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## Nash Community College Invites Employers to Register for Job Fair

*Released by Michael Coleman,  
Nash Community College*

Registration is open for businesses interested in Job Fair participation at Nash Community College.

For businesses to take part and reserve a table, registration must be completed in advance via the "Job Fair Employer Registration" button online via [www.nashcc.edu/jobfair](http://www.nashcc.edu/jobfair). Registration is free, includes a 3'x6' table, and a

free breakfast before the event, between 8:30am and 9am.

This job fair is being held April 28, 2015, 9am-12pm, in the Brown Auditorium at Nash Community College, located at 522 N Old Carriage Road in Rocky Mount.

Last year the job fair had 82 employers, and over 750 participants from the community attended.

This event is open to the public. Both students and graduates of Nash Community College are welcome to attend, along with members of the community. Local residents interested in meeting and talking with local businesses may attend the event at no charge and without any advance registration.

If you have any questions, contact Michael Coleman at 252.451.8307 or email [mcoleman@nashcc.edu](mailto:mcoleman@nashcc.edu).

## Three Workers Killed in Raleigh Accident

The City of Raleigh Police Department has identified the victims of the March 23, 2015, scaffolding collapse. The accident occurred at the 11-story Charter Square Building in Downtown Raleigh.

Three young men were killed when the scaffolding collapsed: Jose Erasmo Hernandez, 41; Jose Luis Lopez-Ramirez, 33; and Anderson Almeida, 33. A fourth worker, Elmer Guevara, 53, was injured and taken to WakeMed.

In January, the NC Department of Labor released figures showing that the construction industry had the highest number of 2014 work-related fatalities. The construction industry experienced 19 fatalities last year, 12 more than 2013. Construction fatalities accounted for 43% of NC workplace fatalities.

The NC Dept. of Labor is leading the investigation into the Raleigh accident.

## Zebulon NC Churches Hold Revivals

*By Kay Whatley, Editor*

During March 2015, many area churches held Revivals. In the Zebulon area, multiple churches combined forces to hold Revivals with shared resources.

Rocky Cross Holiness Church brought in a guest speaker, Tyler Jernigan, and invited the Wakefield Central Baptist Church youth band to play.

Several days later, the Union Hope Baptist Church Revival featured their own youth group, joined by guest speaker Sean Skaggs and Wakefield youth band.

Each church's Revival took place over multiple days, drawing people together each evening to listen to music, special sermons, and sharing time in prayer. Sharing resources allowed for changes to the musical program for each evening service.

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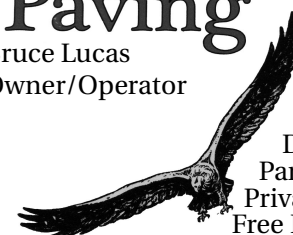
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## Movies, Community Day, Start Spring in Knightdale

Contributed by Megan Thornton,  
Town of Knightdale

Knightdale's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Spring Into Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series beginning Spring 2015. The movie events are free and open to the public. The series dates are:

- April 25 (with Community Day)
- May 15
- June 12

Movies for this family-friendly series include *The Princess Bride*, *Madagascar*, and *Night at the Museum*.

For best experience, be sure to bring a blanket and/or chairs. The movies are all being shown at the Knightdale Station Park Amphitheater, located at 810 N First Avenue in Knightdale. The movies will begin at dusk; plan to be seated by 8pm.

The April 25 movie is scheduled to end the 2015 Community Day. Knightdale's Spring Community Day is set for April 25, from 1-8pm. The Community Day is also at the Knightdale Station Park Amphitheater. Enjoy local acts, entertainment, music, inflatables, and food trucks (daytime only).

Contact Megan Thornton at 919.217.2236 for specifics on vendor requirements or for more information on Knightdale Parks and Recreation's movies and community event.

## Open House Planned, Seeking Residents' Input on Zebulon Greenway Master Plan

Released by the Town of Zebulon

Zebulon residents are invited to attend a special meeting and speak with consultants and Town staff about possible destinations and trail amenities, and review maps of potential corridors.

The future greenway system will provide healthy recreational opportunities for all area residents. Your input is vital during the planning

process. Please join us at the Open House.

The meeting starts at 5pm on April 7, 2015, in the Town Hall Lobby, 1003 N Arendell Avenue, in Zebulon.

More information on the Zebulon Greenway System is online at [zebulongreenways.com](http://zebulongreenways.com).

To contact the design team or town staff with questions or comments, email [ZebulonGreenways@gmail.com](mailto:ZebulonGreenways@gmail.com).

