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## Bunn Garden Club Brunswick Stew Sale

*Contributed by Dolores Pendergast*

This popular, hearty stew will be available at the Pilot Lions Club at 11am on December 7, 2015.

Customers must pre-order by calling: 252.303.0028 or 252.303.6086. If no one answers, leave a message with the following information: name, phone number, and the number of quarts of Brunswick stew desired.

## 13th Annual "Turning on the Lights" in Tarboro

Set your sights on Christmas lights! Please join the community for a night full of fun on December 12, 2015, starting at 6pm.

There will be live entertainment by Christian Artist, Richard Simmons, food from Ted Williamson Food Truck, and free train rides through lights. The

area's largest fireworks display, by S&W Productions, begins at 8pm.

The light show will be open the month of December, Sundays through Thursdays from 6-10pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 6pm to Midnight.

Come and see the lights, enjoy the fun, at 38 Sir Dillons Lane, three miles south of Tarboro NC on Highway 33 East. Call for directions: 252.641.9033.

The light show is the creation of the Bearden family of Tarboro, and is a part of their nonprofit's efforts. To see more about the family and the nonprofit, visit [www.autumnslovinghand.com](http://www.autumnslovinghand.com).

## Bailey Christmas Happenings

*Contributed by Becky Smith, Town of Bailey*

The Bailey Christmas Tree lighting will be on December 4, 2015 at 6:30pm.

The Bailey Christmas Parade will be December 5, 2015, at

2pm. The Grand Marshall for the parade this year will be Denny and Evelyn Liles.

The Bailey Chamber of Commerce is holding a Bailey Christmas Bazaar at 6251 Main Street — formally the home of Holland's Antiques — for two days. On December 4, they will be open 10am to 8pm, and on December 5, they will be open 10am to 5pm.

More information on the Town of Bailey is online at [www.townofbaileync.org](http://www.townofbaileync.org).

## FCAC Writers Guild Holds Reading from Third Annual Literary Journal

*Contributed by Donna Campbell Smith*

Franklin County Arts Council's (FCAC) Writers Guild invites the public to their *County Lines: A Literary Journal* Launch Party, to be held December 10, 2015, 7-9pm, at Vance Granville College's Building 4, 8100 NC 56, Louisburg.

This is the third year the guild has published the literary journal. It is a collection of works by writers and artists from all over NC and neighboring states. In addition

to the publication the writer's guild held its first writers contest. The winner of First Annual FCAC Writers Guild Carolina Prize in Writing is RJ McCarthy (photo) with his short story "Do You Love Me?" McCarthy is a member of FCAC Writers Guild and a published author.

There will be readings from *County Lines: A Literary Journal* by the authors, refreshments, and books will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the FCAC Writers Guild.

Prior to the Launch Party, FCAC will join Franklin County Schools from 4-6pm for the third Historic Christmas Cheer Program which will take place in front of the court house in Louisburg. Students will decorate the tree with ornaments fashioned after the quilt patterns from The Quilt Trails of the Tar River.

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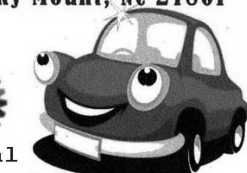
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## Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

### 11/25 Lake Myra Christmas -12/Lights (Nov 25-Dec 31)

31 The Most Exciting & Spectacular Light Show in NC. Sun-Thu 6-10pm; Fri-Sat 6-11pm. In downtown **Wendell**.

### 12/04 First Friday Coffee (Dec 4 @ 7:30-8:30am)

Monthly on the first Friday. Chat with fellow business leaders & town officials. Email [nashvillencchamber@gmail.com](mailto:nashvillencchamber@gmail.com). At Nashville Exchange, West Washington Street, **Nashville**.

