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General Stores Open in Nashville and Wendell

The General Store of yesterday is making a comeback, providing townspeople with local places to go for a variety of merchandise. These unique shops provide a place to grab a refreshment, sit and chat, and buy little and big items close to downtown parking.

General Stores carry items spanning multiple categories. One might pick up a gift, toiletries, snacks, furniture, and more — then stay awhile to catch up on local news.

First to open is the Nashville General Store and Decor. The store is run by Jean Fields. Jean and store manager Pam Lamm run the store out of the 1913 building (see photo) across from the Nash County Courthouse. In its 101 year existence, the building has housed a photographer, antique store, clothing store, and hardware store.



In addition to the eclectic assortment of hats, antique furniture, hand-painted items, and gifts, the Nashville General Store and Decor offers a cozy couch and cold sodas from their old-time soda cooler — complete with bottle opener. Stop by to talk about the old days or news today. Or, make a quick stop for a last-minute gift on your way by.

Wendell General Store most recently opened, offering a variety of special treats. Alongside local goods, the store sports a large ice cream counter and refreshment selection.

Located in downtown — 28 Main Street — the Wendell General Store occupies an appropriately old building that adds to its old-time flavor. Stop by during the upcoming town Sidewalk Sale and grab a scoop or two of ice cream!

Call to Writers and Artists

The Franklin County Arts Council (FCAC) Writers Guild is issuing a call to writers of poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction for submissions to be considered in their 2015 issue of *County Lines: A Literary Journal*.

FCAC’s Writers Guild is also calling for black-and-white art and photography for the book interior, and color art for the cover. A cash prize of \$25 will be awarded to the artist whose work is chosen for the book cover.

The current issue of *County Lines: A Literary Journal* is available for purchase at the FCAC headquarters in Leslie Martin Pottery Studio in downtown Franklinton and online from Amazon.com.

To obtain a copy of the writers’ and artists’ guidelines, email CountyLinesLiteraryJournal@gmail.com.

The deadline for submissions — poetry, prose, photography, and art — is September 15, 2014.

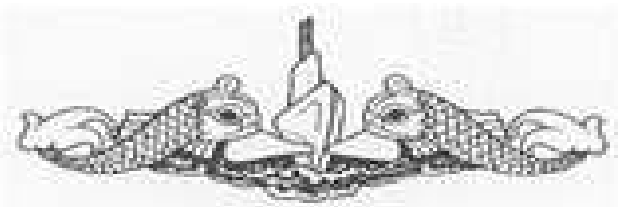
Are You Qualified?

Gold Or Silver

If you desire to share the camaraderie of the US Navy Submarine Force, you may want to join the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., an organization of over 13,000 submarine veterans composed of approximately 168 local bases in all 50 States.

NC has six bases and I am in the process of starting the seventh base in the Wilson/Rocky Mount/Nashville area.

If you qualified in submarines and are interested, contact Jerry Emerson at 252.235.2926, 252.289.0699, or email, nkiv368@embarqmail.com.



Pesticide Disposal Program Hits 3 Million Pounds Milestone

Release by Derrick Bell, NCDA&CS

In mid-April, the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program surpassed 3 million pounds collected since the program began in 1980. At a collection day in Nash County the program needed just 763.5 pounds to hit the 3 million pounds. Instead, residents dropped off 6,000 pounds for disposal.

“North Carolina’s was the first pesticide disposal program in the nation,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Based on weight, pesticides are more expensive and more problematic than latex paints or old gasoline for counties to collect. This program gives the county and its residents a safe way to dispose of old, outdated, banned or unwanted pesticides.”

The program is paid for through the Pesticide Environmental Trust Fund, which receives money through registration fees that companies pay on each pesticide product sold in the state and through an appropriation from the General Assembly.

The program rotates collection days among all 100 counties so that each county has a collection day every other year. Collections are handled through county Cooperative Extension offices. Pickups are sometimes coordinated through a county’s household hazardous waste program. In special situations, pesticide disposal assistance staff will go to a home or farm to assist with materials.

Since 1976, it has been illegal to dispose of pesticides in landfills. This program provides a way for them to be disposed of in a safe and environmentally friendly way. “This is a really great program for NC” Troxler said. “Only about half the states have a program like this one, and in those states without a program it is not really clear what they are doing with old pesticides. Our program helps make sure these products are collected and contained in a way that protects our land and water resources.”