## A Little Bit of History

### Old Waynesborough

While the town of Waynesborough no longer exists, supplanted by Goldsboro, Old Waynesborough is still accessible through the area's historic village and Old Waynesborough Park.

Run by the Old Waynesborough Commission, the park includes historic buildings, fishing, hiking, and areas for families to relax and enjoy the day.

If you haven't seen Waynesborough Historic Village, on April 11, 2015, the *Pig In The Park* festival may be a good opportunity to visit this historic area.

Pig In The Park starts at 10am and runs until 4pm. It is being held in the Waynesborough Historical Village, 801 US 117, in Goldsboro. There will be BBQ, live music, vendors, and family activities at Old Waynesborough!

More details on the Pig In The Park event, including schedule of activities, is online at [www.piginthepark.com](http://www.piginthepark.com).

Old Waynesborough history and more information on the park and village may be found online at [oldwaynesborough.org](http://oldwaynesborough.org).

## Nonprofit Greenhouse Rebuilt by Volunteers, Planting Starts for Spring Vegetables

By Kay Whatley, Editor

Saturday morning, March 21, 2015, a group of volunteers came together to help the nonprofit Grow And Share install heavy plastic on the greenhouse at its Raleigh location, which is new for this year.

The greenhouse was originally donated by the Tucker family of Zebulon, and was used to grow seedlings for several years. It provided space for Grow And Share to produce tens of thousands of

plants and assist hundreds of gardeners, schools, and community gardens. In late 2014, the greenhouse was moved to the Raleigh location.

Grow And Share starts seeds for different types of garden plants, then gives away the plants to local residents and organizations who Pledge To Share their garden harvest. Produce grown from Grow And Share plants feeds gardeners' families, and goes to neighbors-in-need and food banks.



Plastic raised on Tucker Greenhouse. Photo by Kim Beaver

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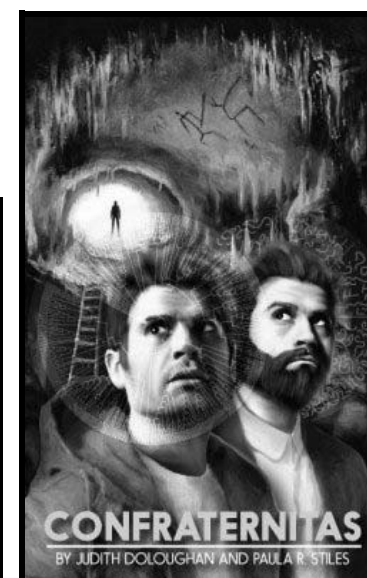


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## Recalls Announced for Several Blue Bell Ice Cream Products

Blue Bell Ice Cream of Brenham, Texas, issued its first product recalls, described in a corporate press release as their first recall in 108 years.

Blue Bell is recalling 3 oz. institutional/food service ice cream cups in chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla with tab lids because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

On March 22, 2015, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment reported one positive test for *Listeria monocytogenes* on a chocolate institutional/food service cup recovered from a hospital in Wichita, Kan. This cup was produced in the Broken Arrow, Okla., plant on April 15, 2014. These cups are not sold thru retail outlets such as convenience stores and supermarkets.

The ice cream cups listed herein were distributed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and 20 other states via food service accounts.

- Ice Cream Cup Chocolate (3 FL OZ)  
No UPC - SKU #453
- Ice Cream Cup Strawberry (3 FL OZ)  
No UPC - SKU #452

- Ice Cream Cup Vanilla (3 FL OZ)  
No UPC - SKU #451

A related recall notice was issued for some of the Blue Bell frozen snack items, which are listed below and were distributed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and 20 other states via select stores and food service accounts.

- Chocolate Chip Country Cookie (5.25 FL OZ) UPC 71899-21169
- Great Divide Bar (2.75 FL OZ) UPC 71899-21178
- Sour Pop Green Apple Bar (2.5 FL OZ) UPC 71899-21208
- Cotton Candy Bar (2.5 FL OZ) UPC 71899-21207
- SCOOPS (4.0 FL OZ) UPC 71899-00701
- Vanilla Stick Slices (4.0 FL OZ)  
No UPC - SKU #964
- Almond Bar (2.75 FL OZ) UPC 71899-21138
- 6 pk Cotton Candy Bars (6 - 2.5 FL OZ) UPC 71899-62257
- 6 pk Sour Pop Green Apple Bars (6 - 2.5 FL OZ) UPC 71899-62258
- 12 pk NSA Moos Bars (12 - 2.0 FL OZ) UPC 71899-62305

The FDA reported that there were several deaths associated with the recalled products.

