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Need to Know

Vicky Allen

1 Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Road in Southern Pines, will hold the **Sandhills Moths and Butterflies program** today. The program, scheduled for 3 p.m., will teach visitors about moth and butterfly life cycles, the differences between moths and butterflies, and how to identify several common moths and butterflies by participating in hands-on activities. For more information, call (910) 692-2167.

2 Today marks the beginning of **National Farmers Market Week**. Be sure to check out some of the area's farmers markets this week to pick up fresh heirloom tomatoes, squashes and gourds, nuts and other fresh seasonal produce. In Cumberland County, the Fayetteville Farmers Market is open Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot behind AIT and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the courthouse parking lot. The Sandhills Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at 230 Chapel Hill Road in Spring Lake. For other area farmers markets, go to ncfarmfresh.com or visit events.fayobserver.com.

3 Registration is open for **fall sports** for children. Sports include football, soccer, cheerleading, baseball, softball and volleyball. The registration fee is \$25 for football and \$20 for every other sport. Register at the recreation center closest to your residence by Monday. A birth certificate and the registration fee are required at the time of registration. The season starts Sept. 18.

4 A **Haiti benefit concert** is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at Stewart Theater, 114 N. Wilson Ave. in Dunn. Several area gospel groups are scheduled to perform. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 892-2460.

To list an event, go to events.fayobserver.com. You also can e-mail your event to calendar@fayobserver.com; fax with a complete address of the event and a contact telephone number to 486-3545 or call Vicky at 486-3577 or (800) 682-3476. Submit items in writing at least 10 days in advance. All items are printed on a space-available basis.

ALSO TODAY

■ **Fayetteville Freedom Flyers dog flyball team:** 5 to 7 p.m., 2708 Franciscan Drive. For more information, call Angela at 273-3624.

COMMUNITY PHOTO



Kenda Johnson plays with her son, Kaine Johnson, 4, in an inflatable house at a birthday party in Hope Mills on Saturday.

Staff photo by Raul R. Rubiera

✳️ **SEND US YOUR PHOTO:** E-mail a community photo to photo@fayobserver.com. Include complete caption information, your name and your telephone number.

APPLAUSE

■ **Kathryn Marie Chiodo** of Erwin was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Samford University. To qualify for the honor, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

■ **Janette K. Hopper** of Red Springs received a Special Recognition Merit Award for artwork in the 12th annual Landscape Juried Online International Art Exhibition hosted by Upstream People Gallery. The exhibition will be featured online at www.upstreampeoplegallery.com through June 30.

HOW TO REACH US

■ To share a story idea or a concern, call **assistant managing editor Lorry Williams** at 486-3524 or e-mail her at williams@fayobserver.com.

■ We accept **obituaries** only through funeral homes. They can help you with the options: We offer a free version as well as longer, customized obituaries. See today's obituary page for more details.

■ To submit an item for **Applause**, send it to satextra@fayobserver.com.

■ Need to salute or rant? **Cheers & Jeers** is here for you. Call 486-3590 with your submission or e-mail it to cheersandjeers@fayobserver.com.

CHEERS & JEERS

THE REST OF THE STORY

Company gives back to community

The cheer: Cheers to Blanton's Heating and Air Conditioning, Lennox and 96.5 The Drive for providing a brand-new, free Lennox Comfort System for a deserving family in the community. Thanks to Kevin, Kevin and Thomas for their time installing this system on one of the hottest days of the year.

Everyone involved in this promotion blessed my dad with your kindness.

— **Kathy Stewart, Wade**

About Stewart: Stewart said her 86-year-old father's house didn't have air conditioning. She submitted his name to the radio station during a promotion to find people who needed heating or air conditioning. "It was amazing," Stewart said. "He has really benefited from it."

The other side of the cheer: Will Blanton, owner of Blanton's Heating and Air Conditioning, said giving away heating and air conditioning systems to needy people is a tradition his grandfather started. "It's just our way of

giving back to the community," Blanton said.

Blanton said the company partnered with radio stations WFLB 96.5, WKML 95.7 and WUKS 107.7 to publicize the giveaway. Lennox donated three units, and Blanton's installed them.

The units were awarded based on need, Blanton said. Stewart's father's unit was installed by Kevin Baker, Kevin Sellers and Thomas Smalls.

— **Rodger Mullen**

On Sundays, the Observer chooses a cheer or jeer to investigate.

■ Give us your cheers and jeers. Call **486-3590** or e-mail us at cheersandjeers@fayobserver.com. Please include your full name, hometown and phone number, and limit your cheer or jeer to 125 words. Because of the high number of submissions we receive, we cannot print all of them; check The Fayetteville Observer's website at www.fayobserver.com for additional cheers and jeers. To make a correction to a cheer or jeer you submitted, or to cancel a cheer or jeer, call 486-3522.

Cheers to everyone involved in getting Iron Mike moved to the downtown Airborne & Special Operations Museum. It is the icing on the cake for the military and civilian community. Great job to all.

