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Local News Briefs

Former Mayor of Rocky Mount, Fred Turnage, died on August 1st after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Rocky Mount in 1936, he attended Rocky Mount City Schools and Wake Forest University. Turnage was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1961 and practiced law with a Rocky Mount firm. He later had a private law practice.

Mr. Turnage served with the Rocky Mount City Council, and in 1972 he was named Mayor Pro Tem. A year later, he was elected Mayor of Rocky Mount — the youngest person to be Mayor. He served as mayor until December 2007, after serving the city for 34 years.

The Good News... School Supplies and More

It has been a hot summer, hopefully one filled with fun and memories for local families. Now it’s time to get back to school, which starts August 25th for Wilson County Schools, Franklin County Schools, Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools, and Edgecombe County Public Schools.

Before the kids head back to class, Wilson area families can pick up free school supplies at the “Back 2 School Summit” August 20th. From noon to 6pm, families can come to Adventure World Skate & Fun Center In Wilson for this free event. In addition to passing out bags of school supplies to several hundred local children (all grade levels), there will be music, inflatables, basketball, free pizza, snacks, snow cones, and drinks. A face painter will also be on hand. Admission is free, and skating from 4-6pm is \$3 — or \$1 if you pick up a ticket in advance at the skating rink. Tickets also available by calling the organizer, Lovely Lady Shoes.

Note: Donations of school supplies are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the skating rink during normal business hours.

Adventure World Skate & Fun Center is located at 1800 Forest Hills Road in Wilson. For details, call Angie Hall at 919-627-8571 or email back2schoolsummit@gmail.com.

The Bad News... Hepatitis A Vaccination Update: Close to 2,700 Doses Given

Cumberland County Public Health Department
Contact: Buck Wilson, Director
Telephone: 910-433-3700 or 910-703-1207
E-mail: BWilson@co.cumberland.nc.us

Update released on August 11th: The Cumberland County Public Health Department has administered almost 2,700 doses of Hepatitis A immunizations since Tuesday morning to individuals who may have been exposed through an employee at a local restaurant. By 3 p.m. Thursday, the department had given 570 shots during the clinic’s third day. On Tuesday and Wednesday, an estimated 2,100 people were vaccinated.

Residents of other counties should check with their local Public Health Department to see if they have the Hepatitis A vaccine.

Military personnel, their family members and retirees can go to Womack Army Medical Center on Fort Bragg for the immunization.

Deputy Health Director Rodney Jenkins wants the public to understand that there has not been a Hepatitis A outbreak in Cumberland County, but that the Health Department is working to protect citizens who may have been exposed to the disease through an Olive Garden employee diagnosed with the illness.

“We are only aware of one case of illness,” he said, referring to the restaurant employee. Getting the vaccine within the first 14 days of exposure will significantly reduce the chance of getting Hepatitis A.

Starting on Friday [August 12th], only individuals who visited the Olive Garden at 234 North McPherson Church Road anytime on July 29, 31 and Aug. 1, 2 and 8 should contact the Health Department to receive a free injection of Hepatitis A immune globulin or vaccine because there is a 14-day window when the vaccine is effective.

Call 910-433-3824 for important information. For more [Hepatitis A] information see www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/A/index.htm.

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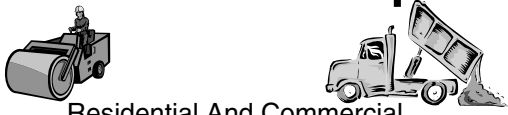
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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

* Wilson *

Wilson Downtown Farmer's Market (August 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.

Wilson Fair Grounds Farmer's Market (August 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.
1800 Forest Hills Road, Wilson NC
Call 919.627.8571 or email back2schoolsommit@gmail.com.

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 17, 24 & 31 @ 8-11 am)

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

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

Concessions and kids activities. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.
Movie is "Rango". Kids must be with adult.
The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay St., Rocky Mount
252.972.1266 or museum@imperialcentre.org.

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

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

* Zebulon *

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.

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

Come to Pizza Villa in Zebulon for Monday night trivia. Play on a team and win prizes
409 Us Highway 64 Bus W, Zebulon NC
Call 919.269.4777 for more information.

East Wake Women in Networking (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.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (August 20, 27 @ 11:30am-12:30pm)

Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes brown bag lunches to those in need each Saturday. Lunch includes sandwich, cheese and crackers, dessert, granola bar, fruit, or chips, depending on availability. Personal hygiene items also provided for families in need.
Corner of Gannon Ave & N. Church St.
Zebulon NC
More info at www.zumchurch.org.

Carolina Mudcats (Home Games August 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.

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 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 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 21 @ 7-9pm)

Free event with "Donald Underwood Thompson Band".
1st Street, Town Common, Greenville, NC
Details at www.visitgreenvillenc.com or call 252.329.4567.

Line Dance Class (August 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.

1st Friday Jazz (September 2 @ 6:30pm)

The Kila Company hosts this Wendell event. Come and enjoy an evening out with great music.
The Kila Company, 28 North Main Street, Wendell NC
For more info, call 919.365.5003.

News From The Grey Area

This August 15th issue includes event listings, news and happenings from around the Five County Area, including a list of upcoming Rabies Clinics.

