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Where Has Thanksgiving Gone?

By Kay Whatley, Editor

Not that long ago, we celebrated Halloween. Before the orange-and-black candies were off the shelf, red-and-green goodies replaced them.

It seems, in my humble opinion, that this year we stepped straight out of the haunted houses and into Santa’s village. I’ve seen few turkey decorations, and have heard very little talk of Thanksgiving in the media.



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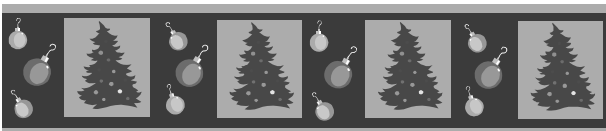
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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days. It means a wonderful and predictable dinner of turkey, stuffing, and many tasty side dishes. More than that, it means the family is going to spend the day together, catch up, or focus on all of the things we have going for us. No matter how busy our work may keep us, or how out-of-touch we might get, we know that on Thanksgiving we will gather.

I remember — back in the old days when long distance calls were very expensive — that Thanksgiving Day the family members who could not be with us would make a quick call to talk with those at the family gathering. Back then, our grandparents were with us and all the aunts, uncles, and cousins came together for the day. It was a day of living, eating and sharing — not a work day. Well, except for the cooks!

Now our gatherings are smaller. Cousins go to see their parents. We go to see our parents, siblings, children, nieces and nephews. To us, it is our best opportunity to slow down, forget work and problems, and just be a family.

This year worries me a bit. Just a bit. Enough to spur me to write this little article, and hope for some response that Thanksgiving is a big deal for you, too.

What worries me is how this holiday feels like it is swept under the rug this year. Some of the “big box” stores have gone so far as to make the dinner time into a Really Big Sale time. This may mean big savings; it also means that the store employees cannot be with their families.



What is it about Thanksgiving 2012? Has the holiday become “politically incorrect” in some way? Is it not relevant in this age of Social Media where everyone can keep in touch through video phone calls and instant life updates? Or are we all pushed to be so busy and

work-focused that family moves from the back seat to the trunk?

Responses and Thanksgiving stories are welcome on our Facebook page. I’ll hope to hear from some of you about your Thanksgiving Day activities. My hope will be that most, if not all of us, can find a way to celebrate this day with family and friends.

The Bad News... NC Fires

What started as a controlled burn turned into a significant fire at Pilot Mountain State Park. After the fire jumped the fire line November 8th, crews fought hard and by November 13th the fire was “80% contained”, according to the NC Division of Parks & Rec. The park is currently closed due to the fire.

More than 675 acres have burned and the final count may reach 1,000 acres by the time the fire is extinguished. A date has not yet been set for the park to re-open.

Pilot Mountain State Park totals 3,703 acres. It became a NC State Park in 1968, with some land additions later on. The park includes camping facilities and shelters. It offers camping, Rock Climbing, Canoeing, take a hike along the trails, Cycling, Fishing, Picnicking, and more. You can find out more, including updates about the re-opening, by visiting ncparks.gov and selecting “Pilot Mountain” from the “Find a park” list.

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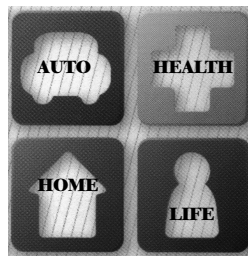
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When You’re Bored

* Bunn *

Live Gospel Music (November 15 @ 7pm)
Come listen to Four On The Rock & enjoy Thursday night.
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn

Bluegrass Music Open Jam (November 16, 23 & 30 @ 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 onsite 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.

* Knightdale *

Networking in Knightdale (November 20 @ 11:30am-1pm)
Eat, mingle, share, & get useful information & prizes. \$10 non-members. Pay for own meal. 3rd Tuesday each month. Applebee’s, 6609 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale
Contact jennifer.bryan@knightdalechamber.org.

* Wendell *

Goal Setting with Leslie Flowers (November 15 @ 6-9pm)
We typically reserve setting goals for January. Truth is we can set & begin achieving whenever we choose. Start setting goals for achievement anytime! Lively, interactive Workshop.
Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell
Call the Chamber to register at 919.365.6318.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (November 17 & 24 @ 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.

Lake Myra Lights Show (November 17 @ 6-9pm)
Grand opening of the light show, which may be viewed from this date through December. Features tallest computer-control Christmas tree in the state, a flying angel, performing arts, downtown shopping & much more.
Downtown & Around Wendell
More details at lakemyrachristmas.com.

Tuesday Morning Coffee Break at the Chamber (November 20 & 27 @ 8-9am)
Connect, have coffee or tea, meet others, & network with local business owners!
Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell

East Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program (November 20 @ 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.

Wendell Chamber Community Yard Sale (November 24 @ 7am-1pm)
Join the community for this vendor event.
Campen Street, Downtown, Wendell
Contact the Chamber at 919.365.6318.

Table of Grace Free Dinner (November 26 @ 6pm)
Free dinner offered each month on the last Monday.
Wendell United Methodist Church, 129 N Main St., Wendell

Cookie Walk (November 30 @ 5-9pm)
The women’s ministry is hosting a cookie walk to coincide with the lighting of the new Lake Myra Christmas lights in downtown Wendell. Fellowship Hall will be full of cookies, cocoa, apple cider & carolers. Cookies for sale. *Volunteers needed to bake 10 dozen cookies each. Contact Jill.*
Fellowship Hall, Wendell UMC, 129 N Main Street, Wendell
Contact Jill Herzog (herzog1214@yahoo.com) or Aaron Rose (r_aaron_rose@yahoo.com).

