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## Franklin County Arts Council Writers Guild Hosting Retreat

*Released by Donna Campbell Smith*

Franklin County Arts Council Writers Guild will host its second annual Writers Day Retreat on May 2, 2015 from 9:30am-4pm at the Rolling View Community Building at Falls of the Neuse State Park.

The featured speaker will be author Tammy Falkner, who has over thirty published novels, several of which have made the New York Times best seller list. She will talk about using social media and the internet for book promotion.

Participants will spend the morning on the shores of Falls Lake writing and networking with other authors. Published participants are invited to bring their books to sell during the day. More writing time and an open mic reading is planned for the afternoon.

Registration fees are \$25 for members, or \$30 for non-members. Donuts and beverages provided. Bring a bag lunch.

Email [FCACarts@gmail.com](mailto:FCACarts@gmail.com) for a registration form. Deadline to register, with form and fee, is April 10, 2015. We must have at least ten participants. Mail form and check to FCAC, P.O. Box 758, Louisburg, NC 27549.

See more details at [www.fcacarts.org/events.aspx](http://www.fcacarts.org/events.aspx).

## Halloween Comes Early at Five County Stadium

On May 31, 2015, The Carolina Mudcats' Five County Stadium is hosting a *Halloween in the Park* event.

Vendors will be on hand. For example, Paranormal Chasers of Wilson will be doing a live expo in front of the expected 6500 Mudcats fans.

In the coming weeks, the coordinator Beckie will be releasing more details on this unique, October-in-May event.

## Rocky Mount Adds Dog Park Opening to Annual Paws in the Park Event

Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation is holding its Fifth Annual "Paws in the Park" event. This year, the opening of the new dog park is being held in conjunction with Paws in the Park.

Scheduled for April 11, 2015, the event is free to the public. Activities take place in Sunset Park (1301 Dawson Place, Rocky Mount), and provide an opportunity for organizations, businesses, and dog-loving citizens to advance the humane treatment of dogs and promote responsible pet ownership.

Activities include a pet parade, pet-and-owner fashion show(s), several contests, and dog-related vendors, sponsors, and veterinarians.

The grand opening of the city's first off-leash dog park takes place at the new park, which is adjacent to Sunset Park. This year's event will start at

10am with the Grand Opening Ceremony, followed by the Paws in the Park festival from 11 am to 2 pm.

## Wilson Showcase Seeking Talented Youth

Now through April 16, 2015, youth are invited to sign up for a Wilson Talent Show, taking place in May.

A not-for-profit organization's "Youth Showcase" at Wilson Community Church promotes youth making positive choices. They are seeking youths to participate and share their talents with the community. The deadline for sign-ups is April 16.

The Youth Showcase is being held May 16 at 4pm at Wilson community Church, 2301 Montgomery Dr, in Wilson. Sign up by email, [cchange2inc@gmail.com](mailto:cchange2inc@gmail.com), or call 252.543.9663.





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## Rocky Mount, Wendell & Zebulon Farmers Markets Opening for Spring Season

Farmers markets are opening, with fresh, farm-grown produce available. Several have opening days that have been announced, and are listed below.

### Rocky Mount Farmers Market

The Rocky Mount Farmers Market is located at 1006 Peachtree Street. It is open every Saturday, 8am-1pm, from their Opening Day on April 4 through their closing day on November 21.

During June, July, and August, the Rocky Mount Farmers' Market is also open on Wednesdays, 8am-1pm.

### Wendell Farmers Market

Market manager Cathrine Evans says that they are under way for this year's market and excited for the season to arrive. The market will be open Saturdays, 8am-12pm. They also have two special dates:

- May 2 includes a plant giveaway, vendors, and master gardeners on hand.
- May 16 is Grand Opening Day, with more details on this day to be announced soon.

### Zebulon Farm Fresh Market

Thanks to a grant, this new farmers market serves Zebulon residents and the nearby *food desert*. Maurine Brown is the market manager.

