

## Yard Sale and Bake Sale Saturday

The Ladies Auxilliary of the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a combination Yard Sale and Bake Sale at the Fire Department this Saturday. Everyone is invited to come out and purchase some delicious baked goods and get some great deals. The sale starts at 7 a.m. and runs until 11 a.m.

## Home from the Hunt Campaign Urges Turkey Season Safety

With wild turkey hunting season in full swing statewide through May 12, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission's Home from the Hunt safety campaign reminds everyone to take precautions to ensure a safe and successful day in the field.

"The main consideration for turkey season - or any hunting season - is to always think twice, and positively identify your target and what is beyond it before pulling the trigger," said Travis Hunter, state hunter education coordinator with the Wildlife Commission. "A rewarding hunting experience happens only when all hunters are safe and responsible."

- The Top 5 Safety Considerations for Turkey Hunting
- Leave the area if you think another hunter is already there.
  - Alert another hunter of your presence by remaining still and saying "STOP" in a loud voice.
  - Never stalk a gobbler, which increases your chances of being mistaken for game.
  - Never wear red, white, blue or black — those are colors of a tom's head and body.
  - Make sure your decoy or harvested turkey is not visible when you transport it.

"Before shooting at a turkey, make sure that it is a legal bird," said Wildlife Officer Barry Joyce, stationed in Rockingham County. "Don't go by instinct just because you think you have spotted a turkey. Assume that every noise, movement or call is another hunter. If there is any doubt, DON'T SHOOT."

Other food hunting regulations, and don't hunt turkeys in an area influenced by bait, Officer Joyce said. He also reminded hunters to have their Big Game Report Card to register a kill promptly and properly. For more information on regulations, go to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). To report any violations, call 1-800-662-7137.

Joyce is one of nearly 200 sworn, full-time wildlife officers across the state with arrest authority for any criminal offense committed in their presence, including state and federal violations. Wildlife officers enforce hunting, trapping and inland fishing regulations and boating laws to protect the resources of the state and the safety of its citizens.

## Trying to Grow Grass? Tackling Stubborn Weeds? NC State Has an App for That

Just in time for spring landscaping, the North Carolina State University Turfgrass Program has launched the NCSU Lawn Care app. Focusing on the key categories of lawn care and maintenance, such as grasses, pest problems and irrigation, the app is a convenient, valuable tool for homeowners and commercial landscapers alike.

"When you're outdoors, whether tending your own lawn or working on a golf course, for example, our app makes it easy to access critical lawn care information right when you need it," said Charles Peacock, professor of crop science and project lead. "It also answers timely questions about situations specific to North Carolina's transitional lawn grasses."

Gleaning information from the Turfgrass Program's popular and widely-used TurfFiles website ([www.turffiles.ncsu.edu](http://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu)), the app also features a selection of "turf tips" and up-to-the-minute news alerts that address everything from turf pests to weather conditions.

"Due to the state's uncharacteristically warm winter, we're seeing warm-season grasses come in about a month ahead of schedule," Peacock said. "So we created an alert through the app that will help folks tackle this issue."

The app is available for iPhone, iPad and iPod, and an android version is in development. Users without these devices can access the app through an RSS feed at [www.lawn-care.ncsu.edu](http://www.lawn-care.ncsu.edu). Content is updated regularly by NC State Turfgrass Program faculty. With nearly 1,600 downloads in the first few weeks, plans are already in the works for version 2.0.

To download the app, simply search "NCSU Lawn Care" in iTunes, or visit [www.lawn-care.ncsu.edu](http://www.lawn-care.ncsu.edu).

## NC Wildlife Resources Commission to Survey Anglers

If you're one of more than 800,000 anglers in North Carolina who holds a current freshwater fishing license, you may have a chance to participate in a study designed to determine anglers' views of and preferences for freshwater fisheries management in North Carolina. From now until July, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is mailing a "2012 North Carolina Freshwater Angler Survey" to a random selection of 9,000 resident freshwater fishing license holders. The survey consists of 37 questions that assess the management expectations, fishing preferences, and levels of participation of freshwater anglers in North Carolina.

While the survey is voluntary, angler participation is critical. The more anglers who respond to the survey, the better information the agency will have about anglers' views of freshwater fisheries management in North Carolina.

"The Commission strongly encourages anglers who receive the survey to fill it out and return it by July 31," said Kerry Linehan, a human dimensions biologist for the Commission. "Studies like the 2012 Freshwater Angler Survey are part of the process of evaluating the state's fisheries so that the Commission can make better management decisions and improve fishing experiences for all anglers."

The Commission will use the data taken from the survey, in addition to biological data, data collected by surveying anglers on specific bodies of water, and other forms of public comment, to help it make fisheries management decisions and program modifications that, ultimately, will improve fishing opportunities for all anglers.

The final report will be available in January 2013. For more information on fishing in public, inland waters, visit [www.ncwildlife.org/fishing](http://www.ncwildlife.org/fishing).

## Letter to the Editor

### Writer Lauds Writers Conference

The 4th Annual Carolinas Writers Conference was an outstanding event. This is a gem in the writing community. Anson County and Wadesboro are fortunate to have a talented writers club willing to do the hard work of hosting along with community sponsors supporting this effort.

I will be attending many seminars, workshops and conferences, and can say with confidence that this was one of finest writing conferences I have attended. The Back Porch Storytelling at the Ansonia Theatre was an entertaining evening and a great kickoff to the Conference. I recommend this conference to anyone who has an interest in writing.

P. R. (Randy) Rayfield, Humorist, Writer, Catfish Cook

## Every Day Should be Earth Day

Earth day is the day we all look at ways we can reduce our carbon footprint. 20% of all greenhouse gases come from automobiles, so it makes sense to start there.

The rising gas prices are causing many people to buy a more fuel efficient vehicle. That is a good thing, not just for the economy. Newer vehicles get better gas mileage and produce less toxic emissions. Anyone buying a new vehicle should consider donating their older one to charity. The charity will either fix the car so that it is road worthy and passes emissions tests or make sure it is completely recycled. The money it gets will be used to further its mission.

Anyone not replacing their car can still help the environment by making it greener. Keeping it tuned up, the tires inflated and changing the air filter often will produce up to a 25% improvement in gas mileage.

A less toxic anti-freeze is now available that is 65% less toxic. New life-time wiper blades are available that are not made from petroleum based rubber. They are 100% recyclable. There are many non-toxic cleaning products for both the outside and interior of the car.

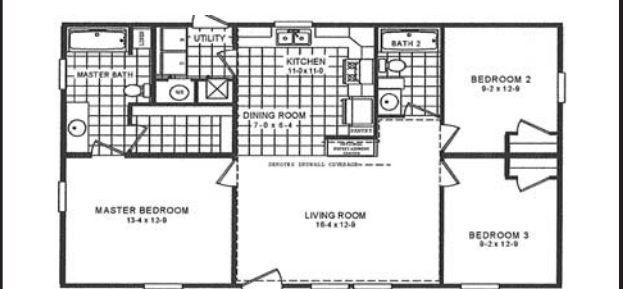
While Earth Day is a good day to concentrate on cleaning up and protecting the environment, it is a practice that should be continued everyday of the year.

## Diabetic Support Group Meets Thurs.

The Diabetic Support Group will meet on Thursdays, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. The program topic is Depression and Stress Management with speaker Shelia B. Raye, BSQP, Geriatric Adult Mental Health Specialty Team.

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