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## Motorcyclists Ride to Raise Funds

June 9th wheels rolled to raise funds for the Zebulon Boys & Girls Club. The Saturday Motorcycle Ride was part of a Poker Run designed to raise money for local Boys & Girls Clubs, and ended with lunch at the Zebulon club.

In a “poker run”, participants ride to several checkpoints, drawing a playing card at each stop. The object is to have the best hand at the endpoint. Saturday’s event was the first annual poker run to end at Zebulon’s club.



Photo by Jeff Stoney

The Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club was the first stop and the new Zebulon Boys & Girls Club was the finish. Zebulon Mayor Bob Matheny rode in the event along with Joe Taylor and other friends of the Boys & Girls Club. “It was a good event with a great deal of potential that will grow in future years.” said Karl Thoma, Unit Director.

Joe Taylor, a member of the Zebulon Boys & Girls Club local Board, his wife, and his son Alan organized the Poker Run event. Ray Price Harley Davidson sponsored and served as the starting point for the ride.

Many members of the Club, Junior Staff, and members of the Zebulon Boys & Girls Club came out to cook for and to thank the riders. Board members and volunteered brought in pizza, cooked hotdogs, and served it out with drinks to visitors and the riders when they arrived.

Funds raised by the riders will support summer camps and regular activities at the Zebulon club.

## NC Humanities Council Historian to Speak in Wendell

The North Carolina Division, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in cooperation with the North Carolina Humanities Council ([www.nchumanities.org](http://www.nchumanities.org)), and the Colonel Henry K. Burgwyn Camp of the North Carolina Division, will sponsor a presentation by historian Billy Yeargin (who has taught history at Duke University) on the topic, “Robert E. Lee: The Autumn of His Life,” on Tuesday evening (6:30 p.m.), June 19, 2012, at Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell.



Mr. Yeargin, who lives in Selma, North Carolina, lectures widely on historical subjects as part of the North Carolina Humanities Council’s “Roads Scholars” program. The “Roads Scholars” program enables noted scholars and speakers to travel to diverse areas of North Carolina, offering a variety of presentations about North Carolina, its history and its culture. The North Carolina Humanities Council supports these efforts with stipends for speakers and travel expenses. This support enables smaller and local organizations to take advantage of the rich variety of talent and expertise, and to spread that knowledge to the farthest corners of our state.

The North Carolina Division, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, through its Col. Henry K. Burgwyn Camp in eastern Wake County, is pleased to collaborate with the North Carolina Humanities Council in bringing Mr. Yeargin to that area of North Carolina.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event on Tuesday, June 19. Please join camp members for supper at around 6:30pm, followed by the program at 7:15pm. This should be a fascinating program of interest to both those interested in history and the general public.

This project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For information about the work of the Council, please access the organization’s web site ([www.nchumanities.org](http://www.nchumanities.org)). For information about this local program, call 919.365.5206.

## Governor Signs Cherokee Economic Dev. Legislation

### Law Paves the Way for 400 New Jobs

Gov. Bev Perdue recently signed into law legislation securing the agreement between the State of North Carolina and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee that is expected to create 400 new jobs in western North Carolina. The 30-year compact, which the Governor and Cherokee leaders signed last month, will allow the Cherokee to offer live table gaming.

The agreement will provide for the state to receive a share of revenue generated from these new games, and that money will be directed to classroom education.

“The Cherokee have been good stewards of the money from their gaming enterprises, investing it in the lives of their people and the people of western North Carolina. They will continue to help their tribe and their neighbors with this new revenue,” Gov. Perdue said during a signing ceremony in the old House chamber in the Capitol. “This was a bipartisan endeavor – Republicans and Democrats allied in an effort to create opportunity. This agreement is a terrific example of how we can still work together and defy the unfortunate expectations of a polarized and often contentious political environment.”

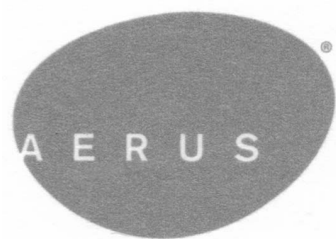
The agreement must be approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior before taking effect.



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Things to Do in NC  
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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 \*

**Alvin Smith Tribute to Elvis (June 9 @ 7-9:30pm)**  
Come by for an evening of music. Fee \$10-\$15.  
Nash Arts Center, 100 East Washington Street, Nashville  
Call 252.459.7681 for more details.

