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Local Nonprofit Brings Hope to Local Children

Contributed by Barbara Timmons

We had a great time helping pack the backpacks on March 5th at the Interfaith Food Shuttle. These are a few facts from Interfaith Food Shuttle:

Fast Facts about Backpack Buddies

- Over 112,000 children in our service area receive free or reduced price meals at school.
- 1 in 4 children are hungry in the Triangle
- Nearly 1,500 children are enrolled in Backpack Buddies at 49 sites in 7 counties
- \$350 provides a child a Backpack filled with nutritious food each weekend for the entire school year



Our Essay winner, her family and her teacher joined us on March 19th. She is Finness Crooks (*see photo*) and attends Holly Springs Middle School. This year's topic was “How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?” She competed in our club contest with other students from her school and has now proceeded to compete on the district level for a chance to win a \$2500 scholarship. The winner for this will be

announced May 18th. We enjoyed hearing her essay and appreciate her teacher Mrs. Valita Papes working with her students challenging them academically to compete in this contest.

The Northern Wake Optimist Club's mission is: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimist bring out the best in kids!

For more information, visit nwoptimist.blogspot.com.

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 take your family out to a buffet on a Friday night. You, your spouse and children are enjoying your dinner. Everyone makes different choices, and you talk about plans for the weekend.

You're seated near the back of the restaurant and notice an elderly couple seated near you. They are eating dinner too, but seem nervous and glance around often.

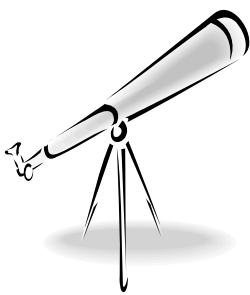
A little while later, you happen to look over and see the husband putting chicken into a plastic bag. As you watch, he hands it to his wife, who slides it into her very big purse. Then they go back to eating.

What do you think about their taking food home from the “all you can eat” buffet? Do you think you would say something to them or to the restaurant manager? Knowing the couple was older, and taking food might mean they are having a tough time, do you think you would slip them money? Or would you do nothing and just enjoy your family dinner?

Comets to be Visible in the Sky

Two comets are expected to be bright enough for viewing this year: C/2011 L4 PANSTARRS now through roughly mid-April, and C/2012 S1 (ISON) in the Fall.

According to Wikipedia.org, the PANSTARRS comet “is best seen in binoculars about 40 minutes after sunset”. A good telescope would also work.



A Little Bit of History

122 South Goldsboro Street

Downtown buildings around Eastern NC are finding new life. Individuals, couples, and corporations are choosing to revitalize buildings along main streets. In Historic Downtown Wilson, several properties are for sale, including a unique building for sale for \$95,000.

Wilson's “122 Goldsboro Street” is currently home to KUNTAW Palace. It's 10,000 square feet span three levels. It's long windows face Goldsboro Street. Recent remodeling brought the building up to code, including the large Martial Arts space, office spaces, and multiple bathrooms.

The building dates from some time between 1908 and 1913. It was originally built for the Wells Grocery Company, named for president-treasurer, Stephen C. W Wells (1850-1933), a prominent Wilson merchant and tobacconist and his brother, C. K. Wells, who was the company's secretary.

Since 1914, this building has been the property of G. S. Tucker and Company, a Raleigh-based furniture company which was founded in 1886, and occupied a building at 121 East Nash Street starting in 1896.

The brick facade of this three-story building is obscured by an attached metal screen, which was added by the Tuckers in 1956. Fortunately, the interior pressed metal ceilings remain intact on the first and second floors This simple, square grid coffered ceiling and egg-and-dart frieze are original. The third floor has no ceiling and exposed brick walls, waiting for someone to turn them into a new working or living space. The open stringer stair rises from the rear southwest. There is no indication of the former window arrangement on the front.

Information on this building and its listing with 1st Wilson Properties may be found online, or by contacting the Historic Wilson Downtown Crossroads of Charm & Innovation Development office at 252.293.5306.