The recall does not include Blue Bell Ice Cream half gallons, pints, quarts, 3 gallons, or other 3 oz. cups.

Consumers who have purchased these items are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For more information, consumers with questions may call 979.836.7977.

## Community Recycling Day

*Released by Town of Zebulon*

Zebulon Public Works is hosting the second annual Community Recycling Day on April 25, 2015. The event will be held in the north side parking lot at Zebulon Municipal Complex from 8am until 12pm.

Everyone is invited to drop off electronic equipment, batteries, tires, fluorescent lamps, paint, motor oil, and antifreeze for proper disposal. These items are not allowed in landfills to avoid contaminants leaching into the soil and water table. The elimination of these items from landfills improve soil quality and reduce toxins in natural waters.

This Spring when you clean out your garage, attic, or storage room, make plans to bring your hazardous waste items to the Annual Community Recycling Day. All collected items will be processed for disposal with approved vendors following established guidelines to prevent environmental harm. For example, electronic components are dismantled at a facility and shredded into recyclable materials. Used tires are delivered to Wake County for recycling at their Multi-Material Recycling Facility.

Please help us make Eastern Wake County a clean, safe environment for families by properly disposing of hazardous waste goods. For more information, call 919.269.5285.

## Bill in NC Legislature May Ensure Third-Party Solar Available

The Energy Freedom Act of 2015, NC House Bill 245, was filed Mar 16, 2015, by several NC legislators. The bill provides for NC property owners to have choice in their energy providers.

The bill would allow third-party companies to install an electric-generating facility on a NC resident's property that would allow production of electricity, heat, or steam for sale to, or for use by, the resident — without Utilities Commission regulation. A \$25 fee is included in the bill language.

There would be size limits, only allowing the generation of up to 125% of the energy used on a property.

Part of the bill describes the purpose of HB245 as fulfilling the state's need to increase clean energy: "...an increased use of renewable and distributed energy resources to serve the State's energy needs will improve the quality of life in the State by reducing generation from sources that cause harm to the public health."

A separate bill, Senate Bill 329, filed Mar 18, 2015, proposes potential credits for those investing in renewable energy on their property.

For complete details on these and other current legislative proposals, visit [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net). Full bill text may be reviewed via that site, and an easy-to-use search is available.





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

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

Enjoy popcorn & a great movie. Mar 27 is *The Giver*. Free movie; popcorn 25¢/bag! Info 252.459.7681. At Nash County Senior Center Rm 112, 103 N Alston St, **Nashville**.

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

All ages. Free. Close-up telescopic views of planets, moon, stars & distant nebulae. See [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org). At City Lake Park, 1701 Sunset Ave, **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 are welcome. Info, call 919.269.9408. At Zebulon United Methodist Church, 121 W Gannon Ave, **Zebulon**.

### 03/28 MCOG Easter Egg Hunt (March 28 @ 11am-1pm)

The Middlesex Church of God annual Easter Egg Hunt. Two egg hunts, prizes, food, face painting, games, & more! Hunt is at the Middlesex Park, Hanes Street, **Middlesex**.

### 03/28 Easter Egg Hunt (March 28 @ 10am)

Zebulon Parks & Rec annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a basket. Info, call 919.823.0432. Hunt held on front lawn of Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Avenue, **Zebulon**.

### 03/28 Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt (Mar 28 @ 10am-2pm)

Free to Public. Celebrates Easter & Sunset Park's season opening. Traditional activities, anchored by the Easter Egg Hunt, with separate egg hunting areas for three age groups. At Sunset Park, 1550 River Road, **Rocky Mount**.

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

The first 100 dogs receive Frisbee & goody bag. Eggs filled with treats. Find "Golden Eggs" & receive Grand Prize! Easter Bunny. Dogs must be on a leash, non-aggressive, & have up-to-date rabies tag or certificate. At Knightdale Station, 810 N First Ave, **Knightdale**.

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

Three Easter Egg Hunts, ages 0-3, 4-5, & 6-8. Hunt for eggs, take photos with the Easter Bunny, grab a snack from a vendor, & more. See [KnightdaleNC.gov](http://KnightdaleNC.gov). At Knightdale Station, 810 N First Ave, **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**.

### 03/30 Kids Story Time 04/06 (Mondays @ 10:30-11am)

Stories and songs for Kids ages 2-5. At The 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. 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**.

