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The Good News...Bunn Planned Improvements

Guests at the Town Council meeting will know that some changes are coming to Bunn in the coming months.

With the waste water treatment plant running at 80% capacity, that capacity is being expanded by building of a 2nd waste water treatment plant. The Town secured a grant to help with related costs. The new plant will be set up near the correctional center and solar farm along Highway 39.

For pedestrian traffic, planned sidewalks should make the walk from Bunn high school to town easier going. Sidewalks will also be added from Bunn Manor to the intersection at Route 98, making it easier for Manor residents to walk or roll into town.

The Strange-ness

Multiple “red rains” have fallen on India since summertime. As recently as mid-November, these colored rains were still being reported. Residents in several cities in India have reported red rain and their concerns as to what may be causing the phenomenon — and whether the rainfall is safe. Some gathered samples to show and to send for testing. When gathered, rainwater looks like blood, often red, though browns and other colors have been recorded.

Colored rains are more frequent than one might think! Colored rain has been recorded throughout history and recorded in literature. Red rain has fallen in India, Sri Lanka, the UK, and other parts of the world many times over the past 100 years or so.

Scientific testing has helped analyze rains of more recent decades, removing some of the fear and superstition these rains brought throughout history. Scientific explanations vary from desert sand to red spores and algae blowing up and mixing with the rainfall. Yellow rains have been attributed to honeybees on several occasions.

The Bad News...Passing of Musician Billy Scott

Vocalist Billy Scott, most recently of Billy Scott & The Party Prophets, passed away Saturday, November 17th.

According to his band, Mr. Scott was battling pancreatic cancer from his Charlotte-area home. His band is currently holding several fundraisers to assist Scott’s wife, Gail, with related medical expenses.

Scott was inducted into the NC Music Hall of Fame in 1999, and was known for R&B and Beach music. More information on his music, history, and legacy may be found online at www.theprophets.com.

New Theater Group Casting in Rocky Mount

Press Release by Charles Grimes

The NCCU Alumni, BYW High School Alumni, Happy Hill Home Owners Association, and the *No More Rocky Road* Home for Homeless Veterans will sponsor a Black History Month double-stage production of plays written by two black female star playwrights: Romona King’s *Steal Away* and P. J. Gibson’s *My Destiny’s Daughter* and/or *My Mark, My Name*.

NCCU Alum Charles Grimes will coordinate, as Director, and will hold try-outs and readings December 10th and 11th. Casting to be on December 14th. Rehearsals to begin on December 17th, at 1210 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount NC.

NEEDED: 7 women for *Steal Away* and various men and women for the P. J. Gibson plays. Interested performers, express your desire to join and make an appointment by calling 252.451.9457. Rehearsal transportation will be paid.

Other cast and volunteers will be needed: costume, stage manager, set construction, advertisement, chair person, and extras. Please come join us fr this new neighborhood Theater Group inception — fun for the whole family!

Aftermath of Sandy Reached Eastern NC

People across the nation are sending their help and hopes to coastal victims of Hurricane Sandy. The Hurricane caused damage along the NC coast before severely impacting New York and New Jersey.

Though Eastern NC mostly escaped the hurricane’s destruction, local businesses were feeling after effects through November. Products and supplies needed by businesses in Knightdale, Wilson, and other areas were held up by the

interruptions in shipping and trucking from hurricane impacted areas.

As things get closer to normal along the coast, delays in supplies should go away. Small shops have weathered this storm after the storm, and hopefully are filling their shelves and receiving needed supplies more regularly again.

Things We Did in NC When We Were Bored

By Frank Whatley, Sales Manager

A new restaurant opened its doors in Knightdale during November. November 23rd we stopped in for lunch while out working. We weren’t necessarily bored, but we were hungry!

The service and food were very good. My wife, who is crazy about hot sauce, loved that when she asked for hot sauce, the server offered “bottled or house made” sauces.

The lunch menu gave us many choices. We selected a variety: tacos, chimichangas, and chile relleno. The good sized portions arrived promptly with hot helpings of rice and beans. It was a good lunch! We both were full and happy. The server was very attentive and answered our (many) questions with a smile. This is a spot where we will be sure to eat again — maybe next time with the kids in tow.