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Things to Do in NC
 When You’re Bored

* Bunn *

- 4/04
A Blessing Soup Kitchen
(April 4, 11 & 18 @ 11:30am)

Thursdays free meals served to residents in need. Collaboration of local nonprofits using donations & volunteers. Donations welcome. Broad Building, Bunn
- 4/05
Bluegrass Music Open Jam
(April 5, 12 & 19 @ 7pm)

Live jam open to all. Bring an instrument & join the fun. Be there at 7pm or join later. Or listen, sip coffee & enjoy very local music! At Common Grounds Coffee (and fun) House, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn
- 4/06
FCAC Photographers Guild
(April 6 @ 2-4pm)

Monthly meeting to share information about photography. Public welcome. Meetings changed to First Saturday of month. At Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn Email Donna at donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com.
- 4/27
Bunn “Extravaganza”
(April 27 @ 11am-3pm)

Part of the Centennial, celebrating 100 years of Bunn throughout 2013. Free event features craft vendors, food, games & more. Held alongside Bunn Fun Run 5K. Fee for craft vendors is \$20. At Bunn High School, Bunn Craft vendors, call 919.426.5806 or email sherry.mercer@jacobs.com.

* Louisburg/
 Youngsville *

- 4/03
Second Cup Ladies Writers Group
(April 3 & 17 @ 9:30am)

Writers meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings. Full Circle Coffee Shop, Youngsville. donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com.
- 4/06
Whiffle Ball Game Day
(April 6)

Fun event for children & young adults with special needs. In Louisburg High School Gym, Louisburg Contact Miracle League of Franklin County at 919.291.1040.
- 4/11
Night Writers Group
(April 11 & 25 @ 7pm)

2nd & 4th Thursday nights at Full Circle Coffee Shop, Youngsville. donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com.
- 4/27
Kitten Shower
(April 27 @ 11am-2pm)

The Franklin County Humane Society is throwing a Kitten Shower. Food, games, prizes, and most importantly kittens to meet or adopt! Event free. Held at the Youngsville Public Library. 218 US 1A Hwy South, Youngsville More info at www.fchsnc.org

* Knightdale *

- 4/04
Notary Public Class
(April 4 @ 9:00am-4:30pm)

Gain Notary Public Certification. Class held at Knightdale Chamber, 207 Main Street, Knightdale Register online at the Chamber site, www.knightdalechamber.org, or call the Chamber at 919.266.4603.
- 4/05
Live Music Fridays
(April 5, 12, 19 & 26)

Live music each Friday evening. At The Sports Page Bar & Grill, 835 N. Smithfield Road, Knightdale. www.knightdalesportspage.com.
- 4/06
Wake Tech Job Assistance
(Apr. 6, 13 & 20 @ 11am-2pm)

Free walk-in Career Consultation by a trained Wake Tech instructor. Help with resume & cover letter writing, job searching & more. No appointment necessary. First come, first served. At E Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Ct, Knightdale
- 4/12
Arbor Day Celebration
(April 12 @ @ 10-11am)

Free event includes mayor & city council presentations, live band performances, & announcement of the poster contest winners. Open to the public. At Senior Center, 427 South Church Street, Rocky Mount Contact Allen R. at 252.343.3130
- 4/13
Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting
(April 13 @ 10am)

Ribbon cutting for new Pedestrian Bridge over Neuse River. Parking available at Anderson Point Park. Bring family & enjoy ceremony & bike ride to Milburnie Dam Bridge. Contact Tina Cheek, Knightdale Parks & Recreation, 919.217.2230.
- 4/16
Networking In Knightdale
(April 16 @ 11:30am-1pm)

A chance to connect with other local businesses. Bring business cards & network. Small fee. Applebee’s, 6609 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale Register in advance: jennifer.bryan@knightdalechamber.org.
- 4/20
Community Paper Shredding, E-Waste & Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling Drive
(April 20 @ 10am-1pm)

Recycle old electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, & paper documents safely & securely at this free public event. Marrow-Pitt Ace Hardware, 1713 N Main Street, Tarboro Contact Cornelia McGee-Anthony at 252.467.4960.
- 4/24
Professional Women's Networking Group (PWNG)
(April 24 @ 11:45am-1pm)

4th Wednesdays. Brush up networking skills, exchange tips & ideas, & build business relationships. Lunch included. \$10 members, \$20 non. Knightdale Chamber, 207 Main St., Knightdale. RSVP (required) at 919.266.4603.