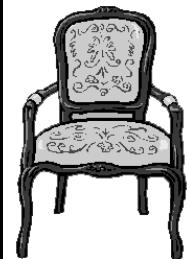
Several more collection days are scheduled for this spring, including in Cleveland, Iredell, Johnston, Chowan, Wilson, Caswell, Rowan and Yadkin counties. For a complete list of collection sites and more information on the Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program, go to the website www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/PDAP/.

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4:00PM Churchmen	2:00PM VW Boys	1:00PM Wildfire
5:00PM Audie Blaylock & Redline	3:00PM Dale Ann Bradley & Steve Guley	2:00PM The Crowe Brothers
6:00PM Constant Change	4:00PM Chris Jones & the Night Drivers	3:00PM Gentlemen of Bluegrass
7:00PM Lou Reid & Carolina	5:00PM Supper break	4:00PM Al Batten & the Bluegrass Reunion
8:00PM Sister Sadie	6:00PM Danny Paisley & Southern Grass	5:00PM Supper break
9:00PM Lonesome River Band	7:00PM Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road	6:00PM The Gravy Boys
	8:00PM Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper	7:00PM The Roys
	9:00PM Marty & Tim Raybon All-Star Show	8:00PM Bass Mountain Boys
		9:00PM The Grascals
		10:00PM Hank Bowman & the Outliers

Things to Do in NC
When You’re Bored

* Bunn *

04/25 Local Live Bluegrass Music
05/02 (Fridays @ 7-8pm)
Held with & for the community. At Common Grounds Coffee (and Fun) House, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn. Call 919.340.4477.

* Knightdale *

05/09 Mother & Son Beach Party (May 9)
Includes refreshments, a photo booth, surf simulator, music & activities. Contest for the best dressed couple, giveaways to all attendees & a raffle for Chick-Fil-A for a year! \$25/couple, \$5 for each additional child. Register at Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court. Contact Michelle Wester at 919-217-2232 or Megan Thornton at 919-217-2236 for more info.

06/13 Daddy Daughter Dance (June 13)
A special night for fathers & daughters on the Friday before Father’s Day. Photographer on-hand, refreshments, & DeeJay. Hummer limo ride from parking to the entrance! Register & pay fee at Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court. Contact Michelle Wester at 919.217.2232 or Megan Thornton at 919.217.2236 for details.

* Nashville *

04/26 Annual Plant Sale (April 26 @ 9am-2pm)
Nash County Master Gardeners plant sale. Assortment of annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, garden plants & more. At the Nash County Agricultural Extension Office, 1006 Eastern Ave, Nashville.

04/30 Badges & Books (April 30 @ 4-4:45pm)
Join us for story time. Officer Bull will read to the children & face paint! Come & join the fun! At Harold Cooley Library, 114 W Church St., Nashville.

05/02 First Friday Coffee (May 2 @ 7:30am)
At Nashville Exchange, 229 W Washington St., Nashville. Sponsored by Lou Reda’s American Table

05/08 Blooming Festival (May 8-10) -10
Special activities each day. Live entertainment, attractions, exhibitors, a parade, and fine festival cuisine. On W Washington Street, Downtown Nashville.

05/08 2014 Outdoor Movie Series
06/20 (May 8 & June 20)
Brave on May 8th at 8pm. *Monsters University* on June 20th at 8:30pm. *Add’l dates: Jul 18, Aug 5, Oct 31 (Glover Park), & Dec 6.* Movies at Stony Creek Environmental Park, 544 W. Washington Street, Nashville.

* Rocky Mount *

04/28 Back to Work Job Fair (Apr 28 @ 9am-12pm)
Nash Community College job fair with local employers & information. At Brown Auditorium, Nash Community College, 522 N Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount. Contact Michael Coleman at 252.451.8307.

05/03 Rocky Mount Ruff Ryders Charity Ride (May 3 @ 8am)
Join the ride, which benefits the Nash-Edgecombe Economic Development. Small fee. Kick Stands Up at 9am. Starts at Circle K, 770 N Wesleyan Boulevard, Rocky Mount. For more details, call 252.314.1847

05/03 West Edgecombe Mini Pullers
06/14 (May 3 & June 14 @ 5pm)
Non-profit organization & proceeds go towards scholarships, local fire, police and rescue squads. Also helps families in the community. Family oriented, good, clean fun! Concession stand serving hot dogs, burgers, fries, nachos & soft drinks. *Rain dates May 24 & June 21.* At 12180 NC 43 North, Rocky Mount. Visit westedgecombeminipullers.com.