The market will be located at the Zebulon Community Center, at 301 S Arendell Ave., in Zebulon. The market will be open 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Opening day is May 2, 2015. The market will be open every Saturday until October 10, 2015, except for May 23, July 4, and September 5. There will be a special holiday market on November 14.

**Ed. Note:** There is a state-wide list of markets at [www.ncfarmfresh.com](http://www.ncfarmfresh.com) under the Farmers Market link. Contact information is provided for many farmers markets. Since market statuses may have changed, calling or sending email might be prudent if visiting a market with which you are unfamiliar.

## State Farmers Market Draws Local Artisans with Its Spring Craft Fair

*Released by Monica Wood,  
State Farmers Market*

The State Farmers Market is kicking off its lineup of spring promotions with the Spring Craft Fair, scheduled for March 13-15, 2015.

The annual event features dozens of local artisans selling their homemade products and handicrafts. Vendors will have an array of items including ornamental garden accessories, spring floral arrangements, woodworking, soaps and candles, quilted items, pottery, and baked goods. Booths will be open daily from 9am to 5pm in the Farmers Building, Craft Shed, and Market Shoppes.

The Spring Craft Fair is the first of many special events held throughout the year at the State Farmers Market. An Arbor Day Celebration will take place March 21, from 10am to 2pm. Other events are planned for April, May, and June to celebrate seasonal fruits and vegetables.

The State Farmers Market is located at 1201 Agriculture Street, off exit 297 on Interstate 40, Raleigh. The market is open year-round, and offers local agricultural products grown, raised, caught, or made in NC. In addition, visitors can find unique home and garden accessories at Market Imports, shop vendors at the Market Shoppes, and enjoy a meal at the State Farmers Market Restaurant, NC Seafood Restaurant, or Market Grill.

More information is available at [www.statefarmersmarket.org](http://www.statefarmersmarket.org).

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## NC Legislature Hosts Activities on Agriculture Awareness Day

*Released by NCDA&CS*

March 18, 2015, is NC Ag Awareness Day at the Legislature. The public is welcome to take part in General Assembly events throughout the day.

Because of limited downtown parking, shuttles will be provided from the Kerr Scott Building at the NC State Fairgrounds, by the Scott Building inside Gate 11 (on Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh).

NC Ag Awareness Day events include:

9am...Welcome Center opens in Kerr Scott Building at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. Shuttles to General Assembly begin.

9-11am...Legislative office visits. Plan to schedule your visits in advance, if possible by contacting your representatives. If you need it, they will have a handout with an overview of talking points available when you arrive at the Kerr Scott Building or the Legislative Building.

11am...Rally on Capitol Grounds. Speeches are set to begin at 11 a.m. on the Capitol Grounds. Participants scheduled include Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, Gov. Pat McCrory, Senate Pro Tem Phil Berger, and Speaker of the House Tim Moore.

11am-1:30pm...Bag lunches available

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Noon-2pm...Legislative office visits; again, plan in advance

2pm...Legislative session

3pm...Last shuttle to the fairgrounds

Exhibits will be located in the Legislative Building.

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## Wings Over Wayne Offers World-Class Flying & Family Fun

*Released by 4th Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs Office*

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, in Goldsboro NC, is scheduled to hold the free Wings Over Wayne Open House and Airshow, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, May 16 and 17, 2015.

The Thunderbirds and the 4th Fighter Wing's very own F-15E Strike Eagles will be featured with support from many other aerial performances to be confirmed at a later date.

"This open house and airshow will be one of the biggest events North Carolina will experience in 2015," said Col. Mark Slocum, 4th FW commander. "We'll have a world-class line-up of performers in the skies over Wayne County, demonstrating the awesome firepower our Air Force is known to deliver. Wings Over Wayne is Seymour Johnson Air Force Base's opportunity to say 'thank you' to our community and state for all their incredible support, and we hope everyone will come out and enjoy the show."