— **Myrtle Burrell, Stedman**

Cheers to Kohl's for helping kids for the past 10 years! In celebration of Kohl's Cares' 10th anniversary, they're donating \$500,000 to 20 schools, for a total of \$10 million.

— **Charlotte Murray, Fayetteville**

Cheers to a young minister at my church (Spring Lake Memorial Missionary Baptist Church). Minister Michael Smith works with our young adults, and

he gave a scholarship to one young lady in honor of his mom, Mrs. Willie Smith. He is a great inspiration to our young people.

Also, happy birthday to him; his birthday is Aug. 18.

— **Mary Dingle, Spring Lake**

Cheers to my grandson, John Nobles Jr., for making the All State Orchestra as a seventh-grader at Max Abbott Middle School this past spring.

He worked very hard on his cello, as well as his grades, and we are very proud of him.

Thanks to his orchestra teacher, Mrs. Widows, for all of her help and encouragement. The orchestra concert in Burlington was awesome!

— **Sondra Nobles, Fayetteville**

Jeers to a store in Hoke County. For some odd reason, the prices are higher on many



items than in another of the company's stores. Talk about being greedy!

— **Ron Thompson, Fayetteville**

Jeers to a tree service for their unprofessionalism and poor customer service that was extended to us.

— **Sharon Peoples, Hope Mills**

On the Web



REMEMBER THIS?

■ Take a look back at fun and interesting moments in local history through photographs taken at the time. This week's slide show features the 1983 invasion of Grenada involving the 82nd Airborne. Go to photos.fayobserver.com.

THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION

This is the final school year of a four-year grant awarded to Cumberland County schools to conduct random drug testing among student athletes. No tests have been positive for steroids during use of the program.

Should the school system continue using the random drug testing program after this school year?

- Yes
- No

To cast your vote, go to www.fayobserver.com.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

What are you doing to beat the heat?

- **Staying indoors where there's air conditioning: 91 percent**
- Heading to the pool or beach: 6 percent
- Vacationing in a cooler climate: 1 percent

Nightclubs

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At Falcon Village apartments, Ladwig hires an off-duty deputy sheriff to patrol his parking lot on Saturday nights when the club is open. Over the years, nightclubs with different names and owners have rotated through the leased building at 6323 Raeford Road, next to Falcon Village apartments.

Efforts to reach someone affiliated with the club — now called Chocolate City — for this story were unsuccessful.

In 2007, a 26-year-old was shot at 3 a.m. in the parking lot of what was then Club 910. The victim was

treated for his injuries.

The Fayetteville Police Department received 47 calls for service at the club location over the past 12 months, including two assaults, four thefts, three reports of loud noises and three reports of disturbances.

Other areas of the city also have reported problems with boisterous revelers leaving clubs. More residents are moving downtown, and they are finding some nightclubs to be burdensome.

Eric Lindstrom, an architect, moved downtown in 1996. He lives in a loft apartment over a store in a Hay Street building he owns. He is used to certain noises, like the trains and the traffic. But lately, things have gotten worse, he said, such as

impromptu street parties as late as 4:30 a.m.

"What is happening, it's becoming a late-night party zone," he said.

Dan Grubb, a Police Department spokesman, told The Fayetteville Observer last week that new regulations might not be the answer. The city has a "serviceable" noise ordinance, and state laws govern the operations of bars and nightclubs, he said.

"We cannot mandate locally that these establishments have security personnel at all as it stands," Grubb said in an e-mail.

He said Fayetteville police officers aren't allowed to work inside bars in their off-duty hours; they can work only in the parking lot.

Huske Hardware House,

which morphs into a popular downtown nightspot on weekends, hires off-duty Fayetteville police officers to patrol its parking lot from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The patrol is just one of many steps that Josh Collins, one of the establishment's owners, said he uses to reduce problems and conflicts inside and outside. His own security force works the inside, and they get weekly training. He bans customers who wear sunglasses or gang colors.

"The effect is folks feel safe," Collins said.

Collins said more regulations aren't necessary.

"I think it's just a matter of enforcement," he said.

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InBrief

ARDEN

Club owner charged with allowing sex

A nightclub owner has been charged after investigators say he allowed patrons to openly have sex in his business, the Blu Lounge in Arden.

The Asheville Citizen-Times reported Saturday that 39-year-old Aaron Gabriel Dean of Hendersonville was charged with two misdemeanor counts of allowing sex acts at an establishment licensed to serve alcohol.

He was released on \$500 bail. Dean faces the loss of

his alcohol permit and a fine if he is found guilty.

JACKSONVILLE

3 Marines charged in theft ring

Three Marines have been arrested in connection to a car theft ring.

Onslow County sheriff's deputies said 19-year-old Aaron Jacob Lee, 21-year-old Joshua Anthony Mathis and 20-year-old Deangelo Lebron Gearing were arrested Thursday.

The Camp Lejeune-based Marines are charged with 45 counts of stealing cars and breaking into homes.

The Associated Press