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Back To School Time is Almost Here!

School shopping is just a few weeks away. The sales tax holiday is August 2-4 this year. Take advantage of this option while it is still offered, as 2013 may be the last year. Legislation is being written this month that may repeal it.

During the August 2-4 sales tax holiday, NC shoppers may purchase clothing and shoes (priced under \$100/item), school supplies (priced under \$100/item), some textbooks, computers and computer supplies, and sports equipment (priced under \$50/item). Some everyday items such as diapers, for babies and adults, are also exempt from sales tax.

If in doubt about purchases and whether they are exempt from sales tax, the NC Department of Revenue website offers a list: www.dornc.com.

Local Movie Screening Kicks off 3 Days of Praise

Contributed by Cindy Privette, jafarm@earthlink.net

The producers of *Jackson’s Run* and founders of the *Impact Challenge*, Chris Robinson and Ollie Ballew, are bringing their Impact Team to North Carolina to bring a movement that will change the world. **Total Impact 2013: Zebulon** happens July 26-28 at the Norris Creek Outdoor Complex (751 Old Halifax Road, Louisburg NC)

Don’t miss the showing of *Jackson’s Run* starring Rusty Martin Jr. and TC Stallings from *Courageous* and the power chords of Second Perception, the writers and performers of the soundtrack. Watch the live performance of the commanding “Satan’s Kiss” that will leave you on the edge of your seat. Featured guests include Byron Williams, former player for the Green Bay Packers and director of the Time-Out Guys, other NFL players, Second Perception, local artists, and more. Fellowship with us to learn the Way, Truth, and Life of the Lord.

Admission is \$5 per person for all three days including the Friday movie screening. Visit www.impactchallengenc.org for more details.

Kroger-Harris Teeter Merger

Harris Teeter was welcomed into the Kroger family of companies on a recent conference call organized by Kroger. Kroger chief financial officer Mike Schlotman gave an overview of the merger during the call, which is available on the Kroger website for replay.

Mr. Schlotman touted Harris Teeter’s positive company culture and values, which are consistent with Kroger’s, as part of the company’s reason for the merger. He also stated that Kroger expects the addition of Harris Teeter will enhance The Kroger Co. “top and bottom line”, by sharing the best of what each brand has to offer. He also praised Harris Teeter’s strong management team, saying that many of the team members will continue on after the merger.

The merger helps Kroger reach into regions where Harris Teeter is already established. This includes new and growing areas such as Charlotte and Washington DC. There is minor overlap in Raleigh NC and two other cities, and Kroger will be determining how to best operate the stores.

The Harris Teeter online click-and-collect system was mentioned as of great interest to Kroger. Teams from both organization will be developing work plans for this system.

Officially there are no plan to close stores; however it was mentioned that the Federal Trade Commission filing is not submitted, and operation decisions are yet to be made.

It was also mentioned on the conference call that the deal is being financed with debt, including \$100M debt of Harris Teeter. Kroger has a Bridge loan in place to fund the transaction.

More details are available online at www.thekrogerco.com in the “News Room”.

Call for Submissions

Franklin County Arts Council’s Writers Guild is calling for submissions for the 2014 issue of “County Lines Literary Journal”, to be published in December. Writers may submit poetry, short fiction, essays, and creative non-fiction for consideration. Artists may submit black and white or color art for the cover. Email CountyLinesLiteraryJournal@gmail.com to request submission guidelines. Submission deadline is Sep. 15th.

Weeding, Eating & Fun

Trinity Bazemore, Tyanna Scarboro, Breanna Williams, and Janiah Russell wrote an update on the Zebulon Boys & Girls Club’s garden in the July 5th issue of *The Grey Area*. For this issue, the Garden Club photos show some of their recent gardening activities. These kids work hard to maintain the garden. They do the weeding, planting, and harvesting. They also help work the soil as compost or aged horse manure is added from time-to-time.



Harvest photo by Breanna Williams



Garden photo by Kayla Bryant

Garden Club members pulled weeds and inspected the harvest. Each member tasted ripe cherry tomatoes from the garden! In the photo from right to left (counter clockwise) are club members #1 Destiny Preddy, #2 River Tuck, #3 Kennedy High, #4 Briana Richardson, #5 Ethan Daniel, #6 Breanna Williams, and #7 Kyra Richards-Smith.

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Things to Do in NC
When You're Bored

* Bunn *

7/25 **A Blessing Soup Kitchen**
8/01 (July 25 7 August 1 @ 11:30am)

Thursdays free meals served to residents in need. Collaboration of local nonprofits using donations & volunteers. In Broad Building, Bunn

7/26 **Impact Challenge & Bunn's -28 Centennial Movie Night**
(July 26-28 @6pm)

Movie screening of *Jackson's Run* Friday is also a Bunn Centennial event. Three day praise event with movie stars & special guests! \$5 for all 3 days. At Norris Creek, 751 Old Halifax Road, Louisburg.
(See ads below.)

