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The Good News... Tax Free Weekend

Contributed by Chris Chappell

Everybody likes to save money, especially when it comes to our kids starting the new school year. Well here is some good news. Tax free weekend falls on the weekend of August 3rd-5th, 2012 and includes: Clothing, footwear, and school supplies under \$100, Sports and recreation equipment under \$50, Computers under \$3,500, Computer equipment under \$250. You may find that you're able to save more money during the week before or the week after the sales tax holiday, so don't restrict yourself to doing all of your back-to-school shopping during NC's tax free weekend event.

If you ask me, everyday should be tax free, but that's a story for another time. Maybe I can touch on that in November. Speaking of November there is also another tax free holiday. It falls on November 2nd-4th. This is for many of the Energy Star products for the home. Check with your local Energy Star dealer for more details. Make sure that you compare prices at several different stores. You can also check prices online and don't forget to check the sales papers when you head out.

So put it on your calendar and make sure to take your kids shopping! I always enjoyed getting new clothes for the school year and a new backpack. It was like a small birthday or Christmas at the end of summer. Don't forget to pick up a list of what your child's school requirements are for notebooks and other supplies. Remember saving money is fun but a happy, smart kid is priceless.

Workshop Assists Clergy & Church Leaders in Finding Path

By Rev. Robert N. Andrews, II, M.DIV.

The Center for Clergy and Church Support will hold a Servant-Leadership Workshop ("Pursuing Your Purpose with Power and Passion) for all Pastors, Clergy, Ministers and Church Leadership.

The workshop will be designed to assist pastors and other church leadership continue their mission of growing their churches and transforming their communities. "It is our desire that the workshop will help to encourage and support pastors, clergy, ministers and other church leaders in their passion and desire to administratively and financially

strengthen and lead their organizations, fulfill their divine obligation of community outreach, and leave refreshed and empowered to meet the demanding goals and challenges of their perspective neighborhoods and areas of influence," said the Rev. Robert N. Andrews, II, President and C.E.O. of the agency.

Workshop topics include:

- Preparing Godly servant-leaders for work of the kingdom
- Bringing Clarity and Implementation to the Vision
- Obtaining 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status
- Contributions & Donations
- Church Accounting and IRS Compliance
- Tax Planning, Administration & Management

The workshop is on Saturday, August 4th, from 9am to 1pm and is free and open to the public. The workshop will be held at the Pillar and Ground of Truth Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 950 Mack Todd Road, Zebulon. (Seating is limited.) Register by emailing clergycenter@aol.com or calling 252.363.2834.

Established in 1996, the mission of the Center for Clergy and Church Support is to inspire, train, and connect Christians who seek to bear witness to the Kingdom of God, by creating an environment of support and accountability that continuously moves clergy, churches and faith-based organizations toward excellence. The Center offers a full range of programs and services designed to help the community of faith fulfill its mission today and provides the tools they need to prosper in the future.

What The Hail?

Contributed by Mike Baker

This summer has brought multiple hail storms to Eastern NC. I'd like to educate you on how to deal with recent auto hail storm damage. I'd like to explain an eco-friendly approach to repairing auto hail damage.

Paintless Dent Repair (PDR) is a highly skilled art which requires years of proper training and practice to achieve. The process consists of working the metal from the posterior side of the dent with one or more specially designed tools. Specially designed lights and Reflector Boards are also utilized until the metal returns to its original shape. Unlike many believe, this process involves no dry ice.

Insurance companies prefer to use PDR methods, when possible, to repair dents created by hail. It is much more cost-effective than conventional methods, and saves time.

PDR helps retain auto resale value, as it omits fillers, grinding, and painting. The original finish of the vehicle remains unharmed, eliminating the possibility of mismatched colors. It also enables the vehicle to retain its retail value.

PDR reduces repair costs by an average of 25% to 50% when compared to traditional body shop charges. It is also much quicker than traditional body work, and often all repairs can be completed within one day.

PDR is a "green" service, leaving a very small footprint on the environment. PDR does not require use of harmful chemicals such as paints, primers, thinners, paint reducers,

body fillers, and clear coat spray. It also eliminates any waste disposal fees associated with traditional repairs.

Hail damage is a comprehensive insurance claim and does not affect your rates. A comprehensive auto policy is often required by a bank or loan company that loaned you money to buy your car. This policy is frequently sold together with collision insurance and also may be required as part of the terms of the loan. Comprehensive insures the policy holder against just about everything that is not covered by collision insurance, such as falling trees, foods, bad weather, and fire.

