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## Franklin County Issues a Call to Writers and Artists

*By Donna Campbell Smith, Franklin County Arts Council*

The Franklin County Arts Council Writers Guild is issuing a call to writers of poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction for submissions to be considered in the 2016 issue of *County Lines: A Literary Journal*.

FCAC 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. All other accepted contributors will receive a copy of *County Lines*.

This is the third annual journal. Last year, FCAC received over 100 submissions from across NC and SC. We accepted work from 23 authors plus artists.

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 your request to: [CountyLinesLiteraryJournal@gmail.com](mailto:CountyLinesLiteraryJournal@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is September 15, 2015.

## Shop Outdoors and Raise Funds for Youth

*By Cindy Privette, with Kay Whatley*

Zebulon United Methodist Youth will host a first-annual Outdoor Marketplace on June 20, 2015, from 8am to 1pm.

The event offers crafts, baked goods, gifts, and more. Food trucks will be on site for purchase and enjoyment.

This event is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Team. There are five teenagers and four adults who are going to New York City June 26-July 3, 2015. They will be serving in the community of

Little Jamaica in Queens, running a day camp for neighborhood children. Youth serve in the Zebulon Community too, and in the mountains of NC. The NY trip is their first opportunity to serve in an inner-city ministry.

Says organizer Lara Morgan, "We are so excited about our Outdoor Marketplace! We look forward to a great event for a great cause!"

The Outdoor Marketplace will be set up at Zebulon United Methodist Church, located at 121 W Gannon Street in Zebulon.

A few vendor spaces are still available, and may be reserved for \$50. Some vendors are choosing to donate part of their proceeds to the mission team.

For details, contact Lara Morgan at [zum.youth@gmail.com](mailto:zum.youth@gmail.com) or call the church at 919.239.0009.

## State Farmers Market to host Crawfish Day

*Released by John Aydlett, NCDA&CS*

An abundance of fresh, locally raised crawfish will be available during Crawfish Day at the State Farmers Market. The annual event, sponsored by the NC Crawfish Growers

Association, is one of the few times consumers can enjoy fresh NC crawfish at the market.

Stop by the State Farm Market on June 6, 2015, starting at 10am and running until the crawfish run out.

Crawfish will be sold for \$6 per pound live or \$7 per pound cooked with Cajun seasoning. Vendors will be accepting *cash only*.

There is a 5-pound minimum purchase for live crawfish and a 1-pound minimum for cooked crawfish. There also is a 25-pound limit per person. No pre-orders will be accepted, so visitors are encouraged to arrive early.

The State Farmers Market is located at 1201 Agriculture Street in Raleigh.

While found naturally across North Carolina, crawfish also are raised in earthen ponds found on farms from the Piedmont to the coast. The NC season runs from the end of May to mid-July.

Last year, state crawfish growers raised about 5,000 pounds of crawfish.

More information on Crawfish Day and other events at the market may be found at [www.statefarmersmarket.org](http://www.statefarmersmarket.org).

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## The Strange-Ness

### Google Underwater View

Google's Street View debuted a new type of view that offers a chance to virtually swim beneath the surface of Loch Ness and search for "Nessie" — or just enjoy breathtaking views under and above the water.

The Google underwater view of Loch Ness was made available on April 21, 2015, which was the anniversary of the 1934 publication of the infamous photograph of Nessie which started the search for her, 81 years ago.



A good place to begin examining Loch Ness is on Google's blog post about this new feature. Start with [googleblog.blogspot.com/2015/04/myth-or-monster-explore-loch-ness-with.html](http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2015/04/myth-or-monster-explore-loch-ness-with.html), and click the "Street View in Google Maps" link near the end of that article. This takes you to Loch Ness maps, for which the top item to choose is "A view of Urquhart Castle from the water."

Once you are viewing the water, try turning your view "downward" until you see an "X" and click on it. Continue finding and clicking "X" to dive underwater around the loch.

Google didn't make this happen alone. They joined forces with Catlin Seaview Survey ([catlinseaviewsurvey.com](http://catlinseaviewsurvey.com)) folks and the Morar Project ([www.lochnessproject.org](http://www.lochnessproject.org)) to prepare the underwater, 360-degree imagery. Visit their sites to find out how their searches of Loch Ness came to be.

## NC Forest Service Centennial Celebration

*Released by Brian R. Haines, NC Forest Service*

The public is invited to celebrate the NC Forest Service's 100th anniversary Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Jordan Lake Educational State Forest.

