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Ice Cream that is Good for the Community

By Frank Whatley

Stop by the SAYum Deli and Ice Cream Shop to enjoy a scoop of Hershey’s ice cream, and you’ll also be helping curtail gang activity in Wilson. The Wilson NC shop is just one part of the *Save A Youth* (S.A.Y) anti-gang program.

S.A.Y. was established by the St. John’s Community Development Corp., Inc., (CDC). Dr. Michael S. Bell, originally from Kingston, Jamaica. serves as the St. John’s CDC Site Coordinator, as well as Pastor of St. John’s Church.

S.A.Y. offers services to help the community through gang prevention, after school programs, and vacation summer program. They have a three-phase plan:

- SAYum, serving Hershey’s Ice Cream, deli sandwiches, and Coke products. This is the vehicle through which they raise funds for local services.
- SAY Fresh (2014) market for fresh vegetables inside the community (farmers market for the neighborhood).
- S.A.Y. Dollar Store, where neighborhood residents can come in and purchase what they need for \$1 and proceeds go to help at-risk youth.

The first part of their plan, the SAYum Deli & Ice Cream Shop, opened in August 2013. SAYum raises funds, provides jobs, and gives youth a place to “hang out” and get a hot dog or an ice cream. Funds raised are used locally, benefitting the surrounding community.

The S.A.Y. Vocational Program has served Wilson County youth ages 15-17 since 2005. Under Dr. Bell, S.A.Y started with 250 children. The youth involved are court-involved, have been released from one of NC’s Youth Development Centers and have been identified as at-risk of gang involvement, associated with gang members, or are involved in a gang directly.

Youth in the S.A.Y. program have been referred by the Juvenile Court Counselor and gone through a formal intake process involving the SAY program coordinator, the juvenile, and the parents.

The S.A.Y. program is successfully serving more than 300 students from three sites across Wilson County. Over the past three years, more than 95% of the students attending the S.A.Y. programs have met or exceeded state and local standards in core academic areas and promotional requirements. The program provides youth with vocational skills training, apprenticeship opportunities, social skill building, life skills, and academic support.

The St. John’s website, www.stjohncdcwilson.org, describes CDC’s Wilson-area S.A.Y. activities. Visit the site for more information, or stop by SAYum and find out more while enjoying a tasty treat.

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Carmike 10 Wilson - Movie Review of the Issue

One Direction: This is Us

The movie review this issue is a little different. We reviewed the 3D movie about the band *One Direction*. Because the band has many young fans, instead of the whole family going I instead went to the movie with my daughter and one of her friends from school.

Before we even went to the theatre, the two young ladies were thrilled! They talked about going to see the movie for two days beforehand. Once we were actually in the car, they spent the drive listening to songs by *One Direction* and other, similar bands. To them, it wasn’t just going to a movie: it was more like going to a concert.

Pretty appropriate, since the movie is about a concert tour and the band members’ journey from middle class to riches. Mixed with concert footage and interviews, the movie shows the five young boys getting their start, rising to fame through social media, and becoming a full-fledged traveling band. Just teens when they began, now three years later they range in age from 19 to 21.

If you like concert movies, or “popumentaries”, if you will, then you will likely enjoy *One Direction: This Is Us*. Footage is clear and crisp 3D, good sound quality, and story line interesting. The five boys in the band come across as normal, quirky teens. Some of the goofy behavior they exhibit reminds me of our teen son and his high-spirited friends — full of beans, my parents would have said!

As a parent, I was sad to see these very young men pushed so hard. I wonder: Is the music industry such a money-oriented machine that schedules cannot be designed to include appropriate amounts of relaxation, family time, sleep, homework, and days-off between concerts? All five boys exhibited a strong work ethic, but can it be maintained long-term? I’d hate to see these seemingly normal “kids” end up in the tabloids like so many other young performers.

Anyway, let me get back to the actual reviewing of the movie. The two young ladies I brought with me really liked it. I heard phrases like “the best movie I’ve ever seen in my entire life” — which probably reflects their *fan* status rather than actual cinematography! For any band fan, this should be a treat. The movie was 95 minutes long, and the girls would not have minded if it were twice that long.