The open house and airshow will also feature a myriad of attractions on the ground. Dozens of the Air Force's most prominent aircraft will be on display for spectators to view up-close, including the F-35 Lightning II, F-22 Raptor, and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"With our partners from the USO and the combination of aerial and ground entertainment, it will be an awe-inspiring experience for our highly supportive North Carolina community," said Maj. James Ladd, Wings Over Wayne Open House and Airshow 2015 director. "The show will feature entertainment for all ages. Our gates will be open to anyone and everyone for this highly anticipated event. The skies above Seymour Johnson Air Force Base will be full of action."

A wide range of food and beverages will be available for purchase. Gates open to the public at 8am. The theme

of the event is Seymour Johnson AFB salutes NC, celebrating generations of freedom.

Check out more details and updates at [wingsoverwaynearshow.com](http://wingsoverwaynearshow.com).

## St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival in Raleigh



Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival takes place March 14, 2015, starting at 10am, rain or shine.

Parking is available in Downtown Raleigh parking decks and some surrounding streets. The Parade begins at Lane and Salisbury Streets.

When the parade ends around 11:30am, the festival begins!

Called the "Wearin' 'O the Green Festival," this annual event takes over City Plaza at the south end of Fayetteville Street.

The Festival includes live music from 10am to 6:30pm on one stage, and dancing from noon to 3pm on a second stage.

The children's fun area — Leprechaun Lane — includes rides and a bounce house.

Crafts, food, and more may be found at the vendor booths, so plan for some shopping and eating time.

The parade and festival website is [www.raleighstpat.org](http://www.raleighstpat.org).

Along with event details, the website contains links to the parade organizers' GoFundMe campaign. They are seeking \$65,000 to continue the parade next year; otherwise, this 33rd annual event could be the last.

## The Strange-ness

### Utah Police Stumped by Voice

An 18-month-old child was rescued from a wrecked vehicle, more than a dozen hours after the car landed in a river, killing the child's mother. It happened in Utah, and the first responders are stumped by the voice heard coming from the car, even though no one in the car could speak.

Spanish Fork, Utah, police and firefighters rescued little Lily from the wrecked car on March 8, 2015. According to a report from the local newspaper, the *Deseret News*, Officer Bryan Dewitt said, "We were down on the car and a distinct voice says, 'Help me, help me.'"

The voice was heard by Officer Dewitt and several other officers, including Officer Tyler Beddoes.

Officer Beddoes remembers, "I think it was Dewitt who said, 'We're trying. We're trying our best to get in there.'"

Hearing the voice, and believing that there was a person in need of help, they overturned the vehicle and found a sleepy 18-month-old and no one else alive. So, who was speaking to them and calling for help?

The officers do not know who it was. What they do know is that someone called them to help, and may have saved little Lily's life.

## Knightdale Station Park offers Food Truck Thursdays for Lunch

*Released by Megan Thornton,  
Town of Knightdale Recreation  
Program Supervisor*

Start something delicious this spring and summer with a new weekday lunch option in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Every Thursday from April through June, the Town of Knightdale will host a new food truck at Knightdale Station Park (810 N First Avenue, Knightdale). Just look for the truck from 11am to 2pm in front of the picnic shelter next to the playground.

Learn more about this Knightdale event and others on [www.knightdalenc.gov](http://www.knightdalenc.gov).



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**03/13 Family Movie Night**  
**(Mar 13 @ 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.

**03/14 Celebrate Pi Day! 3.1415**  
**(Mar 14 @ 10am-5pm)**  
Free, all ages. Join the fun celebrating Pi Day (3.1415) & Albert Einstein's birthday with fun hands-on math activities & exhibits. At Children's Museum at Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount.

**03/14 Nashville Public Safety Blood Drive**  
**(March 14 @ 9am-2:30pm)**  
Come, give blood, give life. At Nashville Fire Department, 501 S Barnes Street, Nashville.

