goods and computers. Check out the NC Dept. of Revenue's website at www.nc.gov for information about price limits before heading out to buy what you need for school.

Keep Clear of Snakes

Spending more time outside playing, gardening, or hiking? You likely keep your eyes open for snakes along the way. Whether in your front yard or the middle of a wooded area, snakes can make an appearance in NC.

The good news is that most NC snakes are nonvenomous — they do not inject toxic venom when they bite. Other than the dangerous copperheads, cottonmouths, and rattlesnakes, there are dozens of species within the state which are beneficial. These nonvenomous snakes help by eating mice, rats, and insects — feeding themselves and as a side benefit helping families and farms get rid of these pests.



If you believe a snake is venomous, use caution and move away from it. If you were to try to kill it, your approach may put you in more danger of being bitten. It is best to get away. Whether you believe a snake is dangerous or not, move away and let it go... You might not see it in action but likely what it is eating is a worse "pest" than the snake is.

The Good News... Are You Ready for Football?

The NFL lockout is over! The teams are back in training camp, and it looks like the regular season games will go on as scheduled. Likely tens of thousands of local American Football fans are glad to know the season will not be further delayed.

The 32-teams of the National Football League are preparing for the season and will be on the road soon, starting with preseason games schedule in August. Week 1 of the regular season is scheduled for September 8th.

The Bad News... High Temps

With temperatures above 90 degrees — reaching over 100 degrees — caution is needed. Be sure to stay hydrated and watch out for yourself, your loved ones, and your pets. Dizziness, muscle cramping, nausea, and weakness are just a few of the symptoms of heat stroke. Someone who begins feeling disoriented, has a high temperature, or stops sweating may need to get out of the sun and cool themselves, drink water, or spray water on their skin. When in doubt, you may wish to seek medical attention or talk with your doctor about what to watch for and what treatment to use.

For your pets, talk with your vet about how to recognize heat-related distress. Heat can be deadly to animals, quickly, and they cannot tell you how they feel. More information is available online at www.spcawake.org.

A Little Local History

North Carolina Baseball Museum

@ Fleming Stadium300 Stadium StWilson, NC 27893

The North Carolina Baseball Museum includes over 3300 square feet of Baseball memorabilia related to the game and players across North Carolina. Memorabilia represents ball players including Catfish Hunter, Hoyt Wilhelm, Gaylord Perry, Enos Slaughter, Rick Ferrell and Buck Leonard. Several of the men featured played at Fleming Stadium: Ted Williams, Richie Ashburn, and Robin Roberts.

The museum is open year round. For more information, call 252.399.2261.

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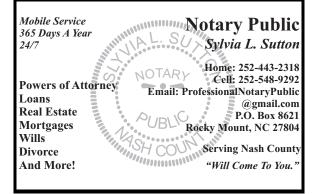
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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

* Wilson *

Wilson Tobs (Home August 2nd)

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

Wilson Downtown Farmer's Market (August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 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.

1st Fridays on the Lawn (August 5 @ 6-9pm)

Free event features two live bands, a home-style game show, and dance performances. Kid's Zone available. Local food vendors available or bring a picnic basket. No alcohol. Wilson County Public Library Lawn, 249 W. Nash, Wilson More info, 252.399.2308.

Thunder Valley 300 Truck and Tractor Pull (August 5-6)

Action-packed show waiting for you at the Thunder Valley 300 Truck and Tractor Pull. This great family event benefits the Contentnea Volunteer Fire Department.

More information at www.wilsoncountyfair.org.

Wilson Fair Grounds Farmer's Market (August 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 7:30am-12pm)

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

Back To School Summit (August 20 @ Noon to 6pm)

Stop by Adventure World Skate & Fun Center for this special back to school event. There will be music, inflatables, basketball, free food and drinks, face painting, and free school supplies. Supplies are expected to be available for as many as 400 kids at all grade levels. Skating is \$3 for 4-6pm, or \$1 if you pick up a ticket at the skating rink. Tickets also available by calling the organizer, Lovely Lady Shoes. Donations of school supplies are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the skating rink during normal business hours. 1800 Forest Hills Road, Wilson NC

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Wilson County Fair (September 20-25)

The Wilson County Fair returns this September with shows, thrills and family fun!

More information at www.wilsoncountyfair.org.

* Rocky Mount *

Rocky Mount Farmers Market (August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 @ 8-11 am)

Locally grown produce, fruit, and crafts. 1006 Peachtree Street, Rocky Mount, NC More details, call 252.407.7920.

Back To School Jump Off: Focused Forward (August 5 @ 6-9pm)

Attend this kickoff to the new school year for fun, games, and free school supplies. Includes music and performers.

Rocky Mount Athletic Stadium, Rocky Mount NC For more details, call 252.972.1436 or visit www.rmjumpoff.com.

Lawn Chair Theatre (August 5 & 19 @ 7pm, movie at sundown)

Featuring "Monsters, Inc." August 5th. Concessions and kids activities during the event. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Movie is "Rango" on August 19th. Kids must be with adult. The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay St., Rocky Mount 252.972.1266 or museum@imperialcentre.org.