The Bad News... Rising Prices

Between one trip to the grocery store and the next, prices seem to increase. With gas/transportation costs being higher, and drought conditions impacting some crops, grocery prices seem to inflate overnight.

When seeking the best prices, these days it is important to consider not just the dollar amount but also the weight or volume. Product packaging continues to shrink. What looks like the old "half-gallon" size in the ice cream aisle may not be a full half-gallon (64 ounces). That big can of coffee might be a few ounces short too, and the "pound" of bacon may be 12 ounces instead of the full 16. To ensure the best value, shoppers can benefit from checking weight or volume to properly compare the "cheaper" product, and make sure is not just a package with less product in it!

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Things to Do in NC When You’re Bored

These “things to do...” listings are free, at publisher’s discretion, and as space allows. Up to 2 lines of description may be included with an event. Priority is given to free public events. Sponsor names may not be included. Event organizers may purchase regular advertising spaces if they wish to provide more details for upcoming events.

* Nashville *

Auditions for “You Wouldn’t Expect” (August 2-4 @ 7pm)
Auditions for upcoming performances.
Nash Arts Center, 100 East Washington Street, Nashville
Contact 252-459-4734.

* Rocky Mount *

An Evening with the Stars (August 2 @ 6-8pm)
Teens ages 13-18, come see The Cowboy Astronomer show at Cummins Planetarium. Meet in the FooteP.R.I.N.T. area of Braswell library and then group walks to Imperial Center. 727 N. Grace St., Rocky Mount
Contact Leslie Schultz at 252.442-1951 ext. 257

Let’s Talk About It (August 2, 16, & 30, Sept. 13 & 27 @ 6-7:30pm)
Five part series of the North Carolina Humanities’ *Let’s Talk About It* series at Braswell Memorial Library. For adults. *Dance Hall of the Dead* (August 2nd), *Time’s Witness* (August 16th), *Devil in a Blue Dress* (August 30th), *The Last Child* (September 27th), & *Burn Marks* (September 13th). Warner Room, 727 North Grace St, Rocky Mount
Contact Brenda Thibodeau at 252.442.1951.

Summer Music on the Patio (August 2, 4, 9, 16, 18 & 23 @ 7pm)
Live music, food, & fun. August 2nd is *Robert Leonard*, August 4th is *Travis Moss*, August 9th is *Rob Alford*, August 16th is *B n B*, August 18th is *Monkeyfoot*, & August 23rd is *Mark n John Bunn*
Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount
Call 252.937.7299 for information.

Pizza & Pages (August 2 @ 12:30-1:30pm)
August book is *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld. For teens ages 13-18 at Braswell Memorial Library.
Warner Meeting Room, 727 N. Grace St., Rocky Mount
Contact Leslie Schultz at (252) 442-1951 ext. 257

Teen SRP Finale Celebration (August 2 @ 3-4:30pm)
Teens ages 13-18, celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program at Braswell with games, crafts, prizes & food!
Warner Meeting Room, 727 N. Grace St., Rocky Mount
Contact Leslie Schultz at (252) 442-1951 ext. 257

Events Repeating Every Week	
Sunday	1-5pm, City Residents Free, Children's Museum, Rocky Mt 4pm, Higher Ground Fellowship, 20 Cheves Rd, Bunn
Monday	10:30am Storytime, Cooley Library, Nashville 3pm Stories & More, Bunn Branch Library, Bunn 6:30pm, Zumba, Imperial Centre, Rocky Mount 7:30pm, Trivia Night, Pizza Villa, Zebulon
Tuesday	6pm, Zumba, Wendell Community Center, Wendell 6-7pm, Step It Off, Washington Community Center, RMt 7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro
Wednesday	8am-1pm, Historic Downtown Farmers Market, Wilson 8am-1pm, Rocky Mount Farmers Market, Rocky Mount 3-5:30pm, Produce & Play (farm market), Rocky Mount 6:30pm, Zumba, Imperial Centre, Rocky Mount 7-9pm, Bike Night w/ DJ Erma, Carolina Billiards, Wilson
Thursday	4pm Movie, Reid Street Comm. Center, Wilson Live Music, Westridge Grill, Rocky Mount 5-8pm, Market in the Park, Harper Park, Knightdale 6-7pm, Step It Off, Washington Community Center, RMt
Friday	10am Bingo, Eastern Wake Senior Center, Wendell 9:30pm, Karaoke Night, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon 7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro
Saturday	7:30am-12pm, Cty Fairgrounds Farmers Market, Wilson 8-11am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro 8am-12pm Yard Sale, Common Grounds Coffee, Bunn 8am-1pm, Farmers Market, Rocky Mount 9am-1pm, Farmers Market, Wendell 9:30am, Zumba, Imperial Centre, Rocky Mount 9:30pm, Live Music, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon
Call 919.623.9392 to add your ongoing event.	