\* Rocky Mount \*

**2012 Summer Reading Kick Off (June 15 @ 10am-2pm)**  
Stop by for food, games, magic & fun, and sign up for the library’s Summer Reading Programs: *Dream Big Read!*  
Braswell Memorial Library’s Back Lawn  
727 North Grace St, Rocky Mount  
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951 ext. 244

**Real Men Kook for Kids (June 16 @ 10am-3pm)**  
Sausage cooking contest to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Nash/Edgecombe Counties “Passport to Manhood” program. Fee to compete or attend/taste.  
Sunset Park, Rocky Mount  
Contact Jacqueline Robinson 252.977.9924.

**It' story TIME for Preschoolers (June 19 & 26, 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

**Snakes Alive (June 20 @ 11am-2pm)**  
Join herpetology specialist Ron Cromer for this educational science program on reptiles including snakes.  
Braswell Memorial Library, 727 North Grace St., Rocky Mt  
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951 ext. 244

**Tie-Dye Pillow Case Extravaganza (June 21 @ 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

**Rocky Mount’s Lawn Chair Theatre (June 22, July 6th @ 6pm; movie at sundown)**  
Free movies on the lawn featuring “The Emperor’s New Groove” on June 22nd & “Kung Fu Panda” on July 6th  
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St., RMt.  
Call 252.972.1266 for movie details.

**Rocky Mount Downtown Live! (June 28 @ 6-8:30pm)**  
Summer Music Series features *North Tower* on June 28th.  
Free outdoor concerts on the lawn.  
Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St.  
Visit [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org).

**A Naturalist's Walk at Medoc (June 30 @ 7am-12:30pm)**  
Walk the trails, search for wildlife & discover plants & animals. Bring binoculars, camera, & bug spray! Fee \$15-\$17. Register & pay by 5pm, June 27th.  
Meet at Children's Museum & Science Center, Rocky Mt., then travel to Medoc Mountain State Park in Hollister.  
Contact 252.972.1167 for details or registration.

**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](http://www.rockymountnc.gov/parks).

\* Wilson \*

**Wilson Tobs Baseball (June 15, 19-20, 22, 28 & 30)**  
“Bark in the Park” game on June 3rd @ 5:05pm. Bring pet-related item to the box office to receive \$1 off admission. Donations & other proceeds benefit local animal charities.  
“School's Out Party” June 6th.  
Fleming Stadium, 300 Stadium Street, Wilson  
For more info, visit [www.wilsonsobs.com](http://www.wilsonsobs.com).

**Round House Concert Series (June 17 & 24 @ 6:30)**  
Live music at the Freeman Round House Museum, followed by movie on the lawn at 8pm. June 17th is *The Voices of Praise*; June 24 music to be announced.  
Oliver N Freeman Round House Museum,1202 Nash Street  
For more information, call the museum at 252.296.3056.

**Summer Kids Movie Series (June 21 & 28, July 5 @ 10am)**  
Children’s \$2 movie matinee. Enjoy movies during summer break. Includes popcorn & drink. June 21st *Puss In Boots*, June 28th *Chicken Run*, & July 5th *Over The Hedge*.  
Carmike 10, 1501 Ward Boulevard, Wilson

**Free Outdoor Movie: Despicable Me (June 22 @ 8:45pm)**  
Popcorn & drinks for sale, proceeds benefit Wilson Police Athletic League.  
Paul V. Berry Hickory Grove Park, 200 Kenan  
**Shimmy for a Cause (June 23 @ 6pm)**  
Watch a myriad of dancers perform in this annual event. Fundraiser for The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.  
Edna Boykin Cultural Center, 108 W. Nash Street, Wilson  
For information, call 252.291.4329.

**Downtown Alive (June 27 @ 5:30pm)**  
Free live concert with *The Band Of Oz*.  
210 South Tarboro Street lot, Wilson  
More info, visit [www.wilsonarts.com](http://www.wilsonarts.com).

\* Elsewhere \*

**Juneteenth Celebration (June 16 @ 1-10pm)**  
8th annual African American Independence Day free event celebrating the ending of slavery. Music, food, vendors, activities for children, & more!  
CCB Plaza, Downtown Durham NC

**Stepping Into the Past Series (June 16, 23, 30, & July 7 @ 10am-3pm)**  
Event with museum admission. *Bluegrass & Traditional Music* on June 16th, *Porch Sittn* June 23rd, *Jewelry Making* June 30th, & *4th of July Ice Cream Social* on July 7th.  
709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly  
Info 919.284.3431 or [www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org](http://www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org).