### 12/05 Christmas Open House (Dec 5 @ 10am-2pm)

\$10 fee. Step into the cozy workshop festively decorated for the Christmas Season. Listen to a Christmas story & make a Christmas craft. For all ages. Christmas music playing & homemade goodies during this open house. Santa will delight children after riding our Jingle Bus. (weather permitting). Market will be decorated for Christmas with many local items to browse. Christmas trees available. Help us celebrate the beginning of our Santa's Workshop season! At Deans Farm Market, 4231 NC Highway 42 W, **Wilson**.

### 12/05 Christmas Parade (Dec 5 @ 2pm)

The parade route follows the same route as 2014, beginning at Knightdale Elementary & ending at Knightdale Station Park. Christmas Parade food trucks will be located at Main Street & First Ave & in the parking lot of Northside Community Church, **Knightdale**.

### 12/05 Goldsboro Christmas Parade (Dec 5 @ 4pm)

Holiday parade! Info, [laral@waynecountychamber.com](mailto:laral@waynecountychamber.com) or 919.734.2241. Starts & ends at Spruce & Center Streets, **Goldsboro**.

### 12/05 Holiday Craft Bazaar (Dec 5 @ 10am-5pm)

Common Grounds Coffee & Music House will be transforming into a Winter Wonderland, complete with items as unique as the loved ones you are shopping for, festive drinks, great food & much more. At 20 Cheves Rd, **Bunn**.

### 12/05 Nashville's Christmas Celebration & Bicycle Parade (Dec 5 @ 4pm)

Children decorate bicycles, wagons & other unmotorized items to march in their very own parade. After tree lighting, Santa arrives! Prizes awarded to most creative costumes/decorations. Info, call 252.459.4050 or visit [www.nashvillencchamber.org](http://www.nashvillencchamber.org). Kids march from the Nash County Courthouse to the town Christmas tree, **Nashville**.

### 12/05 Open House (Dec 5 @ 10am-3pm)

Come meet the artists & check out locally made goods. At the Bel Air Artisans Center, 115 S Church Street, **Rocky Mount**.

### 12/05 Princeville Christmas Parade (Dec 5 @ 2pm)

The parade begins at the corner of Mullins Street & South Main Street, & travels along Main Street to Mutual Blvd., ending at Heritage Park, **Princeville**.

### 12/05 Wilson Christmas Parade (Dec 5 @ 11am)

The Wilson community comes together for this annual tradition. The route begins near Barton College & continue down Nash Street to Douglas. This year's parade will welcome everyone to The North Pole & feature a float judging contest & performances by selected parade entries. A "rain or shine" event. See [historicdowntownwilson.com](http://historicdowntownwilson.com). Held in Historic Downtown Wilson, 112 Goldsboro St E, **Wilson**.

### 12/05 Colonial Christmas Crafts -06 Fair (Dec 5 @ 9am-4pm & Dec 6 @ 1-4pm)

The Downtown Enfield Restoration & Preservation Association (DERP) fifth annual crafts fair – featuring the work of local artists, artisans, chefs, beekeepers, candle makers, & soap makers. At the Enfield Performing Arts Center, 137 SE Railroad Street, **Enfield**.

### 12/05 Pop-up Holiday Vendor -06 Market (Dec 5 @ 10am-2pm & Dec 6 @ 11am-4:30pm)

Open to the Public for holiday shopping. The Vendor Market will include pictures with Santa & entertainment too! At 209 N Arendell Ave, **Zebulon**.

### 12/06 60th Annual Rocky Mount Christmas Parade (December 6 @ 3pm)

Come out for the 60th annual Rocky Mount Christmas Parade, featuring Santa, bands, clowns, floats and more. Also, please bring a toy for Toys for Tots. Downtown **Rocky Mount**.

### 12/06 Christmas Tree Lighting (Dec 6 @ 5pm)

Tree Lighting ceremony after the parade in **Zebulon**.

### 12/06 Franklin County Christmas Parade (Dec 6 @ 3-4:30pm)

The Franklin County Christmas Parade is sponsored by the Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. See [www.franklin-chamber.org](http://www.franklin-chamber.org) or contact [bfuller@franklin-chamber.org](mailto:bfuller@franklin-chamber.org). On Main Street, **Louisburg**.

