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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.

*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?

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".)

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

* Nashville *

12/02 Christmas Social (Dec 2 @ 5-6:30pm)

Bring a wrapped toy for Toys for Tots. at the Nashville Exchange, 229 W Washington St, Nashville

12/07 2013 Outdoor Movie Series (December 7 @ 5:30-8pm)

Nashville Parks & Rec free event. Watch *Arthur Christmas*. Bring chairs. Concessions on-site. At Stoney Creek Environmental Park, 544 W Washington St, Nashville
For info call 252.459.9796.

12/07 Children's Christmas Parade (Dec 7 @ 4pm)

Come & watch the kids parade! Fun for all ages. In Downtown Nashville.

12/07 Nashville Tree Lighting (Dec 7 @ 4pm)

Come & watch the lighting of the tree. At Nash County Courthouse, W Washington Street, Nashville

12/07 Wal-Mart's Pack a Patrol Car (Dec 7 @ from 9am-5pm)

Toy drive for Nashville Police Dept. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the store & help fill up a patrol car! Toys will be donated locally. At Wal-Mart, 1205 Eastern Ave, Nashville.

* Rocky Mount *

11/27 Live Acoustic Music (Nov 27 @ 9pm-12am)

Listen to Travis Moss & enjoy dinner in the same spot. At Westridge Grill, 3629 Sunset Ave, Rocky Mt
More info, call 252.937.7299.

11/30 First Annual Craft Fair (Nov 30 @ 9am)

Reserve a table for \$10, or just come to shop. Pictures with Santa! At Ladies Auxiliary VFW-Post 2057, 11270 E NC-97, Rocky Mt
Call 252.442.0051.

12/01 The Rocky Mount Christmas Parade (Dec 1 @ 3pm)

Holiday floats, marching bands, & Santa. US Marine Corps Reserve is collecting "Toys For Tots" at the parade. In Downtown Rocky Mt.
For more information, call Parks & Recreation Dept at 252.972.1151.

12/02 Coffee with a Cop (Dec 2 @ 7-9am)

The Rocky Mount Police Dept invites all to Coffee With A Cop. A great informal way to meet the officers, ask questions, share concerns & get information. At Hardee's, 1831 N Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mt
Contact Brad at 252.972.1466.

12/11 Country Christmas Breakfast (Dec 11 @ 9-11am)

Celebrate the holidays with a Country Breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, grits, fried apples, biscuits/gravy, & more. Registration deadline is December 6th. At Rocky Mount Senior Center, 427 S. Church Street, Rocky Mount
Contact Julie at 252.972.1564.

* Tarboro *

11/26 Children's Story Time

12/03 (Nov 26 & Dec 3 @ 10:30am)

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

12/05 500 Businesses You Can Start From Home (Dec 5 @ 6 pm)

Free seminar designed to give participant options & get them thinking creatively. At Edgecombe Comm College, Small Business Center, 2009 W Wilson St., Tarboro
Contact 252.823.5166 ext.269

* Wilson *

11/22 Open Mic Night (Nov 22 @ 7:30 pm)

ProMusic Café Musicale family event for acoustic musicians (instrumental/vocal), poets & storytellers. \$2 fee. At ProMusic Conservatory, 105 W Nash Street, Wilson
More info at 252.291.3386.

11/24 'Tis the Season! Holiday Open House in Historic Downtown Wilson (Nov 24 @ 1-5pm)

Visit participating merchants for holiday cheer & specials! In several Historic Downtown Wilson shops.

11/24 Holiday Open House @ Zynique Creations + Art Gallery (Nov 24 @ 1-5pm)

Live music by Nancy Ping-Robbins. Pallet knife painting/demo by Jerry Taylor. Refreshments, shopping, Christmas wreath drawing. At 123 Barnes St W, Historic Downtown Wilson.
Contact mmstack2@yahoo.com

12/02 Auditions for Black Pearls & 12/04 White Diamonds Musical 12/06 (Dec 2, 4 & 6 @ 6-8pm)

Auditions held at Wilson County Senior Center, 1808 Goldsboro St., Wilson NC. Contact Vision Community Theatre Group at 252.206.9800.

12/05 Gluten-Free Holiday Cooking (Dec 5 @ 7pm)

Free & open to the public. Led by Carrie S. Forbes, Local Author. Assembly Room, Wilson County Public Library, Wilson

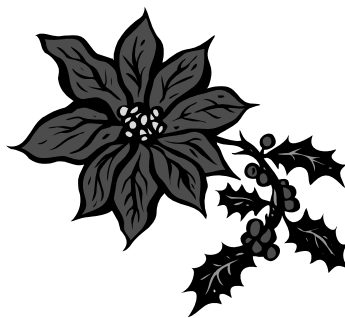
12/08 Soulful Christmas Celebration 12/14 (Dec 8, 15 @ 4p; Dec 14 @ 7p)

12/15 Come celebrate the season with Vision Community Theatre Group. Fee \$5 plus a non-perishable food item. At The Chat-N-Chew, 130 Goldsboro St. Wilson.
Call 252.206.9800 for information.

* Elsewhere *

11/23 Stepping Into The Past Bake Sale (Nov 23 @ 10am-3pm)

Activities incl. with admission to the Museum. Bring holiday dessert (call first). At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St, Kenly
www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.



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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11/29 Live Music Friday (November 29 @ 8-11pm)

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12/07 Celebrate Colonial Christmas (Dec 7 @ 10am-5pm)

Open House in Enfield. Prize drawings, refreshments, colonial craftsmen & vendors, period costumes, sidewalk sale, & farmers market. "Chance" the Clydesdale. Mule & wagon rides! Holiday Homes Tour for \$15-20. Organized by Downtown Enfield Restoration & Preservation (DERP). Live entertainment & more. In Downtown Enfield
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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 this quaint town. On Railroad Street, Sharpsburg
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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.