* Zebulon *

Zebulon Community Watch (November 15 @ 7pm)
Join the group on the 3rd Thursday each month.
Eastern Regional Center, 1003 Dogwood Dr, Zeb.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (November 17 & 24 @ 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.

Community Reach Block Party (November 17)
Help & information for at-risk women & children. Free event. Fun for children & resources for adults.
Dew 4 Him Ministries, 614 N. Arendell Avenue, Zebulon
For information, visit dew4him.org.

Warming the Heart of the Community (November 17)
Zebulon United Methodist Church, St. Eugene’s Catholic Church, & the Brown Bag Lunch Ministry are holding this annual ministry together. Free hot food to anyone in need. Gently-used coats, blankets, gloves, warm clothing available.
Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N Church St, Zebulon
Call 919.269.9408 for information or to make donations.

Downtown Zebulon Holidays Celebration (November 30 @ 6-10pm)
Come spend the evening with Santa Claus & Girl Scout Troop 3306 for a Holiday Festival on Friday. Carnival games, homemade baked goods, a gingerbread house filled with homemade gifts, & pictures with Santa! Watch for Santa & the girl scouts to arrive in his sleigh down Main Street at 6pm.
209 N Arendell Avenue, Zebulon

Annual 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

Family Movie Night (December 14 @ 7pm)
Zebulon Parks & Recreation free movie & popcorn. All ages. Zebulon Community Center. A parent/guardian must be present for all children.
Call 919-823-0432 to find out what movie is showing!

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 required. Check in at 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.

* Elsewhere *

Flu Shots (November 15 @ 5-7pm)
The Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic is giving Flu shots. No charge, but donations appreciated.
Foy Mart, 1328 Tant Road, Spring Hope

Stepping Into the Past Series (November 17 & 24, December 1 @ 10am-3pm)
Event/workshop with museum admission.
Nov. 17 Jewelry Making
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Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

Live Music in Spring Hope (November 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.

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
For more information, contact 919.269.5271.

Celebrate Colonial Christmas (Nov. 30-Dec. 1 @ 10am-5pm)
Downtown Enfield Restoration and Preservation Association (DERP) is holding this special downtown open house. Colonial theme, costumes, vendors, and crafts. Farmers market. Sip ‘n See art show (at The Lodge, Saturday 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. 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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BLACK FRIDAY SALES

Black Friday Sales Starting Before Friday

Local shops and big stores are kicking into high gear this month. Even before the Friday after Thanksgiving, many Black Friday Sales will already be in full swing. Several Black Friday sales start this weekend, and others are starting before the turkey is even put away on Thanksgiving! Black Friday weekend is spreading across the rest of this month!

The busiest shopping day of the year, it provides a boost for retail sales. It is a day when many stores improve their profits, and thus are “in the black” (though the name originated in 1960s Philadelphia and seemed to have more to do with the snarled traffic and black mood of the day).

Since many people have the day after Thanksgiving as a day off from work, retailers of the past few decades have taken advantage of their availability. The past decade, however, boosted Black Friday to a day of major discounts and special

offers. Competition drives stores to open earlier, or stay open later, enticing shoppers to odd hours with extremely low prices or even giveaways. To further encourage shopping early, the shopping “weekend” has compressed special prices into Thursday and Friday more than on Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas gift shopping is often the focus, but all types of items are on sale for the day. New, used, and antique items may be had from a variety of stores. Shoppers can catch clothing deals, low-priced electronics, or antiques from the local second hand shop.

Sales prices and deep discounts may help shoppers get what they need (and want). Arrive early, stay late, or shop regular hours and there may be a sale going on for just the right item.

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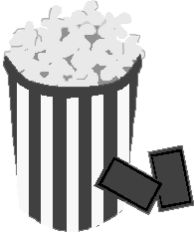
Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

For the December 1st issue, we will be reviewing *Lincoln*, which hits theaters in mid-November. *Lincoln* is a new drama produced by Steven Spielberg. The movie stars Daniel Day-Lewis as President Abraham Lincoln and Sally Field as his wife, Mary Todd.

In the meantime, the Carmike 10 theater in Wilson is gearing up for a special. “Twilight Marathon for \$20” event. This four-movie event begins on November 17th at 4pm and continues overnight through November 18th at 3am!

The \$20 special price for this single-day event provides admission into the first 3 Twilight films on the big screen, followed by the midnight premier of the latest film, *Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part 1*.



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 stop by the local big box store. You have many of your holiday gifts on layaway and are ready to pay them off and take them home.

You go in and tell the clerk that you are there to pay off the rest of your layaway. She takes your information and goes into the back. When the clerk returns, she says all of the items are gone. She goes on to tell you that they do have record of your payment but she cannot locate the items. As you go through the list of gifts with her, she checks and sees that they are sold out of what you had wanted.

She offers a refund of your money on a gift card so you can try another one of their locations for your items. You now have to re-do your shopping. Do you think the store would get any of your business in the future?

News from The Grey Area

This November 15th issue contains local articles, some on the upcoming holiday season. It also contains information on holiday special events including parades.

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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