The open house will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be fire-fighting equipment on display, exhibits and activities for kids, such as tree-cookie necklaces and ornaments. The Jordan Lake Educational State Forest log cabin will be open for people to walk through, and visitors can try their hand at using a crosscut saw to cut a tree cookie off a log.

Big Smokey, the Forest Service's 21-foot-tall talking Smokey Bear, will also be there to greet visitors and deliver his wildfire prevention message.

"Celebrating our 100th anniversary at one of our educational state forests is completely in tune with the NC Forest Service's mission of protecting,

managing and promoting the state's forest resources," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Our state forests are important for teaching the public about the advantages of good forest management, as well as the economic and ecological benefits of our forests."

The General Assembly created the NC Forest Service in 1915, and John Simcox Holmes was appointed the first state forester. He was given specific wildfire-control responsibilities in addition to his work cataloging and assessing the state's forests.

"The NC Forest Service has gone through many changes throughout its 100 years, but it still continues its core missions of wildfire control and the protection of the abundant and important forest resources of the state," Troxler said.

To learn more about the NC Forest Service, visit [ncforestservice.gov](http://ncforestservice.gov).



# Every Saturday

Through October 10th

## 9:00AM—1:00PM

**JUNE 20:** Performance by Award Winning Swing Group, The Carolyn Martin Swing Band, Blueberry Recipe Contest, Poe Health Educators Program, Hip Hop Class with Erica at 10am and 11am

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

### 06/05 First Friday Coffee

(June 5 @ 7:30-8:30am)

Monthly on the first Friday. Network & enjoy coffee with Chamber members & non-members. At the Nashville Exchange, 229 W Washington Street, Nashville.

### 06/05 Movie In The Park Night (June 5 @ 8:30pm)

Join us for our first ever Movie In The Park Night. Concession stand will be open & serving ball park favorites like hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy, & more! Bring chairs or blankets & make this a night to remember with family! At Zebulon Community Park, 401 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon.

### 06/05 Lawn Chair Theatre -08/ (June 5 @ 7-10:30pm)

14 Free family movie every-other-Friday night. Free kids activities. Doors open at 7pm, & movie begin at dusk. Food, concessions, & drinks available for purchase. Bring blanket or lawn chair. See [imperialcentre.org](http://imperialcentre.org). At Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St., Rocky Mount.

### 06/05 Pickleball

06/12 (Fridays @ 11am-1pm)

Free fitness fun for all ages. Easy for beginners & a blast to play! A great workout too. Also Wednesdays 6-8pm. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon.

### 06/06 Community Day

(June 6 @ 4-8pm)

Kids Educational Center is hosting a free Community Day! Bounce castles, food, face painting, and more. Plus, Elsa & Anna will be there! Contact Nikki Young 919.266.0346. At 7421 Siemens Drive, Wendell.

### 06/06 Princeville's Spring Fling (June 6 @ 9am-2pm)

Vendors, food, activities & more. Proceeds benefit the Princeville Museum & Welcome Center. For more info contact: Tabatha Powell 252.823.8500. At Princeville Museum Welcome Center, 310 Mutual Boulevard, Princeville.

### 06/07 Concerts on the Lawn (Sundays @ 6:30-7:30pm)

Admission is free. June 7-Lesette Kornegay. At the Oliver Nestus Freeman Roundhouse Museum, 1202 Nash Street East, Wilson.

### 06/07 Freeman Round House Concert (June 7 @ 6:30-8pm)

Enjoy music at the Freeman Round House Museum, 1202 Nash St. E, Wilson.

### 06/10 Resume and Job Search Assistance (June 10 @ 9am-12pm)

Assistance with job search, preparing resumes, identifying job leads, & more. Registration is not required. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Ct, Knightdale.

### 06/10 Downtown Alive:

Backyard Groove

(June 10 @ 5:30-8:30pm)

Come have a ball with YourBeachMusic.com! Each show will be starting at 5:30pm so bring your chairs, blankets, sunscreen, & dance moves. No coolers. No pets. Parking available in the BB&T lot & the Center Brick lot. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled. More info [historicdowntownwilson.com](http://historicdowntownwilson.com). On the grassy lot on 201 Tarboro Street, Wilson.

### 06/10 Wilson Farmers Market

06/17 (Wednesdays @ 8am-1pm)

Shop Local & Be Healthy! At 207 Green Street W, Wilson.

