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Bad News... Franklin County Courthouse Renovations Costly

Franklin County officials are working to repair Louisburg’s courthouse. The repairs needed including a new heating-and-air conditioning system. Costs are expected to be significant, not including proposed lighting updates and a plan for eradicating suspected-mold in the basement — an issue felt to be such a strong safety issue that it led to destruction of historical records.

At the December 2, 2014 Board of Commissioner’s Meeting, the County Commissioners were presented with an estimate for roof repairs, ceiling/wall repairs, installation of an HVAC system, and security equipment. Repairs are estimated to cost over \$900,000, with the project reportedly going out for bids in early 2014.

The detailed estimate by Architect Surapon Sujjavanich is available as part of the December 2, 2013 Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes. The estimate shows additional costs related to courthouse security, X-ray/scanner, and fire alarm updates.

No mention is made of mold clean-up in the estimate. Reference is made to a letter from the NC Administrative Office of the Court recommending “minor interior work”.

When the Commissioners meet again February 3, 2014, the architect is expected to have drawings to show. The project will be put out for bids. Depending on bids received, the list of repairs may be revised.

Several mentions of environmental contamination in the courthouse basement appear in the Commissioner’s meetings’ Minutes during 2013; however, no itemized costs are available showing costs or estimates for mold testing, a mold remediation plan, basement records removal, or incineration-related costs. It is not clear if mold testing was done by the county, or if the documents were destroyed without confirming the presence of mold.

Since mold affects indoor air quality, any positive tests for mold might include air-quality testing in addition to surface testing. If left unchecked, mold in offices may open the door to legal issues. There are no set state guidelines for mold levels; however with environmental safety being of great concern relating to the basement records, likely the concerned county officials would want to take further action to limit mold exposure for courthouse workers and visitors.

To learn more about the courthouse repair plan, attend the Board of Commissioner’s Meeting on February 3rd. Meetings are held at the Franklin County Administration Building, 113 Market Street, Louisburg. Meetings begin at 7pm.

For potential bidders, visit www.franklincountync.us and click “Doing Business with the County” for more information.

Reclaimed Wood a Hot Item for Home Improvements

That little old structure on your property is a piece of history and important to you. Some outdoor structures may have reached the point where repairs will be too costly or are unwanted. At that point, the pieces of the building may have a resale value; which has to be weighed against how you value the building itself.

Reclaimed wood is wood retrieved from existing structures and re-used in other buildings, or as “accents” to existing homes. Sometimes the wood is used as it is; other times the wood is milled. Old wood flooring has become so popular that some reclaimed wood can demand high-dollar prices.



Reclaiming wood from old buildings can also provide a home owner or home builder with lumber made from trees that were widely available “back in the day” but are harder to come by today. These include the Longleaf Heart Pine and American Chestnut.

One quality of lumber made from trees a long time ago, is that the trees had grown naturally. They grew slowly, so were very dense.

Scotland Neck Heart Pine Inc. of Scotland Neck NC reclaims old barn beams, longleaf pine planks, and saw-marked timbers to produce flooring and other household accents. Trees are certainly saved by using these long-ago building components to build “new.”

Hobbitat, based in Maryland, builds small-scale homes with an emphasis on reclaiming wood and other local materials — including re-using doors and windows. While their primary focus is on building compact dwellings, they use materials from existing buildings taken apart.

Businesses such as the Reuse Warehouse of Durham NC have made reclaimed wood an important part of their business. While part of their mission is to reduce materials going into landfills, their focus is on salvaging wood from NC barns and other old structures for use in building and remodeling homes. In a paragraph from their website, they sum up the positives of using reclaimed wood in home projects:

“The decision to purchase reclaimed lumber is an easy one, reducing the amount of new materials in your home (decreasing your carbon footprint), cost effective, and incorporates the past into newly designed spaces, surely a win-win for exteriors, interiors and the environment.”