05/15 Downtown Live!
05/29 (May 15 & 29 @ 6-8:30pm)
Free Summer concert series on the lawn. Come be a part, dance, or relax. Concerts start at 6pm and end at 8:30pm. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Concessions available. No coolers, please. *Band of Oz* May 15th, & *Jim Quick and Coastline* May 29th. At Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount. Contact Parks & Rec at 252.972.1151. See www.downtownrockymount.com.

06/06 Lawn Chair Theatre (June 6 @ 7-10pm)
Free family movie nights every-other Friday from June 6 through August 15. Before each movie, kids can enjoy free activities. Movies begin at dusk. Concessions available. Bring blanket or lawn chair. *Add’l dates: Jun 20, Jul 11, Jul 25, Aug 1, & Aug 15.* At Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mt. See www.imperialcentre.org or call 252.972.1266.

* Tarboro *

05/10 Spring Garden Symposium (May 10 @ 8:30am-5pm)
Featuring Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture at Mt. Vernon’s Plants & Gardens in Virginia, & Lisa Ziegler, Commercial Cut-Flower Farmer, Author, and Speaker, Growing Your Own Bouquets. Blount-Bridgers Garden Symposium is at Calvary Episcopal Church, 411 E Church Street, Tarboro.

* Wendell *

05/02 Wendell Sidewalk Sale
05/03 (May 2 & 3)
Each Year, starting on the first Friday in the month of May, the Wendell Chamber of Commerce hosts the Annual Sidewalk Sale on Main Street in historic Downtown Wendell. Merchants display items on the sidewalks. The sale continues through Saturday.

* Wilson *

04/25 Shop around the Blocks -26 (April 25 & 26)
Food, Fun & Art! Sidewalk Sale / Community Yard Sale. Great fun with tons of downtown merchants & lots to see and do! In Historic Downtown Wilson.

04/27 Earth Day & Healthy Body & Soul Festival (April 27)
Earth Day is to honor the planet & all living things that inhabit it. Learn new ways of helping Mother Earth & share ideas & insights on environmental issues. Local artists, food, fun, raffles, games, music & more. At Truely Unique, 2006 US Hwy 301 S, Wilson

04/30 Downtown Alive Free Concert (April 30 @ 5:30pm)
Come join “Steve Hardy’s Original Beach Party”! Beach music bands every other Wed. from April 30th to June 25th. Bring chairs, blankets, sunscreen, & dance moves. No coolers or pets. At the grassy lot, 201 Tarboro Street, Wilson.

05/01 National Day of Prayer (May 1 @ 12pm-1pm)
Join Mayor Bruce Rose in front of the Wilson County Courthouse. The program includes prayer, spiritual & patriotic music, & other items. On the Courthouse Steps, Downtown Wilson.

05/03 “Speaking to the Woman Within, III: Let’s Get Real” (May 3 @ 9am-12pm)
Workshop participants address aspects of “realness” that they want to add to their lives & leave with a plan to do just that. Facilitated by Jackie Dove-Miller: author, poet, & speaker. Register by April 25th. Free. At the Franklinton Public Library, 9 West Mason St., Franklinton. Call 919.497.6910 or email ed@fcacarts.org.

05/25 Wilson Tobs Baseball Opener (May 25)
The Tobs open the season with a Thomas & Farris post-game fireworks show. Small ticket fee. At Fleming Stadium, 300 Stadium St. SW, Wilson. Online at www.wilsonslobs.com.

* Zebulon *

04/26 Community Spring Fling (April 26)
Rocky Cross Holiness Church annual community outreach, Spring Fling 2014, with food, fun, games, vendors, & more. At Rocky Cross Holiness Church, 12524 Anderson Road, Zebulon

04/27 Ivan Parker Concert (April 27 @6:30pm)
Zebulon United Methodist church, located at 121 W. Gannon Ave. will be hosting an on Sunday. Admission is free, however a love offering will be taken. Everyone is invited to attend. Come as you are. For more info, call the church office at 919.269.9408.

05/01 Mudcats Baseball
05/02 (home games)
05/03 Baseball, hot dogs, & more. Small ticket fee. At Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-39, Zebulon. Online at www.gomudcats.com.