### 06/10 Wilson Farmers Market

06/17 (Wednesdays @ 8am-1pm)

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### 06/11 Resume and Job Search Assistance

(June 11 @ 2-5pm)

Assistance with job search, preparing resumes, identifying job leads, & more. Registration is not required. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Ct, Knightdale.

### 06/11 Food Truck Thursdays

06/18 (June 11, 18 & 25

06/25 @ 11am-2pm)

Enjoy lunch outdoors. June 11-Stuft. June 18-Virgil's. June 25-Chirba Chirba. More info on [knightdalenc.gov](http://knightdalenc.gov). At Knightdale Station Park, 1810 N First Avenue, Knightdale.

### 06/11 Downtown Live!

06/25 (June 11, 25 @ 6-8:30pm)

Free Summer concert series. Come be a part by trying out your dance skills or relaxing to great music. Concerts start at 6pm & end at 8:30pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Concessions will be available for purchase. No coolers, please. June 11-Jim Quick & Coastline. June 25-Hip Pocket. See [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org). On the lawn of the Imperial Centre, 270 Gay St., Rocky Mount.

### 06/12 Family Movie Night (June 12 @ 7pm)

Second Friday each month. All ages. Parent or guardian must be present. Call 919.823.0432 for movie title. At the Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon.

### 06/12 Spring into Summer 07/17 Outdoor Movie Night Series (June 12 @ 8pm)

Knightdale Parks & Rec hosts. Free & open to the public. Bring a blanket or chair. Movies will begin at dusk. Be seated by 8pm. June 12-The Princess Bride, July 17-Night at the Museum. For info, contact [megan.young@knightdalenc.gov](mailto:megan.young@knightdalenc.gov). Movies in the Knightdale Station Park Amphitheater, 810 N First Avenue, Knightdale.

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## And More Things To Do

### 06/13 Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden (June 13 @ 9am)

Free. Find out about butterflies native to the area & how to provide a proper environment to attract them. Register at [info@logantrd.com](mailto:info@logantrd.com). Register by email: [info@logantrd.com](mailto:info@logantrd.com). At Logan's, 707 Semart Drive, Raleigh.

### 06/13 Family Storytime (June 13 @ 11:30am-12pm)

Young children & their families are invited to participate in an interactive program that incorporates age appropriate books, songs & movement to nurture pre-reading skills. No registration. At Wendell Community Library, 207 S Hollybrook Rd, Wendell.

### 06/13 Lawn Chair Theatre (June 13 @ 7-10:30pm)

FREE family movie nights. Before each movie, kids can enjoy free activities. Doors open at 7:00 pm, movie begins at dusk. Concessions available for purchase. Bring blanket or lawn chair. At Rocky Mount Sports Complex, 600 Independence Drive, Rocky Mount.

### 06/13 Stepping Into The Past (June 13 @ 10am-3pm)

Demos, with paid admission. June 13-Documenting Past & Present. At The Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St., US Hwy 301 N, Kenly.

### 06/15 Hurricane Preparedness (June 15 @ 10am)

Special speaker presentation on how to be prepared. Call 252.459.7681. At the Mount Pleasant Community Building, 7637 Harris Road, Bailey.

### 06/16 Cancer Survivors Dessert Social (June 16 @ 2pm)

Social to celebrate life & the brave men & women who have endured the fight against cancer. Enjoy uplifting support & fellowship during this celebration of life. Free. Pre-registration required. Call 252.459.7681. Register by June 9. In the Large Activity Room, The NASH Senior Center, 103 N Alston Street, Nashville.

### 06/19 Lawn Chair Theatre (June 19 @ 7-9:30pm)

Free family movie nights. Before each movie, kids can enjoy free activities. Doors open at 7pm, & movie begins at dusk. Food, concessions, & drinks available for purchase. Bring blanket or lawn chair. At Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St, Rocky Mount.

### 06/19 301 Endless Yard Sale -20 (June 19 & 20)

Johnston County Endless Yard Sale, over 100 miles. 500 vendors expected. See [www.301endlessyardsale.com](http://www.301endlessyardsale.com).

### 06/20 Community Drum Circle (June 20 @ 7:30-9pm)

Open to all. No experience ok. Loaner drums available, or bring percussion. Call 252.904.2022 for info. At Saint Anne's Chapel & Event Center, McNair Rd, Tarboro.