### 12/06 Zebulon Christmas Parade (Dec 6 @ 2pm)

Annual Parade is organized by the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce. Come & watch local businesses, performing groups, & more! The route begins at Zebulon Community Park & ends at J & M Chevrolet. In downtown **Zebulon**.

### 12/07 Senior Christmas Gala (December 7 @ 11:00am)

A buffet lunch celebration for local seniors to kick start the holiday season. Event includes a guest speaker and other holiday entertainment. You must be 55 and older. Your family and guests are also invited. The cost is just \$22 per person. For more information, call 252.972.1564. Gateway Convention Centre Rocky Mount, 101 Gateway Blvd, **Rocky Mount**.

### 12/10 Brainstormer Trivia

### 12/18 (Dec 10, 17 @ 7:30-10pm)

Weekly on Thursdays. Not too hard, not too easy — just right! Team registration begins at 7:30pm; game kicks off at 8pm. Ad hoc teams are often formed to compete against local powerhouses. At the Underground Pub, 101 E Church Street, **Tarboro**.

### 12/11 Bowling Party: Toy Drive Edition (Dec 11 @ 9pm)

Just \$10 & a toy gets you a great night of fun until 1am. Unlimited bowling with Live DJ and Good Folk for the Christmas Holidays. The Omegas and Zetas teaming up for the "Toy Drive" edition of the Bowling Party. At The Bowling Center Rocky Mount, 3250 N Church St, **Rocky Mount**.

## and More Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

### 12/11 Christmas in Spring Hope (Dec 11 @ 5:30-8pm)

Features horse drawn cart rides through town, local choirs, lighting of the town Christmas tree, reading of *the Birth of Christ*, and a visit from ol' St. Nick himself. Also a Children's Scavenger Hunt, face painting, music, food, Christmas lights, dancers, & much more! All the day's events are free to the public. Vendors will offer food, Christmas decor, & more. Come spend some time on Main Street, **Spring Hope**.

### 12/11 Free Family Movie Night (Dec 11 @ 7pm)

Zebulon Parks & Recreation Dept presents free movie & popcorn for all ages. Parent/guardian must be present. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, **Zebulon**.

### 12/11 Pecan Day (Dec 11 @ 11am-1pm)

Enjoy free samples of NC pecans & a pecan dessert by the State Farmers Market Restaurant. Pecans for sale in the Farmers Building, & recipes will be available to take home & try. At the State Farmers Market, 1201 Agriculture St, **Raleigh**.

### 12/11 Senior Breakfast (Dec 11 @ 9:30-11:00am)

Deck The Halls! Celebrate the holidays with a musical performance by our local youth on Friday, December 11. Let us serve you breakfast and enjoy the sounds of the season. Sign up at the Community Center by Dec 7. \$3/person. At the Community Center, **Zebulon**.

### 12/12 Bunn Christmas Parade (Dec 12 @ 10am)

Parade time, with performers, Christmas floats, & more! On Main Street, **Bunn**.

### 12/12 Story Time with Mrs. Claus (Dec 12 @ 1-3pm)

Stories, Santa, & cookies. At Princeville Museum Welcome Center, 310 Mutual Blvd, **Princeville**.

### 12/12 The Santa Stumble (December 12 @ 8pm)

Grab a tacky sweaters, reindeer nose, & Santa hat, & head downtown for holiday drink specials, live entrainment, & great food. There's no excuse to sit at ho-ho-home when you could be decking downtown! The group will visit 5 bars/restaurants in 4 hours, enjoying great food/beverages and music along the way. In downtown **Goldsboro**.