I liked it too. I’m not much for concert films, but it was well done and interesting. And I learned enough about this band to understand what my daughter and her friends are talking about, and to appreciate the clean lyrics offered by *One Direction* songs.

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*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

Speaking with your sister one evening, she shares that she is frustrated with her son’s school. She feels that they are being unfair, at a minimum, and maybe even biased.

Your sister works hard. She makes a paycheck and covers the bills, but after groceries and all she can’t afford to get her son a fancy internet-enabled phone. She is annoyed with the school because several teachers have assigned students homework that requires use of “smart phone apps”.

Your sister is worried that without the expensive phone, her son will not be able to do all the homework. She doesn’t want his grade affected by their financial situation.

What do you think about your sister’s problem? Do you feel that the teachers should include this type of technology in class work? Or do you agree with your sister that it excludes people with less income?

If it were your child, do you think that you would feel offended by the teachers’ choices? Or would you feel that it was appropriate to use new technologies in the classroom, even if the school did not provide it?


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Join neighbors & police officers for coffee, tea & conversation! No speeches. A chance to ask questions, voice concerns, & get to know officers! At Nashville Exchange, 229 W. Washington St., Nashville
Contact Officer Bull 252.459.4545.

9/21 The Ambassadors Quartet (Sept 21 @ 7pm)

40th Anniversary Sing With Guests: The Carlson Trio. At Taylor's Chapel Ph Church, 1933 Sandy Cross Rd., Nashville

9/27 2013 Outdoor Movie Series (September 27 @ 7:30pm)

By Nashville Parks & Rec. Bring a chair! Concessions. At Stoney Creek Envir. Park, 455 W Washington St., Nashville
For info, contact 252.459.9796.

* Rocky Mount *

9/14 Original Master's Reunion (September 14 @ 7pm)

40 year reunion of the Original Master's. The years were 1973 through 1976. Special guest *The Taylors*. Food in church cafe at 5:30pm. Love offerings accepted. At Northside Community Church, 1660 Beaver Pond Road, Rocky Mt
Call 252.567.5365, 252.985.2985.

9/14 West Edgecombe Mini Pullers (Sept. 14 @ 6pm; gates 3pm)

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

9/17 Improve Your Credit Score to 740+ & Get a Business or Personal Loan (Sept 17 @ 6-9pm)

Free seminar covers history of credit reports, how credit reports are calculated, importance of good credit, etc. At Nash Community College Business & Industry Center, Room 1215, 522 N Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount
Info online at www.nashcc.edu.

9/19 Summer Music Series (Sept 19 @ 6-8:30pm)

Downtown Live free concerts. Doors open 5pm, music starts at 6pm. No coolers. Bring blanket or lawn chair. On the lawn at the Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount
www.downtownrockymount.com

10/11 Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw -12 Down (Oct 11-12 @ 4-9pm)

Rocky Mount hosts this national barbecue competition. Friday night concert. Saturday music, BBQ contest cooking & more. In Downtown Rocky Mount
Visit www.ecbbqthrowdown.com.

* Tarboro *

9/17 Children's Story Time

9/24 (Sept 17 & 24 @ 10:30am)

Tuesday story times include music, games, crafts, & more! At Edgecombe County Memorial Library, 909 Main Street, Tarboro
See www.edgecombelibrary.org.

9/18 Residents Rights (September 18 @ 10:30am)

What are loved one's rights if moved to a long term care facility? Ty Whitaker goes over residents' rights, Q&A. At E.L. Roberson Center, 305 W Baker St, Tarboro
Info, call 252.641.4263.

9/21 Bluegrass Festival (September 21 @ 10am-6pm)

Family-oriented. Bring blanket or lawn chair. Supports Edgecombe County arts. Tickets \$20 each; ages 12 & under free. At Indian Lake Park, 3002 Western Blvd, Tarboro
Contact Joyce at 252.823.4159.

* Wilson *

9/10 Small Business Labor & Wage Issues (Sept 10 @ 6-8pm)

Learn difference between hourly, salary, exempt, or non-exempt employees — & more. Register by Sept. 9th. At Small Business Center, Wilson Comm. College, Room E-101, 902 Herring Ave E, Wilson
More info at www.wilsoncc.edu.