### 06/20 TPD Bicycle Rodeo and Tarboro Friends & Family Day (June 20 @ 9am-5pm)

8th Annual event. Food, music, & games for all ages. Join the fun! At Clark Park, Tarboro.

### 06/20 Wendell Farmers Market (Saturdays @ 8am-12pm)

Many local farmers with fruit, produce, meat, & other goods. At the corner of Wendell Blvd and Pine Street, Wendell.

### 06/22 Senior Group Movie (June 22 @ 10am)

Movie & popcorn. Watch *The Encounter*. For details, call 252.459.7681. At the Mount Pleasant Community Building, 7637 Harris Road, Bailey.

### 06/26 Friday Afternoon Popcorn & a Movie (June 26 @ 2pm)

Fourth Friday of each month. Enjoy popcorn & a movie. No cost to view the movie, popcorn is just 25¢ per bag! June 26-*Big Hero 6*. In Room 112 of The NASH Senior Center, 103 N Alston Street, Nashville.

### 06/27 See Spot Read (June 27 @ 11am-12pm)

Practice reading to a therapy dog! Readers of all levels welcome. No registration required. At Zebulon Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon.

### 07/02 Ice Cream Social & Movie Day (July 2 @ 2-3:30pm)

What is better on a hot summer day than Ice Cream and all the toppings? How about a movie to go along with it? Fee \$2/person, \$3/couple. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon.

## Knightdale Farmers Market Has Opened

The 2015 Knightdale Farmers Market opened on May 30, 2015, and will be open Saturday afternoons through October 10.

The market moved to a new location this year, Knightdale Station Park. In addition to the new location, the times this year are 2-6pm, offering shoppers an afternoon option for picking up their local produce and goods.

Due to the holidays, the market will not be held on July 4 or September 5. Questions, contact Chris Roland at 919.217.2234.

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# Business Events Offer Free Workshops on Small Business and Non-Profit Issues

## Master Your Day by Mastering Your Email for Business Owners

June 11, 2015 @ 7-9pm

You know how great you feel at the end of day when you really feel you got a lot accomplished? Well, we want you to feel that way every day! Your current email program is not just for email; it can be a great productivity tool as well! In this seminar you will learn how to work “smarter instead of harder” by: Using your email program as a weekly planning tool, Being able to quickly access if your time is being used efficiently, Establishing rules, categories, & folders to better manage your overflowing inbox, Never forgetting again with their easy-to-use calendar & task functions, Being able to share calendars & assign task to team members, and more!

Speaker: Allison Sykes

To register for this event, call 252.451.8233.

Spring Hope Town Hall  
118 W. Railroad St.  
Spring Hope.

## Computer Basics for Small Business Owners, Part 1

June 17, 2015 @ 6-9pm

Basic computer literacy is an absolute must for any aspiring entrepreneur or business owner. Understanding how to use office applications, internet browsers, and web applications is fundamental to running a successful business. In this seminar we will discuss the skills necessary to assemble a business plan, communicate electronically, and generally operate in the electronic age.

Speaker: Natasha Francois

To register for this event, call 919.739.6940.

.Gertrude Weil Auditorium  
Wayne County Public Library  
1001 East Ash Street  
Goldsboro

## Grant Writing for Non-Profits

June 16, 2015 @ 6-9pm

Learn the basics of writing grant proposals for non-profit organizations. Understand the grant writing process, marketing your proposal to government agencies and foundations, as well as other tips for success.

Speaker: Sam Gore

Register by June 15, call 252.246.1209.

Wilson Community College  
Bldg G Rm G242  
902 Herring Ave  
Wilson.

## Viva Raleigh Festival Confirmed, June 13

Contributed by Aracelys Torrez

The City of Raleigh's sixth annual *Viva Raleigh Festival* takes place Saturday, June 13, 2015, with music, games, and information booths on City programs and nonprofit services.

The festival will be held from 1pm to 5pm at Green Road Park and Community Center, 4201 Green Road, Raleigh. It will be open to everyone with no admission fee.

Visit vendors and enjoy food, dancers, and musicians, alongside entertainment and games. The event's new activities this year include a Zumba-thon and a softball game between the City of Raleigh Police Department and residents.

For more information, contact Aracelys Torrez, Housing and Neighborhoods Department, at 919.996.5717.



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## SCORE Workshop Teaches Basics of Starting and Running a Nonprofit

Released by Joetta L Pittman,  
SCORE Library Liaison

haven't attended the other workshops  
in the SCORE series.

