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NC’s Newest Solar Farm Is Commissioned

The sunshine that produces juicy muscadine grapes 11 miles southwest of Rocky Mount will now produce enough electricity to power nearly 200 homes and businesses in Nash County.

State and local officials, company representatives and neighbors from the Elm City area gathered on Thursday evening, June 21, to commission the 1.5-megawatt Sandy Cross Solar Farm on an 11-acre site at the Lewis family farm.

The Sandy Cross Solar Farm is the most recent project completed by O2 Energies Inc., a Charlotte-area solar-development firm that is building a reputation for marrying sustainable agriculture and sustainable energy production on farms in the southeastern United States. O2 Energies already owns and operates several solar farms across North Carolina and will start construction soon on a solar farm that also will create a new sheep farm in Franklin County.

The Sandy Cross Solar Farm, just across I-95 from Sandy Cross Vineyard, which grows organic muscadine grapes, will produce more than 2,150 megawatt-hours of affordable electricity per year. The electricity will be sold to Progress Energy for distribution to its customers in the area. O2 Energies is leasing the property from the Lewis family, whose farm was split by I-95’s construction.

“We hope this project sets a standard for the partnership between solar farms and family farms in the state,” said Joel Olsen, O2 Energies’ managing director.

Sustainable agriculture and sustainable energy production complement each other, Olsen pointed out. Solar farms have a low profile, they’re noiseless and they produce no pollution and consume no water. And it may surprise many people that solar arrays are even more efficient than plant life at converting solar energy. Plants such as grapes and soybean typically use only 3 to 6 percent of the sun’s light for photosynthesis. O2 Energies’ Sandy Cross Solar Farm uses 6,000 Renewable Energy Corporation Modules which are made with US produced silicon. (REC) Peak Energy modules convert roughly 15 percent of the sunshine to electricity.

Olsen noted that O2 Energies used North Carolina suppliers and local manpower for much of Sandy Cross Solar Farm’s development. Morrisville-based Southern Energy Management-PowerSecure engineered and constructed the solar farm. Daetwyler Clean Energy of Huntersville supplied the mounting and racking structure for the fixed-tilt solar array.

Among the approximately 80 workers who built the plant, half are from Nash County and most of the others are from neighboring counties. Olsen said that although this was the first time that many of them worked on a solar farm’s construction, he expects a good number will continue in the solar-power field by working on other O2 Energies projects.

Thursday’s commissioning event included representatives from the N.C. Department of Agriculture who brought along their “Got to be NC”

giant shopping cart and touring RV. Also represented were officials of the N.C. Agricultural Finance Authority that worked with Blue Harbor Bank to provide financing for the \$5-million project. In addition, there was a local sheep farmer showing off some of his animals that will maintain the solar farm’s grounds by eating grass and weeds.

The event ended with a wine and juice tasting provided by Old North State Winery of Mount Airy, which uses Sandy Cross Vineyards’ grapes in some of its products, while music with a “sun” theme played in the background.

“We are very proud of this project,” Olsen said, “and are fortunate to be working with so many committed project partners.”



*Ground View of Sandy Cross Solar on a Bright Sunny Day.
Provided by O2 Energies.*

The Bad News... Pertussis Cases on the Rise

With Pertussis cases on the rise in NC, the NC Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS) provides vaccines for children and adults. The state health director urges children and other vulnerable people to get vaccinated.

Recent outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough) across the state have renewed calls from state health officials for North Carolinians to be immunized against this highly contagious but preventable respiratory disease. In response to the outbreak, the DHHS-administered

Look Inside for Where and When Fireworks and Independence Day Celebrations!



Immunization Program has made Tdap vaccine, which protects against pertussis, available to anyone age 7 years and older, including adults, regardless of their insurance status.

Pertussis is spread from person to person usually by coughing or sneezing while in close contact with others.

DHHS is providing the Tdap vaccine to health care providers in the NCIP network, which includes all local health departments and many public and private health-care providers.

The DTaP vaccination series is recommended for children starting at 2 months of age, and continuing at 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months and 4-6 years of age. A Tdap booster shot should be given to children by 11 years of age because immunity from the childhood vaccines wears off over time. Teens and adults who haven’t yet received a pertussis booster shot should also be vaccinated.

For more information, visit www.ncdhhs.gov.



