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Not Just Horsing Around

Horses have performed different types of work in NC going back hundreds of years. They have pulled plows and wagons. Horses carried riders. Horses became less necessary for daily work as their tasks were taken on by tractors. As they were replaced for farm and town work, some became recreational, put out to pasture, or became family "pets" as farm work became mechanized.

Some horses in NC have a new way of helping: being part of therapy sessions. The horses prove helpful in new therapies to help humans of all ages to improve physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially.

Working with psychologists, therapists, health care professionals, and horse handlers, horses take on the job of helping children and adults connect with the world. The horses also help humans to learn better ways of handling or dealing with emotions. They can also help people learn how to better work and interact with other people.

Some of the words used by therapy horse handler Kim Haselhuhn are empowerment, confidence, and control. By working with horses during therapy, troubled humans find new ways to connect with each other, and learn through interactions with the horse.

One local horse has been instrumental in helping children become comfortable enough to open up to therapists during sessions. "Monty", a quarter horse paint, has also helped teen gang members learn about their emotions and how to handle them. They have learned tools for mediation and managing anger. This horse — as part of a human-horse therapy team — has helped people of all ages gain confidence as a pathway to taking control of their lives and choices.



Photo: Kim and "Monty", taken by Kay Whatley

Monty lives on Sweetwater Farm as part of the Kindred Spirits Farm therapy program. Kindred Spirits works with psychologists and horse handlers. Located on the outskirts of Zebulon near Middlesex, Monty and his five current stable mates are a large part of therapy sessions at the farm.

Opened in 2009 by Kim, Kindred Spirits farm guides horses and humans in a carefully orchestrated regimen to help the

Kim started the horse therapy program after she realized she was finding her own peace and stress release through riding. She was working a high stress, high emotion job as a neonatal and pediatric nurse. In her job, she dealt with childrens' struggles, pain, and sometimes loss. She found that riding her own horse after work left her feeling much better and more emotionally healthy and balanced. Kim retired from nursing to run the Kindred Spirits Farm program because of the peace she found and a desire to pass it on to others.

After researching some of the studies on human-horse therapy, including benefits to autistic children, Kim partnered with a Zebulon social work with knowledge of therapy and psychotherapy. Kim began making her horses, and several others, available for sessions.

In addition to therapy at the farm, Kim and Monty have visited local schools. "Some of these children have never seen a horse, never touched one," says Kim. "When they see this 1000 lb horse their eyes just light up."

Whether a parent struggling with a defiant child, a social worker struggling to break through with a client, or an adult feeling overwhelmed, depressed, or in need of a break from the "rat race", Kindred Spirits Farm's horse therapy program may prove helpful to mind, body, and spirit. No experience with horses is needed! They may be visited online at www.kindredspiritsfarmnc.com, or contact Kim Haselhuhn at 919.215.0811.

Unsung Heroes

Bunn Man Serves Country & Neighbors

He has ensured folks had enough gas to get to work. He has given jobs to people who needed them. He has boosted his neighbors up and lent a helping hand more times than could be counted. Yet he is a humble local business owner who would never talk about what he has done, any more than he would stop doing them.

Meet Burnette Rogers of Bunn. Mr. Rogers has run East River Road Auto since the 1970s, ran a grill and store on Sledge Road, pumped gas, sold insurance, and worked hard to provide for his family, wife Christine and his children. A grandfather now, Mr. Rogers continues running his small business in Bunn, not far from the farm where he grew up.

As a young boy, Burnette worked with his father on their farm, sometimes driving a mule for days to break up acres

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for growing. It wasn't unheard of for him to plow 40 acres and work from sunrise to sunset.

In 1967, Burnette joined the US Marines and was deployed to Vietnam. He spent over a year in country. Shot during a fire fight, Burnette spent several months where he was unaware of his surroundings, until one day he "woke up" and found himself in the hospital with his parents. He didn't at first understand why his parents were with him. It was explained to him that he had been wounded and flown back to the US for treatment. The hospital staff told Burnette he had been shot through the jaw several months before, and still had a long recovery ahead. He spent over a year total in the hospital.

When he was released from the hospital, and the service, he returned to Bunn. Mr. Rogers had a little money saved and bought the small store on Sledge Road outside of town.

He opened a grill and gas station for years, living in a trailer on the edge of the property with his wife, former high school sweetheart Christine.