For more information, visit these local links:

The Reuse Warehouse – www.thereusewarehouse.com
Scotland Neck Heart Pine Inc. – www.snheartpine.com
Hobbitat – hobbitatspaces.com

Local Business Spotlight Wilson e-Liquid Manufacturer Growing

In April 2013, Chris Terdik and fiancé Shelia Williams discussed a concept Shelia had come up with for a new business. By September, Qvape Juice, LLC was up, running, and manufacturing product.

As a chemist, Shelia knew what was needed to get the business off the ground. Shelia, Chris, and Doug Snyder’s business centers around the manufacture of e-liquids for electronic cigarettes. Their product is “Made in the USA” with one exception: a nicotine additive is imported. The product is manufactured under cGMP’s (compliant Good Manufacturing Practices) similar to the pharmaceutical industry.

Qvape’s headquarters is at 4901-D Caswell Place in Wilson. In their fourth month of business, Qvape employs 20 people. They have also secured an exclusive manufacturing deal with a national e-liquid brand. For more information on the company or the founders of Qvape, call 252.206.1316.

Bunn High Jeans Collection

Ruby Savage is a school resource officer at Bunn High School. She is working with a group of kids called SAVE. This group works to bring awareness to school violence, drugs, and bullying. They are holding a “jeans drive” to help the homeless. DoSomething.org along with Aeropostale is giving away a \$10,000 grant to the school that collects the most jeans. The students also get a party and free Aeropostale t-shirts.

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Things to Do in NC
When You’re Bored

* Bunn *

- 01/23 Soup Kitchen (Thursdays@ 11:30am)**
01/30 Free meals served to those in need. Collaboration of local nonprofits. In the Broad Building, Bunn Elementary School Road, Bunn
02/08 Sweetheart Dinner (Feb 8 @ 6-8pm)
A Valentine’s type dinner (steak, baked potato, salad, dessert, & tea) as part of the Centennial celebrations. Limited Tickets on Sale at Bunn Town hall \$15-25. At Bunn Middle School, 4742 Nc 39 Hwy S, Bunn. Contact Sherry Mercer at 919.426.5806 or smercerx2@yahoo.com.
03/22 Centennial Spring Fling Bash (Mar 22 @ 10am-7pm)
Live music, food, craft vendors, games, raffles, bounce houses, auction, dancer & more. Plus, car show! Applications & money must be received by March 5th. Cost for Craft Vendors \$25, Food Vendors \$75. Along Railroad Street, Downtown Bunn. For details stop by Bunn Town Hall or contact Sherry Mercer at 919.426.5806.

* Elsewhere *

- 01/18 Live Music Spring Hope**
01/25 (Saturdays @ 7:30pm)
02/01 Live music each weekend with a variety of local musicians & bands. Jan 25 @ 8pm. At Showside Grill & Bakery, N Pine Street, Spring Hope
01/19 Stepping Into The Past
01/26 (Saturdays @ 10am-3pm)
Activities incl. with museum admission. January 19th is butter making demonstrations. January 26th is hog killing demonstration (8-11am). At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St., Kenly. www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.
01/20 Martin Luther King’s Birthday (Jan 20)
Federal holiday. Some offices may be closed.
01/24 Mega-Yard Sale (Jan 24-25 @ 8am-4pm; no -01/25 early birds)
Movin’ On Movers is holding a yard sale to benefit the SPCA of Wake County! Cash and credit only. At Movin’ On Movers, 2425 Reliance Ave, Apex. Email info@spcawake.org for details.
01/25 DocuTime Film Festival (Jan 25 @ 10am-7pm)
Wilmington’s 12th annual one-day documentary film festival. DocuTime has established a solid reputation for bringing acclaimed documentaries to the big screen in Wilmington. Student tickets are free. Tickets \$7 per film or \$25 for all-day pass; senior tickets \$5 per film or \$20 all-day pass. Advance tickets may be purchased at Sharky’s Box Office or online at etix.com. Held at King Hall Auditorium, University of North Carolina–Wilmington, 601 S College Road, Wilmington.
01/31 Praxis Film Festival (Jan 31 @ 1-8pm & -02/01 Feb 1 @ 10am)
Support student filmmakers & professional independent filmmakers. Tickets \$10/day or \$15/ weekend. Jan 31st at Paramount Theatre, S Center Street, Goldsboro. Feb 1st at Wayne Community College, Moffatt Auditorium, 3000 Wayne Memorial Dr., Goldsboro. Contact goldsborott@gmail.com.
03/08 Fifth Annual Dig In! (March 8)
Advocates for Health in Action hosts its annual gardening, ag, & community educational event. Held at Marbles Kids Museum in Downtown Raleigh. See www.advocatesforhealthinaction.org