A workshop for adults interested in starting a non-profit is scheduled for Braswell Memorial Library.

The workshop is upstairs in the computer lab on June 2, 2015, from 5:30-7:30pm.

Braswell Memorial Library programs are free and open to the public. You may attend this workshop even if you

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## 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

You take your kids to the park to enjoy the fresh air, fishing, and sunshine. While there, you let your kids feed pieces of bread to ducks.

Seemingly out of nowhere comes a park ranger. He tells you that bread is unhealthy for ducks and that you need to stop feeding it to them. Then he walks on to another part of the park out of sight.

Do you think that, knowing the bread was bad for the ducks, you would have your kids stop feeding them? Or, would you let your kids keep feeding them because the kids enjoyed it? Do you think that it is more important to do what is best for the animals, or likely safe to do something that you've always done or were taught to do?

**Ed. Note:** According to [www.duckrescuenetwork.org](http://www.duckrescuenetwork.org), if you want to feed ducks, then feed them items that are more healthful and do not cause as many health side effects. Suggestions on that website include, "...cheerios, grapes cut in half, a thawed bag of frozen peas or corn, or kale, romaine or other leafy greens (not iceberg lettuce)."

## Upcoming Programs at Braswell for Kids, Adults

### June 2015 Adult Programs

June 13, 1-3pm - Writer's Fellowship, in the Computer Lab (2nd floor). All writer's & ages are welcome to join.

June 20, 2-4pm - North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholar, Ben E. Casey, M.A.T. presents his multimedia presentation on the rivers of North Carolina in the Warner Room.

Please contact Kesha Joyner for more information at 252-442-1951 x.253

### Summer Reading Club

The Club kickoff event is happening June 19, 2015. The theme is "Every Hero Has a Story," and with the popularity of the graphic novels in our collection, the YA Department decided to focus on Super Heroes and comic books for our programming.

Every program is designed to give our YA patrons a little piece of a comic book con experience. We have arranged to have local comic book creators and experts come to share their experiences.

The library will also be showing a different comic book-based movie every Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm in the upstairs computer lab.

Be sure to register for the Summer Reading Club at [www.braswell-library.org](http://www.braswell-library.org). Questions, contact Scott Houston, Adult Information and Young Adult Services Librarian, at 252.442.1951 x.257.



## Dr. Nicholas' Corner

### Boredom and You

Editorial by By  
Nicholas Pediaditakis,  
MD, DLFAPA

Many of my patients and friends tell me that they often feel bored!

Let's talk about that.

There are two kinds of boredom. The first is the feeling when "Tomorrow no longer looks like tomorrow but like an everlasting yesterday!" This is the benign type of boredom. The other type is the feeling of "Dread beyond telling!" This is the bad one.

Medically, boredom is defined as a state of undischarged tension. Humans were made to be active, on the run, challenged, and concerned about survival and finding food. We were made to be busy avoiding wild animals and enemy tribes, and taking care of mates and children. Back on the Savannah, thousands of years ago, we were lean and physically fit — save the infectious diseases. Humans had no high cholesterol, no high blood pressure. AND no boredom... There was no time for it.

No longer! While our nature and physical make up are still the same, now most of the time we are safe and have food — plenty of it — to eat and our life becomes routine, day in and day out. We end up becoming captives of the routines.

So we sit and watch the tube and eat. And watch the tube some more and eat again, feeling sluggish and bored. The problem gets worse if you allow this routine to go too far. Then, many of us drink, get irritable, and get into fights with others.

The body gets sluggish and heavy and the now medicines become necessary — and give you side effects. It can get a lot worse if one never was trained from childhood as to how to entertain oneself.

In addition, some of us are born with lopsided temperament and suffer from the bad type of boredom. They may feel an inner void, have difficulties connecting with others.

These fellow humans need medical help, but the rest of us can avoid boredom. Remembering that life can be a wonderful adventure, not a dreary routine. We can exercise, put structure in our life, participate in group activities — political, spiritual, read stories, talk and listen to our child, hug our mate, play with pets, or develop a hobby. Hobbies like cooking, following instructions from strange recipes, or contemplating the wonder of it all.

Let your thought free and ask what all this means! The works. That way, a person can avoid developing dreary "cobwebs in the soul" and allowing our life to be like a disease.

It is up to us. We have will and good sense. Let's use them both.

