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Community Orchard Growing

Dedication of Rocky Mount’s Community Orchard took place on August 15th. Apple trees stand tall in the field, expected to provide fruit when they mature in a few years. More tree planting is planned, with a goal to provide a healthy food source for residents.

The orchard is located just outside Downtown Rocky Mount on East Duke Circle Drive. Mayor David Combs and Rocky Mount City Council hosted the dedication. City Council Member Chris Carroll Miller was present, and she is the one who brought the orchard to this piece of city-owned land.

While not undertaken as an official Council project, the initial idea spurned action by Mrs. Miller, with help from the local Sierra Club and other community members. Since the city already had several community gardens, it seemed a logical step for a City interested in sustainability.



Source: City of Rocky Mount

Bringing the plan to fruition did not happen quickly. In the Fall of 2011, an acquaintance mentioned to Mrs. Miller that he was going to purchase trees for a community orchard in another state. He invited her to come tour the orchard. From their initial conversations came the idea of a Rocky Mount Community Orchard.

Land close to downtown was available; a piece of land purchased following Hurricane Floyd. The City had been

wanting to put this parkland to productive use. It was decided that it might serve well as an orchard location.

With the first of the trees now planted and growing, the aesthetics of the land are already improved, and a food source will add to the land even more. As the trees grow, this orchard may provide a calm, pleasant environment for residents to play, students to study, and families to harvest. Johnny Appleseed would be proud!

Mrs. Miller advocates healthy food sources for local residents, and is an advocate of the orchard as well as local community gardens. She shared that she believes in better health and sustainable living for the City of Rocky Mount.

The Community Orchard is being maintained as a part of Rocky Mount’s Parks program. It is hoped the orchard may be maintained organically. Volunteer days coming up in the next year will include pruning and cleaning.

Mrs. Miller envisions the land planted further, perhaps with some bushes and certainly with more diversified types of fruit trees, including pears that will grow well in NC.

The trees in the ground now have been donated in honor of family members. For residents interested in donating to the Community Orchard and having new trees planted in honor of their own loved ones, contact City Council Member Chris Carroll Miller directly via email: CCMillerRM@aol.com.

Election Day Fast Approaching

Election Day 2012 is November 6th. Election Day is always scheduled for the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. It’s an opportunity for each US citizen to exercise their right to vote, and play a role in choosing federal, state, and local officials.

Over the next two months, information on candidates will be flowing from the news and online sources. Voters have an opportunity to learn more about candidates at all levels of government, and select those they believe deserve their vote.

Whether voting for the President, for Members of Congress, or local government officials, each voter has the opportunity to consider each candidate’s merits and record, and weigh them against the power they may assume if elected (or re-elected).

Sites like Wikipedia.org may help with descriptions of office duties. Government sites, such as www.senate.gov and www.ncleg.net (North Carolina General Assembly), include information on voting records. News and social media provide objective, and subjective, reports which voters may choose to consider.

Whether considering all that is read, or taking reports “with a grain of salt”, voters have a wide variety of information available to help them decide which candidates are the best fit for their hopes for the country, the state, and their local district.

Football Season is Here

The NFL teams are back on the field for 2012. The teams of the National Football League have been showing what they’ve got during preseason games. Week 1 of the regular season has games beginning September 5th.

Organic Cotton Industry Grows

As reported in 2011, organic cotton is growing in NC. A good volume of USDA-certified organic cotton will be harvested this Fall; the second year certified organic cotton has been grown in Nash County.

According to Mary Wilks of Carolina Precision Consulting, Inc., the 2012 cotton crop looks better than last year’s as far



as yield potential per acre. Twenty acres were grown. The quality and quantity of the fiber are expected to be improved in this second year.

Photo: Mary Wilks

More acreage was planted; however, wet weather soon after planting prevented timely cultivation. Some acreage was also lost to a hail storm. Approximately 45 acres were disced due to weeds.

More clothing manufacturers are using the NC organic cotton this year. In addition to the shirts made “from dirt to shirt” in NC, jeans and more clothing woven from NC organic cotton are on the market.

Says Eric Henry of TS Designs, “Our goal is to keep as much of the organic cotton in NC, so this year we worked with Raleigh Denim, who made jeans, and High Cotton Ties, who made polo golf shirts.”

More information on organic cotton grown in Nash County is online at www.cottonofthecarolinas.com.

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Things to Do in NC
When You’re Bored

* Nashville *

Artist Reception (September 8 @ 2-4pm)
Come by the reception; call for artist information.
Nash Arts Center, 100 East Washington Street, Nashville
Contact 252-459-4734.

“You Wouldn’t Expect” Play (September 29 & 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.

“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.