* Wendell *

- 4/02
Family Storytime
(April 2, 9 & 16 @ 6:30pm)

Preschool children & their families invited to participate. Interactive program with books, songs, & movement. Held each Tuesday at the Wendell Community Library, 207 S Hollybrook Road, Wendell
- 4/03
How Health Care Reform Will Affect You
(April 3 @ 12-1pm)

Seminar by June-Neri Financial. At the Main Street Training & Business Center, 30 N Main Street, Wendell. RSVP or info: 919.414.3571
- 4/03
Tue. Morning Coffee Break
(April 2, 9, 16 & 23 @ 8-9am)

Connect, have coffee or tea, & network with business owners at this Wendell Chamber weekly event. At the Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell
- 4/03
How Health Care Reform will Affect You
(April 3 @ 12-1pm)

Stop by and learn more about this topic of interest. At the Main Street Training & Business Center, 30 N Main Street, Wendell. RSVP or info: 919.414.3571
- 4/05
Chamber Ribbon Cuttings
(April 5 & 11 @ 12-1pm)

Come out & welcome new members to Wendell Chamber! Enjoy light refreshments and network with other businesses. Jus 4 You Designs on April 5th, 206 East 3rd Street, Wendell Amber’s Place, special Bi-Chamber ribbon cutting, on April 11th. Stop by and enjoy a glass of wine while perusing local artist’s creations. 10220 S Nash Street, Middlesex
- 4/06
Brown Bag Lunch Ministry
(April 6, 13 & 20 @ 9:30am)

Brown bag lunches each Saturday for those in need. Personal hygiene items. St. Eugene Catholic Church, 608 Lions Club Road, Wendell Info at www.steugeneparish.org.
- 4/16
E Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program
(April 16)

Come for supper at 6:30 & program follows. 3rd Tuesday each month. Meetings held at Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell For more info, call 919.365.5206.
- 4/17
E Wake Women In Networking
(April 17 @ 11:45am-1pm)

“WIN” meets 3rd Tuesday of the month,. Join other women business owners for an afternoon of networking. Northeast Area Study Traveling Roadshow hosts March event bringing an interactive light board. At Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd, Wendell Info www.wendellchamber.com.
- 4/18
ABC's of Starting Your Own Business
(April 18 @ 6-8pm)

Presented by the NC Institute of Minority Economic Development. Held at the Wendell Chamber, 115 North Pine Street, Wendell

* Zebulon *

- 4/05
Pickleball
(April 5, 12 & 19 @ 11am-1pm)

A net, a paddle, & a whiffle ball! Stop by to play, get a break in the day. No fee. Instruction given, so new players are welcome. Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon
- 4/05
Karaoke Friday Nights
(April 5, 12 & 19 @ 9pm)

Check out local talent or join the fun. Every Friday in the Press Box at McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, 418 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon Call 919.269.0125 for more info.

- 4/06
Brown Bag Lunch Ministry
(April 6, 13 @ 20 @ 10:30am)

Brown bag lunches for those in need. Personal hygiene items too. Saturdays at Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N Church St, Zebulon More info at www.zumchurch.org.
- 4/12
Movie on the Lawn
(April 12 @ 7:30PM)

Free film *Madagascar 3*. Bring the family for a fun evening. At the Town Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave., Zebulon
- 4/17
East Wake WIN (Women In Networking)
(April 17 @ 11:45-1pm)

Held 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come join WIN for an afternoon of networking. By Wendell & Zebulon Chambers of Commerce. At Fargo’s Steakhouse, 1007 Shepard School Road, Zebulon
- 4/19
Youth Celebration
(April 19 @ 6:30-8:30PM)

Celebrate youth artistic talent! Display of art work submitted by local schools. At the Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon
- 4/20
Auction Fundraiser
(April 20 @ 10am)

Antiques, Vintage, New and gently used items. Barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, & more snacks. No Buyers Premium. At Pilot Baptist Church, 8103 Hwy 39, Zebulon Contact Jan Alford (919.426.6073) or Jerry Carlyle (919.269.5920).
- 4/26
Market on the Lawn
(April 26 @ 5-9pm)

Market place with fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and plants, arts & crafts vendor spaces, and local entertainment on stage.