When business was slow, Mr. Rogers says he threw onions on the grill, turned on the fans, and people followed their noses right to the store! Adding pinball machines and billiard tables, plus selling groceries, helped the grill to become a kind of convenience mart and rec center combination for local residents to congregate.

Burnette used to have a book showing where he extended credit to folks having a tough time. He helped hundreds over the years by providing gas, bread, and other items they needed to make their lives a little easier. He didn't worry about whether their credit was good; he just extended it, wrote it down, and sometimes collected. He made a difference to folks in Bunn for decades, and continues to help others as he sees the need through today.

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* Nashville *

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(November 1, December 6 @ 4-6pm)

Wii games for the teenagers.

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* Rocky Mount *

Rocky's Read About (Novémber 1 @ 6:30-7:30pm)

Celebrate National Family Literacy Day! Come join Rocky the Reading Rabbit at Braswell Memorial Library. Special story time event with books, songs, & fun! Rocky's friends provide information about exciting programs & boundless events at the Library. Rocky shares his favorite book. Warner Meeting Rm, 272 North Grace Street, Rocky Mount More information online at www.braswell-library.org.

KinderScience

(November 6, December 4 @ 3-4pm)

KinderScience is a great way to introduce preschool age children to the wonders of science. Nov 6th learn why trees are terrific. Dec 4th experiment with mixing the colors of the rainbow. \$8/city residents, \$12/non-residents. Ages 3-5. Registration & payment at least 2 days in advance & includes paid admission to the museum for KinderScientist & 1 adult. At the Children's Museum & Science Ctr.

The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount Contact 252.972.1167 or leigh.white@rockymountnc.gov.

Free Afternoon Small Business Seminars (November 15 @ 1-4pm)

The Nash Community College Small Business Center offers free business seminars. Nov. 15th topic is Customer Service. Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

Free Evening Small Business Seminars (November 6 & 29 @ 6-9pm)

NCC Small Business Center free evening seminars. Topic Nov. 6th topic is Bookkeeping and Taxes for Small Businesses, and Nov. 29th is Social Media for Business.

Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

Music on the Patio (November 1, 8 & 15 @ 7pm)

Live music, food, & fun.

November 1st- Gregory Alan Young

November 8th- Steven Stewart

November 15th- Travis Moss

Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount Call 252.937.7299 for information.

Pizza & Pages Teen Book Club (November 29 @ 5:30-6:30pm)

Join the group in the Wiley Conference Room. Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St., Rocky Mount To sign up contact Leslie 252.442.1951 x.257.

Rocky Mount Christmas Parade (December 2 @ 3pm)

The 57th annual parade! US Marine Corps Reserve collecting toys for Toys For Tots — this year's parade theme. Downtown Rocky Mount

Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 252.972.1151.

* Wilson *

Whirligig Festival

(November 3 @ 10am-5pm & November 4 @ 12-5pm) Contests, Whirli-Kidz Zone, music, 100+ vendors, &

Whirligigs. Come dance & whirl on Nash Street with The Wallers, The Band of Oz, Without Further Ado, East Coast R&B, The Impacts, & various Sunday church groups. Nash Street & side streets, Downtown Wilson More details online at www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.com.

Social Media Etiquette for Business (November 7 @ 9am-12pm

Using good text or shouting at someone in e-mail? What types of business information should be post on Facebook? This seminar teaches these things & more. Pre-registration required by November 5th. \$25 Chamber fee.

Wilson Chamber of Commerce, 200 W Nash Street, Wilson Call Wilson Community College Small Business Center at 252.246.1209 or 252.246.1232.

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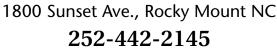
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More information at www.wilsonnc.org.

* Elsewhere *

Live Music in Spring Hope (November 9 & 23 @ 7-10pm)

Featuring Spook Joyner w/ Amanda on Vocals Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope More info at www.contagiousconfections.com.

Stepping Into the Past Series (November 3 & 10 @ 10am-3pm)

Event/workshop with museum admission.

Nov. 3rd "Churnin' and Yearnin" Butter Churning Nov. 10th "Carving the Way" Woodworkers & Wood Crafts 709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly

Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

The Raleigh Classic (November 30-December 1) Zebulon-based Auctions America is holding the next Raleigh Classic event. In Jim Graham & Exposition bldgs. North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

Celebrate Colonial Christmas (Nov. 30-Dec. 1 @ 10am-5pm)

For more information, contact 919.269.5271.