**03/14 Growing Fruits In Your Garden (Mar 14 @ 9am)**  
Free. Learn which varieties do well in this area & what fruits need: site location, proper soil preparation, pruning, & pest management. Register by email: info@logantrd.com. At Logan's, 707 Semart Dr, Raleigh.

**03/15 Teen Movie Night**  
**(March 17 @ 6pm)**  
Monthly on the third Tuesday, in Assembly Room. Mar 17 *Giver*. Info, call 252.237.5355. At Wilson County Public Library Main Branch, 249 Nash St. W, Wilson.

**03/15 Kids Day Celebration**  
**(March 15 @ 1-4pm)**  
Join us in celebration of Youth Art Month and the annual Young At Art Exhibition. Enjoy fun, educational, family activities throughout the day. Plenty of hands-on activities, all ages. At Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount.

**03/16 Kids Story Time**  
**(Mondays @ 10:30-11am)**  
Stories and songs for Kids ages 2-5. At The Nashville Library, 114 W Church St., Nashville.

**03/16 Down East Senior Games Sign-ups (March 16)**  
Down East Senior Games Applications are here and ready for pick-up. If you are 50 or better, these are the games for YOU! Early bird is March 16, final deadline is April 1. For Games details, call 252.641.4263. Pick up a copy at the E.L. Roberson Center at 305 W Baker Street, Tarboro.

**03/17 Dinner Club**  
**(Mar 17 @ 5:30pm)**  
Join the Dinner Club for great food and fellowship. Members meet at a different restaurant on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. There's no cost to join, but each person pays for their own meal and tip. Senior adult. Please pre-register via The Nash at 252.459.7681. At Mayflower, 1520 N Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mount.

**03/17 SCV Monthly Program**  
**(Mar 17 @ 6:30pm)**  
The Col. Henry K. Burgwyn/ East Wake Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans program features Byron Brady on "The Escape of John Wilkes Booth." Program is free & all are invited. Meal at 6:30pm, & program at 7:15pm. For info, call 919.365.5206. At Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell.

**03/17 Gamers & Dart League Night (Tuesdays @ 6-9pm)**  
Board games kick off at 6pm, darts at 7pm. At Common Grounds Coffee & Music House, 20 Cheves Rd, Bunn.

**03/19 Blood Drive**  
**(March 19 @ 10am-2pm)**  
Come & donate. contact Jonny Wisenbaker at 919.744.8180 to schedule an appointment. Appointments taken before walk-ins. Remember to eat & drink well before appointment. All donors must have a valid photo ID. At Leith of Wendell, 5300 Rolesville Road, Wendell.

**03/20 Pickleball**  
**(Fridays @ 11am-1pm)**  
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## And More Things To Do

### 03/20 Vegetable Grafting Workshop (Mar 20 @ 10am-3pm)

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### 03/20 Help with Easter Food 24-25 Boxes (Mar 20, 24-25)

The Nash County Senior Center has been collecting non-perishable food items. Now, volunteers are needed to help assemble Easter Food Boxes on March 20. Volunteers also needed to deliver the boxes March 24-25. Call 252.459.7681 to volunteer. At The Nash County Senior Center, 103 N Alston St., **Nashville**.

### 03/21 Spring Splurge Vendor -22 and Craft Show

(Mar 21-22 @ 10am, 1pm)  
Crafting, garden show, & more. Vendor spots \$25, as available. Contact [alexishoemaker31@gmail.com](mailto:alexishoemaker31@gmail.com). At Common Grounds Coffee & Music House, 20 Cheves Rd, **Bunn**.

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### 03/24 Spring Break Garden Adventure (Mar 24 @ 10am)

Experience the thrill of planting a garden. Kids will be given supplies to build a own container garden, sample fruits and veggies. Ages 9-12. Register by Mar 19. Fee \$5. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, **Zebulon**.

