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# "I'M FREE—Take Me With You!"

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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!

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# 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.

## 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.

# 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 Light-

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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## Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

## \* Nashville \*

#### 4/29 Kids' Storytime (April 29 @ 10:30am)

Join each Monday for 30-minute story time. For ages 2-5. At Cooley Library, 114 W Church St., Nashville www2.youseemore.com/cooleylibrary

#### 4/29 Compassion Cafe -5/31 (Monday-Friday @ 11am-1pm)

Meal served once a month at the cafe. Corner of Church & Collins Streets, behind main Nashville UMC building. Contact 252.459.7178.

#### 5/09 The Winston Band Free Event (May 9 & 7pm)

Blooming Festival "kick off" presented by Nash Arts & the Nashville Chamber of Commerce in celebration of the African American Music Trail. At Nash Arts Center, 100 E Washington Street, Nashville

#### 5//08- Nashville Blooming Festival 11 (May 8-11)

Carnival begins at 5pm on May 8th, festival kick off is on May 9th (above), & variety of events May 10th & 11th. Check the official "Nashville schedule on the Blooming Festival" Facebook page.

## \* Rocky Mount \*

#### 4/26 Pantene Beautiful Lengths Ponytail Drive (April 26 @ 4-8pm)

Trinity Lutheran Church hosts a ponytail drive at their Relay for Life tent. All qualifying donated ponytails will be transformed into free, highquality wigs for women undergoing cancer treatment. At Rocky Mount Athletic Complex, 600 Independence Drive, Rocky Mount

### Contact Jessica at 252.443.7462.

#### 4/27 The Art Garden (April 27 @ 10am-5pm)

An arts & flower festival for artists & flower enthusiasts creating original works. At Maria V. Howard Arts Center, Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount

To reserve an art booth & for more information, call 252.972.1175.

#### 4/30 Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop (April 30 @9-11am)

Hiring Our Heroes is partnering with the public, private, & nonprofit sectors to develop customized employment workshops for the nation's veterans, military spouses, & transitioning service-members. Presentations, mentoring, & careerfocused tools. At the Children's Museum & Science Center, the Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount

#### 4/30 Preschool Storytime 5/07 (April 30 & May 7, 14 @ 11am)

5/14 Stop by the Storytime Room and join the reading fun each Tuesday. At Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace Street, Rocky Mount

#### 5/02 Obtaining A Loan For Your Small Business (May 2 @ 6-9pm)

No charge. An entrepreneur goes in to business to make money. To accomplish this goal, it is often necessary to borrow funds. This 3hour seminar covers determining how much is needed, where money can come from, 5 C's of Credit, & preparing a loan package. At the Business & Industry Center, Nash Community College, Room 1211, 522 N Old Carriage Rd., Rocky Mt.

#### 5/04 Anniversary/ Cinco de Mayo Party (May 4 @ 7pm)

Live music with Monkeyfoot. At Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount Call 252.937.7299 for info.

#### 5/16 Downtown Live! Summer Music Series (May 16 @ Doors 5pm)

Downtown Live! is kicking off the season with *The Embers* (May 16th) free concert. Music begins at 6pm. No coolers allowed. On the lawn at The Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount

#### 5/23 Gardening with Don Aycock (May 23 @ 5:30-7pm)

Join Nash County Master Gardener Don Aycock for this special event. In the Warner Meeting Room, Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace Street, Rocky Mount

#### 5/23 Senior Power Day (May 23 @ 10am-1pm)

Food, farmer's market, wellness, games, & much more. In Warner & Wiley Meeting Rooms, Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace Street, Rocky Mount

## \* Wilson \*

#### 4/27 God Belongs In My City-Wilson (April 27 @ 9:30am-1:30pm)

Prayer Walk beginning at the Wilson County Public Library & ending at Paul Berry Park. Stellar Award winner Jason Nelson will be performing and singing, "Shifting the Atmosphere" & more. Free!

#### 5/24 Travis Moss Live in Wilson (May 24 @ 8:30-11:30pm

Acoustic music live at Quince ~ A Southern Bistro, 2801-3D Ward Blvd., (Brentwood Shopping Ctr.), Wilson

More info at www.quincenc.com.

#### 5/25 Take25 Walk For Child Safety (May 25 @ 8am-12pm)

Sallie B. Howard school in partnership with the National Center For Missing & Exploited Children host a Take 25 Walk 4 Child Safety event to commemorate national missing children's day. At the Recreation Center, Sunset Avenue. For info on how to become a Sponsor or Walker, Contact Ty Whitehead at 252.293.4150.