* Knightdale *

- 01/22 JobLink Job Assistance Lab**
01/29 (Jan 22 & 29@ 9am-12pm)
Get help navigating job search websites, submitting online applications, updating resume. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Sq., Knightdale. Contact 919.217.5300, Sandy.Alger@wakegov.com.
01/28 Writing Children’s Books: What The Pros Know (Jan28 @ 7-8pm)
Join local acclaimed authors as they talk about their successes and challenges in writing for young audiences. Ryan Bliss discusses his experiences as a picture-book author. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Sq, Knightdale. Contact Janet Morley at 919.217.5300.
02/07 First Friday Jazz (Feb 7 @ 6-9:30pm)
Monthly Jazz music event organized by The Kila Company. Fee \$8/person. At Knightdale Clubhouse, 202 Milburnie Road, Knightdale. Call 919.757.3527.

* Nashville *

- 01/27 Kids Story Time (Jan 27 @ 10:30-11am)**
Bring the kids for a story from a collection of wonderful books. Free event. At Nashville Harold D Cooley Library, 114 W Church Street, Nashville
02/01 7th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance (February 1 @ 6-8:30pm)
Men, get ready to “cut a rug” with your daughters! Girls in Grades K-5 with a male adult family member. Fee \$25 per couple, \$5 extra for each additional daughter. Register by January 24th, no late registration accepted. Due to fire codes, space is limited. At the Nash County Agricultural Center, 1006 Eastern Avenue, Nashville. Registration forms available at Nash County P&R Administration Office (3rd floor), Nashville and online at nc-nashcounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx.

* Wendell *

- 01/21 SCV Monthly Presentation (January 21 @ 6:30pm; program 7:15pm)**
The Col. Henry K. Burgwyn/East Wake Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans hosts Dr. Tony Eggleston, speaking on “North Carolina and the War.” At the Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., in Wendell, on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Everyone is invited. Join us for the meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m. For additional information, call (919) 365-5206.
01/21 Family Storytime (Jan 21 & 28 @ 6:30pm)
01/28 Children ages 0-5 and their families. At Wendell Community Library, 207 S Hollybrook Road, Wendell. Contact 919.365.2600.

* Zebulon *

- 01/18 Brown Bag Lunch Ministry**
01/25 (Saturdays@ 11:30am)
Free to-go lunches for those in need. At Fellowship Hall, Zebulon United Methodist Church, 121 W Gannon Ave, Zebulon. See www.zumchurch.org.
01/21 5 County Beekeepers Association Meeting (Jan 21 @ 7PM)
Topic this month is “12 Months of beekeeping” presented by Tim Huffman. At Bennett Bunn Plantation, 1915 Old Bunn Road, Zebulon More info at www.5cba.org.