### 12/13 Rudolph's Holiday Rodeo (Food Truck Rodeo) (Dec 13 @ 12-4pm)

Come for RDUMFA's first Food Truck Rodeo! Vote for the best decorated food truck & enjoy delicious food from 15 food trucks. A percentage of sales will be donated to Meals on Wheels of Wake County. Come help RDUMFA give the gift of a full belly this Holiday season! Feel free to come early to watch the food truck decorating fun. Be on your best behavior, as rumor has it that Santa may stop by for a bite to eat! At Knightdale Station Park, 810 N First Ave, **Knightdale**.

### 12/13 Tarboro Christmas Parade (Dec 13 @ 2-4pm)

Everyone loves a parade, & the Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce puts on a fantastic one. Beginning in the beautifully decorated downtown, the parade slowly rolls up Main Street as kids & adults line the sidewalks to wave at floats & Santa. On Main Street, **Tarboro**.

### 12/13 Winter Wonderland (Dec 13 @ 1-5pm)

Music, children's activities, ice skating, carriage rides, & the big man himself—it all adds up to a great event to celebrate the best of winter! Enjoy the snow in the lobby every hour! Free; but some activities have a fee. At The Imperial Centre, **Rocky Mount**.

*The "Things To Do in NC When You're Bored" listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to five 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.*

## Correction: Daily Meals at Wilson Soup Kitchen

*Contributed by Linda Connor*

Community Soup Kitchen in Wilson provides a hot meal, around midday, to anyone who is hungry. This information corrects the data from the last issue, which listed their previous address and details.

Meals are served each week, Monday through Friday, 10:30-11:30am, except on major holidays. They will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Each weekday's menu consists of homemade soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a meat sandwich, tea, water and a dessert. This is the basic menu, other items may be served as they are donated.

Donations appreciated include: #10 cans of mixed vegetables, carrots, corn, peas, potatoes, and tomatoes. Also grape jelly, smooth peanut butter, tea mix, desserts and sliced white bread.

The community Soup Kitchen is located at 307 N Railroad Street, Wilson.

Monetary donations are welcome to help with the costs of supplies, utilities, etc. Checks should be made out to the Community

Soup Kitchen and sent to P.O. Box 2091, Wilson. NC 27894.

Any questions may be directed to Neill Connor at 252.292.8019 or 252.245.6177.

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# NC Business Offers Emergency Food Options

Contributed by John K Carroll, Jr. and  
Ken Carroll

Millions of Americans are affected by natural and man-made disasters every year – now, the question of what to eat when the lights go out has been answered. Asheville NC's DisasterFoodSupplies.com provides individual meals and meal kits for disaster preparedness. What makes these meals revolutionary is their quality and simplicity; each meal is self-contained and self-heating, with no need for refrigeration or extra tools.

Preparing each meal is easy – everything one needs to heat the meal is in the box. After a salt-water solution is poured into the tray, the food container is placed upside down inside the tray. Then, everything goes back in the box for five minutes, after which the meal is fully heated and ready to eat.

Meals are delicious and nutritionally balanced, without excess salt. As the name implies, freeze-dried meals require refrigeration for storage and a heat source for cooking. Military-type MRE (meals ready to eat) supplies are easy to store; but, they are stuffed with fillers and preservatives. DisasterFoodSupplies.com's self-heating meals have none of these drawbacks.

Disasters aren't the only scenario where DisasterFoodSupplies.com products can be useful. Long-haul truckers can pack an assortment of meals in their cabs, saving time and money that would otherwise be spent at diners and truck stops. Construction workers, meanwhile, often work in challenging environments where a restaurant, or even a break room, just isn't available. Self-heating meals cook right on site, providing a tasty and nutritious solution during power outages or lengthy camping trips.

DisasterFoodSupplies.com offers a variety of individual meal kits, including chicken pasta, beef stew, spaghetti and meatballs, and vegetable lasagna, among others. 24-hour and 72-hour kits are also available, as well as Kosher meal kits. For those concerned about their water supply, they also carry water filtration and storage products.