The September 1st issue includes information on Labor Day activities and September 11th events.

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The Zebulon Cougar

The Zebulon Cougar, a longtime resident of Gannon Avenue, moved into its new habitat earlier this month. Shortly after 11am on Thursday, August 4th, the Cougar made its trek down Gannon Avenue in the company of several Mercury Cougars.



The Cougar slid into place at Howden Classic Cars, just down Gannon Avenue from its previous home at owner Mike Leith's RaleighClassic.com headquarters. Aside from one last forward lunge when released from the trailer, The cat seemed to settle calmly into its new home.



This decades-old animal now scowls at passers-by from Howden Classic Cars, surrounded by Mercury Cougars and other classics.

Visit *The Grey Area* on Facebook to watch a video of the Cougar's move.

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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. 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

It is the first day of the new school year and you're driving your daughter to school. She is going to middle school for the first time, and you want to walk her in and help her pick up her schedule and find her new classroom.

You arrive and walk into the school. The two of you run into a good friend of yours by the office, as your friend's daughter is also starting middle school. The girls begin chatting and catching up.

You hadn't seen your friend over the summer. When you last saw her in June, she had just started dating a man and had been excited about the summer break to do some "family" things. She seems embarrassed, but also happy to see you and talks a little as you wait in the school office. You quickly find that your usually perky friend is not so perky. And you can tell that she has a big black eye, even though she's tried to cover it with makeup.

After the girls are checked in and off to class, you pull your friend aside and ask her how things have been going. She says their summer was fine. Then she says she needs to go because her boyfriend is waiting in the car and she doesn't want to keep him waiting.

While you've only had a short time to catch up, you have a strong feeling that something is terribly wrong in your friend's life. Do you think that it would be helpful to let your friend know that you can see her black eye and ask if she is being abused? Do you feel that it might be too bold with how little information you have? How comfortable would you be walking her to her car to get a look at the boyfriend? Or, do you just let it go?

Alternatively, what if her little girl had marks on her? Would you be more willing to ask your friend what's going on?

Rabies Clinics

These upcoming events provide low-cost rabies vaccinations to help you and your pet avoid this deadly illness. Some events also offer low-cost microchipping. Microchip your pets to help bring them home when lost.

SAFE Haven for Cats (September 10 @ 11am-2pm)

SAFE Care Clinic (serves cats and dogs)
8431 Garvey Drive, Suite 137
Raleigh, NC

This rabies clinic is part of **PET FEST 2011**, a special cat and dog event with \$5 rabies vaccinations, local vendors, face painting, and microchip clinics. More info at www.safehavenforcats.org/petfest.html

Wake County Animal Center (host) (September 17 @ 10am-1pm)

Lake Benson Park
921 Buffaloe Road
Garner, NC

Rabies vaccines are \$5. Cash only, and pets must be leashed or in carriers. For more details and requirements, visit www.wakegov.com/pets/events/clinics.htm

SPCA of Franklin County Rabies Clinic (August 27 @ 8-10am)

Animal Shelter Parking Lot
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Some additional information is online at www.spcafc.org/upcomingevents.htm



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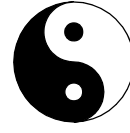
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Considerate

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Example: "Her new manager was very considerate throughout training."

Translation of the Issue

English — "please"

German — bitte

Spanish — por favor

Italian — per favore

Irish — le do thoil (meaning, "with your will")

Latin — placet

Korean — 주십시오 (jusipsio)

Chinese — 请 (qǐng)

Dutch — alstublieft

Japanese — ください (kudasai), or, お願いします (onegaishimasu)

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

Quote of the Issue

George Carlin

"Some people see things that are and ask, *Why?* Some people dream of things that never were and ask, *Why not?* Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that."

Chuckle of the Issue

"How long have you been driving without a tail light?" asked the policeman after pulling over a motorist.

The driver jumped out and ran to the rear of his car. He put his face in his hands and gave a long, painful groan. He seemed so upset that the cop began to feel sorry for him.

"Come on, now," the officer said, "You don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious."

"It isn't?" cried the driver. "Then you know what happened to my boat and trailer?"

A Little Local History

Fort Macon

Drive a little more than two hours from Wilson, Rocky Mount, or Zebulon to Atlantic Beach. Then, make a left and drive up East Fort Macon Road until you run out of road. You'll be at Fort Macon State Park, ready to explore an amazing "local" structure: Fort Macon.

Construction of Fort Macon began in 1826, according to www.ncparks.gov, the website of the NC Division of Parks and Recreation. Five-sided, made of brick and stone, Fort Macon's layout includes 26 vaulted rooms enclosed by thick outer walls.

The first troops occupied the fort starting in 1834. The fort was manned by different armies over the years, through multiple wars, even serving as a coaling station and a prison. For some time, it was even abandoned.

In 1923, Fort Macon and the surrounding reservation were sold for one dollar to NC for use as a public park.

After restoration by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Fort Macon State Park to opened in 1936. For part of the 1940s, the US Army occupied the park, returning it to the state following World War II.

Walking through the fort, visitors can view exhibits showing life in prior times. They can also scale the steps to the grassy "roof" and look over the surrounding walls and beyond. A family can easily pass several hours exploring Fort Macon and the surrounding trails and visitor's center.

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