- 01/21 Healthy Weight Loss Clinic (January 21 @ 6pm)**
Free event. Make a New Year’s resolution a success. Set yourself up for success. Create realistic goals, get useful tips, and get advice on a exercise and diet. Contact Zebulon Parks & Rec Department at 919.269.8265.
01/25 Family Storytime
02/01 (Jan 25 & Feb 1 @ 10:30-11am)
For young children & their families. Participate in a 30 minute interactive program that incorporates age appropriate books, songs, and movement to nurture pre-reading skills. No registration required. At Zebulon Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon Contact Margaret at 919.404.3610.
02/14 See Spot Read (Feb 14 @ 4:30-5:30pm)
For kindergarten and up. Beginning readers to come and practice their skills with the certified therapy dogs of the local organization See Spot Read. At Zebulon Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon. Contact Margaret at 919.404.3610.
02/14 Family Movie Night
03/14 (Feb 14 & Mar 14 @ 7pm)
The Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department presents free movie and popcorn for all ages. A parent/guardian must be present for all children. Call 919.823.0432 to find out what movie is showing! At the Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon.

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.

Get on the Bus

Would you like to venture out for a day or even a weekend of fun? The Town of Knightdale arranges motor club trips. Contact Michelle Wester at 919.217.2232.

Register by mail or stop by Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale.

Next trip is to Nashville and Memphis, May 4-8, 2014.Trip includes 5 Days/4 Nights, two wonderful dinners, evening at the Grand Ole Opry–Nashville TN, and Elvis Presley’s Graceland Platinum Tour. Try your luck at Harrah’s Cherokee too!

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Local Business News

Amy’s Cellular Moves to Larger Space
Amy’s Cellular has moved... a few doors down. Amy’s now occupies a larger space in the plaza at North Smithfield Road, Knightdale. In addition to the bigger Amy’s Cellular, two new shops recently opened in the same plaza: Vapors and Infinite Wellness.

Vapors Opens Second NC Location
Vapors of Fayetteville has opened a second Vapors location in the plaza along N Smithfield Road at Knightdale Boulevard. This new shop opened in January, and provides electronic cigarettes and supplies. They also distribute the Puffs brand products, which includes e-liquids packaged by Qvape Juice, LLC of Wilson NC.

Both locations are run by Andy Nasipak, assisted by daughter Jennifer (shown in photo).



New Therapy Office in Knightdale
Infinite Wellness, with Dr. Glen Peterson DC, LAc, opened a few weeks ago. They offer chiropractic, acupuncture, massage, and other therapies. More about this office is online at www.infin8wellness.com.

New Location for Farley’s
Wendell has business changes too. Farley’s Tax & Accounting Services has moved into the old Wendell Printing building, which is now theirs. The office moved over the holidays and open for business at this new location, ready to help you with your personal or commercial needs.

Wilson Business Closing
On December 31, 2013 the Chat ‘n Chew officially closed for business and is now for sale or lease. The address is 130 Goldsboro Street SW, Wilson. If you or someone you know is interested in owning your own business, with serious inquires please contact Hugo Alston at 919.672.3315.

Grill Opening in Nashville
The new Church St. Grill is holding their ribbon cutting Jan. 28th at 10:30am. Stop by 121 W. Church Street, Nashville. Please come and join the Nashville Chamber of Commerce in welcoming this new restaurant.

Disc Golf Returns to Zebulon

Zebulon has had avid disc golf participation at Zebulon Community Park Disc Golf Course for many years. Tournaments have been a regular part of disc golf culture in our area. It is time for the group to get up and running again with monthly doubles at Zebulon Community Park.

Triangle Chain Posse (TCP) is a group of disc golfers. TCP is managing Zubz (Zebulon Doubles) for the 2014 season. Zubz is a monthly doubles event on the third Sunday of each month (January through November) at Zebulon Community Park DGC, 401 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon. Registration is 9am to 9:45am. Round starts at 10am. Entry-fee is \$8 (includes ace pool). Registration is at the new hole 1 (first parking lot on your right after entering the park).

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Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration
You go to your local tax preparation office to get your federal and state tax returns done. People are coming and going as you wait for your turn with the preparer.