DisasterFoodSupplies.com understands the importance of being prepared when disaster strikes. That's why we offer only the best food supplies that can stand up to any situation. One of the most important supplies, if not the most important, in an emergency situation, is shelf-stable food. We offer the innovative self-heating meals because we believe in the product — a

home style, self-heating, shelf-stable meal solution no matter what the weather brings. Anytime, anywhere.

We believe that the comfort of home-cooked meals is important. When disaster strikes, you don't need anything else to worry about. When nature strikes, DisasterFoodSupplies.com has your back. Be Prepared.

Barry Sendel, President and Founder of Chef Minute Meals, Inc. is one of the most innovative businessmen in America. An inventor at heart, he is always looking for creative solutions to accommodate the fast changing demands within the American Marketplace. Throughout his career Barry has found creative business solutions for problems in a variety of industries, including: Synthetics, Medical Equipment, Health and Fitness, Robotics, and Disaster Relief. Mr. Sendel's inventions and business solutions have changed the lives of millions. In all of his endeavors one trait remains constant – Barry's immense passion for helping people.

The main production facility is located at 881 Mountain View Road, Piney Flats, TN and the marketing department is located in Asheville, NC.

## 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 about the choices people make, and the thought process they go through to arrive at decisions.*

### Consider: Submitted for Discussion

While doing your holiday shopping, you run into a neighbor at a local boutique. She is working there during the holiday rush.

Catching up with her a bit while you shop, she explains that her husband was laid off from his job of 15 years, and he is also working a holiday job. They are making do, but facing the toughest time of their lives.

You know that they have two children still living at home. You feel sad at their predicament.

Do you think you'd consider their problems as their problems and go back to your shopping? Or, do you think that you might plant to drop gifts off secretly at their home before Christmas? Or, would you think about inviting them to eat with your family? What do you think you would do for a neighbor? Do you think that they might do the same for you, if you were having tough times?



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## Our Human Nature in Collision with Modern Realities

Contributed by

Nicholas Pediaditakis, MD, DLFAPA

Our human nature is a wonder. It is made up of many parts. We have intellect, ingenuity, eagerness to cooperate — most of the time anyway. We have imagination, compassion, spirituality, and altruism — again, most of the time.

We have accomplished a lot since humans first appeared on this Earth. Our lives are easier, safer, healthier, and we live longer; but, we have components still within us, as part of our nature, that were important for our survival — back when we were small groups of people hunting and eating roots and fruits in the wilderness.

Then, we were competing for survival and fighting each other — as each tribe thought themselves superior and thought of the ever-changing “enemy” tribe as bad and worthy to be exterminated. Unfortunately, we still are.

These components are lethal as we face modern problems we have created. If we

do not change these parts of our nature — so we can all then be free to cooperate together on the whole planet — we may become extinct, and soon. The spears we had back then are now atomic bombs, and we are seven billion of us, and counting.

We use sources of energy that flood the planet with CO<sub>2</sub>. In effect, we use the atmosphere as a sewage. The problem is not a myth — as some short sighted, self-serving leaders proclaim for their profit and influence. *It is mathematics and science.* Here is the problem; CO<sub>2</sub> holds heat much more than air. We dump billions of tons of this stuff in the air world-wide. As a result, the temperature is going up and up. Slowly but surely the ice melts and the sea rises — already one yard in a few decades. The sea absorbs the CO<sub>2</sub> and turns vinegary, which in turn causes the fish to die. It may soon also result in catastrophic changes, like the gulf stream changing course and England freezing!

The frozen earth in Alaska and Siberia might warm up and release the Methane it now holds — an even nastier gas than CO<sub>2</sub> for holding heat. So next time you hear political leaders telling you stories and denying the problem, be suspicious

and ask them in details their reasoning — not accusations or say so but rational details. If they go in circles with their answers, perhaps somebody could be paying them to say stories for their own selfish reasons.