* Knightdale *

7/24 **PWNG - Professional Women's Networking Group**
(July 24 @ 11:45am-1pm)

Meet professional women in friendly environment. Network & give commercial. RSVP required. Fee \$10-\$20. Knightdale Chamber. At 207 Main Street, Knightdale

7/25 **Sat 10 Question Challenge**
(July 25 @ 7-8pm)

Complete sample test questions, experience test timing & pacing; learn score-raising strategies & how to be ready for the SAT. Seats are limited. Wake County Public Libraries offers this program with Kaplan Test Prep. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Sq., Knightdale
To sign up, contact 919.217.5300 or sandy.alger@wakegov.com.

7/25 **Food Truck Rodeos**
(July 25 @ 4-7pm)

Local Food Trucks join Knightdale's Market in the Park for an evening of food & fun! In Harper Park, 207 Main Street, Knightdale

7/28 **Evening Of Praise: Peace Rules Concert** (July 28 @ 5pm)

Come hear Peace Rules. At New Covenant Life Baptist Church, 3332 S Smithfield Road Knightdale
Info, call 919.266.0573.

* Wendell *

7/20 **Wendell Farmers Market**
7/27 (July 20 & 27 @ 8am-12pm)

Stop & pick up fresh produce, NC made products & chat with local folks. At 3700 Wendell Blvd, Wendell.

7/22 **Monday Night Auction**
7/29 (July 22 & 29 @ 7pm)

Join in or just come & watch the fun. At Outdoor Rec Center, 4900 Wendell Blvd., Wendell
Info call 919.796.3082.

7/23 **Family Storytime**
(July 23 @ 6:30-7pm)

Bring the family for storytime at Wendell Community Library, 207 S Hollybrook Road, Wendell
Call 919.365.2600 for info.

7/24 **Learning With Legos**
7/31 (July 24 & 31 @ 4:30-5:30pm)

Preschool-Grade 5. Create Lego structures with the group. No registration required. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Sq., Knightdale
More info call 919.217.5300.

* Zebulon *

7/19 **Mudcats Baseball**
-23 (July 19-23)

Baseball, hot dogs, & more. Small ticket fee. At Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-39, Zebulon
Online at www.gomudcats.com.

7/19 **Pickleball**
7/26 (July 19 & 26 @ 11am-1pm)

A net, paddle, & whiffle ball! Instructions given for beginners. Free. At Zebulon Comm Ctr, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon

7/20 **Brown Bag Lunch Ministry**
7/27 (July 20 & 27 @ 11:30am)

Free to-go lunches for those in need. At Fellowship Hall, Zebulon UMC, 121 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
Info at www.zumchurch.org.

* Elsewhere *

8/03 **West Edgecombe Mini Pullers**
(August 3 @ 6pm; gates 3pm)

Lawn mower pulls, organized by West Edgecombe Farm Heritage Museum & Ruritan Club. Concession stand proceeds go to community work. 12180 NC-43 North, Rocky Mount
www.westedgecombeminipullers.com

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

August 9, 2013
United Nations Headquarters, New York

The 19th commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is Friday, August 9th at the UN Headquarters in New York, organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues DSPD/DESA, the United Nations Department of Public Information, and the NGO Committee on the Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

There will be statements delivered on behalf of the Secretary-General, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs - DESA, the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and others.

An interactive dialogue entitled "Indigenous peoples building alliances: Honouring treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements", will take place from 3-6pm in Conference Room 1.

Those who wish to attend the interactive dialogue but do not hold UN grounds passes must confirm their participation by sending an email to Mr. Joshua Del Duca at delduca@un.org by noon August 2nd indicating your name, affiliation and contact information. After successfully registering, participants should pick up their passes at the from 1:15pm until 3pm on August 9th at the registration desk.

Representatives of Member States, UN Agencies, indigenous peoples, other non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Misc Notices

Save The Date for Expo

Zebulon Business Expo is September 25th at East Wake Academy. Don't miss out on the networking! See www.zebulonchamber.org.



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This is a 3 day event for only \$5.00!!
 Come Praise & Worship, hear live music, Meet & Greet with some of the cast and crew of the film as well as actors from the movie, Courageous' and former NFL player Bryon Williams
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North Carolina Premier Showing of
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The above "Things To Do..." listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to 5 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.