05/03 Fish Fry (May 3 @ 11am-until)
Zebulon United Methodist Church hosts their annual fish fry. They will serve until all of the food is gone. Plates are \$7 & come with fish, potatoes, slaw & hush puppies. Eat in or take out. In Fellowship Hall, Zebulon United Methodist Church, 2804 Hunters Cove Ct, Zebulon. Tickets my be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 919.269.9408.

05/09 Family Movie Night
***06/13 (Second Fridays @ 7pm)**
07/11 Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department presents free movie & popcorn for all ages. A parent/guardian must attend. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon. Call 919.823.0432 to find out what is showing. *(*June 13th movie is 8:30pm on the lawn at the Municipal Complex.)*

05/24 Butterfly Garden Clinic (May 24 @ 10am)
Bring a 15-inch pot & everything else is supplied! Garden expert will teach about potted annuals to attract butterflies & caterpillars. Ongoing care instructions a part of this clinic. Grab a friend & let’s plant! Register by May 9th. At Whitley Park, 601 N Wakefield Street, Zebulon.

* Elsewhere *

04/26 Stepping Into The Past
05/03 (Saturdays @ 10am-3pm)
05/10 History-oriented activities free with museum admission (\$6-\$8; under 2 yrs free). April 26th Grow Your Own Cash Crop, May 3rd The Barnyard, May 10th Broom and Rug Making, & May 17th Sugary Sweet. At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church Street, Kenly. See www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

05/03 “Code Red” Event (May 3 @ 10am-2pm)
At Great Gardens Open House, 4311 Wiggins Mill Road. By Wilson County, NC Auxiliary Emergency Communications.

05/03 Farmers Market Opening Day (May 3 @ 8am)
Spring Hope Farmers Market opens for the season! Stop by to check out this year’s offerings. Plus, Grow And Share is holding a free Garden Plant Giveaway from 8am until plants run out (requires signing “Pledge To Share”). For info, call the Farmers Market at 252.314.5748 or Grow And Share at 919.623.9392.

05/03 Bluegrass in the Village (May 3 @ 12-3pm)
Monthly jam sessions held the first Saturday of the month from April thru October. At Waynesborough State Park, 801 U.S. 117, Goldsboro.

05/03 Bluegrass in the Village
06/07 (First Saturdays @ 12-3pm)
07/05 Come by for music & more. At Waynesborough Historical Village, US 117 Alt, Goldsboro. More info, call 919.731.1653.

05/08 WordPress: Creating Your Own Website (May 8 @ 6-9pm)
Free. WordPress class gives you the details for securing a domain name, choosing a graphics theme, & step-by-step guidance for building a site. At Wayne Community College, Walnut Building, Room 101, 3000 Wayne Memorial Dr, Goldsboro.

Rabies Clinics Offered

Cats and dogs ages 4-months and older must be vaccinated against rabies. Other vaccines available. Fees vary with these upcoming clinics in Eastern NC.

Bring a previous rabies certificate to qualify for The 3-year vaccine available, if bring previous rabies certificate. all cats must be contained to carriers.

Upcoming dates and locations:

- April 26 @ 8-9:30am at Franklin County Animal Shelter, Louisburg.
- April 26 @ 12:30-2pm at Tony Ace Hardware, 1120 US 1, Youngsville.
- May 3 @ 9-11:30am at Foy Mart, Tant Road, Spring Hope.
- May 10 @ 8-9:30am at Franklin County Animal Shelter, Louisburg.

Wake County is holding one event, a Rabies and Microchip Clinic, in Rolesville (Main Street Park, 200 S. Main Street) on May 3rd from 9am to noon. At this event, fees are \$5 for Rabies shots and \$10 or microchips. Cash or check only. All dogs and cats must be controlled by leash or carrier.

Know of another local rabies clinic? Email info@greyareanews.com and we will post the information online.

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

You and a group of friends go to see a movie one Saturday night. The theatre is busy, and your group makes its way through the ticket line, grabs popcorn and other goodies, and walks into your movie’s screening room early enough that you find seats together. Many other people file in and the theatre fills.

After the trivia and games finish, it is time for the movie and the lights go down.

A few rows behind, you hear a child talking. Someone near the child tells him to be quiet, but the young boy says something else. Just as a preview end, in a moment of silence, you hear the sound of a slap, followed by a child’s cry. The next preview begins and you don’t hear anything more.