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## Rocky Mount to Host Juneteenth Festival this Weekend

*Released by Tameka Kenan-Norman*

The city of Rocky Mount, along with PNC, the Community Empowerment Association and the Juneteenth Planning Committee, are ready for the annual *Juneteenth Community Empowerment Festival*. The event gets underway this Friday, June 5, 2015 outside the Booker T. Theater, located at 170 E. Thomas Street in Rocky Mount.

The Motown Jazz Review will be held from 6:30pm until 11pm, featuring jazz artists like Doors Wide Open, Julia Nixon and headliner Tom Browne.

From 10am to 8pm on Saturday, June 6, 2015, the Juneteenth Community Empowerment Festival will include kids' activities and a bike rodeo. The rodeo will begin at Metropolitan Baptist Church and end at the Booker T. Theater.

The festival will also feature entertainment on two stages in the Douglas Block. Jazz artist Daniel

Davis, the Tams, guest speaker Yara Allen, Bobby V and Dru Hill will be on the main stage.

Dru Hill, the headliner for Juneteenth, is a singing group from the 90's who recorded seven top 40 hits. Natives of Baltimore, Md., Dru Hill is best known for the singles "Never Make a Promise," "How Deep is Your Love," "5 Steps," "Tell Me," "Beauty" and "These are the Times," among others. Some of these singles have been featured on sound tracks for the movies "Soul Food" and "Rush Hour."

Lead singer Sisqo left the group in the late 90's to pursue a solo career. His debut album, "Unleash the Dragon," included a hit single, making it a major pop success.

Bobby V, a pianist, singer and songwriter, is best known for his first single, "Slow Down." The song became a major top 10 hit on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart and a #1 R&B single.

Stage two will include a bike giveaway, music from the 7th Hour Groove Master Band, SAUH African Dance Theatre, Buffalo Soldiers, S.W.A.T. Steppers and the Salvation and Deliverance Church Choir, the 2012 winners of Verizon's *How Sweet the Sound* competition. There will also be a House of Kolers Fashion Show.

"We are excited to host Juneteenth again, and each year the event gets bigger and better," says Kelvin Yarrell, Parks and Recreation Director. "Thanks to presenting sponsor PNC, the Community Empowerment Association and a host of other sponsors, we were able to obtain popular artists like Dru Hill and Tom Browne for our community. We hope those in Rocky Mount and the greater region will attend and celebrate Juneteenth."

For more information, visit [downtownrockymount.com](http://downtownrockymount.com), or call 252.972.1151.

## Library Encourages Reading, Adds Animals to The Mix

*By Kay Whatley, Editor*

The Zebulon Community Library brings animals and children together in June for a boost of reading — with a pig and a three-legged pug. Librarian Margaret Vaughn has partnered a pig out reading event with pug heroes, and two special animals will visit with the kids.

The summer reading program theme this summer is Every Hero Has A Story. Scheduled is a week of story times about pug dogs who are "heroes", *Puddle Pug* and *Zorro Gets an Outfit*, June 23-27. That Saturday, June 27 at 11am, Ricky the three-legged pug returns for *See Spot Read* — where new readers may practice reading to the patient therapy dog.

Then, come to the library and Pig Out on Reading with potbellied pig Daisy II and Farmer Minor on June 30 at 4pm. Learn how Daisy II became the "World's Most Famous Pig"!

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# Little Bits

## Chuckle of the Issue

Jimmy had just received his drivers license. The family decides to let the teen take everyone for a drive.

They all walk out to the driveway, and climb in the car. Dad heads for the back seat, sitting directly behind the newly licensed driver.

“I’ll bet you’re back there to get a change of scenery after months of sitting in the passenger seat teaching me how to drive,” says a beaming Jimmy to his dad.

“Nope,” dad replied, “I’m gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat while you drive, just like you’ve done to me all these years.”

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## Quote of the Issue

**W. C. Fields (US Comedian. b: 1880, d: 1946)**  
“Remember, a dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream.”

Watch for the July 4th issue of *The Grey Area* newspaper is coming soon! If your town or organization is holding a special event for Independence Day, please email details to [kayw@greyareanews.com](mailto:kayw@greyareanews.com)

# Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: T = E.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:  
*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. --Robert Louis Stevenson*

**Cryptogram Note:**  
The second hint for this puzzle is Y = N. For more hints or assistance, email [trivia@greyareanews.com](mailto:trivia@greyareanews.com).

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