Downtown Live Concert (August 11 & 25 @ 6-8:30pm)

Featuring "The Tams" on August 11. Admission and parking free. August 25 is "Liquid Pleasure". Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount NC Visit www.imperialcentre.org for info on events.

* Zebulon *

Trivia Night (August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 7:30pm)

Come to Pizza Villa in Zebulon for Monday night trivia. Play on a team and win prizes

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Youth Fest Christian Music Festival (August 6 @ 11am - 7pm)

Come to Pilot Baptist Church of Zebulon for their Ninth Annual Youth Fest! Admission is free. Includes multiple bands, many inflatables for kids, and a youth beach volleyball. 8103 NC 39 Hwy S, Zebulon NC Visit their website at www.pilotbaptist.com.

Carolina Mudcats

(Home Games August 11-15 & 21-25)

Load up your crew and take them to Five County Stadium for a great afternoon or evening game. Five County Stadium, Zebulon NC

Call 919-269-2287 or visit www.gomudcats.com.

Free Family Movie Night (August 12 @ 7-9pm)

Zebulon Parks and Rec presents "Tangled" free with popcorn. Zebulon Community Center, Zebulon NC Visit townofzebulon.org for more details.

East Wake Women in Networking Luncheon (August 17 @ 11:45am-1pm)

This networking opportunity is open to all professional women. Zebulon Chamber Of Commerce member fee is \$10, non-members \$15, which includes lunch.

Eastern Regional Center, Zebulon NC

Must register in advance by calling 919.269.6320.

The Fall Fashion Show (August 25 @ 7pm)

The Fall Fashion Show is the Zebulon Chamber's newest event. Local models walk the "catwalk" in Belk fashions. East Wake Academy, 400 NMC Drive, Zebulon NC. For more details, visit www.zebulonchamber.org.

Whitley Park Music Series (Sept 11 @ 4-6pm)

Come listen to the family-friendly, folk music of Seona McDowell. This free event features this "singer of songs, teller of stories" plus concessions, a face painter, and more. Whitley Park, 601 N Wakefield, Zebulon NC Visit www.townofzebulon.org or call 919.823.1815.

* Elsewhere *

Spring Hope Farmer's Market (August 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 2-6pm)

Come for vegetables, plants, and more local goods. Downtown Spring Hope NC Visit Spring Hope Farmers Market on Facebook.

Wendell Farmers' Market (August 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 9am-1pm)

Locally grown produce and goods. 3rd Street & Cypress Street, Wendell NC More details, call 919.365.6318.

Sunday In The Park (August 7, 14 & 21@ 7-9pm)

Free event with "Uncle Mountain" Aug 7, "Molasses Creek", Aug 14, & "Donald Underwood Thompson Band" Aug 21. 1st Street, Town Common, Greenville, NC Details at www.visitgreenvillenc.com or call 252.329.4567.

Line Dance Class (August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 6:30pm)

These one hour classes cover various types of dancing (Two Step, East Coast Swing, Waltz and many more). Small fee. Coopers Ruritan Club, Nashville NC

For more information, call Michelle 252.813.9147.

Fall Gardening Class (August 5 @ 10am)

Fall Gardening class offered by Grow And Share and Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Class is free, and includes free plants for Fall gardeners to help them grow food to eat and share. IFFS Farm, 4505 Tryon Road, Raleigh NC To register, email info@growandshare.org in advance.

1st Friday Jazz (August 5 @ 6:30pm)

The Kila Company hosts this Wendell event featuring the "Freddy Greene Street Genie Quartet". Come and enjoy an evening out with great music. Ms. T's Louisiana Kitchen, the 2nd Place Winner of the recent "Cooking with Jazz" Cook Off event, will be the Caterer for the evening.

The Kila Company, 28 North Main Street, Wendell NC For more info, call 919.365.5003.



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Things We Did in NC When We Were Bored

This new section provides reviews of NC events, attractions, and businesses by The Grey Area staffers.

Denton Street Pool 1434 Denton Street, Rocky Mount)

Several times this (hot) summer, we visited the Denton Street Pool. We, our children, and our visiting grandchildren, all enjoyed spending the afternoon swimming, sliding, and playing.

We dropped our towels in the covered area of the patio and proceeded to the zero entry part of the pool. An easy walk into the shallows, and the kids were playing with the dumping buckets and umbrella-shaped water shower.

After passing a quick swim test, the older children took to the diving board and racing slides. Even we grown-ups enjoyed being able to move from the slides to the play area and back again.

We had a great time and were sorry when closing time came. When you need a cool down, we would recommend checking out the Denton Street Pool. Sometimes crowded, sometimes fairly empty, it made for a great afternoon break.

News From The Grey Area

This August 1st issue includes event listings and activity reviews alongside news and happenings from around North Carolina. Feel free to suggest an event or business you would like to see reviewed, and we'll consider suggestions for future issues.