### 03/25 Cabin Fever Party (Mar 25 @ 11:30am)

Put on a Hawaiian shirts & bright, colorful clothes, & come to the Cabin Fever Party! Sip tropical drinks & envision warm ocean breezes as we play fun Hawaiian-themed games. Refreshments & loads of fun provided. A prize given for best tropical attire. Grass skirts are welcome. Call 252.459.7681 to register by March 20. Senior adult. In the Large Activity Room, The Nash, 103 North Alston Street, **Nashville**.

### 03/26 Teen & Family Game Night (Mar 26 @ 5:30-7:30pm)

Join the fun! Spend good family time together. In the Young Adult Area, Braswell Memorial Library 727 N Grace Street, **Rocky Mount**.

### 03/26 How to do the 501(c)3 Thing (Mar 26 @ 6-9pm)

Free. Most non-profits are small businesses with very few employees. Come to this seminar to walk through the IRS forms & find answers to many questions about non-profits. Register by March 25. At Wilson Community College, Room G-240, **Wilson**.

### 03/27 Friday Afternoon Popcorn & a Movie (Mar 27 @ 2pm)

Fourth Friday each month in Rm 112. Enjoy popcorn and a great movie. Mar 27 is *The Giver*. Free movie; popcorn 25¢ per bag! Info 252.459.7681. At Nash County Senior Center, 103 N Alston Street, **Nashville**.

### 03/27 Public Star Parties (March 27 @ 7:30-9:30pm)

All ages. Free. Close-up telescopic views of planets, moon, stars & distant nebulae. Contact 252.972.1586, see [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org). At City Lake Park, 1701 Sunset Avenue, **Rocky Mount**.

### 03/27 Canvas Floor Labyrinth -28 (Mar 27 @ 5-9pm & Mar 28 @ 9am-12pm)

A labyrinth is available for prayer walk & meditation. All who desire to worship with a labyrinth walk are welcome during these hours. For more info, call the church office at 919.269.9408. At Zebulon United Methodist Church, 121 W. Gannon Ave., **Zebulon**.

### 03/28 Paws in the Park Easter Egg Hunt (Mar 28 @ 9:30am)

The first 100 dogs receive a Frisbee & goody bag. Eggs will be filled with treats. Those who find the "Golden Eggs" receive a Grand Prize! Easter Bunny available for photos. Dogs must be on a leash, non-aggressive, & have up-to-date rabies tag or certificate. See [KnightdaleNC.gov](http://KnightdaleNC.gov). At Knightdale Station, 810 N. First Avenue, **Knightdale**.

### 03/28 Easter Eggstraordinaire (Mar 28 @ 11am)

This 2015 Easter event includes 3 Easter Egg Hunts offered for ages 0-3, 4-5, & 6-8. Hunt for eggs, take photos with the Easter Bunny, grab a snack from a food vendor, & enjoy music & activities. See [KnightdaleNC.gov](http://KnightdaleNC.gov). At Knightdale Station, 810 N. First Avenue, **Knightdale**.

### 03/28 See Spot Read (March 28 @ 11am-12pm)

Practice reading to a therapy dog! Readers of all levels welcome, so don't be shy. Walk in, no registration. At Zebulon Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr, **Zebulon**.

### 03/30 Easter Story Time (Mar 30 @ 10:30-11am)

Miss Cheri presents a special Easter story time, so please come on out! At Nashville Library, 114 W Church St., **Nashville**

### 03/31 Spring Fling (Mar 31 @ 11am-1pm)

Free. Ages 55 & up, spend an afternoon sharing conversation with Friends while sampling everyone's dish. In the Multipurpose Room at Rocky Mount Senior Center, 427 S. Church Street, **Rocky Mount**.

### 03/31 Super Salads Program (March 13 @ 12pm)

Free. Share a healthy lunch with friends at the Community Center. We will provide a "house salad" and you bring a healthy side. Register by March 6. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, **Zebulon**.

### 03/31 Food Service Business Start-up (Mar 31 @ 6-9pm)

Free workshop. Ever think of starting a restaurant, food truck, or catering business? Come to this informative seminar. Register via [www.nashcc.edu/sbc](http://www.nashcc.edu/sbc). At Nash Community College Small Business Center, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, **Rocky Mount**.