Rocky Mount’s Lawn Chair Theatre (August 3 & 17 @ 6pm; movie at sundown)
Free movies on the lawn featuring *Alice In Wonderland* (August 3rd), & Michael Jackson’s *This Is It* (August 17th). Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
Call 252.972.1266 for movie details.

CHARM Expo (August 4 @ 2-4pm)
The Christian Homeschool Association of Rocky Mount presents CHARM EXPO 2012. Learn about homeschooling in Rocky Mount and share in a free Dessert Social! Arlington Baptist Church, 1500 Bethlehem Rd, Rocky Mount
Contact Kim Gaskins at family4@gaskinsfamily.net.

Chere the R.E.A. D. Dog (August 4 & 18, Sept. 1 & 15 @ 11am-12pm)
Program held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Reading Education Assistance Dogs are part of a program of Intermountain Therapy Animals. For children at Braswell Memorial Library.
YS Storytime Room, 727 North Grace St, Rocky Mount
Contact Linda Bunch at 252-442-1951, ext. 244

Downtown Live! Summer Music Series (August 9 & 23 @ 6-8:30pm)
Free concerts on the lawn. Summer Music Series features *Jim Quick And Coastline* (August 9th), & *Billy Scott And The Party Prophets* (August 23rd). The Imperial Centre Lawn, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
Visit www.imperialcentre.org.

Bike Night 2.0 (August 10 @6-9pm)
Boneyard performing live. Free Food at 7pm. 50/50 raffle. Jalapeno eating contest at 8pm. Bike Show reg 10am-6:30pm. Free T-Shirts for first 50 people at the front desk after 6pm. Rocky Mount Harley Davidson, 928 N Winstead, Rocky Mt
More info at 252.446.7292.

Back to School Crafts (August 16 @ 2-4pm)
Teens ages 13-18, come make cool crafts to make your locker rock! At the Braswell Memorial Library. Warner Meeting Room, 727 N. Grace St., Rocky Mount
Contact Leslie Schultz at (252) 442-1951 ext. 257

“Walking Across Egypt” Book Discussion” (September 6 & 25 @ 6-7:30pm)
Tar River Reads is a community wide reading program for adults. The chosen title this year is *Walking Across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton. The book discussions are led by Professor Vivienne Anderson at Braswell Memorial Library. 727 N Grace Street, Rocky Mount
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951.

* Wilson *

Wilson Tobs Baseball (August 1 @ 7pm)
Bring the whole family out for games! Check online schedule for information on August playoffs. Fleming Stadium, 300 Stadium Street, Wilson
For more info, visit www.wilsontobs.com.

Summer Kids Movie Series (August 2, 9 & 16 & 23 @ 10am)
Children’s \$2 matinee. Enjoy movies during summer break. Includes popcorn & drink. *Madagascar 2* August 2nd, *Bee Movie* August 9th, & *Monsters vs. Aliens* August 16th, *Megamind* August 23rd. Carmike 10, 1501 Ward Boulevard, Wilson

1st Fridays on the Lawn: Latin & Salsa (August 3 @ 6pm-9pm; lawn open 5pm)
Come enjoy diversity through music. Live bands, children’s zone, vendor books, & more. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets & picnic basket; no pets. Wilson County Public Library Lawn, 249 W Nash, Wilson

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Free Outdoor Movie: “Pirates of the Caribbean” (August 24 @8:30pm)
Free Outdoor Movie beginning at sunset. Popcorn & drinks for sale, proceeds benefit Wilson Police Athletic League. Paul V. Berry Hickory Grove Park, 200 Kenan St., Wilson

* Elsewhere *

Stepping Into the Past Series (August 4, 11, 18, & 25 @ 10am-3pm)
Event with museum admission.
8/4 “Spinning, Casting and Knotting” Fabric Arts
8/11 “Capturing Our Past” Artists/Photographers
8/18 “A Sweet Treat” Watermelons
8/25 “Good Ole Tobacco Chants” Warehouse Auctioneers
709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly
Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

Punt, Pass & Kick (August 6 @ 6-8pm)
NFL National skills competition for boys & girls ages 8-15. Competition is free for everyone who participates. Held at the Spaulding Family Resource Center. 600 South Pine Street, Spring Hope
Contact Troy Blaser at 252.462.2675.