Upcoming issues will include special sections on:

- Aug 15: Local Rabies Clinics
- Sep 1: Labor Day & September 11th Events
- Sep 15: County & State Fairs
- Oct 1 & 15: Fall Events, Haunted Houses, Corn Mazes
- Nov 1 & 15: Thanksgiving Special Events
- Dec 1 & 15: Holiday & New Year's Special Events
- January 1 & 15: Resolutions & Making Changes

Contact us if you have information on upcoming events in the Five County Area. If you wish to advertise in any issues based on the special sections, let our sales team know about your goals when calling to place your ad.

The Zebulon Cougar

In the July 1st issue of The Grey Area, we reported cougar sightings within Eastern North Carolina over the past decade. This issue, we bring you a cougar of another type — and right in Zebulon.

Driving along West Gannon Avenue, visitors and residents alike cannot help but see the stories-tall cougar located at the front of Auctions America. It's one of those landmarks everyone sees, and few know much about.

The Zebulon Cougar is one of only two cats built in 1972 by the same company that built figures for Walt Disney. While one cat headed north to Washington DC, the other came to North Carolina. Measuring close to 15 feet tall, the Cougar sports teeth about a foot long and wild eyes.

Originally, it was taken to 1313 Downtown Boulevard to live at the Leith Lincoln-Mercury car dealership. Lincoln-Mercury referred to the Lincoln and Mercury divisions of the Ford Motor Company. At the beginning of June 2010, Ford announced they were discontinuing the Mercury brand.

The oversized Cougar and his twin were designed to draw attention to the Mercury Cougar automobiles during the early seventies. Various Cougar versions were manufactured from 1967 to 2002.

The Cougar model was a big part of Mercury's image for years, and marketing identified Mercury dealers like Leith as being "at the sign of the cat". In Leith's case, the sign of the cat was two stories tall!

Mike Leith of Zebulon is owner of the Cougar and the original Leith Lincoln-Mercury. He's tended the beast for decades, and it watches over his Auctions America, which runs the Raleigh Classic Car Auction each year at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

The big cat stayed at the Downtown Boulevard dealership for years, glaring down from the roof at passers-by. When the car dealership moved from the property, the cougar was relocated to Zebulon and began spending its days watching traffic go by on Gannon Avenue.

Now approaching its 40th birthday, Mr. Leith plans to relocate the Cougar once more. The classic cat will now prowl at Howden Classic Cars, a dealership opening at 709 W Gannon Avenue this month. Cougars don't normally live together in a Pride; however, several classic Mercury Cougars will join the Zebulon Cougar when he is released into his new habitat.

Releasing the cat into its new home is serious business. He'll be transported to Howden and released August 4th. Visit The Grey Area on Facebook to see more about the Cougar and view photos of its old and new habitats.

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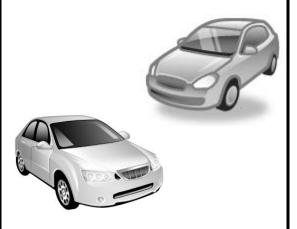


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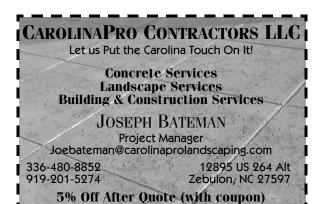
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Success

Definition: The accomplishment of an aim or goal. **Example:** "The fundraiser was a complete success!"

Translation of the Issue

English — "Milk"

German — Milch Spanish — Leche Italian — Latte Irish — Bainne Korean — ♀♀ (uyu) Latin — Lactis

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Quote of the Issue

Albert Einstein

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."

Chuckle of the Issue

A young executive was leaving the office late one evening when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document here, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing

"Certainly," said the young executive. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

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. This is not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.

Submitted for Your Consideration and Conversation

Your best pal, whom you've known for 20 years, comes out with you and your group of friends each Friday night. All of you meet up in groups of two or three, each with a designated driver.

Your friend, you've noticed, always comes in his own car straight from work. He always drives home alone and you sometimes think he seems a little inebriated.

Over the years, you've spoken with him several times about it. You have tried on many occasions to get him to designate a driver, give up his keys, or take a cab home. He always declines and you don't push the issue despite your concerns.

Legal or not, you feel a sense of responsibility for his behavior and for "allowing" him to drive by not forcibly stopping him.

During one of your Friday nights, you all go out to a ball game. Everyone is having a great time, and those not designated as drivers are having several beers. The game runs long, and by the end your friend seems to be unsteady on his feet. And there is a complication: on this particular night, some family members have come along and your friend has his young son with him.

What do you think of the situation? Is this a time you would put your foot down and insist one of the drivers take him and his son home? Do you think he would be more likely to listen to reason for his child's sake, even though he has ignored you in the past? Would you refuse to let him put his son into his vehicle if he ignored your logic?

Do you call the police and restrain him in the parking lot until he can be given a sobriety test? Do you relent, and just let him drive home with his boy?

How would you feel about your friend if the situation was handled calmly and everyone was driven home safely? Would you feel differently about him — despite the long years between you — if he was belligerent and drove home?

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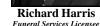


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