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Celebration of Heroes Show

Contributed by Barbara Hines (252.827.5734)

A special Christmas show in Pinetops remembers our heroes. This outside show of lights and entertainment honors our military, highway-patrol, sheriffs and deputies, police, fire, and rescue.

Sometimes we take our heroes for granted and they are not recognized the way they should be. On November 30, 2013, from 7pm to 9pm, we are showing our appreciation to them.

We would love to see any of them present—no matter what town or county they are representing. The public is also invited to come and show their support to our heroes.

For our live entertainment, the Edgecombe County Sheriffs Quartet is performing, along with Out Door Grove and Amanda Rudd. Phillip Dail is running the laser light show. There is also a DJ.

The outside show is in the vacant lot next to Abrams B-B-Q (201 Hamlet Street) in Pinetops. Refreshments will be served afterwards. *(Note that Abrams B-B-Q is closing at 5pm, and will not be open during the event.)*

Please come and thank our local heroes at this special, free public event.

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 future sister-in-law is about to marry your brother. Two weeks before the wedding, she invites you to her Bachelorette Party.

You go to enjoy the party and celebrate the marriage. Somewhere during the evening, there is a knock on the door. You answer, and find that it is a male stripper.

What do you think? Do you think that you would leave, or encourage your future sister-in-law to send the stripper away?

If she did not, but instead had him stay and perform, do you think that you would tell your brother before the wedding?

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Things We Did in NC When We Were Bored

Contributed by Annette Dorman, Netcycle

Just about an hour away from eastern Wake County is the Conservators’ Center, located in the rolling hills near Mebane. This non-profit houses many animals which have no where else to go.

There is a charge, but it worth it and worth the drive. Ever see a binturong with cats as pets? Ever see a white tiger living with a lioness? Or lions and tigers nuzzling with each other? You will see all this and more at the Conservators’ Center.

Some of the animals came from closed-down animal centers, while others were pets that were too much for their owners to handle.

Cute tiger cubs grow to 500lb adults. They will live the rest of their lives at the Conservators’ Center, which houses big cats, lions, tigers and leopards, rare animals, jungle cats, plus the New Guinea Singing Dogs and so many more. The New Guinea Singing Dogs have not been seen in the wild of New Guinea in many, many years.

Visit the center online at www.conservatorscenter.org to find out more about their work and visiting hours. (By the way, a *binturong* is a kind of a friendly tree-dweller. The Conservators’ Center describes them as “a combination of sloth, cat, bear, raccoon, seal, otter, and monkey”.)

Greater Life Outreach, a local nonprofit, seeks donations of food, clothing, furniture, appliance, household items and more to help needy families all year long. Now we are in need of:

- help for the *Thanks Feast, Holiday Cheer Program* and *Toys for Tots*
- a heater for a family that doesn’t have heat
- supplies to help the homelessness with clothes, hats, gloves, blankets so they can keep warm for the winter

We are also looking for people to help with a family that needs help with their kids for Christmas toys and clothing; we are trying to do the best we can to make sure no child goes without something under the tree for the holidays. Thanks you!

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Thanksgiving for All, by All

It is the time of year when here in the US we give thanks. While many people are thankful all year, this is the time where, collectively as a country, we take stock of what we have.

It is also the time of year when charities and churches see the great need of the people. Thanksgiving brings public free dinners and turkey dinner grocery distributions. Due to recent cuts in “food stamps”, the need may be especially high this holiday season. Food banks and soup kitchens may find themselves overwhelmed. Winter clothes may also be in short supply as more families struggle to pay for food at 2013’s higher prices. Organizations and churches all around Eastern NC need donations of food, funds and clothing.

That old coat in the closet may not mean much to you, but it could mean a season of warmth for someone else. The shoes that you keep at the back of the closet as “extras” could mean more steps for someone in need of shoes.

Those cans of vegetables that you picked up on sale... Could you spare two or more? Maybe your church is holding a collection and you can drop the cans off next Sunday. Some local stores even have collection boxes. For example, Bunn NC — as part of its Centennial Celebration — collected food for the Bunn Soup Kitchen, ensuring meals would be available for more during the holidays. Local shops, the Town Hall, and schools set out boxes for collection. If you don’t know where to donate canned goods — or boxed foods — check with local churches and community groups.

This year, more hardship for more Americans is expected. Do what you can; and think how blessed you are while spreading blessings to others who are in need.