* Elsewhere *

- 4/05
Live Music Fridays
(April 5, 12 & 19 @ 7-10pm)

Music with Travis Moss (April 5th), Willis Gupton (April 12), & Justin Johnson (April 19). At Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope Info at www.showsidegrill.com.
- 4/06
Karaoke w/ James & Samantha Bradley
(April 6 @ 7-10pm)

Stop by for the fun each Saturday. At Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope Info at www.showsidegrill.com
- 4/16
Hackney Library Book Signing
(April 16)

Book signing with Stephanie Barnard. At Barton College’s Hackney Library, 400 Atlantic Christian Col Dr NE. Wilson Call 252.399.6501 or email gwloveland@barton.edu.
- 4/18
ECU’s Earth Day Expo
(April 18 @ 4pm)

Free Earth Day Expo has interactive events for all ages. Various ECU researchers & local non-profit organizations will have displays & activities on topics related to biodiversity. Live animals & plants, lab activities, natural history story times, & more! Kids from various after school programs attending & public welcome! At the Howell Science Complex, East Carolina University, Greenville More info at www.ecu.edu.
- 4/20
Home Run 5K Run/Walk for the Children
(April 20 @ 9am-11:30am)

Run for fun or competitively. Proceeds benefit Children’s Home. At Free Will Baptist Children’s Home, 7907 Buck Deans Road, Middlesex To register online: www.active.com/running/middlesex-nc/home-run-for-the-children-2013

Coffee Break
 in Wendell

At the Wendell Chamber



Come meet other business owners in the Wendell Community and beyond for the Wendell Chamber’s Tuesday Morning Coffee Break! Meet at La Familia Bakery, 4 North Main Street in Wendell. Stop by Tuesdays from 8:00-9:00am for weekly Coffee Breaks. Come connect, have coffee (and tea), meet others and network with local business owners!



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The above “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.

Visit Local Home Gardens on
Wilson Garden Tour

Contributed by Linda May

The Wilson Garden Tour is returning May 3rd & 4th. This year, participants may tour eight unique gardens in Wilson! Walk through some unusual garden designs and see beautiful flowers in bloom!

Tour runs 10am through 4pm. both days. Friday, attend a reception and silent auction at the Wilson Woman’s Club, located on Broad Street (May 3rd at 5-7pm).

This year’s tour include these area gardens:

- Dr. and Mrs. James Cummings, whose garden includes a pond, vine-covered fences, sitting areas and a pool.
- Dr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, whose yard includes multiple garden beds including numerous family heirloom plants from eastern NC; two unusual Chinese firs; and a koi pond shaded by a Japanese Maple.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hill, described as an intimate Southern living garden next to a massive stone fireplace, gas grill and dining area ideal for entertaining.
- Ms. Carol Wikfors and Ms. Sheila Forbes. Ms. Wikfors is a local artist whose garden incorporates her love for art into a whimsical landscape.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Skinner, whose lawn is bordered by an array of southern plants including boxwoods, azaleas, hollies, camellias, dogwoods and rhododendrons.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Barnes, whose garden is decorated both with flower-filled containers and art created by their daughter, Sherrod.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews, whose lawn showcases a formal rose garden surrounded by a black, wrought iron fence.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tim Webb, a two-acre country oasis, surrounded by beautiful gardens, whimsical accessories and barnyard animals.

This annual garden tour is sponsored by the Wilson Botanical Gardens, the Wilson County Extension Master



Photo by Cyndi Lauderdale

Gardener Volunteers, and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Foundation. Proceeds from the tour benefit the Wilson Botanical Gardens’ “Children’s Secret Garden” construction. Tickets (\$25 apiece) are available at the Raleigh Road Garden Center, The Nook, The Flower Pot, and the Wilson County Agricultural Center.

Iron Sharpens Iron

Contributed by Chad Ray, rayfamilyfarms.com

Recently, I spoke to a group of college kids about business, life, and family. Their professor had, in advance, told me that their entrepreneurial spirit needed a boost.