* Rocky Mount *

Chere the R.E.A. D. Dog (Sept 1 & 15 @ 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

Downtown Live! Summer Music Series (September 6 & 20 @ 6-8:30pm)
Free concerts on the lawn. Summer Music Series features *The Holiday Band* (Sept 6th) & *The Embers* (Sept 20th).
The Imperial Centre Lawn, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
Visit www.imperialcentre.org.

Music on the Patio (Sept 6, 13, 15, 20 & 22 @ 7pm)
Live music, food, & fun. *Chickweed* (Sept 6th), *Monte Tippette* (Sept 13th), *Bunn n Braxton* (Sept 15th), *Kevin Shaw* (Sept 20th), & *Rob Alford* (Sept 22nd).
Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount
Call 252.937.7299 for information.

“Walking Across Egypt” Book Discussion” (September 6 & 25 @ 6-7:30pm)
Tar River Reads is a community-wide reading program for adults. Book discussions at Braswell Memorial Library.
727 N Grace Street, Rocky Mount
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951.

Parenting Seminar (September 7 @ 6-8pm)
Parents come for seminar on *Improving your Parenting Skills*. Guest speaker Bob Wolf. Free pizza & free child care for seminar attendees.
First Baptist Church, 200 S Church Street, Rocky Mount
Contact First Baptist Office for reservation at 252.446.9113.

Growing Up In The Animal World (September 11 @ 4:30-5:30pm)
Free interactive program led by knowledgeable, enthusiastic instructors who bring the world of nature to you! Designed for ages 4 & up. Held at Braswell Memorial Library.
Warner Room, 727 N. Grace Street, Rocky Mount
Contact Linda Bunch at 252.442.1951 x.244

Free Afternoon Small Business Seminars (September 11 & 19 @ 1-4pm)
The Nash Community College Small Business Center is offering free business seminars. “Effective Leadership for Managers” (September 11th) & “Time Management for Managers” (September 19th).
Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount
To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

Let’s Talk About It (September 13 & 27 @ 6-7:30pm)
End of 5 part series of the NC Humanities' *Let's Talk About It* series at Braswell Memorial Library. For adults. *The Last Child & Burn Marks*.
Warner Room, 727 North Grace St, Rocky Mount
Contact Brenda Thibodeau at 252.442.1951.

Autumn Home & Garden Show (September 15 @ 9am-4pm)
Decorate a home or check out gifts for the holidays. Vendors, good food & music in the spirit of Autumn.
3735 & 3801 Dortches Boulevard, Rocky Mount
Contact Denise Barden at 252.443.2433

Free Evening Small Business Seminars (September 19, 20 & 27 @ 6-9pm)
NCC Small Business Center is offering free evening seminars. “Best Business to Start Now” (Sept 19th), “Grant Writing” (Sept 20th), & “Improve Your Credit Score to 740+ Get Business/Personal Loan” (Sept 27th).
Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount
To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

How to be a Real Success (Sept 20 @ 6-7:30pm)
Workshop in the Computer Lab for college students/adults. Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St., Rocky Mount
Contact Derrick Flood at 252.442.1951 x.239.

DOWNTOWN LIVE! Summer Music Series (September 20 @ 6-8:30pm)
Free Outdoor Concert featuring The Embers. Some seating available. Lawn chairs or blankets are welcome. Food & beverage vendors on site. No coolers allowed. Rain or Shine!
Imperial Centre Lawn, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
Contact The Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences at 252.972.1266.

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.

* Wilson *

Live Music in Spring Hope (September 1, 7, 8, 14 & 15 @ 7-10pm)
Live music featuring *Chandler Boling* (Sept 1st), *Mark & John Bunn* (Sept 7th), *Bob Funck* (Sept 8th), *Spook Joyner* w/ Amanda on Vocals (Sept 14th), *Travis Moss* (Sept 15th).
Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope
More info at www.contagiousconfections.com.

Downtown Alive (Sept 5 @ 6-8:30pm)
The Craig Woolard Band performs. Parking is available across Tarboro Street in a city lot. Free concert open to the public. Bring chairs or blankets, but please no coolers or pets.
210 South Tarboro Street, Wilson

1st Fridays on the Lawn (Sept 7 @ 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

Lego Read, Build, Play! National Tour (September 8 @ 1-4pm)
Come for Lego Duplo's nationwide tour of *Read, Build, Play*. Program free with paid museum admission. Ages 2-8.
Imagination Station, 224 E Nash Street, Wilson
More details at readbuildplay.com.

International Food & Music Festival (September 15 @ 11am-7pm)
Annual free festival showcasing variety of foods & music. Organized by St. Eugene Catholic Church of Wendell
J. Ashley Wall Towne Square, Wendell
For info, call the church at 919.365.7114.