News from The Grey Area

This December 1st issue takes a close look at one of the Eastern NC towns: Wendell. As we finish the year and move into 2013, more articles on Eastern NC cities and towns will follow. This series of articles will be in addition to our regular articles, events lists, and segments on “persons, places, and things” — which cover Local Heroes, Historic Locations, and local attractions.

As with the November issues, the list of things to do includes holiday and seasonal events alongside the normal events for family fun or learning opportunities. This month’s movie review is for a different movie than expected. We hope you will enjoy the movie we reviewed.

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Things to Do in NC
When You’re Bored

* Bunn *

Christmas at Vollmer Farm (Dec. 1 & 8 @ 2-7pm)
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For more information, call 919.496.3076.

Historic Christmas Cheer December 6 @ 4-5:30pm)
Free event. Tree trimming and refreshments.
Person Place, 605 North Main Street, Louisburg

A Blessing Soup Kitchen Meal (December 6, 13 & 20 @ 11:30am-12:30pm)
Thursdays free meals served to residents in need.
Collaboration of several local nonprofits using donations & volunteers. Donations welcomed.
Broad Building, Bunn

Bluegrass Music Open Jam (Dec. 7, 14 & 21 @ 7pm)
Live jam open to all each Friday night. Bring your instrument & join the fun. Be there at 7pm or join later. Or stop by to listen, sip coffee & enjoy very local music!
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn

Bunn Christmas Parade (December 8 @ 10am)
Come enjoy this annual tradition! Parade through downtown Bunn begins at the high school (participants rally @ 9:30am). Main Street, Downtown Bunn
Join parade/info: Linda 919.496.4831, Christy 919.497.3129.

Holiday Craft Show (December 8)
Santa Claus on-site for children. Parents, come & take photos!
Held in conjunction with the Bunn Christmas Parade.
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn
To be a vendor, see Barbara at Common Grounds.

Christmas at the Manor December 8 @ 4-7pm)
Food, Art, Fun! An evening of art, music, light southern fare & laughter. Opportunity to purchase work by local artisans. Cash bar. Raffle of Quilt block by local artist Debbie Powell of Miss Lou's Quilting Studio. \$6/person or \$10 for two. Hudson Manor House, 908 Moulton Rd, Louisburg
Pre-pay on www.FCACarts.org or contact FCAC.

Photography Guild (December 9 @ 2-4pm)
All are welcome to come network, learn & share.
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn
More info, contact donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com.

* Knightdale *

Knightdale Christmas Parade (Dec. 1 @ 2-4pm)
Holiday parade. All are welcome.
Downtown, Knightdale
Contact Cheryl Faison at 919-217-2236 for more info.

Tuesday Writers of East Wake Writing Program (December 4, 11 & 18 @ 6-9pm)
Try your hand at writing. Writing practice group to work on a specific project or step out as a first time writer. All genres & styles welcome. Meetings are free.
East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Ct., Knightdale

Networking in Knightdale (Dec. 18 @ 11:30am-1pm)
Eat, mingle, share, & get useful information & prizes. Members pay for own meal. Fee \$10 non-members.
Applebee's, 6609 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale
Contact jennifer.bryan@knightdalechamber.org.

* Wendell *

Lake Myra Lights Show (All December @ 6pm)
Features tallest computer-control Christmas tree in the state, a flying angel, performing arts, downtown shopping & more.
Downtown & around Wendell
More details at lakemyrachristmas.com.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (Dec. 1, 8 & 15 @ 9:30am)
St. Eugene Catholic Church distributes brown bag lunches to those in need. Personal hygiene items.
St. Eugene, 608 Lions Club Road, Wendell
More info at www.steugeneparish.org.

Tuesday Morning Coffee Break at the Chamber (December 4, 11 & 18 @ 8-9am)
Connect, have coffee or tea & network with business owners!
Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell

East Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program (December 18 @ 6:30pm)
Come for supper at 6:30 & program follows. All invited. Historical program may be of interest to students, educators, & those interested in the Civil War.
Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell
For more information, call 919.365.5206.