**Nature/Outdoor Photography Workshop (June 23 @ 9:30am-5pm)**  
Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park is hosting a photography workshop and photoshoot. Taught by Sol Levine.  
220 Lees Meadow Road, Scotland Neck  
Mor info online at [www.shwpark.com](http://www.shwpark.com).

**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.

**Town of Atlantic Beach July 4 Celebration (July 4)**  
Independence day events & activities  
Call 252-726-2121 or email [tab@atlanticbeach-nc.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:asanderson@emeraldisle-nc.org)

**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](mailto:info@frontstreetvillage.com) or 252.838.1524.

**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.

**Free Fishing Day (July 4 @ 12:01am - 11:59pm)**  
N.C. 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](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

**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  
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Events Repeating Every Week

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Fun Day, Children's Museum & Science Ctr, Rocky Mount<br>4pm Higher Ground Fellowship, 20 Cheves, Bunn<br>Trivia Night, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10:30am Storytime, Cooley Library, Nashville<br>3pm Stories & More, Bunn Branch Library, Bunn<br>7:30pm Trivia Night, Pizza Villa, Zebulon   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6pm Zumba, Wendell Community Center, Wendell<br>7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8am-1pm, Historic Downtown Wilson Farmers Market, Wilson<br>8am-1pm, Rocky Mount Farmers Market, Rocky Mount<br>3-5:30pm, Produce & Play, Rocky Mount  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 4pm Movie, Reid Street Comm. Center, Wilson<br>Live Music, Westridge Grill, Rocky Mount  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 10am Bingo, Eastern Wake Senior Center, Wendell<br>Karaoke Night, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon<br>7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 7:30am-12pm, Wilson Cty Foregrounds Farmers Market, Wilson<br>8-11am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro<br>8am-1pm, Rocky Mount Farmers Market, Rocky Mount<br>9am-1pm, Wendell Farmers Market, Wendell<br>Live Music, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon |

Call 919.623.9392 to add your ongoing event.



The Good News... Summer Break is Here

School's out! School's out!  
Teachers let the bulls out.  
No more pencils, no more books!  
No more teachers' dirty looks!

Most public schools across Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Franklin, and Wake run on a traditional calendar and kids are now on summer break! If you're looking for places to spend a few hours relaxing, parks and pools are open for business.

For those children and teens in schools on traditional calendars, they will be released for Summer Vacation in the early part of June. Instead of running for buses, they may be running on playgrounds, basketball courts, and around or in to swimming pools!

Public Swimming Pools

Several local public pools are open, including the following locations:

**Knightdale Community Pool**  
Small fee to swim. Summer passes available. Aerobics too.  
202 Milburnie Road, Knightdale NC, 217-2232

**City of Rocky Mount's Denton Street Pool**  
1434 Denton Street, Rocky Mount, NC  
Amenities include diving boards, slides, & spray area.  
Hours online at [www.rockymountnc.gov/parks/pool.html](http://www.rockymountnc.gov/parks/pool.html)

**City of Wilson's Recreation Park Pool**  
500 Sunset Road Northwest, Wilson NC, 252-399-2269

**City of Wilson's Reid Street Pool**  
901 Reid Street East, Wilson NC, 252-399-2288  
Info on both City of Wilson pools at [www.wilsonnc.org](http://www.wilsonnc.org).

Additional public pools are available in Wake County in different parts of Raleigh. Private pools, including the Wendell Swim Club, require an annual membership fee or buy-in before families may swim. Check with private swimming club for more details on using their pools.

Activities for Many Interests



Taking the kids out to the park or pool is great fun, but what about activities that help them learn, or day camps while parents are at work? When children and teens are on school break, parents and grandparents might be looking for ways to keep kids busy and learning in between fun family times.

Summer camp opportunities are everywhere: churches, nonprofits, museums, libraries, local businesses, park offices, and community centers. Libraries have begun summer reading programs with offerings for all ages. Parks & recreation departments have sports camps and summer leagues for kids interested in athletics. Boys & Girls clubs, day camps, music schools, and teen centers have opened their doors with a variety of offerings.

Many options are available for kids to spend the day, or a few hours, playing and learning. You can likely find multiple activities for your children throughout the summer months.

Carmike 10-Wilson  
Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

The movie review this issue is for *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*. My husband and I took two pre-teens with us to review this children's film.



This movie includes the recurring major characters — Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Gloria the Hippo, and Melman the Giraffe — voiced by the same actors as in the previous two films.