As you wait, you hear a couple in a nearby booth having their taxes done. The preparer asks how many dependants they have. The wife says that they have eight dependants. The preparer keeps questioning them, and from hearing their discussion and answers to other questions, you become fairly confident that they are fudging the numbers on their tax returns.

Do you think that you would mind your own business, or bring it to the attention of the office’s manager? Do you think that it would make a difference to you if you knew them, or they were strangers?

A Little Bit of History

Hazel Armstrong Valentine
Eastern NC’s Twin County Museum and Hall of Fame ensures that residents who have made a difference are noticed and remembered. Part of the history they keep is on educators who helped to make the area what it is today. One such educator is Hazel Armstrong Valentine. Mrs. Valentine did much more than teach; she helped set in motion the present arts resources in Nashville NC.

Mrs. Valentine was born in 1895 and died in 1997. She lived in several counties, but left a big mark on Nashville. Mrs. Valentine worked as a teacher, a parole officer, and a Nashville postmaster!

Through her volunteer work is credited with starting the Coastal Plain Craft Show and Nash Arts Center. According to the Hall of Fame, she Mrs. Valentine “almost single-handedly saved the old Nashville Baptist Church” from destruction. That Nashville Baptist Church building is now the Nash Arts Center (nasharts.org).

Hazel Armstrong Valentine was inducted into Hall of Fame 2007. In 2012, her son, Itimous “Tim” Valentine, Jr., was inducted into the Hall of Fame or his work in local and national government. Surely, she would be proud!

To learn more about Mrs. Valentine and other local heroes, visit twincountyhalloffame.com.

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Centennial
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6pm to 8pm

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Little Bits

Cryptogram of the Issue

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Hint: V= A.

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— — — — —
Q K V Y H Z C A V C V O

— — — — —
N R T X K H T Q W K X A V C

— — — — —
X K H G R T T H G X A V C

— — — — —
V B I X K H R B F C A V C

— — — — —
Q X I R H O B R X H P Q O X

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N T Q H I T Q G K B Q H X M O G K H

Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*Do not go where the
path may lead, go
instead where there
is no path and
leave a trail.
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Cryptogram Note:

For a second hint, email trivia@greyareanews.com or visit the website: www.greyareanews.com.

Chuckle of the Issue

A married couple went fishing on their vacation. Afterwards the wife's mother asked her how it went.

"Oh, it was terrible," she said. "Everything went wrong, we overslept, and then we got a flat tire. But, the worst part was that I caught more fish than he did!"

Word of the Issue

prerogative : An exclusive privilege, or a right, held by an individual or a group.

Example: "As the organizer, it was his prerogative to give away tickets to the show."

Quote of the Issue

George Crabbe (English Poet, b. 1754 – d.1832)

With eye upraised his master's looks to scan, The joy, the solace, and the aid of man; The rich man's guardian, and the poor man's friend, The only creature faithful to the end.



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Former Defense Minister of Canada Speaks on Aliens
RT.com, The Russia Today news website, recently posted a transcript of an interview with Paul Hellyer. the Honourable Paul Hellyer was Minister of National Defence–Canada from 1963 through most of 1967. In the RT.com transcript, Mr. Hellyer is said to have responded to a question about extraterrestrial contact with humans:
“They were told what people there think and that we’re really wrecking our planet and in fact that something dreadful is going to happen to it if we don’t smarten up and change our ways. We spend too much time fighting each other, we spend too much money on military expenditures, and not enough on feeding the poor and looking after the homeless and the sick, and that we are polluting our waters and our air and that we’re playing around with these exotic weapons, thermonuclear weapons and atomic weapons, which have such devastating effects both on Earth and other areas of Cosmos. They don’t like that and that’s the reason they would like to work with us, to teach us better ways, but only, I think, with our consent.”
Mr. Hellyer has repeatedly proclaimed that “we are not alone.” In several interviews, he has stated that aliens, including “Short Greys”, “Nordic Blondes” and other extraterrestrial species live among humans.

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