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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 *

Child Fingerprint Clinic (July 11 @ 4-6pm)
The Nashville Police Department are conducting a Child Fingerprint Clinic.
Harold D. Cooley Library, 114 W. Church Street, Nashville
Contact the library at 252.459.2106.

Kid's Day (July 21 @ 8am)
Games, food, & drinks. Come by & enjoy the day outdoors.
JW Glover Memorial Park, 1434 S First Street, Nashville

* Rocky Mount *

It's Story Time for Preschoolers (July 3 & 10 @ 11-11:30am)
Story Time for 3-5 year olds. Storytelling through reading of educational, fun & entertaining books, activities & music.
Braswell Memorial Library, 727 North Grace St., Rocky Mt
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951 ext. 244

Balloon Lady at the Library (July 11 @ 11am-12pm)
Balloon Sculptress Donna Pruette amazes folks with her balloon sculptures, music & storytelling. Open to all.
Braswell Library, Warner Mtg Rm, 727 N Grace St, R Mt
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951, x.244

Summer Music on the Patio (July 12, 19, 21, & 26 @ 7pm)
Live music, food, & fun. Bands include *Monte Tippette* (July 12th), *Chickweed* (July 19th), *Bunn n Braxton* (July 21st), & *Williams n Kirkman* (July 26th).
Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount
Call 252.937.7299 for information.

Pizza & Pages (July 12 @ 12:30-1:30pm)
Reading *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin. Pizza and beverages will be served.
Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N. Grace St., Rocky Mount
For more info, to sign up, & to reserve the book sets contact Leslie at 252.442.1951 x.257.

Lawn Chair Theatre (July 6 & 20 @ 7pm; movie at sundown)
Free movies on the lawn featuring *Kung Fu Panda* on July 6th & *A Dolphin’s Tale* on July 20th.
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St., RMt.
Call 252.972.1266 for movie details.

Rocky Mount’s Downtown Live! (July 12 & 26 @ 6-8:30pm)
Free concerts on the lawn. Summer Music Series features *Fantasy* on July 12th & *The Craig Woolard Band* July 26th.
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St., RMt.
Visit www.imperialcentre.org.

Summer Wedding Showcase (July 15 @ 1-5pm)
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Nash Community College, N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mt
Call for info: 252.937.0000.

Design Your Own Black Light T-Shirt (July 19 @ 2-3:30pm)
Teen summer reading program in Warner Meeting Room.
Braswell Memorial Library, 727 North Grace St, Rocky Mt.
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951 ext. 244

Rockin' Classic Auto Expo (July 20 & 21 @ 6pm)
The Inaugural Rockin’ Classic Auto Expo cruises into the City with a big 2-day event. Beach Music, downtown open house, & antique tractors too.
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St., RMt.
Details at www.downtownrockymount.com/autoexpo.html.

* Wilson *

Wilson Tob's Baseball (July 1-2, 4, 6, 10, 12 & 14)
Bring the whole family out for games!
Fleming Stadium, 300 Stadium Street, Wilson
For more info, visit www.wilsonsobts.com.

Summer Kids Movie Series (July 5 & 12 @ 10am)
Children’s \$2 movie matinee. Enjoy movies during summer break. Includes popcorn & drink. July 5th *Over The Hedge*, July 12th *Kung Fu Panda*.
Carmike 10, 1501 Ward Boulevard, Wilson

1st Fridays on the Lawn (July 6 @ 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

Downtown Alive (July 11 & 25 @ 6-8:30)
Free concert with *The Embers* performing July 11th. Join in on the Festivities!. July 25th is *The Craig Woolard Band*.
210 South Tarboro Street lot, Wilson
More info, visit www.wilsonarts.com.

Fiddler on the Roof Community Show (July 19-22)
Multiple shows available of this classic!
Boykin Center, 108 W. Nash Street, Wilson
For details, call the Arts Council at 252.291.4329.

Free Outdoor Movie (July 27 @ 8:45pm)
Come & watch a movie, *Captain America*, beginning at sunset. Popcorn & drinks for sale, with proceeds benefitting the Wilson Police Athletic League
Paul Berry Park, 200 Kenan Street, Wilson

* Elsewhere *

Free Fishing Day (July 4 @ 12:01am - 11:59pm)
NC Wildlife Resources Commission reminds the public that on this date everyone — residents and non-residents — may fish in all public waters, including coastal waters, without purchasing a fishing license.
Contact 919.707.0187 or visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Catch'em, Boil'em, Eat'em (July 5 @ 10am)
Learn how to catch, clean & cook blue crabs. Participants get to sample the pot! Several types of recreational crabbing demonstrated. Meet at the marina parking lot at 10am. Limited space. Call and preregister to ensure space.
Carolina Beach State Park, 1010 State Park Rd, Carolina Beach
For information & pre-registration call 910.458.8206.