Certainly the movie has some action, including chases through several cities. Part of the plot involves a circus, and the circus performance scenes are colorful and character-filled, bearing some similarity to music videos.

While *Madagascar 3* seemed to have less very funny moments than the original *Madagascar* film, it gave us some laughs. A few new characters — a sea lion and a bear — add to the comedy. It is worth mentioning that the small children in the audience seemed to enjoy it.

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 & Conversation

Meeting with a friend for lunch, you arrive to discover that she is quite upset. You settle into your seat and immediately ask what's happened.

She admits that she has just come from work where her manager chewed her out. The manager was upset at something she brought up during a meeting that he felt questioned his authority.

You're puzzled, as you know your friend is a hard worker and very calm in stressful situations. As you talk with her more, you discover that her manager routinely yells at her. It has been going on for months, and she has been looking for a new job — even though she's been there for many years — just to get away from the tense environment.

What do you think about her wanting to leave the job to get away? Do you think you would doubt her truthfulness or innocence, or back her 100%? Under what circumstances would you counsel your friend to go to Human Resource or to take legal action?

Winterville Idol Grows

Contributed by Tony Eggleston

For the 2nd year, Our Winterville Watermelon Festival is sponsoring the Winterville Idol Contest. Last year, it was a last minute idea that only involved 8 contestants that competed for 1 night. This year, event expands to 4 rounds of preliminaries, and 2 rounds of semifinals. Then, the 8 finalist serve as the opening act for a Thursday night "Free Concert" featuring the nationally renown Michael Jackson Tribute Band, *Who's Bad*.

The preliminary rounds are free for the public to attend; however, there is limited capacity due to the venue size.

There is no cost for contestants to enter the contest and the champion receives \$500. Several contestants are returnees from last year. Combined with some very talented newcomers entered for this year, the Winterville Idol competition should be quite an event!

More information on this competition and the Winterville Watermelon Festival are online: [www.watermelonfest.com](http://www.watermelonfest.com).

This unique event has been voted one of the top 10 events during August in the Southeastern US for several years.

Rabies & Safety

Since May there has been word spreading about a rabid fox in Zebulon, a rabid kitten dropped off at an animal shelter, and several reported bats and raccoons with rabies. If your pets have not yet had their rabies shots, it might be a good time to get them one. Protecting pets keeps them from getting sick, or transmitting to people with whom they have contact.

News from The Grey Area

*The Grey Area* includes many local events in each issue's "Things to Do in NC When You're Bored", with a focus on free happenings within the Eastern North Carolina area. This issue includes events from June 15th through the early part of July to help with your Summer planning.

*The Grey Area* events and business information are localized in each Edition of the newspaper. One Edition covers Bunn, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon. The second Edition covers Nashville, Rocky Mount, and Wilson. If you know of an important local happening that might be news-worthy, please email [kayw@greyareanews.com](mailto:kayw@greyareanews.com).



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## Little Bits

### Word of the Issue

#### **Flagrant**

**Definition:** Shockingly noticeable or obvious; glaring.

**Example:** “He made a flagrant error on the spreadsheet.”

### Translation of the Issue

#### **English — “book”**

German — buch      Spanish — libro

Danish — bog      Italian — libro

Irish — leabhar      Dutch — boek

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

**Milton Berle, American Comedian**

“Laughter is an instant vacation.”

### Chuckle of the Issue

A fisherman was walking along the pier with a giant marlin. The fish was bigger than he was! On his way to the cleaning area, he joined a second fisherman who had a stringer with a dozen minnows. The second fisherman looked at the marlin, turned to the first fisherman and said, “Only caught one, eh?”

## Cryptogram of the Issue

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

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P Y I M Y Z R I Q F I K ?

-- Y O I S I Q X K Z N G O

Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*In case of a thunder-  
storm, stand in the  
middle of the fairway  
and hold up a one iron.  
Not even God can hit a  
one iron.  
-- Lee Trevino*

## Something to Clip for Your ‘Fridge

In honor of Father's Day, submitted for your scissors this issue is a list of fun facts about this special day.

### *Father's Day Facts*

Started in the United States

First held in 1910

It became a US national holiday in 1972  
(Mother's Day had been since 1914)

It is celebrated on the third Sunday of June

Retailers played a part in promoting the holiday

Common gifts are:

flowers  
greeting cards  
hats  
ties  
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sporting goods  
pipes

A day out or special meal

The official flower is the Rose

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