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Downtown Updates Revitalize Local City

There is a new look in Rocky Mount and it’s right downtown. After years of planning and months of blocked streets, the first phases of the Downtown Streetscape Project are almost complete — with new brick sidewalks, fresh pavement, old-school street lamps it is just about ready for the upcoming holiday season. Parking adjustment from angled to parallel allows for on-street parking next to the widened pedestrian sidewalks.

Dozens of businesses have weathered the storm of closed streets, broken pavement, loud noises, and most of all slowed commerce. This Fall, take a drive down Main Street and see what you’re missing.

The updated downtown holds a variety of attractions: furniture stores, a newly restored theater, eateries, antique stores, and an arts center — all accessible within a few minutes’ walk around downtown.

Says business owner and resident Hilarie Vetere, “The Arts are alive and well in downtown Rocky Mount, and will play a factor in the continued renovation.”



Photo by Frank Whatley

Local Singer Opens for R&B Legend

When Al Green took the stage September 19th at the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC), local singer Josephine Gore had just finished amazing the audience with her voice as one half of the Jo Gore Duo.

Jo’s interest in early gospel rock-and-rollers and soul singers like Aretha Franklin and Al Green, and hard work along the way, led her to this point of opening for one of her idols.

From her childhood singing at Spring Hill Baptist (Columbus County), to teaming with local band The Alternative, through formation of the Jo Gore Duo with Bo Lankenau, Jo has performed hundreds of times and developed a voice and style fitting to her DPAC performance.



Source: Jo Gore & The Alternative

With her *Herstory* album recently released, this local talent is working her way into the big time! Her roots still hold strongly to NC. One of her requested song’s lyrics are all about her girlhood home, including:

*Going to Columbus County
I said, let’s have a good time at the church’s fish fry
Have a glass of sweet iced tea.*

Says Ms. Gore, “It’s no secret that I have tried to pattern myself after Sarah Vaughan. She had such an amazing vocal range and such beautiful vibrato. I worship this woman.”

The other half of the Jo Gore Duo, Bo Lankenau, is a self-taught musician from NY inspired by some of the same classic blues and soul that inspired Jo.

“I met Jo through a mutual friend and was immediately drawn to her eclectic jazz/soul/gospel stylings and deep understanding of the jazz tradition,” Lankenau said.

In addition to performing at DPAC, Jo has performed in Wendell at the *Men Who Cook With Jazz Festival* this past summer, and at Norris Creek during the *Spring Grow And Share Music Festival*. To hear Ms. Gore and learn more about her upcoming local performances, visit www.jogore.com. Listen to the song Columbus County and enjoy this hometown girl’s talent!

National School Lunch Week

School lunch choices and nutrition are on the tip of many tongues these days. Obesity and health issues are big topics of discussion, with many looking to children’s eating habits for a long-term solution to growing US health issues.

October 15th through 19th is National School Lunch Week, a time for schools to recognize accomplishments, review changes being planned, and to talk with parents about the importance of healthy eating.

Many schools open their doors to parents to join their children at lunchtime. For parents whose schedules allow, National School Lunch Week is a good time to stop in, check out what the children are eating, learn about local food and gardening projects, and find out what the school is doing to improve nutrition and health.

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* Nashville *

**“You Wouldn’t Expect” Play
(October 5-6 @ 7pm)**
Performances of “You Wouldn’t Expect” by local play write Marilyn Anselmi. Play recounts experiences of four of the almost 8,000 victims of the NC Eugenics Program. Nash Arts Center, 100 E. Washington Street, Nashville For tickets, call 252.459.4734.

* Rocky Mount *

**Twin County Business Networking Expo
(October 2 @ 11am-7pm)**
Free admission with Ticket or Valid Business Card. \$5 General Admission without. Former Home Depot Building, Rocky Mount More info online at www.rockymountchamber.org.

**Music on the Patio
(October 4, 11, 13 & 18 @ 7pm)**
Live music, food, & fun outside. October 4th is *Chickweed*, October 11th is *B n B*, October 13th is *Mark n John Bunn*, & October 18th is *Monte Tippet*. Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount Call 252.937.7299 for information.

**Chere the R.E.A. D. Dog
(October 6 @ 11am)**
Reading Education Assistance Dogs are part of a program of Intermountain Therapy Animals. For children at Braswell Memorial Library. One hour long. YS Storytime Room, 727 North Grace St, Rocky Mount Contact Linda Bunch at 252-442-1951, ext. 244

**“You Wouldn’t Expect” Performance & Discussion
(October 7 @ 2pm)**
This performance is followed by a panel discussion including a NC sterilization victim & state officials. The Booker T Theatre, 170 East Thomas Street, Rocky Mount For tickets, call 252.459.4734.