The atmosphere warming is one of many problems we are facing, but it is the most urgent and serious; and yet, relatively easy to solve with some little inconvenience. Solar power and wind would dramatically cut down on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and doing so could create lots of jobs to more than compensate for the lost jobs of coal mining. Germany already has switched to solar and wind power, to great degree; soon they will have switched completely.

Ourselves, with the one and a half trillion dollars we have spent in an unneeded war, we could have covered a good desert part of Nevada with solar panels, and North Texas with wind turbines, and then stored energy up in mountains by lifting heavy weights there and then releasing it when needed by moving the weights downward, creating thousands of jobs and saving a good part of our problem with energy in our country.

The technology is simple and readily available. Let's all think together for the common survival.

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## Yule/Christmas Bazaar in Wilson

Contributed by Kay Soto

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Mark your calendars to shop locally and show your support to our local artists on December 5, 2015 from 11am to 4pm. Stop by after the Wilson Winter Parade.

Vegetarian Bean soup, hot mulled cider and Yule tea will be served to keep you warm.

Bring in canned goods or small gifts to help the community this season. Join in on the fun and support Local Artists and local businesses.

This Bazaar is being held at Truely Unique, 2006 US HWY 301 South, Wilson.

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## Governor McCrory Urges North Carolinians to Prepare for Winter

*Released by NC Office of the Governor*

Governor Pat McCrory has declared November 29 through December 5 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week and is urging North Carolinians to update their emergency supplies kits and review emergency plans.

“During the past two years we’ve seen several statewide winter storms with significant snow and ice accumulations,” said Governor McCrory. “This winter the National Weather Service is predicting above-normal amounts of precipitation. Regardless if that comes as rain, ice or snow, it is important to prepare now for winter weather. Weather conditions can change rapidly, so planning ahead can help your family stay safe this winter.”

“North Carolina winters are often unpredictable with combinations of the potential for snow, sleet, ice and freezing rain,” said Public Safety Secretary Frank L. Perry. “The past few years have reminded us that southern winters are not all mild. Knowing what to do, having what you need and staying informed can help you stay safe this winter.”

North Carolina Emergency Management officials urges people to:

- Keep alternative heating sources prepared. If you have a fireplace, store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood.

Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure your family knows how to use them.

- Properly vent kerosene heaters and keep any electric generators OUTSIDE and away from any open windows or doors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, do not burn charcoal indoors. Carbon monoxide poisoning can result from charcoal fumes indoors.

- Keep fresh batteries on hand to use with flashlights and weather radios.

- Always keep at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food in your home.

- Wear multiple layers of thin clothing instead of a single layer of thick clothing to stay warm. You will be warmer and, as the temperature changes, you can easily remove layers to remain comfortable.

- Store an emergency kit in your vehicle. Include blankets, a battery-powered radio with extra batteries, a first aid kit, a flashlight with extra batteries, battery booster cables and flares, a tire repair kit and pump, a road map, a sack of cat litter (for tire traction), a tow rope, bottled water and non-perishable high-energy foods such as granola bars, extra clothing to keep dry, and a windshield scraper and brush.

State Emergency Management Director Mike Sprayberry warned that most deaths attributed to winter storms

result from indirect dangers such as traffic accidents, falling trees, downed power lines, house fires and carbon monoxide poisoning resulting from improper use of space heaters, grills and stoves.

“People need to remember that driving on ice- or snow-covered roads is not the same as any other day,” Sprayberry added. “Roads are extremely slick. You need to reduce your speed and leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles.”

North Carolina emergency officials remind residents that if conditions worsen and you can no longer drive safely, then pull off the highway, stay calm and remain in your vehicle. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.

The Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service work together to give the public the most up-to-date and accurate weather and safety information to help residents take the proper measures to protect themselves, their neighbors and loved ones from the effects of dangerous winter storms.

For more information on how to prepare for winter storms, download the free ReadyNC app, which provides real-time information on traffic and weather conditions plus open shelters and items needed in an emergency supplies kit, or visit [readync.org](http://readync.org).