Job Fair (September 27 @ 10am-2pm)
Come by to meet local employers & find out more about jobs available in the area. Free event.
Wilson Mall, 1501 Ward Blvd., Wilson

Movie: “Raiders of The Lost Ark” (September 28 @8:30pm)
Free movie starts at sunset in Paul V. Berry Hickory Grove Park. Popcorn & drinks for sale, proceeds benefit Wilson Police Athletic League.
200 Kenan St., Wilson

Special 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.

* Elsewhere *

Stepping Into the Past Series (September 1, 8, 15, & 22 @ 10am-3pm)
Event/workshop with museum admission.
Sept 1st Food Preservation, Sept 8th Entertainment on the Stage, Sept 15th Bee Keepers & Homemade Sweets, & Sept 22nd Tips from Expert Gardeners.
709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly
Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

Lizard Lick Festival (September 15 @ 10am-4pm)
Family Fun, vendors, “Lizard Lick Krew” from TruTV. Lizard races, bouncy houses, obstacle courses & carnival games. Live band *Nash Vegas*.
Wendell Auto Brokers, 2605 Hwy 97, Wendell
For details, contact Bobbie Pittman at 919.366.6288.

Annual Skywatch Event (Sept 15 @ 1pm until...)
The NC Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) public event. Guest speaker during day. \$5 donation requested. Meeting followed by dinner, then Skywatch.
NE Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Rd, Wilmington
To register or for further details, visit www.mufon-nc.com.

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.

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.

Events Repeating Every Week

Sunday
1-5pm, City Residents Free, Children's Museum, Rocky Mt
4pm, Higher Ground Fellowship, 20 Cheves Rd, Bunn

Monday
10:30am Storytime, Cooley Library, Nashville
6:30pm, Zumba, Imperial Centre, Rocky Mount

Tuesday
6pm, Zumba, Wendell Community Center, Wendell
6-7pm, Step It Off, Washington Community Center, RMt

Wednesday
6:30pm, Zumba, Imperial Centre, Rocky Mount
7-9pm, Bike Night w/ DJ Erma, Carolina Billiards, Wilson

Thursday
4pm Movie, Reid Street Comm. Center, Wilson
Live Music, Westridge Grill, Rocky Mount
6-7pm, Step It Off, Washington Community Center, RMt

Friday
10am Bingo, Eastern Wake Senior Center, Wendell
9:30pm, Karaoke Night, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon

Saturday
7:30am-12pm, Cty Fairgrounds Farmers Market, Wilson
9:30pm, Live Music, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon

Call 919.623.9392 to add a free or low-fee event.

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Heritage Day Festival

October 13, 2012 • 9:00am - 4:30pm
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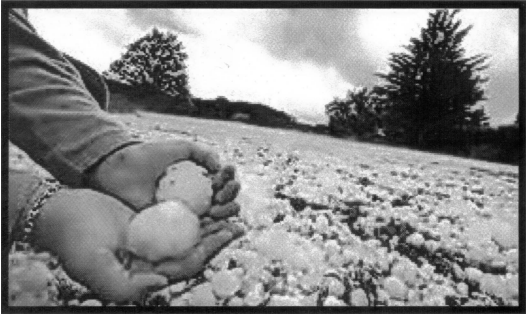
Breakfast • Craft, Art & Food Vendors • Childrens Court (lots of fun) • Tazz Band, The Rocky Cross Band, etc. • \$100.00 Gas Card Raffle • Sons of Confederates Set-up and Display • Car and Tractor Show • many more activities for the entire family

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Five Cases of West Nile
Virus in North Carolina

Residents Urged to Take Precautions
to Prevent Exposure

The NC Department of Health and Human Services reports that as of August 29, five cases of West Nile virus, including two deaths, have been confirmed in our state. Confirmed cases have been reported in Cabarrus, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Scotland and Wayne counties.

State Health Director Laura Gerald urges residents and visitors to take precautions to prevent mosquito-borne illness, including regular use of insect repellent and eliminating potential breeding sites around homes and businesses.

“While the Division of Public Health has only confirmed cases of West Nile in these five counties, we want to encourage everyone to protect themselves, especially at this time of year, when mosquitoes are most active,” Dr. Gerald said. “West Nile, and other mosquito-borne illness, can occur in any county in NC.”

Gerald added that about 80 percent of people infected with West Nile, or 4 out of 5, will not show any symptoms at all. Approximately 1 in 5 people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Less than 1 percent will develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues).

As of August 28, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported that 48 states have reported West Nile virus infections in people, birds, or mosquitoes. A total of 1,590 cases of West Nile virus disease in people, including 66 deaths, have been reported to CDC.