### 03/31 Gamers & Dart League 04/07 Night (Tuesdays @ 6-9pm)

Board games kick off at 6pm, darts at 7pm. At Common Grounds Coffee & Music House, 20 Cheves Rd, **Bunn**.

### 04/02 Rabies Clinic (April 2 @ 8am-4pm)

One year tags will be issued with vaccination. Three year tags will be issued only with proof of previous vaccination. \$5/animal (dogs & cats). At Nash County Animal Shelter, 921 First Street Extension, **Nashville**.

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04/10 (Fridays @ 11am-1pm)

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### 04/04 Community Easter Egg Hunt (April 4 @ 10:30am)

By Passage Church. Photo booth, inflatables, face painting, & snow comes available. Kids 10 & under. At Wendell Community Center, 601 W Third Street, **Wendell**.

### 04/04 Easter Egg Hunt 2015 (April 4 @ 10am)

Calling all children, Preschool to Grade 6, to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. At Wakefield Central Baptist Church, 308 Proctor Street, **Zebulon**.

### 04/06 Easter Egg Hunt (April 6 @ 9:45am)

Nashville Parks & Recreation Department is holding their Hunt at Glover Park, 1434 South First Street, **Nashville**.

### 04/06 Easter Story Time (April 6 @ 10:30am)

Following the Easter Egg Hunt, head over for a special holiday story time. At Harold D. Cooley Library, 114 W Church St, **Nashville**.

### 04/07 Be Free of Debt's Hold & Start a Business (April 7 @ 6-9pm)

Learn simple yet effective method to start the process of becoming debt free! Bring a calculator & a list of debts with balances & monthly payments. Phone 252.451.8233. At Nash Community College, 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**.

### 04/10 First Friday Coffee (April 10 @ 8:30am)

Monthly on the first Friday. At the Nashville Exchange, W Washington Street, **Nashville**.

### 04/10 Family Movie Night (April 10 @ 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**.

*Good Friday is April 3, 2015  
Easter Sunday is April 5, 2015*

### 04/11 Dog Park Grand Opening & 5th Annual Paws in the Park (April 11 @ 10am)

Grand opening ceremonies, followed by Paws in the Park event. Contests, parade, & more. Adjacent to Sunset Park at Rocky Mount Dog Park, 1301 Dawson Place, **Rocky Mount**.

### 04/11 Courthouse Square Celebration Day (April 11 @ 10am-1pm)

Children's events, demonstrations, free plants & prizes. At the Courthouse Square, **Tarboro**.

### 04/11 Rain Gardens (April 11 @ 9am)

Free. Rain gardens are a fun & inexpensive way to enhance the beauty of a yard & protect water quality by reducing storm water runoff. Learn basics of how to install a rain garden. Register by email: info@logantrd.com. At Logan's, 707 Semart Drive, **Raleigh**.

### 04/21 Teen Movie Night (April 21 @ 6pm)

Come & watch *Mockingjay Part 1*. Info, call 252.237.5355. At Wilson County Public Library Main Branch, 249 Nash Street W, **Wilson**.

### 05/02 Farm Fresh Market Grand Opening (May 2 @ 9am-1pm)

Stroll through the market & choose from vendors selling fresh fruits & vegetables, eggs, honey, baked goods, canned goods, all-natural meats like beef, pork, poultry, & chevon (goat meat), plus more. Entertainment for kids & grown-ups alike. Contact 919.823.4202. At the Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, **Zebulon**.

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# How to Make A Marriage Last and Be Relatively Happy

Contributed by By Nicholas  
Pediaditakis, MD, DLFAPA



In the face of it, it is a daunting task: two people of the opposite sex who have lived separate lives for the first two or three decades of their lives, meet and are attracted to each other. They had different upbringing, different experiences, different circumstances in growing up.

Now, they meet. They like each other, they profess love for each other, they hug and enjoy moments together regularly, and then they decide to be married, have children and be happy in their lives with each other.

Granted — as I pointed in a previous write up — mother nature gives them a head start, by making sure — most of the time anyway — they are complementary to each other in their temperament, and usually with similar background and beliefs, looks, education and sensual enthusiasm. But — a big *But* — they are unprepared to face the difficulties in front of them; such as, deadly routines, small daily irritations — which like barnacles in an oyster shell slowly grow up, sickness, overwork for both in view of current economic

difficulties, attitude problems brought from both of their pasts, or possible distractions at work with an adventurous person eager for an affair with either of them. The works! No wonder the divorce rate is so high lately. The funny thing is that most people who remarry repeat the same mistakes, and they once more — you guessed it — divorce.