## Braswell Library Offers Adult, Youth Events

### Teen Programs

*Contributed by Scott Houston*

Minecraft Design Club is scheduled for December 10, 2015, 5:30-7:30pm in the Computer Lab.

Join us for Braswell’s Minecraft Design Club. Build, Explore, Design and Challenge! open to ages 12-17.

The Gift of Music is scheduled for December 16, 2015, 11:30am-12:30pm, in the Warner Room. A special musical presentation from the students of Rocky Mount High School.

Teen Game Night is December 17, 2015, 5-7:30pm, in the Teen Zone and Computer Lab. Play classic board games with friends and family or check out Minecraft in our Computer Lab.

All teen events are held at Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace Street, in Rocky Mount. Contact Scott Houston at 252.442.1951 x.257.

### Adult Programs

*Contributed by LaKesha W. Joyner*

Sean Gaskell, Musician, will perform on the *Kora*, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa, on December 5, 2015, 2-4pm. The program features traditional songs of the *Kora*’s musical repertoire and his own compositions.

Writer’s Fellowship meets in the 2nd floor Computer Lab on Dec 12, 2015, 1-3pm. All writers and ages welcome.

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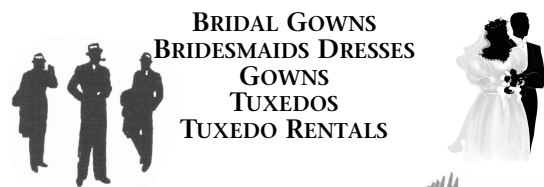
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## Are Lice Coming Home with Your Kids?

By Kay Whatley, Editor

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “In the United States, infestation with head lice is most common among pre-school children attending child care, elementary schoolchildren, and the household members of infested children.”

Well, school is in session and lice may be making their way around area schools even now. Before you pack for holiday travel, or prepare to open your home to visiting relatives, you might want to check the kiddos to make sure some unwelcome lice are waiting to be shared with the whole family.

For information on lice, treatments available, and more, visit [www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice). A quick search of the Web may turn up natural alternatives, or advice from other parents on treating successfully. It may even set your mind at ease by dispelling some of the myths about lice.

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### Word of the Issue

**“sublime”**

**Definition:** Of such beauty or grandeur as to inspire awe.

**Example:** “The holiday concert was sublime.”

### Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: T = O.

Y F M U K G T W J K V  
C T A K H T G T W V T B  
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Y I T W P O N W V L J T T O  
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Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*If you don't like something, change it.  
If you can't change it, change your attitude.*

--Maya Angelou

### Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is J = G.

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### Quote of the Issue

**President Calvin Coolidge**

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.”

### Chuckle of the Issue

A minister told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.”

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”

## The Strange-ness

### **Tiger Finds Friend in Goat Meant to Eat**

While the Bible may say that the leopard will lie down with the goat, at an animal park in Russia it is a tiger that has adopted a goat as a bunk mate.

Right around the date Americans were sitting down to devour their turkeys, the goat was put into the tiger enclosure to serve as live prey for the tiger to eat. But, the goat apparently stood up for himself, and now he and the tiger are living in a friendly fashion at the Safari Park in Primorsky Krai, Russia.

The two — Timur the goat and Amur the tiger — eat together, wander their enclosure together, lie down together, and at night the goat initially took the tiger's bed and the tiger climbed to the roof to sleep. After about a week, the animal keepers began putting the two into separate enclosures at night so both had shelter; however, when they are released in the morning the two animals join together. According to the keepers, the tiger seems calmer than it used to be, and even protective of the goat.

Only time will tell if these two animals maintain their seemingly respectful existence together. In the meantime, Park workers are still feeding live prey to the tiger twice a week; but, now they just send in rabbits.

Safari Park information is on line, in Russian, at [www.safaripark25.ru](http://www.safaripark25.ru). Photos and video of the goat and tiger together are available.



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