**Fire Prevention Special Event
(October 9 @ 4:30pm)**
The Rocky Mount Fire Department and Sparky the Fire Dog presents a puppet program on fire safety. This is a great opportunity to educate children and adults about fire safety procedures, and demonstrate about how to protect everyone from fire dangers. Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St, Rocky Mount Contact the Library at 252.442.1951.

**Free Afternoon Small Business Seminars
(October 9 & 18 @ 1-4pm)**
The Nash Community College Small Business Center is offering free business seminars. *Creating Marketing & Branding For Your Hometown* (October 9) & *Understanding Different Generations* (October 18). 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
(October 11 @ 6-9pm)**
NCC Small Business Center free evening seminars. Topic October 11th is *Writing a Successful Business Plan*. Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

**Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down & Festival
(Oct. 12 @ 11am-8pm & Oct. 13 @ 10am-6pm)**
Free to the Public. Plenty of delicious food & beverages & great entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and come have some fun with your friends and neighbors. Downtown, Hammond St. & Church St., Rocky Mount, NC Contact 252.972.1151 or www.bbqthrowdown.net.

Boo Bash (October 30 @ 6-7pm)
Pumpkin Judging: Bring your own pumpkin, Painted or Carved! Treats and games galore! Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St., Rocky Mount Visit www.braswell-library.org for more information.

* Wilson *

**1st Fridays on the Lawn
(October 5 @ 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 Cty Library Lawn, 249 W Nash, Wilson

Movie: “Beetlejuice” (October 26 @8:30pm)
Free movie starts at sunset. Popcorn & drinks for sale, proceeds benefit Wilson Police Athletic League. Paul V. Berry Hickory Grove Park, 200 Kenan St., Wilson

* Elsewhere *

**Pumpkin Festival Weekend Show
(October 5 @ 7pm-Midnight)**
Chandler Boling opening for Chet Nichols with Members of The Repeat Offenders. Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N.Pine Street, Spring Hope More information at www.contagiousconfections.com.

NC Seafood Festival (October 5-7)
The Festival is a time of Celebration & Thanksgiving for our state’s greatest Natural Resource -- SEAFOOD. Fireworks, live music, cooking competitions, art & crafts, sporting events, boat show & outdoor expo, not to mention seafood prepared in every imaginable way! New this year the festival is fully open to the public on Friday at Noon. Held in Morehead City For more information, visit www.ncseafoodfestival.org.

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**Live Music in Spring Hope
(October 6 @ 7-10pm)**
Featuring Big Hed'd Deddy's live album recording “Panic Day”. A portion of the proceeds go to Nash Autism. 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope More info at www.contagiousconfections.com.

**Stepping Into the Past Series
(October 6, 13, & 20 @ 10am-3pm)**
Event/workshop with museum admission. October 6th topic: “A Stitch in Time” Quilting October 13th topic: “Flea Market” October 20th topic: “Bake Sale” 709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

**Broadway Under the Stars
(October 6 @ 2pm)**
Feature appearances from local groups performing Broadway songs. Free face-painting, jugglers, and magicians. Family festival atmosphere. The day’s fun ends with a performance by NC’s own Red Clay Ramblers. 500 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, NC

**Black Creek Heritage Day Festival
(October 13 @ 9am-4:30pm)**
Car & tractor show, vendors, food, children’s activities, raffles, live entertainment & much more. (Pre-festival Street Dance October 12th, 6:30-9pm.) West Center Street, Black Creek NC Contact Ellen E. Dawson-Chairperson at 252.243.3540.

Downtown Family Get Down (October 20 @ 2pm)
Features Sandbox, the five-piece Raleigh band featuring upbeat kids’ music. Mommie, featuring Doug McMillan from The Connells, & other bands. About 8pm, Michael Franti & Spearhead take the stage for a set of socially conscious, energetic music. No tickets required. 500 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, NC

OctoberFest! (October 26 @ 6-10pm)
Free admission! Wear your costumes. Trunk or Treat, jumping towers, hay rides, free pumpkin patch, bon fire & s’mores, carnival games, Spooky American Idol, funnel cake, pretzels, & much more. RTP Community Church, 1727 Ed Cook Road, Durham

**Fourth Annual HallowFest
(October 26-27 @ 4pm-12am)**
Free entertainment & fun for the whole family. Festival takes place outside the Nightmare Factory. Food & Drinks, Magic Shows, Live Local Bands, Local Businesses, & more! Parents, bring your kids to trick-or-treat. The Nightmare Factory, 29 Park Lane, Havelock

**Selma Parks & Recreation “Trunk Or Treat”
(October 29 @ 6-8pm)**
Businesses & organizations to be part of Trunk or Treat Junction. Free for trick or treaters, and free for businesses interested in providing a trunk & handing out treats. Selma Middle School Parking Lot, 1533 U.S. 301, Selma Businesses call to register by October 12th. Contact 919.975.1411 or RecSuperivsor@selma-nc.com.

