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## Pee Dee Cowboy Church Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

In a release from Susan Poe: The Pee Dee Cowboy Church was established January 17, 2011, and meets at the Circle G Arena in Lilesville. The church provides a casual comfort that caters to bikers, truck drivers, farmers, and others who may not be available to worship during traditional church service times. Dress is very casual and people are greeted with a smile and warm country charm.

Service is held on Monday evenings. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. with coffee and light refreshments, and the message served at 7 p.m. A potluck meal is served at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, and the 5th Monday of the month is celebrated with a gospel sing featuring one of a variety of local artists. The arena is enclosed during the winter months and several patio heaters provide warmth.

We are celebrating our second anniversary with our First Annual Homecoming on January 21. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by special music by Gina Clark and Allison Cameron. Rev. Curtis Williams preaches the message at 7 p.m. We invite anyone who has come in the past as well as anyone who'd like to check us out to join us and see what we are about.

## Conserve Wildlife by Donating on Line 31 of Your Tax Form

Help keep North Carolina wild when completing a N.C. State Income tax form this tax season by donating on line 31. Your donation will go to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund, which helps the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission conduct research, conservation and monitoring work that benefits animals not hunted or fished — animals such as songbirds, sea turtles, eagles, salamanders, frogs, turtles and bats.

More than 1,000 nongame species call the Tar Heel state home. Many species, such as box turtles, gray treefrogs and cardinals, are common and can be found in your backyard. Others, such as sea turtles, Carolina northern flying squirrels and red-cockaded woodpeckers, are endangered and need conservation to prevent them from disappearing entirely from our state's landscape.

Over the years, projects conducted by wildlife diversity biologists have led to restoration of animals that were once considered critically endangered, such as the bald eagle and peregrine falcon. Conversely, biologists have worked with animals that aren't yet endangered, such as the box turtle, freshwater mussels and many species of songbirds, to ensure that their populations remain viable and sustainable.

In fact, much of the work biologists do today helps maintain viable, self-sustaining populations of all native wildlife, with an emphasis on priority species and habitats identified in North Carolina's Wildlife Action Plan. They have conducted numerous surveys to determine the abundance and distribution of many species across the state — from bog turtles in western North Carolina to Pine Barrens treefrogs in the Sandhills, to piping plovers along the coast. Through surveys, biologists collect data that help them determine the most effective ways to manage wildlife and their habitats, ensuring that species not only survive but thrive in a state where habitat continues to disappear at an alarming rate.

Other projects funded through tax check-off dollars, such as the Green Growth Toolbox, have made habitat more suitable for wildlife. Through the Green Growth Toolbox, wildlife diversity biologists last year provided technical guidance to more than 190 local government officials, instructing them on ways to design communities and maintain high-quality wildlife habitat while building new homes, workplaces and shopping centers.

The Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund's tax check-off donations made through line 31 of the state income tax form provide the largest and most significant source of non-federal funding for all of these projects. Every dollar of tax check-off donations the Commission receives goes to the fund, where it matches federal and other grants, or is used to pay for educational activities and wildlife-watching projects like the North Carolina Birding Trail. Because donations can be matched with federal and other grants, the Wildlife Commission can double donated dollars. For example, if you make a \$50 donation, nongame and endangered wildlife in North Carolina could benefit from \$100 of support.

Online tax preparation software, such as TurboTax, does not have numbered lines, so filers will be asked if they would like to make a donation to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. Other tax filers can also tell their tax preparer they would like to donate.

Tax season isn't the only time or way to contribute to wildlife conservation. Other ways to help North Carolina's wildlife and their habitats year-round are registering a vehicle or trailer with a N.C. Wildlife Conservation license plate and donating online at [www.ncwildlife.org/give](http://www.ncwildlife.org/give).

More information about the Wildlife Diversity Program, including projects and quarterly reports, is available on the Commission's website, [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

## Cheraw Arts Commission offers the Art of Knitting for Adult Beginners

Knitting! It's fun, challenging, fascinating, relaxing and a very popular craft, hobby and pastime. Like to try it? Ready to learn something new? Wonder what the knitting craze is all about?

The Cheraw Arts Commission is offering a 4-week series of classes for absolute beginners who have never learned or even tried to knit. MJ Martin will lead and guide a group of non-knitters from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, January 24. All supplies are provided- no stressing about yarn and knitting needles. MJ will provide materials for the samples that will be completed during the classes.

The 4 week class is for beginning adult aspiring knitters. Cost for the classes is \$75 that includes materials and instruction. The classes will be held at the Cheraw Community Center in the Burr Gallery. To register call the Cheraw Arts Commission office at 843-537-8420 ext. 12.

For those who might be interested in daytime knitting classes call the Cheraw Arts Commission. Also, there are opportunities for knitters who might want to refresh their skills. Contact the CAC for information and resources.

The Cheraw Arts Commission is supported by the United Way of Chesterfield County and the SC Arts Commission which receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Cheraw Arts Commission is located in the Cheraw Community Center - 200 Powe Street.

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## Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Old Evinrude Rowboat Motor

Today, and some of several days recently, has been warm weather here. Certainly around our area, so this reminded me of something I thought you might want to see, the picture above of a real 1915 Evinrude rowboat motor. (Allen says he remembers this...I don't!)

Really, the information that I have on this motor goes back to 1915, and

the list price then was \$110. This motor was probably one of the oldest ever used on the Pee Dee River. I am told also that the motor name was called "knuckle buster" because of the way you had to start it up, and the resulting banged up knuckles!

I really can imagine "this high rating" - it was rated at 2 horsepower at 900 rpm, and the gas tank was for one "whole" gallon!!

I thought some of the folks who "liked the water" might enjoy this boat motor, especially as compared to the motors of today. Most of those today have very high horsepower and are very "dressed up." (And your knuckles should be safe too!)

Anyway, I thought you might want to share some "early boat" spring with me - it is interesting.

Thanks for sharing our column today!

Ed