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## The Good News...NC Blooms with Festivals & Fairs

Along with the beautiful weather and blooming nature, Spring brings local celebrations to North Carolina’s towns and cities. Dogwood and herb festivals, food and music festivals, and special celebrations dot the calendar and the state from April through Summer.

The next few weeks include the Burlington Herb Festival (April 26-27), Wake Forest’s HerbFest (April 26-28), the Nashville Blooming Festival (May 9-11), the Farmville Dogwood Festival (April 25-28), and Smithfield’s Ham and Yam Festival (May 3-4). The Town of Bunn, celebrating its Centennial, has several events upcoming including the Extravaganza (April 27) and a Museum Day (May 18) for history buffs. Wilmington, Apex, and several other towns are soon holding Arts and Crafts festivals too.

Taking advantage of the great NC weather, there will be many places to go and much to see!

## The Bad News... Fraud Bill

A NC General Assembly Bill includes items which animal rights activists say target their activities exposing abuse.

Senate Bill 648 (Commerce Protection Act) includes a section on Employment Fraud. This makes unlawful misrepresentation on an employment application, including false statements made to gain access and video, photograph, record, or copy papers in a business for the purpose of exposing business practices like animal abuse. Offenses would be punished as a misdemeanor or, for a second conviction, a felony.

## A Little Bit of History Reviving Old Buildings

On Howard Street in Downtown Rocky Mount, just a block away from Main sits a solid, two-story brick building. This 1920s brickfront’s renovation created a living space, office, and garage. New life for this old building became a “new” home and business location for a local couple.

Formerly the home of Bass Brothers General Merchandise, and then Atlantic Office Supply, the updated space within 130 Howard Street made a 2,500 sq. ft. loft apartment over a large garage and business office.

Much of the original structure was maintained or repaired during renovations. Interior exposed brick walls and roof trusses show off the quality structural elements from days gone by. Owners Ron and Hilarie Vetere report and kept running an old, hand-made, hand-operated elevator as part of a created guest room.

Older buildings with solid structures provide an opportunity to take the quality construction of the old days and re-make it for a quality home or business space today. Check out local downtown buildings as an option for your next move.

## 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 at the office. As an early riser, you arrived before your colleagues, made the coffee, and settled in to work.

As your colleagues arrive, you take a break to grab some more coffee. You pour a cup of coffee and step aside to get some cream and sugar. One of the women from down the hall comes in with a large travel mug. She’s talking loudly on the phone while refilling her coffee mug. She drains the coffee pot, sets it down empty on the burner, and walks out.

As she leaves the room, a male colleague comes in with their coffee cup. He picks up the empty coffee pot, looks at you with your cup, and gives you a dirty look, slams the pot down, points to you, and walks out.

How do you think you would feel about each of these people? Do you think you would be more upset at the woman who drained the coffee pot and left it for someone else, or at the man who found the empty pot and expected you to make more?

Do you think that you would be comfortable with saying something to either or both of them? Do you think you would stay silent? Is this the kind of interpersonal rudeness you experience regularly at work? Do you think gender plays a role in some rude acts?

## 24 Hours Visiting Lighthouses of NC

*Contributed by Frank Whatley with Photos*

North Carolina lighthouses are an important part of the state’s history and continuing tourism. Residents and visitors alike are aware of these coastal attractions. Some take the time to go and see the lighthouses; others have only seen them in photos.



With family visiting, we recently took the time to go and visit several lighthouses on the coast. An advantage of living in Eastern NC is that visiting a lighthouse could be done in a day trip. We took the opportunity for an overnight and visited several — including the recently re-opened Bodie Island Lighthouse.

Stopping first at the Roanoke River Lighthouse (Plymouth NC), which was nearest on our adventure traveling out of Zebulon, we were able to reach the lighthouse in less than two hours. The Roanoke River Lighthouse is a river-based lighthouse, looks a house with a lighthouse above. It is quite different from the towering coastal lighthouses.

Driving on about an hour and a half from Plymouth, we spent the night in Nags Head. We woke to watch the sun rise over the ocean. Later in the morning we visited the horizontally striped Bodie Island Lighthouse as they were setting up for the dedication; tours were to begin again the following day.

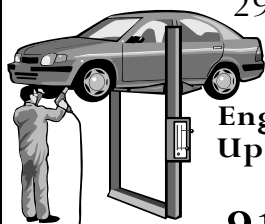
After walking around Bodie and the beach area, we jumped into the car again and headed for Cape Hatteras Light Station. An hour later we were in Buxton NC looking at the “barber pole” black and white of the lighthouse.

In our 24-hour tour, we were able to visit three lighthouses, walk the beach, enjoy the sunshine, and have a good mini-vacation together. Whether you stay overnight or make it a day trip, taking the time to see these state — and national — treasures can be a beneficial family adventure.