### 04/09 Carolina Mudcats Baseball (Apr 9 @ 7pm)

HOME OPENER. At Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-39, **Zebulon**.

*These "Things To Do..." 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.*

## Dr. Nicholas' Corner: How do People Find the Person They will Marry?

Contributed by By Nicholas  
Pediaditakis, MD, DLFAPA



Most people, they say “of course, by chance,” — not so! Nothing is accidental about choosing our married partners. And I mean not about those that on the spur of the moment say “let’s get married!” and go across the border

and are married for a few months and then they move on; but about marriages that last as a family together with children and with an amount of happiness, and of course with the inevitable up and downs of life. It is in our genes to choose, more-or-less, certain people so that the marriage will last. It is crucially important since human babies are born almost three years too early, as opposed to other mammals, and the babies are helpless and need nurturing and protection for at least five years. They are born too early because if they

wait any longer their head will be too big to pass through — the human baby’s head doubles in size the first year! So the mother needs a partner with whom, together, they can take care of the family needs and of the helpless child. So Mother Nature has put certain programming in our brains for insuring that. We marry always with three guiding factors; here they are:

1. One partner tends to always marry (if the marriage is to last) another person with the opposite of their own personality, whether are aware of it or not. (We tend to choose a married partner not only opposite to our temperament, but also similar to a temperament of an earlier important person of our lives; whether father, mother, brother, sister, or someone else who was with opposite personality/temperament to our own.)

So, the intense go-getter gets together with the laid back and accommodating person, and so on. Thus, they don’t get in each other’s way with their similar personalities.

2. The second factor is one the most important ones. People’s marriages last much longer if, in addition to their complimentary personalities, they also have the same more-or-less intelligence, education, similar backgrounds, similar looks, similar value systems, and similar degree of desire to hug each other. (People who hug together stay together!) And further, if they have good manners by upbringing (ethos); like friendliness, eagerness to compromise.

3. The third factor, well, hugging each other! We are the most affectionate mammals, so the more we hug daily, the better.

Some will ask me “Why then in our country do we divorce so often?” “Well,” I reply, “Bad manners.” Of course when divorce takes place, people tend to blame each other; while in fact, a divorce takes place because of attitude problems of both partners. Of course the difficult economic circumstances of late do not help. Go figure!

## A Little Bit of History

**Battle of Wise’s Forks Re-enactment coincides with Book Release**

By Johnston County Visitors Bureau

Wade Sokolosky and Mark A. Smith have written the definitive study on an often overlooked event of Major General William T. Sherman’s Carolina’s Campaign, the Battle of Wise’s Forks.

Readers of Civil War history have been led to believe the Battle of Wise’s Forks was an insignificant precursor to the seminal battle of Bentonville. With the publication of *To Prepare for Sherman’s Coming*, Sokolosky and Smith clear up this misconception by drawing attention to the battle that was a significant military operation initiated by Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant. Sokolosky and Smith, both career army officers, completed the book after years of detailed study of archival research.

Both authors will be speaking at the 150th Bentonville Battlefield on March 21, 2015. The 150th Anniversary event at 5466 Harper House Road, in Four Oaks, NC, is sponsored by the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, NC Historic Sites and Properties, the NC Department of Cultural Resources and the Johnston County Visitors Bureau.

All proceeds from the event support Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site with a percentage to be used for improvements of the site’s visitors center.



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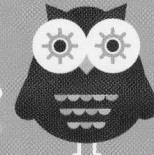
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### Consider: Submitted for Discussion

Your boss is going to be introducing new services and asks everyone to keep it hush-hush.

One of your co-workers has a husband who works for a competitor. She comes to work one day, and tells you that she and her husband told the competitor all about the new services. She thinks the competitor is going to offer them too.

Do you think that what she did was right? Should she have respected her boss' wishes to keep the secret? If business is affected and your boss has to down-size, should she be the first person laid off? What do you think is right?