Families on food stamps, or going to food banks, are your neighbors. They are single parents and couples. They are retirees unable to stretch their dwindling social security checks -- despite paying into social security with years of paychecks. They are the employed neighbors working two jobs to cover the utilities and buy gas to get to work. The faces of need are the faces of NC just like you. Donate locally for greatest impact in your backyard.




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Things to Do in NC
When You’re Bored

* Bunn *

11/26 Game Night
12/03 (Nov 26 & Dec 3 @ 6-9pm)
Tuesdays. Bring a game, play one of the house games, or join in with a group & play one of their games. At Common Grounds Coffee (and fun) House, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn
For info call 919.340.4477.

11/28 Bunn Soup Kitchen
12/05 (Nov 28 & Dec 5 @ 11:30am)
Free meals served to those in need. Collaboration of local nonprofits using donations & volunteers. In the Broad Building, Bunn Elementary School Road, Bunn

12/14 Bunn Christmas Parade
(Dec 14 @ 10am)
Following the parade, lighting of the Christmas Tree at Bunn Town Hall/ Police Department. Plus a chance to talk with Santa! Along Main Street. Call Linda Pippin at 919.496.4831.

* Knightdale *

11/22 Friday Jazz Celebration
(Nov 22 @ 6:30-9pm)
Come celebrate the new location for First Friday Jazz by The Kila Company. Enjoy the fun, networking, door prizes, & tastings. \$8 ticket includes “Just Friends Jazz Sextet”. (Tickets not sold at door.) At Knightdale Clubhouse, 202 Milburnie Road, Knightdale
For more info, call 919.757.3527.

11/22 Katandi Classes (Nov 22 & 29, 11/29 Dec 6 @ 6:30-8pm)
12/06 Get Fit for the Holidays! Knightdale’s most unique fitness class. Katandi West African Rhythmic Movement focuses on connecting with the rhythms of African drums while learning fundamental & traditional movements. Adult \$5, kids 15 & under \$3 (free with an accompanying adult). At the Knightdale Rec Center, 102 Lawson Ridge Road, Knightdale.

11/28 Black Friday Sleep Over (Nov 28 @ 9pm to Nov 29 @ 10am)
Parents shop; kids have fun overnight! Doors open Thursday, & kids stay until Friday morning. Breakfast. \$25/child. Child should bring sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas, clothes, toothbrush & toothpaste. At Supreme Martial Arts & Fitness, 1207 N Smithfield Road, Knightdale
To register (in advanced required), call 919.266.1290.

12/06 First Friday Jazz
(Dec 6 @ 6:30-9pm)
Regular event each month. At Knightdale Clubhouse, 202 Milburnie Road, Knightdale
Call 919.757.3527.

12/06 Christmas Tree Lighting
(Friday, December 6 @ 6pm)
Enjoy Santa's Workshop, letters to Santa, Visit Mrs. Claus and Santa's Head Elf, Entertainment, & More! At Caboose, First Avenue, Knightdale.

12/07 Knightdale Christmas Parade
(Dec 7 @ 2pm)
Park & Ride begins at 11 am in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot. Catch candy and enjoy watching local groups, businesses, and organizations as you wait for Santa to arrive! The Parade begins at Knightdale Elementary School, 109 Ridge Street & finishes at Northside Community Church, First Avenue, Knightdale

* Wendell *

11/19 Wendell Wonderland
-12/25 (Nov 19 - Dec 31)
Wendell Wonderland includes Santa, shopping, the Lake Myra Christmas light show, candy store (#28), & more entertainment. Opens each day at 6pm. Open until 10pm Sun.-Thurs; Open until 11pm Fri.-Sat., At 210 E Fourth Street, Wendell

11/22 Lighting of the Town Square
(November 22 @ 6pm)
The Town of Wendell officially kicks off the 2013 holiday season. At J. Ashley Wall Square, 17 W. Third Street, Wendell

12/07 Pictures with Santa!
(December 7 @ 12-4pm)
Get your pictures while you wait! \$10 donation to benefit the Pirates of the Cure-ibbean Relay for Life Team! Enjoy hot coca, cookies and other goodies while you wait. Door prizes! At Klip-Chicks Salon, 3541 Wendell Blvd, Wendell

* Zebulon *

11/23 Brown Bag Lunch Ministry
11/30 (Nov 23 & 30 @ 11:30am)
Free to-go lunches for those in need. At Fellowship Hall, Zebulon United Methodist Church, 121 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
Info at www.zumchurch.org.