10/04 First Friday on the Lawn (October 4 @ 6-9pm)

International music by the Soul Brazil band. At Wilson County Public Library Lawn, 249 W Nash Street, Wilson

* Elsewhere *

9/14 NC Hot Sauce Festival (Sept 14 @ 11am-4pm)

NC's finest hot & barbeque sauces, along with breweries and wineries spice up the blends & texture of downtown's historical streets. Pepper Eating Contest, horse-drawn carriage rides, Granville Gardeners plant sale, kid's activities & more! In Downtown Oxford.
Visit www.nchotsaucecontest.com.

9/17 Lenoir County Agricultural -22 Fair (Sept 17-22 @ 5pm-10pm)

Animals, rides, demolition derby, concerts, competitions, lots of fair food. At Lenoir County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road, Kinston
Info at www.lenoircountyfair.org

9/22 Fall begins (September 22)

9/24 Elm City Storytime (September 24, 4-5pm)

Bring kids by for storytime. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. At Elm City Branch Library, 114 N Railroad St., Elm City
Info, call 252.236.4269.

These "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 space to provide more details for events.



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Pilot Baptist Church Builds Family Life Center

Outside Zebulon in the small area known as Pilot, an active church is gearing up for even more community activities. Pilot Baptist Church is building a large Family Life Center to expand their capacity to serve the community.

The ground-breaking took place May 5, 2013 in the large field adjacent to Pilot Baptist Church. This grassy space, formerly used as a playing field and event location, will soon host meetings and events indoors with a capacity to hold hundreds of people.



Pilot Baptist Church’s Family Life Center construction progress as of September 10, 2013. Photo by Nadia Ethier.

Submit Filming Locations to North Carolina List

By Kay Whatley, Editor

Films are frequently shot in several locations. Buildings, outdoor areas, and special scenery are used to fit the action. How many locations, and how far apart they are, is controlled by both the script and the budget. Just like any business, there has to be a cost-benefit analysis and decisions made to film the scenes without breaking the budget.

The NC Film Office (NCFilm.org) has three employees working with the film industry, including scouting locations. Guy Gaster of the NC Film office conveyed that Eastern NC has been a backdrop for several recent productions. Area filming includes *One Tree Hill* (Kinston), *Chef and the Farmer* (Kinston), *Game Time: Tackling The Past* (Greenville), *Grass Stains* (Spring Hope), *Mississippi Damned* (Nash County), and *La Liorona* (Tarboro/Rocky Mount) — this last currently filming for release later in 2013.

La Liorona began filming in Tarboro. Shooting included moving the actors and equipment into farm and wooded areas for just the right “horror movie” location. Later scenes filmed at Rocky Mount businesses including the Taste of Paradise restaurant. To ensure the right scary feel, the film crew travels to urban and rural locations for different scenes.



Zero Budget film crew takes direction from Jermaine Clark

Decisions made are based on a film’s budget. Sometimes a first-choice location is selected, and budget allocated to cover travel costs. In the case of the *Sleepy Hollow* filming in New Bern, the production company chose to incur travel costs to use their first choice location. *Sleepy Hollow* was filming in Wilmington; then, the producers wanted a more extensive Colonial location. In New Bern, they found their ideal setting and moved in with a film crew.

At the bottom of the NCFilm.com website is a “Locations” link that leads to a database of locations. These places either were used in filming, or residents submitted the sites for consideration. NC Film Office staffers then screen potential locations, expanding the online database.

This is where Eastern NC residents come in! Adding location means that they may be considered by producers planning films, TV shows, or commercials. Anyone can add a location, as long as that person can legally give permission and access for that spot. For public property, the local government can be encouraged to submit property to the NCFilm.com database.

NC residents may upload photos and information on their own property to make those sites available for consideration. Residents can also call the NC Film Office and, depending on interest, someone from the office may visit and photograph the spot for the database. Then, when film makers ask for places with certain attributes, a quick database search helps connect producers with available locations.

“A location doesn’t have to be pristine,” says Guy Gaster of the NC Film Office. He explained that filming sites may need to be bad or beautiful, picturesque or eyesores. Often abandoned buildings or run-down areas are desired by production companies. Then again, a producer may call looking for a well-maintained house or certain southern feel. The NC Film Office gathers information on a wide variety of locations so that when a call comes in, they have options researched and readily available to suggest.