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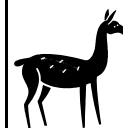
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Giving Cancer the  
Boot in East Wake

Contributed by Vickie Curtis, Event Chair

Help East Wake Relay for Life give Cancer the Boot! Join this special event on May 17 at Five County Stadium — Home of the Mudcats — when the gate opens at 5pm.



Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon communities come together to celebrate our survivors during the Survivor lap at 6:15 pm. Remember those that have lost the fight, with respect, during the Luminary Ceremony at 9pm, and you can help us fight back by participating in the events around the track. A Special Kid’s Walk begins at 6:45 with appearances of “special friends” like Muddy the Mudcat, Sparky the fire pup, The PIG, and many more.

There will be lots of good food, bands, children’s activities, dunking booth, and even a chance to ride the mechanical bull. This is a fun and meaningful event for the entire family. Please remember this is a smoke and alcohol free event. For safety, please leave your pets at home.

Come out in your western attire and help us raise money to find cures for Cancer. For additional information contact ewrelayforlife@nc.rr.com.

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Golf Tournament  
May 8, 2013!

Do not miss the opportunity to show your golf skills and have some mid-week fun at our annual Golf Tournament!



Wendell Country Club  
Registration begins at  
12:00 Noon

To learn more about sponsoring a team or participating, contact:

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Arts Workshop Focuses  
on Women’s Perceptions

Contributed by Donna Campbell Smith

The Franklin County Arts Council invites you to take part in our upcoming workshop, *Speaking to the Woman Within II*, on May 4th from 9am until noon at the Franklinton library.

This workshop looks at how the stories we tell ourselves impact our perceptions of ourselves, and ultimately ignite our fears. Facilitator Jackie Dove-Miller shows women how they may use the art of poetry and creative writing to assist in working through negative self-talk and fear-based living.

Participants read poetry that speaks to issues of truth-telling and fear, and may respond with personal paragraphs and poems. Participants should leave the workshop with new insights about self-defeating storytelling.

Jackie Dove-Miller is a writer, poet and workshop facilitator. She performs Spoken Word Poetry at area church and community events focused on women who are trying to change the circumstances of their lives.

There is no fee to attend but participants must register with the FCAC by April 29th: 919.853.7020 or ED@fcacarts.org. Space is limited, so register in advance. This workshop is sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council (www.ncarts.org).

BUNN’S CENTENNIAL  
Museum Day

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH  
11AM - 3PM

♦ Council Hall, 114 Montgomery St ♦

Come Join Us In Celebrating 100  
Years with a Day to Learn & Share  
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- ♦ Essays by Bunn Students!
- ♦ Raffle tickets
- ♦ Vendors
- ♦ Storytelling
- ♦ Treats
- ♦ Chicken Plate Sale
- ♦ Gospel Music
- ♦ & Much More!





Mother's Day  
is Sunday,  
May 12th

Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 12th, many families will spend part of their day in celebration of their mothers and motherhood.

Mother's Day is celebrated each year on the second Sunday in May. It serves as an opportunity to give special attention and recognition to one's mother, and to help children focus on their caregiver.

Since 1908, US residents have celebrated Mother's Day. Traditions include gift making by children, or presents of flowers or jewelry from their children. Some retailers have special bouquets or mother's charms which are designed for giving on Mother's Day.

Some families gather for a special meal with "Mom". At home, or out, it is a chance to gather the family together.

For those who have lost their mother, it may be a difficult day. They may enjoy the time with their children, but feel especially sad thinking of their own mother. They may need some time alone to think and review old photographs as a way of feeling closer to the Mom they have lost.

When planning for this special Sunday in May, be sure to make it an enjoyable day for Mom, an unselfish day for the children, and a moment to reflect on past good times.

Other May Celebrations

In addition to celebrating Mother's Day, the month of May brings cultural celebrations, including those described below.

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo — May 5th — brings with it opportunities for festivals, tasty food, dancing, and fun. Before you step out for a cerveza (beer), take a moment to learn about the origins of Cinco de Mayo.

While sometimes mistakenly thought to be Mexico's Independence Day, Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of victory over occupying French forces sent by Napoleon III in the 1800s. At the Battle of Puebla, the Mexican Army defeated the French occupying forces, and victory during this battle is commemorated each year on May 5th.

While not a national holiday, Cinco de Mayo in the US serves more as cultural celebration similar to St. Patrick's Day (Irish) or Oktoberfest (Bavarian).

In Eastern NC, watch for special music, food, and activities on May 5th offered by local businesses supporting this cultural holiday. Celebrate the melting pot of America and the wondrous collections of music, food, and entertainment available for all to share.

May Day

May Day on May 1 is a very old spring festival. In some cultures, it is a traditional spring holiday.

May Day continues to be observed in Europe and some places in America. In past decades during festivals people would dance around the maypole.

Are you thinking about Mother's Day yet? It's coming soon!

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