12/01 Zebulon Christmas Parade
(December 1 @ 2-4pm)
Floats from local businesses & organizations including Kindred Spirits & many more. The Zebulon Parade is organized by the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce. Parade begins on W Gannon Avenue at Pony Road, and travels down Arendell Avenue to Zebulon Community Park.

* Elsewhere *

11/23 Stepping Into The Past Bake Sale (Nov 23 @ 10am-3pm)
Each Saturday the Museum features a traditional trade, craft or art on-site. Vendors demonstrate traditional skills & often have items for sale. Activities included with regular admission to the Museum. Bring your favorite holiday dessert (call to bring items). At the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 North Church Street, Kenly
Call 919.284.3431 or visit www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

11/29 Live Music Friday
(November 29 @ 8-11pm)
Live show by Travis Moss, Acoustic Musician, at Showside Grill, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope

12/08 Rolesville Chamber Christmas Parade (Dec 8 @ 2-3pm)
Come by to watch the parade! Stay after to see Santa at the Chamber Office (3-5:30pm).
200 East Young Street, Rolesville

12/14 Christmas -N- Middlesex
(Dec 14 @ 2pm)
Annual event a great time for all ages! Fire Department hot dog social (11am-4pm). Local church groups & individuals singing (1pm). Vendors. Free giveaways from area businesses. At Volunteer Fire Dept, 12535 W Hanes Avenue, Middlesex.
Info, call Cindy at 919.675.9688

12/14 Sharpsburg Christmas Parade
(December 14 @ 11am)
Sharpsburg adds its’ flavor to the season as the parade moves through the streets of this quaint town. On Railroad Street, Sharpsburg
For info, call 252.446.7876.

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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Saturday, Dec. 14th, 10:00a.m., Come watch the CHRISTMAS Parade! Afterwards join us at Town Hall for the lighting of the Centennial Christmas Tree and Visit with Santa!!!

For information on The Christmas Parade contact:
Linda Pippin @919-496-4831 or Christy Wilder@ 919-725-2290



BLACK FRIDAY + SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY + ALL-WEEKEND SALES

After the turkey and the family time, and the nap, do you feel like getting out and about? If you do, please get out and support local stores and shops! The shops on this page are holding Black Friday sales, Small Business Saturday “shop local” sales, or even Sunday special sales. This weekend may provide savings on gift shopping. Get your holiday shopping done — or at least started — and give gifts without breaking the budget.



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“The wolf and the Indian once lived in harmony...they hunted together and their spirits touched.” — Native American adage.

Red Wolf Howl Event

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge (ARNWR) and the Red Wolf Recovery Program offer an opportunity to learn more about red wolves in a place where these rare wolves still exist in the wild!

The Holiday Howl takes place Dec. 7, 2013 from 5-6:30pm.

Suggestions from the Howl organizers:

- Bring a flashlight and insect repellent.
- Dress for the weather; howling will occur except with lightning, heavy rain, or wind or impassable roads. Decision to cancel will be made at least 90 minutes prior.
- Plan ahead! Creef Cut Wildlife Trail is about a 20 minute drive from Manteo!
- Do NOT bring pets.

At ARNWR, Milltail Road, Manns Harbor. Meet at the Creef Cut Wildlife Trail parking lot for a chance to hear the harmonious howl of this endangered species. Contact ARNWR with any questions regarding this Holiday Howl event: 252.216.9464.

Protected Species

According to the US Fish & Wildlife Service (US FWS), the purpose of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 is to protect and recover imperiled species and the ecosystems upon which they depend. In 1967, the Red Wolf was listed as endangered.

The 1984 Red Wolf Recovery plan established Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge (ARNWR) on land in northeastern NC. By 1987, restoration effort began with the experimental release of red wolf pairs at ARNWR. Within a year, the refuge had confirmation of a litter of red wolf pups born in the wild.

The red wolf and gray wolf are the only two species of wolves in all of North America.

The average adult red wolf weighs 45-80 pounds, stands about 26 inches at the shoulder, and is about 4 feet long from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail. To learn more about red wolves and the Service's efforts to recover them, please visit www.fws.gov/redwolf.

Reward Offered

According to the US FWS, twelve red wolves have died in 2013. Seven were confirmed or suspected gunshot deaths.