I went there to talk with them about business. I explained to the group of 300, it’s not enough to be educated, they must be skilled too. The higher the skill they have, the more irreplaceable they may be. I also suggested picking a skill they enjoyed and not one they loathed. (That tends to make a difference, you know.)

Why did the Professor believe that these young adults were not prepared to try new things with their own hands? Is it the system, the politicians, the video games, the whatever? No... I came to the realization that it is *us*. If the children fail it will be because we failed to *lead* them. I’m not saying individually; I mean collectively as a nation and world.

Proverbs 27:17 says that iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Everyone not yet mature needs a mentor. Why are we in such a mess with today’s youth and young adults? I believe more than ever as a society we have turned our backs on them “collectively”. We are so “busy” we are forgetting the simple things we were taught by someone we all looked up to as a child or young adult.

I can see my mentors like it was yesterday. We all must do our part to change the course. If it’s not you giving of yourself to help a young person, then it may be some less competent person out there because they have nothing else to do.

I ask you to consider looking into getting involved in not only your kids’ or relatives’ lives but someone who is looking for someone just like you in their life.

The Strange-ness

Animal Ghosts

Do you believe in ghosts? Despite any officially recognized evidence or proof, many people believe. A quick online search leads to thousands of strange tales. People from all walks of life relate stories of visits from relatives, hauntings by strange specters, and visions of pets who have passed on.

In some cases, the witness’ perceptions are given as evidence. Sometimes, though, there are photographs to back up the stories! Beloved dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pets which have passed on show up in photos or videos, seeming to confirm their return from beyond to see their families and other house pets. Visions of animal ghosts seem to be almost as frequent as those of people.

In March 2013, a UK woman reported a visit from her dead cat. She, and her remaining cat, both experienced a “presence” at the same time.

One Eastern NC resident reported that after her cat was killed in an overnight accident, she was awakened in the middle of the night by the cat jumping on the bed. Reaching down to pet him, she found nothing where moments before she had felt the cat’s weight on her legs.

Zebulon resident Diana Trent has a photograph showing her beloved dog, Marlow, watching over them. In a 2001 Christmas photo, Marlow’s spirit can be seen seated next her other dogs, Luther and Foxy, alongside her grandson Joey and Santa.



Ghosts have been reported for hundreds of years. Is it likely that the people relating encounters with ghosts are misunderstanding what they see or hear? There are many believers, spanning many countries and cultures, and records going back more than a thousand years to support the idea that spirits do indeed come to visit.

What have you experienced? Do you believe?



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Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. “Is that a dog you got back there?” he asked.

“It sure is,” I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van.

Finally he asked, “What’d he do?”

Word of the Issue

raptor

Definition: A bird of prey, often known to catch their food while in flight. Example raptors: eagles, hawks, and owls.

Example: “The raptor flew across the road, a flopping fish clutched in its talons.”

Quote of the Issue

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

--Audrey Hepburn

Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle.

Hint: X = A.

X N C V L X P V L L Q C U D

H V P T U M C Y H X B B C Y V D

G U Q T U P B H V P T V B

T U C L P B H X B B C Y

-- H X Y W B J X V P

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*The Most Valuable
Possession You Can Own
Is An Open Heart. The
Most Powerful Weapon
You Can Be Is An
Instrument Of Peace.*

-- Carlos Santana

Translation of the Issue

English — “fish”

Irish — iasc

Latin — piscis

German — fisch

Spanish — pescado

Italian — pesce

Dutch — vis

Translations for variations of these words, and in many more languages, may be found in online (translate.google.com, etc.) and print resources.

Recent Ribbon Cuttings

Another Ribbon Cutting was held March 21st in Wendell, as a variety of new restaurants open in short order. This photo shows Ruben Pichardo and Martha Torres at the La Familia Bakery ribbon cutting, held by the Wendell Chamber of Commerce. This bakery (panadería) and coffee shop is the new location for the Wendell Chamber’s weekly “Coffee Break” networking events (Tuesdays at 8am).



Photo by Frank Whatley

News from The Grey Area

This March 29th issue’s event listing includes a variety of business meetings, local news, Spring-related activities, and several job fairs. All are public, and most are free.

More Spring and outdoor events are coming, along with information on local farmers’ markets and free movies/concerts. Watch for Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, and summer camp information in the coming issues.

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