A few minutes later there is a commotion on the aisle. Turning, you see an adult roughly pulling a small child behind them. They are noisy, and the child is obviously crying.

Do you think that you would follow the pair out of the theatre? Or, would you be more likely to ignore it and stay for the movie?

Alternatively, if it were one of your own group hitting and roughly treating the young boy, would you be more likely to say something to the adult?

The Strange-ness

NASA Cassini Images May Reveal Birth of a Saturn Moon

Released by Jane Platt, JPL & Dwayne Brown, NASA
NASA’s Cassini spacecraft has documented the formation of a small icy object within the rings of Saturn that may be a new moon, and may also provide clues to the formation of the planet’s known moons.

Images taken with Cassini’s narrow angle camera show disturbances at the very edge of Saturn’s A ring—the outermost of the planet’s large, bright rings. One of these disturbances is an arc about 20 percent brighter than its surroundings, 750 miles (1,200 kilometers) long and 6 miles (10 kilometers) wide. Scientists also found unusual protuberances in the usually smooth profile at the ring’s edge. Scientists believe the arc and protuberances are caused by the gravitational effects of a nearby object. Details of the observations were published online April 14, 2014 by the journal *Icarus*.

The object is not expected to grow any larger, and may even be falling apart. But the process of its formation and outward movement aids in our understanding of how Saturn’s icy moons, including the cloud-wrapped Titan and ocean-holding Enceladus, may have formed in more massive rings long ago. It also provides insight into how Earth and other planets in our solar system may have formed and migrated away from our star, the sun.

“We have not seen anything like this before,” said Carl Murray of Queen Mary University of London, the report’s lead author. “We may be looking at the act of birth, where this object is just leaving the rings and heading off to be a moon in its own right.”

The object, informally named Peggy, is too small to be seen in images so far. Scientists estimate it is probably no more than about a half mile (about a kilometer) in diameter. Saturn’s icy moons range in size depending on their proximity to the planet—the farther from the planet, the larger. And many of Saturn’s moons are composed primarily of ice, as are the particles that form Saturn’s rings. Based on these facts, and other indicators, researchers recently proposed that the icy moons formed from ring particles and then moved outward, away from the planet, merging with other moons on the way.

It is possible the process of moon formation in Saturn’s rings has ended with Peggy, as Saturn’s rings now are, in all likelihood, too depleted to make more moons. Because they may not observe this process again, Murray and his colleagues are wringing from the observations all they can learn.

“The theory holds that Saturn long ago had a much more massive ring system capable of giving birth to larger moons,” Murray said. “As the moons formed near the edge, they depleted the rings and evolved, so the ones that formed earliest are the largest and the farthest out.”

The Cassini-Huygens mission is a cooperative project of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency. JPL, a division of the California Institute of Technology, manages the mission for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

For more information about Cassini, visit these sites: www.nasa.gov/cassini <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov>.



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Little Bits

Word of the Issue *Shenanigans*

An activity or behavior that is not done honestly or in what is considered an appropriate way.

Example:

“They were caught engaging in financial shenanigans.”

Chuckle of the Issue

The Devil walks into a crowded bar one Friday evening. When the people see him, they all scream and run out the door.

One man, however, remains on his bar stool and seems to take no notice of the new arrival.

The devil walks up to the man and says, “Do you know who I am?”

The man takes a sip of his beer and answers, “Yep.”

The Devil says, “Well, why aren't you afraid of me?”

The man looks up at the Devil, then back at his drink and says, “I was married to your sister for 10 years. Why should I be afraid of you?”

Quote of the Issue

Victor Hugo
(Author, b.1802 - d.1885)

“A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them.”

Translation of the Issue

English — “party”

German — partei	Spanish — fiestas
Latin — parti	Italian — festa
Irish — páirtí	Dutch — partij

Translations for these and many languages may be found in online (translate.google.com, babelfish.com, etc.) and print resources. Note that for some words or phrases, the context may matter. Formal, casual, and even masculine and feminine variations may be used instead.

Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: A = T.

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S R B E R G .

Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:
If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children. -- Mahatma Gandhi

Cryptogram Note:

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

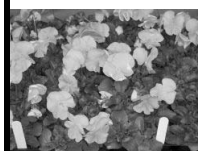


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