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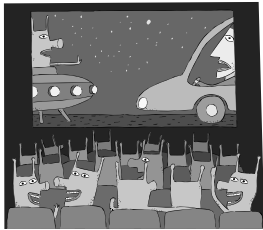
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Three Days of Praise

Carmike 10-Wilson Movie Review of the Issue

This issue we review *World War Z*. As the “Z” implies, this is a movie with zombies. Many, many zombies. *World War Z* is based on the 2006 novel by Max Brooks. The film story line is more than just killing the undead, as it includes a mysterious **virus**, government reactions across the globe, adversity, hope, and heroism.



World War Z is a British-American production covering events happening all over the world, though the film starts with the US. Brad Pitt plays the main role, former UN investigator Gerry Lane, who along with his wife and children gets caught up in the breakdown of society. Gerry is sent on a

“no choice” mission by the UN to find the original “Patient Zero” of the disease. If he does not come back to work for the UN and help them find the virus’ source, they will abandon him and his family.

One thing I’d like to say about this movie is that I found the action unpredictable. Many times I’ve sat down to watch a movie and easily guessed what was going to happen. With this movie, the many surprising twists and turns kept it very interesting.

The movie does not show a lot of blood and gore. While there is plenty of teeth gnashing, most of the biting scenes are shown in such fast motion that detail is not visible.

Our teens liked it at least as much as we adults did. If you like suspense and action, this movies provides both in droves.

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 aunt calls you and is very upset. Her grandson is in his twenties and requires special care. She visited him recently, and speaking with her daughter found out that the grandson had been forgotten on the facility’s bus overnight.

Your aunt is beside herself about this incident! She wants your advice on what she should do to ensure her grandson’s safety, and that the facility can’t make this mistake with someone else.

Do you think this is something you would feel comfortable helping her with? Would would be more likely to help if you were close to your cousin, her daughter?

How do you feel about the incident in general? Do you think “those things happen” or “things like that should never happen”?

News from The Grey Area

The next issue comes out for August 2nd. If you have an event, story or community happening you’d like us to cover, call 919.623.9392 or email kayw@greyareanews.com.

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Female Veterans Symposium 2013 a Success

Contributed by Phyllis E. Maynard & Gary M. Blue

The first Female Veterans Symposium 2013 “Care After Trauma” organized by Gary M. Blue, Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) of NC JobLink and Phyllis E. Maynard, Disabled American Veterans Service Officer representing DAV Regional Office Winston-Salem, NC was held on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at the Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center. This was an all day event. In attendance, were forty-one (41) female veterans of whom ten (10) represented agencies; there were seventeen (17) agencies represented with forty-one (41) agency persons present; as well as, four (4) female non-veteran guests.

The agencies supporting the symposium were many, including NC JobLink, Holly Hill Hospital, Disabled American Veterans Regional Office Winston-Salem, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions Henderson, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit #166 Oxford, Raleigh Vet Center, Disability Rights NC Raleigh, DAV Auxiliary Unit #67 Henderson, Women Veteran Outreach Coordinator VA Regional Office Winston-Salem, Mary Kay Cosmetics Warrenton, Kittrell Job Corps Center, Military and Family Life Counselors DOD Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Goldsboro, Wags 4 Tags Raleigh, Granville County Veterans Affairs Committee Oxford, Infinite Possibilities Henderson, Henderson Police Department, and Henderson Middle School. Additionally, a number of businesses, organizations, agencies, and individual who sponsored and made contributions to the symposium.

Presenters, attendees, and participants asked organizers about a second event for next year. Organizers stated that the planning and execution of a second and subsequent events would be determined by many factors such as financial sponsors, the number of agency participants, the number of female veteran participants, available space, the interest generated by participants, the range of outreach that can be accomplished and other logistical considerations. Agency representatives and individual person expressed an interest in assisting with future planning.

A Little Bit of History

John H. Clark House

The John H. Clark House, located in Wilson, is currently for sale. This property is zoned to be a residence or business, and is large enough to become a good office space. If you’d like to live near downtown and open your own shop, this spot at 706 E Nash Street could be a good place to start a business.



This L-plan cottage was built between 1890 and 1900. It is located at the corner of Manchester Street SE and E Nash Street, about a half mile from the Amtrak station. The house has a wrap-around porch and a pavilion with an attention-grabbing conical roof. The cottage has porch columns with spindles. The house name comes from John H. Clark, a Wilson city postal carrier in the early 1900s.

The price is \$30,000 for 1511 square feet on an 0.4 acre lot. Some work is needed to whip this house into shape. Potential buyers should consider the time, effort, and funds needed to prepare this property for living and working.

The John H. Clark House is adjacent to Wilson’s historic downtown commercial district. Become a part of the downtown business rebirth — or live close to it.

Zoning is ORI (residential or commercial development), and this property may be eligible for Historic Preservation Tax Credits. More information on accessing these tax credits is available at www.preservationofwilson.com. Or, if you like the style of this corner cottage with established trees, contact Kathryn Ferrari Bethune at 252.234.7694 or kfb@preservationofwilson.com.