Beaufort Ghost Walk (All October)
Take an after dark stroll through a Historic Town full of Haunted Tales. Chilling stories of murderous pirates, unexplained happenings, ghost ships & haunted houses will have you looking over your shoulder. \$15 per person Grayden Paul Park, 700 Front St, Beaufort Call now for Reservations 252.772.9925.

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.

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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The license enables GLE to build a first-of-its-kind uranium enrichment facility using lasers conceived of by Australian technology company SILEX and developed by GLE experts. The company has worked with the NRC, the US Departments of State and Energy and independent non-proliferation experts for several years to ensure the security of this technology.

“Receiving our NRC license is a tremendous accomplishment and strong testament to everyone involved in this project,” said Chris Monetta, president and CEO of Global Laser Enrichment. “The technology we’ve developed could be one of the keys to the nation’s long-term energy security. At a minimum, it could provide a steady supply of uranium enriched right here in the U.S. to the country’s nuclear reactors.”

The next step in the process is for the company to make a commercialization decision. This decision will be based on several factors.

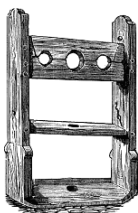
Shades of Grey

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

Recently, a NC person walked their dog in front of a public building, and then walked away without cleaning up the dog’s mess.

The reaction of the folks who work there was to post a photo of the person and their dog on their official Facebook page.



Source: *Bygone Punishments* By William Andrews

This type of “public shaming” is not a new concept. Back to the beginnings of America examples may be found. The pillory in the middle of town may be gone, and parents hanging signs on their children to shame them raises eyebrows, but with technologies like the World Wide Web and social media, the shaming can easily be done and reaches far.

What do you think of posting embarrassing photos online to shame someone? Do you think it makes a difference if posted on an official municipal service or government page? If you saw a photo of someone you knew online being shamed, would you blame the person or feel embarrassed for them? How do you feel about this type of “punishment”?

Carmike 10-Wilson
Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

There is a variety of movies available this month, including several for with a Halloween orientation. Check out the showtimes for Wilson the week including October 1st:



2016: Obama’s America (PG) 7:35 | 9:50
Dredd 2D (R) 4:20 | 9:50
Dredd 3D (R) 7:25
End Of Watch (R) 4:30 | 7:20 | 9:55
Finding Nemo 3D (G) 4:05 | 6:45 | 9:10
Hotel Transylvania 2D (PG) 5:20 | 7:30 | 9:40
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 5:30
House At The End Of The Street (PG13) 4:45 | 7:10 | 9:35
Looper (R) 4:15 | 7:15 | 10:00
The Possession (PG13) 5:30 | 7:40 | 10:05
Trouble With The Curve (PG13) 4:10 | 7:00 | 9:40
Won’t Back Down (PG) 4:00 | 6:40 | 9:15

Starting Friday, October 5th, two new movies hit the screen:

Pitch Perfect (PG13) 4:00 | 7:00 | 9:40
Taken 2 (PG13) 4:30 | 7:30 | 10:00

For the next issue, we’re reviewing a family-oriented movie that has recently come out, *Trouble With The Curve*, starring Clint Eastwood. That review will appear in the October 15th issue.

The Strange-ness

An Idaho fisherman caught more than he bargained for when he landed a trout. As he was cleaning the fish, he found a human finger in its belly. Detectives were able to trace the finger to its owner, who was a local man who had lost several fingers in a wakeboarding accident two weeks prior.

News from The Grey Area

This October 1st issue contains local news, upcoming Fall and Halloween events, and articles related to Eastern NC. This issue also includes a variety of Fall and Halloween activities.

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Word of the Issue

Demonize

Definition: To portray someone or something as wicked.

Example: “He always tries to demonize my best friend.”

Translation of the Issue

English — “vote”

German — abstimmen

Italian — voto

Latin — suffragium

Spanish — vota

Dutch — stemmen

Irish — vóta

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

Albert Camus

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

Chuckle of the Issue

Tom, Dick and Harry went out to dinner. After dinner, they returned to their hotel. The hotel was 600 stories high and their rooms were at the top.

Unfortunately, the elevator was not working. They made a plan to pass the time. For the first 200 stories, Tom would tell jokes. The second 200 stories, they decided, Dick would tell a happy story. Lastly, Harry would tell a sad story the rest of the way.

With this plan, the three of them started up the steps.

After 2 hours it was Harry's turn. He turned to his friends and said, “Ok guys, here’s a sad story. I forgot the keys downstairs.”

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: D = T.

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 X J Y T

-- Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980)

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*Mary Had A Little Lamb
Whose Fleece Was White
As Show.
And Everywhere That
Mary Went, The Lamb
Was Sure To Go.*

Zebulon Chamber Expo

September 27th the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Expo. Businesses met local residents, and local residents picked up goodies, learned about services, and some won prizes in the drawings.



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