Downtown Enfield Restoration & Preservation Association (DERP) is holding this special downtown open house. Colonial theme, costumes, vendors, & crafts. Farmers market. Sip 'n See art show (at The Lodge, Sat. 1-3pm). Carriage rides. Free event & free parking. Downtown, Enfield

Contact Jackie Allsbrook at 252.443.5786.

These "things to do..." listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Two 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. Call 919.623.9392 to add a free or low-fee event.





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In addition to donating supplies, you can also donate blood or give money directly.

Organizations like the American Red Cross and Salvation Army have information online for those who would like to help with recovery from Hurricane Sandy. The American Red Cross is at www.redcross.org. THe Salvation Army

website is www.salvationarmyusa.org. Residents may also want to check with local churches and government offices to find out what supplies are needed most.

Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

This issue we're reviewing a sequel, Taken 2, starring Liam Neeson. The original Taken came out in 2008 and was successful enough to lead to

The story bears many similarities to the first movie: someone is "taken" and great rescue efforts follow. If you were a fan of the first movie, you will see some of the same types of action, and hear lines of dialogue that are similar to a few in the first movie. It is more of the same, but with different characters being taken, and doing the rescuing. I don't want to give away much so will leave it at that.

There are some scenes with violence; the movie is rated PG-13. We went together as a family, with our teen and preteen. Each of us liked the movie; I don't think any of us liked it as much as the original Taken. Not what I'd call a "must see" film.



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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.

Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

You're driving through a storm with driving rain. A tree falls down in front of your car, and a car following behind you runs into the back of your car. Because of the heavy rain, you exchange information with the other driver and you both leave, rather than calling, and waiting for, the police.

The next day, you contact the other driver's insurance company. Not only are they not aware of the accident, but their client swears that he was never in an accident with you and doesn't know why you have his information.

What do you think of the other driver's denial? Do you feel that you have any legal recourse, without any evidence of the accident and no police report? Do you think you would try contacting the police? Or would you call your own insurance company and have them cover your auto repairs rather than fight to get to the truth?

News from *The Grey Area*

This November 1st issue contains articles on a local person and an organization helping their communities. It also has a list of upcoming events that may be of interest.

In the November 15th issue there will be a special "Black Friday Feature" with an offering of special discounts for readers of The Grey Area newspaper. If you're planning to shop on the day following Thanksgiving, these shops have a variety of products marked down for the day.

If you'd like event coverage, or have an article idea, please contact us via kayw@greyareanews.com.

The Grey Area is localized into two Editions of the newspaper. Edition A covers Bunn, Knightdale, Wendell & Zebulon. Edition B covers Nashville, Rocky Mount, & Wilson. News, events, and business advertisements are selected for each Edition's readership.



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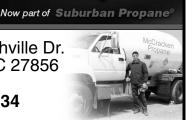
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The Grey Area The Backside



Little Bits

Word of the Issue

penultimate

Definition: Next to last; second from the end in a series.

Example: "Special features are on the penultimate page of the paper."

Translation of the Issue

English — "Good night"

German — gute nacht Spanish — buenas noches Italian — buonanotte Dutch — goedenacht Irish — oíche mhaith Danish — god nat

Latin — bonum nocte

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

Bill Cosby

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Chuckle of the Issue

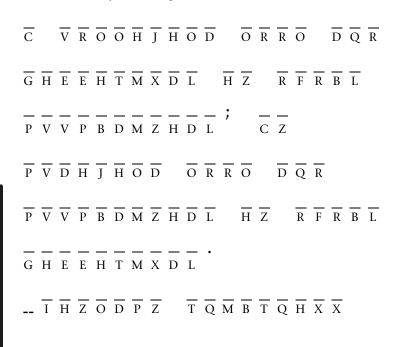
The young boy opened his birthday gift from his grandmother, and discovered it was a water gun. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink.

The grandmother smiled, but the boy's father was not so pleased. He turned to her and said, "I'm surprised at you, Mom. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?"

She smiled, patted his arm, and then replied, "Yes, son. I remember."

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: P = O.



Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

A people free to choose will always choose peace. -- Ronald Reagan

Correction

This photo of Linnie Hargrove's Cadillac appeared in The Grey Area in September, after the crew spotted it in Nashville. The article listed the car as a 1976; however, that was the year the car became Linnie's, not the model year of the Cadillac.



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