Table of Grace Free Dinner (December 24 @ 6pm)
Free dinner offered each month on the last Monday.
Wendell United Methodist Church, 129 N Main St., Wendell

* Zebulon *

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (Dec. 1, 8 & 15 @ 10:30am)
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes brown bag lunches to needy. Personal hygiene items too.
Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N Church St, Zebulon
More info at www.zumchurch.org.

Saturday Night Band Night (December 1, 8 & 15)
Live music each weekend at McLean's. Dec 1st-Switch Dec 8th-Haywire, & Dec 15th-Whiskey River
McLean's, 418 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
Call 919.269.0125 for more information.

Zebulon Christmas Parade (December 2 @ 2-6pm)
Kick off the Christmas season with a Parade! School bands, community/dance groups, antique tractors, cars & more!
Downtown, Zebulon

Pictures with Santa (December 7 @ 5:30-7:30pm)
Come visit Santa & get photo taken free by photographer Leslie Privette. Organized by Parks & Rec Dept.
Town Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave., Zebulon

Karaoke Fridays (December 7, 14 & 21)
Check out local talent or join the fun. In the Press Box.
McLean's, 418 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
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Karaoke Saturdays (Dec. 8, 15 & 22 @ 9pm-12am)
Stop by for Karaoke Saturday nights.
Pizza Villa, 409 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
More information, call 919.269.4777.

Deck the Halls Lunch & A Movie (December 14 @ 11am-1pm)
Celebrate the holidays. Soup & sandwich lunch & watch *Miracle on 34th Street*. Register/pay \$4 fee at Community Ctr. Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave., Zebulon
Info on this Parks & Rec Dept. event, call 919.823.0432.


Free Family Movie Night (December 14 @ 7pm)
Free movie & popcorn for all ages.
Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave., Zebulon
Info on this Parks & Rec Dept. event, call 919.823.0432.

Zebulon Community Watch (December 20 @ 7pm)
Join the group on the 3rd Thursday each month.
Eastern Regional Center, 1003 Dogwood Dr, Zeb.

Food & More for Those in Need (Monday-Friday @ 9am-3pm)
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes food & personal hygiene items through their Food Pantry program. Name & address only req. Go to Zebulon UMC Office (*white house*). Church St. & W Sycamore St., Zebulon
Church online at www.zumchurch.org.

Soup & Sandwich Meal (Monday-Friday @ noon)
Soup & sandwich served at no charge each weekday at noon. Those in need, just walk in to Mt Zion Holiness Church. 200 East Stronach Ave., Zebulon
For more info, contact church at 919.269.7562.

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 to provide more details for upcoming events.

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Small Town, Big Holiday Revelry

By Frank & Kay Whatley

The Town of Wendell expects its nearly 6,000 town residents to be joined by thousands of visitors during December. With expansive lighting and decorative displays, Wendell's holiday cheer offers delight for individuals, families and shoppers from miles around.

Incorporated in 1903, Wendell NC sits between Zebulon and Knightdale along Route 64/264. In a city like Wilson or Rocky Mount, residents and visitors can find all the goods and services they need. Wendell, despite being a small town, also offers a variety of shops and personal services to provide what local families need (or want). From the independent grocer to downtown shopping to personal services and fresh farm goods, there are many locally-owned businesses providing for the town.



Don Williams of Lake Myra Christmas

Founded in the mid-1800s by a group of farmers, the Town of Wendell drew its name from Oliver Wendell Holmes. Early town structures stand to this day, with many of its old buildings in the National Register of Historic Places — including two designated historic areas.

The Wendell Boulevard Historic District is a multiple-block area of Wendell is on the National Register of

Historic Places. A number of historic homes may be seen by walking the district, which covers portions of Wendell Boulevard, Mattox Street, Old Zebulon Road, Buffalo Street. and Main Street.

The Wendell Commercial Historic District is at the junction of Main Street and Third Street, and includes the old Bank of Wendell building currently occupied by Larry's Tailor Shop.