### \* Elsewhere \*

#### 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.

Town Municipal Complex, Zebulon

#### 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. Craft vendors fee \$20. At Bunn High School, Bunn Craft vendors, call 919.426.5806 or email sherry.mercer@jacobs.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,

More info at www.fchsnc.org

# 4/27 Stepping Into the Past Series 5/05 (April 27 & May 5 @ 10am-3pm)

Workshop with museum admission. A new topic each week, wide range of topics over the year. Grow Your Own Cash Crop: Plant NC crops for your garden (April 27th), & The Barnyard: Local Farm Animals onsite (May 5th) At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St., Kenly information online www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

### 4/27 Karaoke Saturdays 5/11 (April 27 & May 11 @ 7-10pm)

Stop by for the fun each Saturday with James & Samantha Bradley. Also check out Live Music Fridays! At Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope

Info at www.showsidegrill.com



#### 5/02 500 Businesses You Can Start From Home (May 2 @ 6-9pm)

Free seminar designed to help people become entrepreneurs. In Fleming Room 173 at Edgecombe Community College, 2009 Wilson Street, Tarboro (Also May 21st at Rocky Mount Campus.) For general inquiries email us at: rmacc@rockymountchamber.org or call 252.973.1211.

#### 5/03 Live Music Fridays 5/10 (May 3 & 10 @ 7-10pm)

Music to end your week. Live Music with Meredith Davis (May 3rd) & Mark & John Bunn (May 10th). At Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope Info at www.showsidegrill.com.

#### 5/04 Eric Strickland & The B-Sides (May 4 @ 7:30pm)

Traditional country music, honkytonk style. At Small Town USA, 8928 Main Street, Castalia

#### 5/10 Family Movie Night (May 10 @ 7:30PM)

Free film. Bring the family for a fun evening. At the Town Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave., Zebulon

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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, send an email to ewrelayforlife@nc.rr.com.

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# **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?

# **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).





# **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.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th

# **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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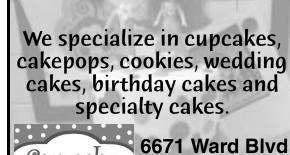
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## **Little Bits**

#### Chuckle of the Issue

Two buddies, John and Bill were two of the biggest baseball fans in America. Their entire adult lives, John and Bill discussed baseball history in the winter, and they pored over every box score during the season. They went to 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven.

One summer night, John passed away in his sleep after watching his team's victory earlier in the evening. He died a happy man.

Several nights later, Bill awoke to the sound of John's voice from beyond.

"John, is that you?" Bill asked.

"Of course it's me," John replied.

"This is unbelievable!" Bill exclaimed. "So tell me: is there baseball in heaven?"

"Well, I have good news and bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?"

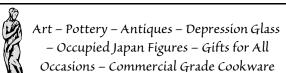
"Tell me the good news first."

John said, "Well, the good news is that, yes, there is baseball in heaven, Bill."

"Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news, John?" asked Bill.

"You're pitching tomorrow night."





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### Word of the Issue

**Humidity** 

**Definition:** The water vapor in the air or a gas. **Example:** "It's not the heat, it's the humidity."

#### **Quote of the Issue**

"A kitten is in the animal world what a rosebud is in the garden."

Robert Southey (English Poet, 1774-1843)

# **Translation of the Issue**

English — "flower"

Irish — bláth Spanish — flor Latin — florem Italian — fiore German — blume Dutch — bloem

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

#### Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle. Hint:  $G = \mathbf{E}$ .

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Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

If You Go Looking For A Friend, You're Going To Find They're Very Scarce. If You Go Out To Be A Friend, You'll Find Them Everywhere. --Zig Ziglar

# News from *The Grey Area*

This April 26th issue includes a special feature on Mother's Day. It also includes articles on local Spring events.

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If interested in submitting an article or editorial, please email us at kayw@greyareanews.com.



# **Low-Fee Rabies Clinics** for Eastern NC Pets

This time of year, pets come under attack. Ticks, fleas, and other biting things can harm cats, dogs, and other pets unless their owners take preventative action. While medications given at home and available over the counter might protect pets from ticks and fleas, complete health care requires pet owners to visit with a veterinarian. This



includes rabies vaccinations, which are mandatory in NC.

Upcoming Saturday rabies clinics, arranged by Tar River Veterinary, include:

April 27th at Franklin County's shelter 8-10am April 27th at Toney Ace Hardware 10:30-11:30am May 4th at FoyMart 8-10am May 4th at Bunn Fire Dept. 10:30-11:30am May 4th at Gold Sand Fire Dept 12-12:45pm May 11th at Franklin County's shelter 8-10am May 11th at White Level Lions Club 10:30-11:30am May 11th at Tractor Supply Youngsville 1:30-2:30pm

One and three year vaccines are expected to be available. To qualify for a three-year vaccination, you need to bring your pet's previous certificate. By law, all cats and dogs four months of age and older must be vaccinated.

The cost is \$5 and there will be other vaccines available. You do not have to be a resident of Franklin County to come.

Ensure a healthy pet and save on potential healthcare costs by coming to a public clinic or checking with your local veterinary offices. Hopefully by taking some precautions, the entire family can relax and enjoy a beautiful Springtime in North Carolina!

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