The Strange-ness

Mysterious Activity in Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Cherokee

A deep crack was discovered July 12th slicing a Blue Ridge Parkway road in two. The feet-deep fissure, caused by weather, led to the road’s closure. This road closure northeast of Asheville is not the only road closure in Western NC. A road closed in Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) has a strange cause.

Sixty miles to the West near Cherokee, repeated road closures brought with them mysterious sounds, sickening residues, and heavy vehicle and air traffic.

According to www.skyshipovercashiers.com, strange things began happening following the closing of GSMNP public roads. Beyond the barricades, residents began reporting loud booming and grinding noises.

Several residents who traveled into the park on foot and by ATV were turned away by armed men. One person who walked through the woods to take photos of the Great Smoky Mountains “Masonic Monument” began feeling nauseous, and shortly after heard loud booming noises. No construction has been seen, despite the noise above and from under the ground.

In addition to a sensation of sickness, some residents have found odd residues on their property following an airplane fly-over. It is unknown what “crop dust” or defoliant would be used in these forest-and-residential areas. More than a few residents developed respiratory illnesses following the residue’s discovery.

Several residents and visitors to the park reported unexplained heavy equipment movements and aircraft fly-overs. The equipment included trailers hauling odd structures. The fly-overs included large military aircraft used for containers drops and “crop dusting” aircraft. These activities are near Balsam Mountain.

To read eyewitness reports or share your own experience, visit www.skyshipovercashiers.com. As they gather more facts and details on these strange activities on public lands, the information will be shared through that site.



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Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

The aspiring psychiatrists were attending their first class on emotional issues. “Let’s first establish some parameters,” said the professor to a student, “What is the opposite of joy?”

“Sadness,” said the student.

“And the opposite of depression?” he asked of a second student.

“Elation,” said she.

“And you sir,” he said to another young man, “How about the opposite of woe?”

The young man replied, “Sir, I think that would be giddy-up.”

Quote of the Issue

Thomas Sowell, Economist, born 1930 in Gastonia
“Elections should be held on April 16th — the day after we pay our income taxes. That is one of the few things that might discourage politicians from being big spenders.”

Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: F = M.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*You are never too
old to set another
goal or to dream a
new dream.
-- C.S. Lewis*

Word of the Issue

Visceral

Definition: Relating to deep feelings rather than intellect.

Example:“He had a visceral fear of the dentist.”

Translation of the Issue

English — tomato

German — tomaten

Italian — pomodoro

Spanish — tomate

Polish — pomidor

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

Business News & Notices

Nashville Chamber Annual Meeting

July 17th the Nashville Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting at Lou’s Grill inside Birchwood Country Club. Local businesses were well represented for this social and business meeting, which included heavy hors d’oeuvres and door prizes.



Networking at the Nashville NC Chamber Annual Meeting
Photo by Frank Whatley

Back 2 School Summit

Contributed by Angie Hall

The Hall Foundation’s 3rd Annual Back 2 School Summit is a yearly event and in the past has been held at the Wilson Skating Rink and last year at the Wilson Mall, supplying up to 650 kids. This year we have raised our goal to supplying 1,000 Wilson County kids with school supplies. This event will also have free food, games, face painting, bouncers, entertainment, hygiene products and more. It will be held August 17th from 12pm-4pm at The Spot on Tarboro Street. It will provide supplies for kids elementary through high school, and all school aged kids are welcome to attend.

Our donations come from community support and local donors. We are asking for donations to help us reach our goal. Monetary donations can be made online at www.back2schoolsummit.org or supplies can be dropped off at the following locations:

- New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 811 Tarboro St.
- Phenomenal Hair & Celebrity Cutz, 317 E Nash Street
- Princess Cuts, 4009 NW Nash Street
- Thairapy Salon, 3461-F Airport Blvd
- The Spot, 910 Tarboro St
- Pam’s Party, 132 Goldsboro St
- The Wellman Center, 404 Garner St

For more information please contact me at 919.627.8571 or email back2schoolsummit@gmail.com

Church Growth and Servant-leadership Workshop

The Center for Clergy and Church Support is holding a workshop, Pursuing Your Purpose with Power and Passion for all Pastors, Clergy, and other Church and Faith-based Leadership. The workshop is August 3rd from 10am to 2pm at the Gateway Technology Center, North Carolina Wesleyan College (3400 N Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mount).

The workshop is designed to assist pastors and other church and faith-based leadership continue their mission of growing their churches and transforming their communities. Workshop topics include:

- Not Without Me! — Preparing Godly Servant-Leaders
- Laying the Proper Foundation: Bringing Clarity and Implementation to the Vision
- The importance of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- Obtaining 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status
- Contributions & Donations (Tithes & Offerings)
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