## Nashville Chamber Holds Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

*Released by Jo Anne Cooper,  
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Please support the chamber by purchasing tickets to the first annual Shrimp Boil, which will be held March 26, 2015, at Birchwood Country Club from 7-10pm, featuring East Coast Rhythm & Blues Band! This is a major fundraiser for the chamber to extend its outreach and services to our community! Tickets are \$25/person. Call 252.459.2117 or 252.459.4050.

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## Mudcats' National Anthem Tryouts Scheduled for March 28

*Released by Greg Young,  
Carolina Mudcats*

The Carolina Mudcats, the Class A Advanced affiliate of the Atlanta Braves, will host their annual National Anthem tryouts on March 28, 2015, at Five County Stadium in Zebulon.

Registration begins at 8:30am on the third base side of the stadium. This open audition event will run until 12pm.

All singers, including solo acts or groups, wishing to perform the national anthem at Five County Stadium before a Mudcats game must audition at this tryout event. Parties who have sung the "Star Spangled Banner" in previous years at a Mudcats game are also required to audition again.

All auditions must be performed a cappella and on the field at Five County Stadium. There is no age requirement.

Performers with any further questions regarding this event are encouraged to call the Mudcats front office at 919.269.2287, or email Beckie Reid at breid@carolinamudcats.com.

Fans can purchase season ticket plans now by calling the box office at 919.269.2287 and by visiting

www.carolinamudcats.com. The Mudcats are reintroducing mini plan ticket packages, including the "Muddy Unreal Deal" plan for the 2015, 25th Anniversary season. Season ticket plans and mini plans are available now, single game tickets go on sale March 16.

"A Braves New World" comes to Five County Stadium in 2015 as the Mudcats begin their first year as affiliate of the Atlanta Braves on April 9 at "The Family Place" versus the Salem Red Sox with first pitch scheduled for 7pm. The game can be heard on the Mudcats Radio Network and streamed live online at www.carolinamudcats.com.

In 2015, the Carolina Mudcats are the Class A Advanced affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. The 2015 season is the first for the Mudcats as an affiliate of the Atlanta Braves and their fourth straight in the historic

Carolina League. First established in 1991, the Mudcats are entering their 25th straight season of baseball at Five County Stadium in Zebulon. Fans can purchase tickets or find more information by calling 919.269.2287 or by visiting www.carolinamudcats.com.



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## Quote of the Issue

A. A. Milne (Author, b:1882, d:1956)

“Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them.”

## Chuckle of the Issue

A wife was making a breakfast of eggs for her husband and herself.

Suddenly her husband burst into the kitchen.

“Careful. Careful! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You’re cooking too many at once. Too many! Turn them! Turn them now! They’re going to stick! We need more butter. Oh, my gosh! Where are we going to get more butter? Careful! I said be Careful! You never listen to me when you’re cooking! Never! Hurry up and turn them! Are you crazy? Have you lost your mind? Don’t forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. Use the salt! The salt!”

The wife stared at him.

“What is wrong with you today? You think I don’t know how to fry a couple of eggs?”

The husband calmly replied, “I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I’m driving.”

## Word of the Issue

Shamrock

**Definition:** A plant with three-lobed leaves, clover-like, and low to the ground; the plant’s leaf.

**Example:** “The St. Patrick’s Day parade watcher wore a shamrock on his hat.”

## Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: L = A.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*There are two ways of exerting one’s strength: One is pushing down, the other is pulling up.*

-- Booker T. Washington

### Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is Q = R. For additional Cryptogram hints or assistance, you may email [trivia@greyareanews.com](mailto:trivia@greyareanews.com).

## ~ News from The Grey Area ~

Mom and Pop shops are the focus of *The Grey Area* newspaper, in print and online. As a Mom and Pop shop, we know the challenges faced by the owners of small businesses. Our advertisements, and our articles, are geared toward readers who live, work, shop in this area.

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