The two eager-to-marry people should know all this and be prepared to have fortitude, patience, kindness, and grace for each other, develop friendship and try a change in attitude-brought from the past. Remember this: it is not only about me, me, me. Altruism and grace help your partner. All the holy books of various faiths have similar things to say about that. If you do not believe it, go to “First Corinthians, Chapter 13.” It is all right there.

Life is not made for our convenience but can be a joyous adventure if you put your mind to it.

And, hug frequently, daily if possible — that’s what intimacy is made for. Remember, the children are not only a difficult task, but a joy to be cherished as you watch them grow up.

I myself tried to follow my own advice. My marriage lasted 49 years interrupted by death. And, the inevitable ups and downs included, it was a happy one.

## Editorial: NC Legislature Seeks to Change Vaccine Requirements for Public School Students

Contributed by Stephanie Cook,  
No On SB346

I wanted to preface by saying that the “No On SB346” group’s trip to the legislative building on March 24, 2015, really wasn’t intended to be a protest. Our real goal that day was to lobby for our cause with as many senators as possible. I was pleased to see that well over a hundred concerned parents and voters from all over the state showed up to voice their concerns about Senate Bill 346.

The primary concern we at No On SB346 have is with the language in the bill that seeks to remove the religious exemption to vaccines. Religious convictions are protected by the First Amendment to the United States, as well as the NC State Constitution, Section 13. It should be very alarming to all citizens, regardless of personal views of vaccines or religious preferences, when our lawmakers take

it upon themselves to legislate any constitutionally-protected freedom.

After meeting with more than a dozen senators, I feel fairly confident that our concerns are being heard and will absolutely be taken into consideration as this bill moves forward. Among others, I spoke with Sen. Paul Lowe, Sen. Stan Bingham, Sen. Mike Woodard, Sen. Jeff Jackson, and even the author and chief sponsor of SB346, Sen. Jeff Tarte. While a couple of the representatives I spoke with are still undecided, the majority are completely opposed to the removal of the religious exemption.

The bill is still in the very early stages, so our job is nowhere near done. We will continue making phone calls, sending emails, and encouraging others to do the same. Our message is this: any elected official who votes to restrict religious freedom will be pursued and held accountable by voters.



Group outside the Legislative Building.



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## New NCDA&CS Restaurant Contest to Highlight Best of NC on Local Menus

*Released by Tim Parrish, NCDA&CS*

The NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is launching a new contest for restaurants that use locally sourced ingredients on their menus. The “Dig into Local” Best Menu NC contest is part of an expanding array of food service programs offered by the department through its Got to Be NC and Savor NC marketing programs.

“This promotion works well with the trends we see in restaurants today,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Locally sourced meats, seafood and produce continue to be the top-ranked trends in today’s ever-changing restaurant scene.”

Menus will be judged on several criteria, including: clearly identifying NC agricultural products, farms and manufacturers; highlighting seasonal produce; identifying items with unique regional connections; offering NC wine, beer and spirit selections on the menu; including multiple courses featuring NC ingredients; and offering a good balance of NC products across protein, grain and produce categories.

Restaurants interested in participating should submit applications by May 31, 2015. Department staff will visit each restaurant between June and September to evaluate menus. Online menus also will be reviewed during the process. The top 10 menus will be recognized in October, and cash prizes will be awarded to the top five restaurants.

More information and applications are available at [www.gottobenc.com/DigIntoLocal](http://www.gottobenc.com/DigIntoLocal).

## The Strange-ness

### **Record Multiple Domesticated Animal Births in Mid-March**

A record number of living lambs were born to a ewe in the UK, within days of the birth of rare quadruplets to a Texas cow.

March 18, 2015, reporter Carolyn Roy of KSLA.com reported that four living calves had been born to a cow known only by its #15 ear tag. The four calves were born undersized but living. Odds against this happening are more than a million to one. The four calves were named Eeny, Meeny, Miny, and Moo. One male was kept with the mother, while the others were sent to surrogates on nearby farms.

The ewe who gave birth to a record seven living lambs — an eighth was stillborn — lives at the Reed Farm, Hatherleigh in the UK. Jon Coates of Express.co.uk on March 22, 2015, reported the record-breaking birth, which is also a million-to-one event. No names are reported for the ewe or the lambs.

### **Plants Sing, Research Says**

According to a website, [www.musicoftheplants.com](http://www.musicoftheplants.com), and the work of an Italian community called Damanhur, plants can sing.