The number of these “human-related” gunshot deaths may seem small, but it is about 10% of the *confirmed* population. Confirmed wild red wolves numbered 65 at the end of last year. The *estimated* ARNWR population is around 100; even at this highest estimate, the dead wolves are about 7% of the total.

The US FWS is requesting assistance with an investigation involving the protected red wolves recently found with confirmed or suspected gunshot wounds, including federally-protected wolves found in Washington and Tyrrell counties.

In addition to the US FWS's \$2,500 reward, pledged contributions from the *NC Wildlife Federation*, *Red Wolf Coalition*, *Humane Society of the United States*, and the *Center for Biological Diversity* increased the reward for information on the suspected illegal take of *two radio-collared* wolves found dead in Washington County. Their pledges raised the reward to \$21,000.

If you have information on the death of any NC red wolves, past or future, please contact Resident Agent in Charge John Elofson at 404.763.7959, Refuge Officer Frank Simms at 252.216.7504, or NC Wildlife Resources Commission Officer Robert Wayne at 252.216.8225.



Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

A customer walked into our store looking for Christmas lights. I showed her our top brand, but—wanting to make sure each bulb worked—she asked me to take them out of the box and plug them in. I did, and each one lit up.

“Great,” she said.

I carefully placed the string of lights back in the box. But as I handed them to her, she looked alarmed.

“I don’t want this box,” she said sharply. “It’s been opened.”

Translation of the Issue

English — December

German — Dezember Dutch — December
Italian — Dicembre Irish — Nollaig
Spanish — Diciembre Welsh — Rhagfyr

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

Word of the Issue

treacherous: likely to betrayal or deceive

Example: Words are more treacherous and powerful than we think. (*Jean-Paul Sartre*, 20th century philosopher)



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Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: W= E.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*The difference
between a
successful
person and
others is not a
lack of strength,
not a lack of
knowledge, but
rather a lack of
will.*

--Vince Lombardi

Quote of the Issue

Mother Teresa

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

A Little Bit of History

6115 Mount Pleasant Rd, Bailey

Finding the history of this old and unique building proved difficult. I was surprised by the lack of information in libraries and online archives. As with many auctioned properties, history has been lost.



Several local folks say that it was originally a school, though were unsure *when*. Next, the building became a sewing plant; likely around 1963 or so. Later, it was a church. Now the building and grounds are owned by North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., as they purchased the property at auction in 2012.

Photos of the inside meeting spaces may be viewed on this real estate page: www.realup.com/sei708046. This page by Jason Walters (HomeTowne Realty) is also the source for the photo above, though they no longer represent the property.

This commercial property is currently being offered for sale via Don Liles (919.306.0747). If you’re looking for a commercial space — lots of commercial space — convenient to Wilson, take a drive by 6115 in the Mount Pleasant area, just a stone’s throw from Bailey.

County Lines Launch Party

The *County Lines Literary Journal* Launch Party is December 5, 2013 at Historic Person Place in Louisburg.

The Launch Party begins at 5pm, in conjunction with the “Historic Christmas Cheer Event” which begins at 3:45pm. Come for the earlier event and enjoy the festivities including Holiday Music and refreshments. Authors may read from their writing and sign copies.

A limited number of *County Lines Literary Journal* may be purchased at the event. Regular retail price is \$8 each. FCAC members, journal authors, and art contributors may purchase journals for \$6 each.

Come for the Launch Party and bring family and friends! All are welcome for this first-of-its-kind Franklin County writers’ event at Historic Person Place, located at 605 North Main Street in Louisburg.

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The Strange-ness

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One night about 3 years ago, a mother and her children were driving down a road near Wendell. It was dark and an animal — a cat — ran across her path. The mother hit the cat. Being such a kind hearted person, the mother stopped and got out to examine the animal. It was still breathing but unconscious. She picked it up and laid it in backseat of her car where her children were passengers. She drove the cat to the veterinarian to get it treatment.

The veterinarian examined the unconscious cat while the mother waited. The veterinarian revealed some interesting facts about it. The most important fact he had to tell the mother was that it was indeed a cat: a North Carolina Bobcat, not an ordinary house cat!

The bobcat is now named Reno and is a resident at the Conservators’ Center (see photo) outside of Mebane. Reno is doing well and you can visit her any time.

Next time you go outside on a dark night and hear something moving in the woods, it may be a bobcat!

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