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Events

Through 10/11 – State Fair Online Ticket Sales –
www.ncstatefair.org

10/3 – AgriCultural Tourism Fall Tour – Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Center – Kinston – 9:30am

10/12-21 – NC State Fair – NC State Fairgrounds – Raleigh

10/14-16 – NC League of Municipalities Annual Conference – Crown Expo Center - Fayetteville

10/15- Water & Energy Systems Management in a Changing Climate – 4pm – McKimmon Center – NCSU, Raleigh

10/24-25 – 2007 Rural Partners Forum– North Raleigh Hilton

11/30 – Agricultural Advancement Consortium Meeting with Under Secretary Dorr –10am - Noon - NC Rural Economic Development Center, Raleigh

Events

State Fair online ticket sales under way

RALEIGH –Discounted admission and ride tickets for the N.C. State Fair are on sale on the Fair's Web site, www.ncstatefair.org. Advance tickets will be available through Oct. 11. Fairgoers buying online tickets with a debit or credit card will save \$2 per adult admission ticket and \$8 per ride sheet. Advance admission tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12. Adult admission tickets for groups of 40 or more cost \$4.75. A coupon that can be redeemed at the State Fair for a sheet of ride tickets costs \$10 in advance.

AgriCultural Tourism Fall Tour

North Carolina Cooperative Extension's Southeast AgriCultural Tourism Fall Tour will be Oct. 3. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Center, 1791 N.C. 11/55, Kinston. The registration fee of \$20 per person includes lunch and transportation during the tour. Transportation may be available from the Cooperative Extension Service in Bolivia if there is sufficient participation from this area. The registration form and itinerary is available from the Brunswick County Center and should be returned to Agricultural Tourism Project, Duplin County Cooperative Extension by Sept. 28. The highlights of the tour include css Neuse State Historic Site, windshield tour of children's garden and historical sites, Rebecca's Farm, petting zoo, organic retail shop, lunch, networking and more. For more information, e-mail Marthawarner@ncsu.edu or call Gina Britton at 253-2610.
<http://www.wilmingtonstar.com/article/20070926/NEWS/709260303/1017/SPORTS0701>

10/14-16 – NC League of Municipalities Annual Conference – Crown Expo Center - Fayetteville
<http://www.nclm.org/>

Water & Energy Systems Management in a Changing Climate

Dr. Upmanu Lall, Columbia University

4:00 pm, Monday, October 15, 2007

Jane S. McKimmon Center, NC State University

Dr. Upmanu Lall is the Alan and Carol Silberstein Professor of Engineering associated with both the Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering and the Department of Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics, and is Senior Research Scientist of the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction at Columbia University. Abstract:

Capacity provision, design and expansion in engineering systems have always recognized that water and energy demands and source mix may change with time. Infrastructure siting, scheduling and operation models have been formulated to address this situation with considerations of reliability and stochastic water and energy demands as well as water/hydropower supply. As we consider climate change adaptation, we recognize that the stochastic models used may need change as we consider nonstationarity in the climate and its influence on both supply and demand. The nonstationarity arises from both inter-annual, decadal and longer natural climate variations and from anthropogenic factors. A modeling framework under which these factors can be considered for use in system design is discussed with some examples. This seminar is free and open to the public. WRRRI will offer 1 Professional Development Hour (PDH) for engineers and surveyors. Hosted by WRRRI and Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, NC State University
<http://www.ncsu.edu/wrri/events/#ncwra>

[Web Links of Interest](#)

Land Trust Alliance

<http://www.lta.org/farmersand ranchers/index.html>

The Wilderness Society – New website called - Housing Sprawl in the Southeast - Our Vanishing Places. Watch the maps of the Southeast United States change colors from "green" to "red" between 1940 to 2030.

<http://www.tws.org/OurIssues/EasternForests/SprawlSE.cfm>

American Farmland Trust – PACE Survey

-The 2007 state and local PACE survey results are now available. To view the tables, please select from the links provided above. The tables track the progress of farm and ranch land protection programs in 21 states and 56 localities that have acquired funding and/or easements. The data in this survey is current as of January 2007, unless otherwise indicated. We have also attached a map illustrating nationwide PACE activity by state.

As of July 2007:

1. Thirty-two states have PACE activity at the state and/or local level;

2. Twenty-seven states have state-level PACE activity; and
3. Eighteen states have PACE activity at the local level.

PACE tables are available in PDF format on the Farmland Information Center Web site, <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/>.

Please feel free to copy and distribute these documents as necessary. These data are used by a variety of groups including: program managers, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff, elected officials, reporters and the general public.