Several videos available on the site show plants connected to special devices that “synthesizes” vibrations within plants into sounds that humans can hear.

Since beginning the research at Damanhur in 1976, multiple experiments and presentations have worked to demonstrate how plants not only make their own music, but can respond to musical instruments played by humans, or to human touch.

For more information, visit the website mentioned above, or see the independent Italian community online at [damanhur.org](http://damanhur.org).

## Informational Meeting on the USDA Summer Meal Child Nutrition Outreach Program

*Released by Tameka Kenan-Norman*

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food & Nutrition Service, the NC Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Services and the city of Rocky Mount invite you to an informational workshop on how your organization can affordably add meals to summer youth programs in the twin counties area.

The free workshop is hosted by Word Tabernacle Church, located at 821 Word Plaza, in Rocky Mount. It will be held from 9:30am to 12pm on March 28, 2015.

During the workshop, attendees will find out how your organization can join other local churches and non-profits this summer as a USDA Summer Feeding Site for kids in Edgecombe and Nash counties. Learn from organizations already participating in the program, and work with an existing local sponsor to make it affordable to add meals to your organization’s summer youth programming whether it’s one week or all summer.

The agenda includes a continental breakfast from 9:30am to 10am, the program from 10am to 11am and one-on-one assistance for new participants from 11am to 12pm.

To attend, please R.S.V.P. by visiting [wordtab.net](http://wordtab.net). Click quick links at the bottom of the page and next select event registration. Register for the USDA Summer Meal Child Nutrition Outreach Program.

For more information or if you miss the workshop, call Max Avent at 252.450.9417. You may also e-mail Avent at [max.avent@wordtab.net](mailto:max.avent@wordtab.net) or at [c21Mavent@aol.com](mailto:c21Mavent@aol.com).

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### Search & Circle

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B B A I G M I C Y B  
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AIR	APRIL
BLOSSOM	FLOWERS
GARDEN	GRASS
GREEN	RAIN
SHOWERS	SUNSHINE

### Chuckle of the Issue

Checking the menu, a restaurant customer ordered a bowl of vegetable soup. After a couple of spoonfuls, he saw a circle of wetness under the bowl on the tablecloth.

He called the waiter over and said, “It’s all wet down here. The bowl must be cracked.”

The waiter said, “You ordered vegetable soup, maybe it has a leak in it.”

### Translation of the Issue

#### English — “lunch”

German — mittagessen	Spanish — almuerzo
Italian — pranzo	Dutch — lunch
Danish — frokost	Irish — lón
Latin — prandium	

Translations for these and many more languages may be found in online (translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, etc.) and print resources.

### Quote of the Issue

**Lord Acton (English Historian, b.1834, d.1902)**  
“Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”

### Word of the Issue

#### Prebuttal

**Definition:** A rebuttal given for an accusation, before the accusation is made. Preemptive rebuttal.

**Example:** “The politician prepared his prebuttal, knowing that his colleague would include the issue in the debate.”

## Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: K = O.

M̄ C̄ Ū    K̄ Ā J̄ W̄    M̄ C̄ Ȳ Ā Z̄  
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M̄ C̄ Ū    M̄ S̄ Ȳ X̄ Q̄ Ī C̄    K̄ D̄  
Ū R̄ Ȳ J̄    Ȳ V̄    M̄ C̄ H̄ M̄  
Z̄ K̄ K̄ B̄    Q̄ Ū Ā  
V̄ C̄ K̄ X̄ J̄ B̄    B̄ K̄  
Ā K̄ M̄ C̄ Ȳ Ā Z̄ .

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*We are afraid to care too much, for fear that the other person does not care at all. --Eleanor Roosevelt*

#### Cryptogram Note:

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

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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 are having dinner with a couple one evening. You’ve known the husband and wife for years. During dessert, the wife tells you about a consultant at her work who was saying inappropriate things during a workshop. You are not only

shocked by what the consultant said, but by the fact that she works in a government office. The statements were made in front of dozens of people, and no action was taken against the consultant.

She doesn’t feel comfortable filing a complaint. She hasn’t been at the agency long and fears she would be fired. You didn’t hear the statements directly. Although you trust she is telling the truth, you have no first-hand experience to file a complaint. Do you think that you would let it go? Or, would you look for a way to stop future hiring of the consultant?

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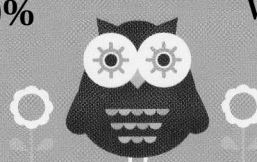
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