Winterville Watermelon Festival (August 23-25)
Watermelon, vendors, music, contests & more. Winterville Recreation Park, Winterville NC
For info, 252.756.1068 or www.watermelonfest.com

Spring Hope Fireman’s Day (August 26 @ 2-5pm)
East Coast Rhythm & Blues Band will perform along with other activities.
Downtown, Spring Hope NC

Goal Setting with Leslie Flowers (August 2 @ 6-9pm)
Goal setting & achieving — the most effective & powerful way to improve business & life. Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell
For details, call Melanie Paul at 919.365.6318.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (August 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 10:30am)
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes brown bag lunches to needy. Personal hygiene items too. Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N. Church St., Zebulon
www.zumchurch.org.

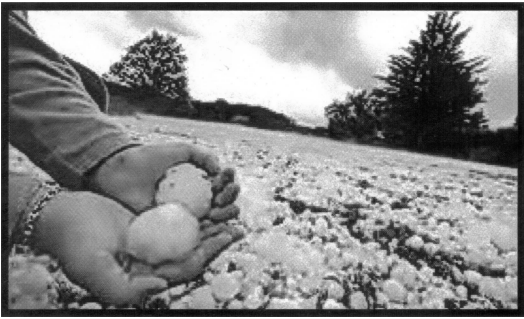
Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (August 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 9:30am)
St. Eugene Catholic Church distributes brown bag lunches to those in need. Personal hygiene items for needy families. St. Eugene, 608 Lions Club Road, Wendell
More info at www.steugeneparish.org.

Family Movie Night (August 10 @ 7-9:30pm)
Free movie & popcorn. Children must be accompanied by adult. Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave., Zebulon
Call 919.823.0432 to find out what movie is showing.

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Preparing for the New School Year

It has been a hot summer, hopefully one filled with fun and memories for local families in addition to the 100 deg temperatures! Now it’s time to get back to school, which starts Monday, August 27th for traditional-schedule schools in Franklin County, Wilson County, Johnston County, Wake County, and Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools.

Edgecombe County Public Schools run on a modified calendar. Their school year begins Monday, August 27th with the other counties’ schools.

Transportation/Bus Traffic

Traffic patterns change during the school year too. Morning and afternoon commutes may include buses stopping frequently to drop off children. Drivers often need to add extra time to their trips, and use extra care when passing school buses. (Watch out for those lights!)

School Information by System

Franklin County Schools: www.fcschools.net
Wilson County Schools: www.wilsonschoolsnc.net
Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools: www.nrms.k12.nc.us
Edgecombe County Public Schools: www.ecps.us
Wake County Public Schools: www.wcpss.net
Johnston County Schools: www.johnston.k12.nc.us

Back 2 School Summit at Wilson Mall

The Back 2 School Summit will be held on Saturday, August 18th at the Wilson Mall (1501 Ward Blvd) from 12-4pm. This event is for kids of all ages and there will be performances, games, bouncers, guest speakers, giveaways, lot of drawings, food, and — more importantly — school supplies given away.

Admission to this event is FREE. Please spread the word to families that need help with school supplies.

Be a part of this event and Sponsor A Kid with a donation of \$5.00 to help kids get the school supplies they need. There is also a need of donations of juices, sodas, waters, and snacks for the kids. Don't forget to donate school supplies, including paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, glue, crayons, colored pencils, calculators, backpacks and more. As the school supplies is the most important part of this event. All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be given.

Please be a part of this event and help however you can. To be a part of the Back 2 School Summit please go to www.back2schoolsummit@gmail.com or contact Angie Hall at back2schoolsummit@gmail.com or 919.627.8571.

2012 Summer Festival

Join the Wilson Police Department for its annual Summer Festival, which will be held at Toisnot Park (Wilson NC) on Saturday, August 11th. Come by the Park between 3pm and 8pm. There will be music, food and games.

Wilson County Back-To-School Fair

On August 18th, Jones Elementary School hosts a back-to-school fair from 9am to noon for local families. At the fair, families may learn about the local school system and community programs. Information will be available on bus schedules, free and reduced lunches, volunteer opportunities, enrolling, athletics opportunities, and more.

This event is also offering pick-up of donated backpacks for families in need to help everyone begin the new school year with the right tools to learn!

News from The Grey Area

This August 1st issue contains local event details alongside back-to-school and an article on NC’s August “tax free

weekend”. Both August issues will cover end-of-summer activities and back-to-school shopping.

The Grey Area events & business information are *localized* in each Edition of the newspaper. One Edition covers Bunn, Knightdale, Wendell & Zebulon. The second Edition covers Nashville, Rocky Mount, & Wilson.