2007 Rural Partners Forum -Lighting the Way Forward – October 24-25, 2007• North Raleigh Hilton -Announcement of more than \$130 million in water and sewer and other rural development grants. Launch of exciting new training opportunities & information tools for rural leaders. Inspiring presentations on what it means to lead in demanding times and how rural leaders across the country are excelling in the face of adversity. "Front Porch Stories: Lessons in Leadership" - a panel of distinguished North Carolinians will share stories of courage, humor, compassion and quick thinking from their wide-ranging experiences. An evening of food and music highlighting North Carolina's agricultural bounty and rich cultural heritage. Celebration of the Rural Center's 20 years of service to rural people and communities, made possible by those who believed in us, invested in us, worked side-by-side with us and provided enlightened guidance over the last two decades. **Online Registration Deadline: October 15, 2007 Fees:** \$110.00/person for plenary session, reception and dinner on October 24
\$75.00/person for plenary session, breakfast and lunch on October 25
\$175.00/person for both events, October 24-25 **For more registration information, contact:** Cynthia Spencer at the Rural Center. Telephone (919) 250-4314. Fax (919) 250-4325. E-mail cspencer@ncruralcenter.org. <http://ncruralcenter.org/forum2007/>

Agricultural Advancement Consortium Meeting with Under Secretary Dorr The Agricultural Advancement Consortium will be meeting on Friday November 30th 2007 10:00 amnoon at the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. They are very fortunate to have Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr as their keynote speaker. According to the US Department of Agriculture, there is more than \$1.7 trillion in equity in farmland in the United States. Under Secretary Dorr's presentation will focus on what states need to do to create low-risk investment models that will allow land-owners access to the equity built up in their farmland. This would provide a market-based tool helping to alleviate the development pressures on land-owners who are cash poor, but asset rich. Please plan to attend and welcome him. Lunch will be provided following the meeting. Please RSVP. Please contact Billy Guillet if you have any questions – 919-250-4314.

News

NCDA&CS – Hay Alert

<http://www.ncagr.com/HayAlert/>

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is making this Web site available in an effort to bring together farmers in need of hay with those who have hay for sale. If farmers have hay for sale or need hay, NCDA&CS will list their names, addresses and other pertinent information. It will then be the responsibility of the buyers and sellers to negotiate sales. If you are interested in listing your name as a buyer or seller, you can submit your information online by filling in the "Submit Your Ad" form or by calling toll-free **1-866-506-6222** weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Virginian-Pilot

Gates county commissioners oppose Navy airfield plans

Gatesville, N.C. - Amid cheers from an overflow crowd of more than 500 on Monday, Gates County commissioners opposed plans for a Navy jet practice airfield here, not far from a state park known for its ancient bald cypress and woodland wildlife. "Somebody told me, the Navy seeks the path of least resistance," said David Brown, vice chairman of the Gates County Board of Commissioners. "We're not going to be the path of least resistance." The commission's opposition is nonbinding. It was meant to show the county's resistance to hosting the airfield. The Navy announced six new possible airfield sites Sept. 18 that included two locations in Gates County, one near Gatesville in the western part of the county and another in the eastern corner near the borders of Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. The other sites include two tracts in nearby Camden County and two in the state's southeast. Surprised by the announcement, officials in Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Gates and Perquimans scrambled to call meetings with landowners and Navy officials. These new sites come in addition to five others in the state that have already been identified as possible candidates. In 2003, the Navy named one of them, in Washington County, as its preference. But powerful opposition, including that from Sen. Elizabeth Dole and Gov. Michael Easley, prompted the Navy to look at other sites. ...

<http://content.hamptonroads.com/story.cfm?story=133231&ran=239709>

Salisbury Post

Proposed development sparks farmland concerns

A proposed cluster subdivision off N.C. 150 prompted a Rowan County Planning Board member to plead Monday for a restart of the farmland preservation program. The development by Wallace Realty's Plantation Ridge Partnership will take up 197 acres, much of which is cropland. "It bothers me the amount of farmland that's being lost," said Ed Hammill, a longtime planning board member. He estimated that 100 acres of cropland will be lost. "Farmland preservation comes and goes, now it's fallen by the wayside," Hammill said. "We need to look at farmland preservation." The project, called Yorkshire Farms, won a favorable recommendation Monday evening from the planning board on a split vote. Hammill opposed it because of the farmland issue and Steve Russell voted against the development citing concern over safety of septic tanks and wells. Under the proposal, 170 lots will be developed on 119 acres. The remaining land will be devoted to open space. Senior Planner Shane Stewart said the development will use half-acre lots, which are commonplace in the county. Stewart said if planning board members are concerned about the potential for safety hazards from septic tanks, they might want to look at increasing the lot size. ...

<http://www.salisburypost.com/area/297995570681666.php>

Station offers testing of corn samples

RALEIGH -- Farmers may leave corn samples for aflatoxin testing at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station in Fletcher. Aflatoxin is a byproduct of the mold *Asperillus flavus*. It can be harmful to humans and livestock. Testing is free to farmers. A 5- to 10-pound sample of shelled corn is required for testing. Forms and bags needed for submitting samples is available at the collection site.