More information about the architecture, origins and history of the Town of Wendell may be read online at www.WendellHistoricalSociety.com.

During 2012, several small businesses closed in Wendell, yet more have come and set up shop in downtown and along Wendell Boulevard. Speaking with one of the holiday organizers, she was pleased that this year more storefronts are full than during last year's holiday season.

As the holidays approach, the storefronts are alive with holiday colors. The Wendell Chamber of Commerce, downtown organizers, and merchants have joined forces to show off Wendell's spirit and make it a lively destination for holiday activities and shopping. Multiple shops offer antiques and unusual gifts. Is that special gift waiting on a shop shelf?

A large part of Wendell's Christmas offering this year is the Lake Myra Christmas Light Show. This display joins the town's planned visits by Santa and Mrs. Claus, the downtown Old Fashion Candy Store, Santa's mail box, and Main Street displays, Lake Myra Christmas is the largest computerized display in North Carolina. It includes the tallest computer-control Christmas tree in the state of NC! At different times during the light show, visitors can see a magician or watch snow being made.

According to Producer, Don Williams, the main display is located at 210 East Fourth Street in Wendell. Two displays which will be lighted throughout December. Mr. Williams puts together the Lake Myra free 300,000 light display "because he loves Christmas."

Even if not in a holiday mood, visitors may shop at the Wendell Farmers Market, walk through the Historic District, or enjoy the Town parks and their expansive open green spaces and wooded walks. Stop by and see this wonderful Eastern NC town with much to offer, made even more bright and colorful through December.



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Shades of Grey

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Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

One beautiful December evening, you join a carload of friends and family on a drive to see Christmas displays. You drive through many neighborhoods and downtown. You even drive into the country to see a big display that is "locally famous" at a private home.

Everyone is having a nice time! Midway through, you stop for ice cream and then continue the drive.

As you pass along beautifully lit streets in a development, one of the children sitting in the back seat opens their window and throws out their ice cream cup. Neither of his parents say a thing, and his sister only says, "Roll up that window. I'm cold!"

How do you feel about this littering? Are you shocked, or not, at the parents not caring? Do you think the parents likely taught the behavior to the child? How do you think you would handle the situation?

Moving forward, do you think you would want to go on outings with this family again, or would break ties in case worse behavior might show itself later?

Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

For this issue, we reviewed *Red Dawn*, a remake of a 1984 movie about an enemy army attacking on American soil.

If you never saw the 1984 version, you'll still be able to follow the action. And there is a lot of action! And explosions, combat situations, and fast moving scenes. And, if you liked the original movie, you might like this new one because of some of the similar dialog and characters, the



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Little Bits

Word of the Issue

conflagration

Definition: A large fire, possibly destructive to life or property.

Example: “We watched news coverage of the conflagration and knew the building was beyond saving.”

Translation of the Issue

English — “lunch”

German — mittagessen	Spanish — almuerzo
Italian — pranzo	Dutch — lunch
Danish — frokost	Irish — lón
Latin — prandium	

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

Quote of the Issue

“Anticipate the difficult by managing the easy.”

--Lao Tzu

Chuckle of the Issue

A father had three boys. One evening, they were playing cops and robbers in the back yard after dinner.

One of the boys “shot” his father and yelled, “Bang! You’re dead!” The father slumped to the ground and, when he didn’t get up right away, a neighbor ran over to see if he had been hurt in the fall.

When the neighbor bent over, the overworked father opened one eye and said, “Shh. Don’t give me away. It’s the only chance I’ve had to rest all day.”

Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle. This month, the name of the person quoted is listed, instead of you needing to solve for the name too. Hint: J = A.

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F L J T H J H B M Y F Z L A S P L
Z C A R P D J T L L R L M F L J
K J T F W E J Y J W L M Y X Z B M
E Z K U R D M Y
J S Y J E J K N Z T W R N T

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

Life is really simple,
but we insist on
making it complicated.
-- Confucius

Local Shop Holds Grand Opening

Amy’s Cellular Accessories and More has held its Grand Opening in Knightdale at 819 N. Smithfield Road. Their doors opened earlier this year.

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