Prior issues of *The Grey Area* may be read online in our www.greyareanews.com archive.

Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

The movie review this issue is *The Dark Knight Rises*. This final installment of the Batman film trilogy starts with a Batman in hiding, retired and disenchanted. As with most superhero movies, this one is full of action! The direction and computer imaging are well done, and the story held our interest to the bitter, and twisting, end.



Christian Bale returns at Batman/Bruce Wayne for this trilogy end. Several big-name actors round out the cast give engaging performances to draw viewers into the film, including Michael Caine as Alfred. Anne Hathaway creates a “cat woman” for the new Millennium. The slick costume implies “cat” with her specialized goggles, without her actually wearing cat ears. We’ve liked her in other roles (including Ella Enchanted) and while this role is different she recreates “cat woman” (played in the 1960s by Julie Newmar) who is well suited to the new Millennium.

If you like action-packed movies, likely you’ll enjoy this movie. If you’re a comics fan, you’re probably going to like the story line and references to the prior films.

Shades of Grey

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.

Beyond the Normal Shades of Grey

This “Shades of Grey” issue feature usually describes a social or legal situation, and suggests you consider (and discuss) what you feel are the right, wrong, and grey areas of the situation. This feature also poses questions of how you might think through a situation before taking action (or not).

This issue, rather than posing a possible situation, instead consider the recent event in Aurora, Colorado on Friday, July 20th. By now many US residents are familiar with details of the shootings that happened during the midnight movie showing of *The Dark Knight Rises* in Aurora.

We all want to go through our daily lives in peace and without threat. We all want to trust that members of our community are being kind to each other, seeking help when they or their loved ones need it, that teachers and parents are vigilant and caring, and that no person is putting together a plan to harm others. Of the many issues that have come out of the Aurora tragedy, the issue of safety and being able to go where we’d like without worry are key to US residents everywhere.

This tragedy has been discussed in the media, by politicians, law enforcement, and various experts. We encourage you to make the choice to discuss the Aurora happening with your family, friends, children, and neighbors. Open and honest discussions may help everyone understand how to be safe, and vigilant. Perhaps it may also help you find ways to live together peacefully and avoid a tragedy locally.



“A Beautiful Day” by Chris Chappell

Last year I was awarded an artist project grant from the United Arts Council of Raleigh. I used my grant to record an EP called “Beautiful Day”. I wrote all five songs and the title of the project comes from one of the songs on the album. I worked with a lot of talented people in the studio which I have listed on the back of the EP sleeve.

I have always been a fan of music and playing guitar has sort of been a tradition in my family. Almost everybody plays guitar, from my brothers to my uncles and cousins. I have been playing live shows for about 5 years now. One of my songs has been picked up by the music director at the Carolina Hurricanes, and can be heard from time to time during breaks in the games.

The EP itself is a mix of styles, from pop, rock, and country. I had the experience of playing live on air last year on 98.5 The Big Dawg in Rocky Mount. That was a lot of fun; I think it was the earliest I have ever played. I sell by EP at my shows as well as online, it can be found on iTunes and also at my site www.chrischappell1.bandcamp.com.

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Example: “My Mom always bought 75-Watt light bulbs.”

Translation of the Issue

English — “electricity”

German — elektrizität	Spanish — electricidad
Danish — elektricitet	Italian — elettricità
Irish — leictreachas	Dutch — elektriciteit

Translations for these and many languages may be found in online (translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, etc.) and print resources.

Quote of the Issue

Albert Einstein
 “Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex... It takes a touch of genius — and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.”

Chuckle of the Issue

A mother and her young son returned from the grocery store and the mother began putting away the groceries.

The boy opened a box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. “What are you doing?” his mother asked.

“The box says you can’t eat them if the seal is broken,’ her son explained. “I’m looking for the seal.”

Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle. Hint: U = T.

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 F H M U V G V Z U O N V O

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 Y V M E V F H D M P M U A R

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 Q H P N M H D D W Q A U

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 D O B X P U P X .


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 Z H C V Z U Y Z H B U

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:


*A baby is born with a
 need to be loved - and
 never outgrows it.
 -- Frank Howard Clark*

Businesses in The News

Norris Creek held an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 26th, officially opening the venue with its stage, playground, and other amenities in place. Recent updates make this nature-rich setting an even better venue for local and national acts. Amphitheater details at www.norriscreek.com.



Opening their doors in Wilson is the new Cupcake Dream, LLC at 6671 Ward Boulevard. More information on this new bakery is online at www.cupcakedreamllc.com.



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