Submit your location! The more locations available in the Eastern NC area, the more opportunity to draw producers. As NC draws productions to the state, these locations will be readily available to fit producers’ needs.



Pender County Courthouse in Burgaw serves as the Chester’s Mill Town Hall for CBS’s *Under The Dome* TV series

Fun Event Helps Students Prepare for School

Contributed by Steven P. James, HCCP
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Pender Square Apartments held their annual Back To School Bash on August 21, 2013. Residents enjoyed a pizza party, water slides, snow cones and back-to-school supply bags for students.



Close to 40 children and 30 adults participated in the event this year. This was the third year for the family-oriented event.

“It’s good to have events like this to let our residents know we appreciate them. We want to provide more than just a place to stay but a home and sense of community,” Donna Briley, Site Manager said.

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The Backside



Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

Harry walked over to the minister after services. The minister asked, “Where have you been the past few weeks?”

“You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary,” Harry said. “I would like to attend church regularly, but it’s football season, and I don’t want to miss the games. Besides, it’s only for a few months.”

“Oh Harry,” said the Priest putting his arm around Harry, “Don’t you know? That’s what recorders are for.”

Harry’s face lit up “You mean I could record your sermons?”

Word(s) of the Issue

flora / fauna

Definition: Flora is plant life. Fauna is animal life.

Example:“While on vacation, they took time to admire the local flora and fauna.”

Translation of the Issue

English — Fall / Autumn

German — Herbst

Spanish — Otoño

Italian — Autunno

Welsh — Hydref

Latin — Autumnus

Irish — Fómhar

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

Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: F = L.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

If you laugh, you
think, and you cry,
that’s a full day.
That’s a heck of
a day.
-- Jim Valvano

Quote of the Issue

Helen Hunt Jackson (1830-1885), American Writer

“By all these lovely tokens September days are here, With summer’s best of weather And autumn’s best of cheer.”

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Loves Gentlemen’s Clothiers Closes its Doors

Love’s Gentlemen’s Clothiers of Rocky Mount, located at 3669 Sunset Avenue since November 1, 1995, closed its doors for good the week of September 9, 2013.

Proprietor Ruddy Love has been a staple in the community since 1992, outfitting customers for work, casual, and special occasions including proms and weddings. Ruddy came to Rocky Mount from South Carolina in 1992 to manage Epstein’s clothing store. Epstein’s had been in downtown Rocky Mount since 1905.

When Epstein’s closed in 1995, that’s when Ruddy opened *Love’s Gentlemen’s Clothiers of Rocky Mount*. His friendly manner and expertise kept customers coming back year-after-year.

Local and national business groups recognized Ruddy Love for his business acumen. Ruddy received the “1996 Rookie of the Year” award from the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce, “Best of” designations from the *Rocky Mount Telegram* Reader’s Choice competitions, and “2001 Retailer of the Year” from a Southeast retail association.

The reason he is closing, Ruddy says, is that “it is just time”. It is time to close and go do something different. He will be missed.

News from *The Grey Area*

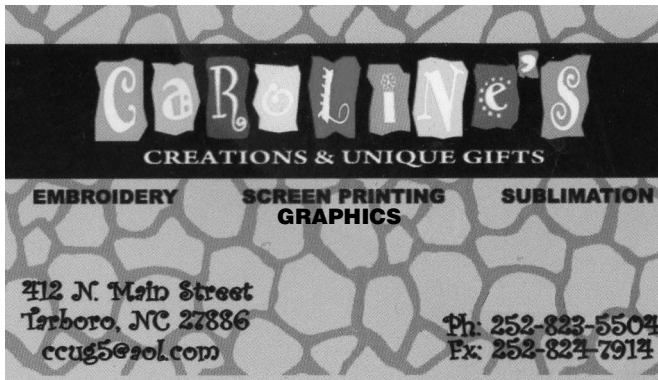
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Have you missed any issues of the newspaper? Articles from the past two years’ papers are now online at **www.greyareanews.com**. Visit that site to browse or use Search to find news from your town.

Moving forward, articles will be added to the website each week. Before each new issue, articles from the previous issue will be posted to the website, alongside national news.

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