[http://www.hendersonvillenews.com/article/20070924/NEWS/709240308/1018/SERVICES03/NEWS/Station offers testing of corn samples](http://www.hendersonvillenews.com/article/20070924/NEWS/709240308/1018/SERVICES03/NEWS/Station%20offers%20testing%20of%20corn%20samples)

WRAL -- 9/23

Conservancy Acquires Land for Chimney Rock Park

The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy has acquired 289 acres to be added to Chimney Rock State Park.

The three new tracts of land will form a corridor between the previously acquired World's Edge property and the upper reaches of Chimney Rock Park.

North Carolina is developing Chimney Rock State Park in Rutherford County.

The park will include 996 acres the state purchased from the Morse family for \$24 million in May. The state is working with conservation organizations to buy tracts of land for the new state park.

The conservancy says the recently acquired land is home to a large number of plant and animal species and contains the headwaters of several streams. Charlie Peek of the state Division of Parks and Recreation says the land will protect the watersheds and help enlarge the boundary adjoining the 1,600-acre World's Edge tract and Chimney Rock Park.

<http://www.wral.com/news/state/story/1852296/>

News & Observer

Dole says Navy, state must cooperate on field

RALEIGH - The new slate of proposed sites for a jet practice landing field in Eastern North Carolina is good news, but little will change unless the Navy and state officials can cooperate and agree on a final location, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole said Thursday. "It's certainly a positive step," Dole told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Washington, D.C. "But it's got to be a site that is comfortable ... and is approved by the people of North Carolina." Earlier this week, the state proposed six potential locations for the outlying landing field that Navy leaders want so that F/A-18 Super Hornet jet pilots can simulate night landings on an aircraft carrier. ...

<http://www.newsobserver.com/politics/story/711143.html>

Waynesville Smoky Mountain News – Waynesville

Haywood to create farmland protection plan

Haywood County commissioners have agreed to pay for the creation of a farmland protection plan they hope will guide efforts to preserve the region's farming tradition for generations to come. The farmland protection plan will provide the first comprehensive overview of the state of farming in Haywood County, challenges farmers face, and ideas and opportunities for future agricultural endeavors. The county is one of only three in the state — along with Polk and Buncombe — currently working on a plan. Alamance County is the only county with a plan already in place.

http://www.smokymountainnews.com/issues/09_07/09_19_07/fr_haywood_farmland.html

For more information regarding the NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, please visit www.ncadfp.org or contact us at ncadfp@ncmail.net or 919-733-7125.

Charlotte Observer -- 9/24

Farmer takes another look at wind energy

Joe Weisshaar always knew the winds whipping across his family's farm could offer more than a cool breeze.

He just didn't how to harness it.

"I started going to a bunch of seminars, trying to figure out how to do this. But I was going no place," said Weisshaar, who has farmed on family land for 50 years in Creston, about 75 miles southwest of Des Moines.

That's when Weisshaar linked up with his son-in-law, a grad student with an expertise in grant writing. Finally able to navigate the paperwork, he obtained a federal grant and the Weisshaar Family Farm added an electric wind turbine in February.

"It's always been windy here," says Brian Zachary, Weisshaar's son-in-law and next-door neighbor. "It's a resource that's just been slipping away."

<http://www.charlotte.com/463/story/290688.html>

WRAL

Northeastern NC Counties Unhappy With Possible Landing Field

County leaders in northeastern North Carolina are quickly lining up against a new effort for the Navy to build a proposed landing field in their region after the state unveiled six new proposed sites this week.

The Navy is reconsidering where to build the outlying landing field because local and state political opposition grew to the military's preferred site in Washington and Beaufort counties.

Of the six new sites announced Tuesday, two each are in Gates and Camden counties, on the Virginia border.

"This could be another devastating blow to Camden County," said Randell Woodruff, the manager of Camden County, which recently scrapped plans for a large privately run landfill.

"We'd have to thoroughly review it to see what's involved here. My initial reaction is it may not be something that benefits Camden County."

Navy pilots flying F/A-18 Super Hornet jet fighters based at Oceana Air Station in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Havelock would use the landing field to simulate night landings on aircraft carriers.

<http://www.wral.com/news/state/story/1836900/>

Virginian-Pilot

Documents: Navy's assessment of potential OLF sites

Virginia officials Tuesday released the latest information from the Navy about seven sites in the state – and another seven in North Carolina – that the Navy is considering for a practice landing field. The documents pinpoint the areas that could host an 8,000-foot runway to be used day and night by Navy pilots preparing to land on aircraft carriers.

The Secretary of the Navy is expected to decide by mid-November which of the 14 sites – if any – should be formally examined. Additional analysis would take 18 to 24 months. The Navy wants to have the field in use by 2012. These documents give details of the 14 sites getting a fresh look. The documents are PDF files; you will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them. If they do not open in your browser, right-click the links to save the documents to your computer, then open them with the Reader software. ...

<http://home.hamptonroads.com/stories/print.cfm?story=133296&ran=121143>