First Friday Flashlight Walk (July 6 @ 7:30-9pm)
Flashlight Walk: *Facts and Fables Facts and Fables of the Famous (and Infamous)* permanent residents of Oakwood Cemetery. Meet at the iconic front gate, park outside of the cemetery. Bring a flashlight! Suggested \$5 donation.
Historic Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Oakwood Ave, Raleigh

Stepping Into the Past Series (July 7 @ 10am-3pm)
Event with museum admission. Come by for the *4th of July Ice Cream Social* on July 7th.
709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly
Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

Men Who Cook with Jazz (July 7 @ 3-8pm).

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Hockey Fun with the Carolina Hurricanes (July 12 @ 2pm)
Pride, Passion, Community – have it all, as the Canes bring action-packed hockey fun to Marbles. Score big at the Inflatable Slapshot booth and practice skills and drills with the Hurricanes staff. Plus, take home a piece of the action with posters and giveaways.
Marbles Kids Museum, 201 East Hargett Street, Raleigh

Native American History of Goose Creek (July 15 @ 2-3pm)
The mighty Tuscarora were one of the first Indian inhabitants of this area & influenced how the area evolved during colonial times. Meet at the park's Visitor Center to learn about the rise & fall of the Tuscarora & other tribes.
Goose Creek State Park, 2190 Camp Leach Rd, Washington
More information available via 252.923.2191.

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Events Repeating Every Week

Sunday	1-5pm, Free Adm city residents, 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 7:30pm, Trivia Night, Pizza Villa, Zebulon
Tuesday	6pm Zumba, Wendell Community Center, Wendell 7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro
Wednesday	8am-1pm, Historic Downtown Wilson Farmers Market, Wilson 8am-1pm, Rocky Mount Farmers Market, Rocky Mount 3-5:30pm, Produce & Play (farm market), Rocky Mount 7-9pm, Bike Night with 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
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, Wilson Cty Foregrounds Farmers Market, Wilson 8-11am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro 8am-12pm Yard Sale, Common Grounds Coffee, Bunn 8am-1pm, Rocky Mount Farmers Market, Rocky Mount 9am-1pm, Wendell Farmers Market, Wendell 9:30pm, Live Music, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon
Call 919.623.9392 to add your ongoing event.	

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Independence Day Fireworks



Where to Go to Watch The Sparks Fly

Carolina Mudcats Baseball & Fireworks (Home Games July 3 & 4 @ 7:15pm)

In celebration of Independence Day, there will be a dazzling fireworks display immediately following the games. Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-39, Zebulon, NC Visit www.gomudcats.com for tickets.

41st Annual Independence Celebration (July 3 @ 6-10pm; fireworks 9:15pm)

The City of Rocky Mount celebrates Independence Day. The night features *The Voltage Brothers* band from 7:15-9:15pm, food, fireworks, & lots of community spirit. Rocky Mount Athletic Stadium, 600 Independence Dr., RMt More info at www.rockymountnc.gov/parks.

Fourth of July Parade (July 4 @ 3-5pm)

Dress in your patriotic best! Have the kids decorate their bikes, wagons & strollers. After parade, meet at the Town Square for hot dogs, watermelon & ice cold drinks. The Railroad Tracks on Main Street, Wendell More info www.wendellchamber.org.

Castalia July Fourth (July 4 @ 9am)

Celebrate & enjoy the Small Town Atmosphere! Car Show, Crafts & Food, Parade (2pm), Stage Show, & Fireworks (around 9pm). Castalia Town Park, Castalia

Greenville's Fourth of July Celebration (July 4 @ 3-9:15pm)

Bring the family for an afternoon of fun events consisting of arts and crafts, music, food, games, vendors and an outstanding celebration of fireworks. 1st Street, Town Common, Greenville Contact 910.340.9771.