For more information about preventing mosquito-borne illness, visit epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/diseases/arbo.html. For more information on this release, contact Julie Henry at 919.855.4840.

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

Your kids are back in school, and in their new grades they are connecting with new friends.

Your son meets a new boy and they become fast friends. After a few weeks of school, your son is invited over for the weekend. You meet the parents, and let your son go home with them for the weekend.

When they bring your boy home on Sunday, he has a big bandage over his thumb. He tells you he just cut it while playing.

That evening when you give your son a new bandage, you see that his thumb is red and looks infected. It also looks to you like a bite, more than a cut. You help him clean it more and question him about it. Finally, he admits he was bitten by his new friend’s pet raccoon.

You take your son for medical treatment. Do you think you would tell the doctor it was a pet that bit your son? Do you think you would be angry at the parents for not getting him immediate treatment? Do you think you’d call them, or leave it to the authorities to track down the raccoon?

Carmike 10-Wilson
Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

The movie review this issue is The Possession, a newly released supernatural horror film.

The story revolves around a box referred to as a dibbuk box. It is professed to hold an imprisoned evil spirit, and the movies shows how the evil possesses one of the daughters.

Being possessed is presented differently than in other horror movies I’ve seen. It has a somewhat new and interesting plot. What happens to the family is scary to think about, there are a few suspenseful scenes, and a few things made us jump; however, I wouldn’t call it horribly frightening.

Hard core horror fans may like the original story. It might not make them as scared as they would like, or be gory or bloody enough for them. For those who like tamer movies with little gore, this may be a “horror” film to enjoy.

The Strange-ness

A bit of odd news from Carson, California. A 3-month-old kitten was discovered inside of a freight container from Shanghai, China during a July shipment. The LA County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) was contacted by the manager of the business that had received the container. DACC dispatched an animal control officer to the business.

According to a news release by the Deputy Director, an orange and white male kitten was found and taken to the Carson Animal Care Center’s medical unit for urgent care.

“It is incredible that this kitten could survive the almost 2,700 mile journey by sea without food or water,” said Marcia Mayeda, DACC’s Director. DACC veterinary staff reported that the kitten woke up the next morning “bright, alert, and responsive,” all very promising signs for a kitten who was clinging to life just 24 hours prior.

Staff and volunteers have named him “Ni Hao,” a Chinese word pronounced Nee How, which translates to “hello.”

Ni Hao is under quarantine and being monitored, a standard protocol for animals entering the US from other countries. “We will continue to provide the best care for Ni Hao, eventually looking for a suitable foster home then finally a permanent family to call his own,” Mayeda said.

News from The Grey Area

This September 1st issue contains local news, upcoming events for families and businesses, and a bit of strange news.

The Grey Area events & business information are *localized* in each Edition of the newspaper. Edition A covers Bunn, Knightdale, Wendell & Zebulon. Edition B covers Nashville, Rocky Mount, & Wilson.

If you’d like coverage of your area, or have an article idea, email kayw@greyareanews.com. Submissions welcomed. Advertisers call 919.637.6973 for scheduling.



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The Backside



Little Bits

Word of the Issue

cumbersome

Definition: Large or heavy, and so difficult to carry or use.

Example: “The couch was cumbersome to move across the room.”

Translation of the Issue

English — “please”

German — bitte	Spanish — por favor
Italian — per favore	Irish — le do thoil (meaning, “with your will”)
Latin — placet	Korean — 주십시오 (jusibsio)
Chinese — 请 (qǐng)	Dutch — alstublieft
Japanese — ください (kudasai), or, お願いします (onegaishimasu)	

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

William Shakespeare

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.”

Chuckle of the Issue

Two students stayed up late with friends and didn’t study for the upcoming test. Waking up the next morning, they were worried and made a plan to go to class late and make up a story.

They went to the class after the other students had finished the big test. The two students apologized to the professor for missing the test, and told him that they had a flat tire on the way. As a result, they missed the test.

The instructor agreed they could make up the test the next day. They were relieved, and studied hard that evening.

The next day, the instructor placed them in separate rooms and gave them the test. Each student quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Both were confident, thinking this was going to be easy since they had studied all night.

Then they turned the page. On the second page was written:

“For 95 points: Which tire? _____”

Cryptogram of the Issue

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

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G X U F G H U O H A S V W T V E

K P E F U A O S Z V W F X H

S C H U W R P F F X H S C H U W

G S P N A R H N H E E R H C U P E H

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*It is the mark of an
educated mind to be
able to entertain a
thought without
accepting it.
-- Aristotle*

New Business Opening



Nash Street Healthcare is open for business at 3725 Nash Street NW in Wilson, and held an Open House September 1st. Nash Street Healthcare will provide health services including school sports physicals and much more.

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