Farmville's Fourth of July Celebration (July 4 @ 6-9pm)

Young and old will enjoy this great celebration with music, food, arts and crafts, rides, fireworks and more. 3672 N Main Street, Farmville Contact 252.753.4670.

Wilson Tobs Baseball & Fireworks (July 4 @ game 7:05pm)

Tobs vs. Edenton followed by Fireworks. Fleming Stadium, 300 Stadium Street, Wilson For more info, visit www.wilsontobs.com.

Town of Atlantic Beach July 4 Celebration (July 4)

Independence day events & activities Call 252-726-2121 or email tab@atlanticbeach-nc.com.

Cannon Firing (July 4 @ 10:30, 11:30am, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30pm)

A cannon crew of volunteers in period attire explains the loading and firing. Fire it at the conclusion of the program. Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach Call the Fort for times and more information: 252-726-3775. Contact randy.newman@ncdenr.gov

Town of Morehead City July 4th Celebration (July 4 @ 7-11pm; fireworks 9pm)

Live music & fireworks. Enjoy sounds of The Main Event Band. Celebrate by dancing to the music and viewing a spectacular fireworks display on the waterfront. Jaycee Park, Waterfront, Morehead City For more information, call 252.726.5083.

Fireworks off Bogue Inlet Pier (July 4 @ 9pm)

The town of Emerald Isle presents July 4th. Parking available at Bogue Inlet Pier & along NC-58 & nearby streets. Fireworks visible from Bogue Sound & the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Contact asanderson@emeraldisle-nc.org

Beaufort 4th of July Parade (July 4 @ 11am parade)

The parade includes kids, pets, wagons, flags, & music. Free ice cream at the Carteret County Courthouse. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the courthouse lawn. Corner of Gordon and Front Streets, Beaufort Contact Martha Barnes at 252.728.3917 for info.

Beaufort 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza! (July 4 @ 6pm; fireworks 9pm)

The Beaufort Fireman's Association is selling hot dogs, drinks & other items on the grounds. Grounds on the east side of the Dry Stack building open at 6:00 pm with games. Boathouse/Dry Stack Bldg, 2400 Lennoxville Rd, Beaufort Contact info@frontstreetvillage.com or 252.838.1524.

**The 'Works! July 4th on Fayetteville Street
(July 4 @ 12-10pm; music 4pm; fireworks 9:30pm)**
Family attractions, beer & wine tasting tent, eating contests dunk tank, vendors, & more. Parking is \$5 on parking decks. Downtown Raleigh, especially Fayetteville Street, Raleigh Contact Taylor.Traversari@RaleighConvention.com.

Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

The movie review this issue is *Prometheus*, a “prequel” to the *Alien* movies of the 1980s. Regardless of whether you’re a fan of the *Alien* movies, this sci-fi flick offers quite a bit of science, fiction, and action.



Prometheus runs a little over 2 hours. Its visual effects seemed top-notch, with actors seeming to be inside the space craft, walking through planet surfaces, and facing horrific creatures (and some gross ones!).

Rated R, parents may want to leave younger children — and gore-hating teens — home when watching this movie. There are some violent scenes, including characters being killed horribly and a bloody operation. Pick another film if you don’t like blood and gore!

Overall, the characters are interesting and include some mystery as to each person’s motives. And some of the displays of “alien science” are just plain beautiful to watch!

News from The Grey Area

This July 1st issue contains “Where to Go to Watch the Sparks Fly” — a special listing of fireworks and Fourth of July events — alongside many other July events.

Future issues of *The Grey Area* include special features, tax day details, upcoming fairs & festivals, and back-to-school events. Contact us if you have information on upcoming events in the Five County Area or if you’d like to advertise your business alongside the news.

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Austerity
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Example: “The family lived lives of austerity.”

Translation of the Issue
English — “airplane” or “plane”
German — Flugzeug Spanish — avión
Danish — flyvemaskine Italian — aereo
Irish — eitleán Dutch — vliegtuig

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
Oscar Wilde
“Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.”

Chuckle of the Issue
What did one flag say to the other flag? Nothing. It just waved!

Cryptogram of the Issue
Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle. Hint: X = I.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

If you shoot at mimes, should you use a silencer?
-- Steven Wright

Something to Clip for Your ‘Fridge

In honor of Independence Day, submitted for your scissors this issue is a transcript of the Declaration of Independence. Presented here, with thanks to the National Archives at www.archives.gov, is its text.

The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

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