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Duke Energy \$20 Million Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

As many as 4,000 households may be eligible for an energy makeover, courtesy of a new Duke Energy program available across the state! Through the "Helping Home Fund," income-qualified customers could receive up to \$10,000 in energy efficiency upgrades at no cost to the customers. Qualified customers will also receive information on their home's energy use and strategies to save energy. Information on participating agencies and how to apply for funds can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1CW06il>.

Playmakers presents "4000 Miles" (Apr. 1-19)

Playmakers Repertory Company presents "4000 Miles: All Roads Lead Home" by Amy Herzog. An elderly grandmother with a fading memory opens her door and her life to her wayward grandson. As an overnight couch-surf turns into an extended stay, 4000 Miles unearths surprising commonality across generations in this emotionally compelling and humor-filled drama. Special previews, April 1, 2, and 3; opening night, April 4. To purchase your tickets, call the box office at (919) 962-7529 or visit the Playmakers website at www.playmakersrep.org.

Paws4ever Adult Easter Egg Hunt (Apr. 4)

Don't let the kids have all the fun. This year, the adults get their own Easter Egg Hunt with prizes that are so much better than candy! Enjoy live music with the Blue Star Travelers, delicious refreshments and the chance to win amazing prizes such as cash, gift cards and libations! Must be 21 or older to participate. All proceeds benefit the animals of Paws4ever! Don't miss out on the fun of the hunt and the thrill of the rewards. Come see what the Easter Bunny brought you this year! <http://bit.ly/1LXKW0i>.

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County's Women Build Kick-Off Party & Information Session (Apr. 7)

Kick-off Party & Information Session 4:30-7:30 p.m., April 7 at City Kitchen at University Mall Chapel Hill. At this fun event, you will learn more about Women Build and the local family who needs our help. Come say hello to other women who are interested in the project. You will also learn more about how you (or your team) can be part of Women Build. Light bites will be served. <http://bit.ly/1McyKcj>

Jim Jubelirer's "First Fridays: Grit and Growth" (Apr. 10)

This month's webinar is part of the First Fridays Leadership Series. Grit is having both the passion and the perseverance to achieve a goal. Grit has repeatedly been shown to be a better predictor of success than intelligence, connections, willpower or self-control. The best way to develop/reinforce grit is by cultivating a growth mindset. People with growth mindsets feel that ability can be developed -- they try new challenges and learn from setbacks. This webinar will dive into the science and practice of developing grit and a growth mindset. You will also get access to online assessments to calculate your own strengths and weaknesses in these key areas. Free online webinar, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Friday, April. 10. Register at <http://conta.cc/1GUqUNC>.

UNC Science Expo! (Apr. 11)

Celebrate science street-fair style at the 5th annual UNC Science Expo! This free event features more than 100 fascinating hands-on interactive activities, demonstrations, stage entertainment and behind-the-scenes lab tours for all ages. Robotics, Google glass, 3-D printing, virtual reality, Oculus Rift, Mayan glyphs, DNA extraction, archaeologists, liquid nitrogen ice cream, genetics, sustainability and so much more! We have a rock climbing wall and Segway for the adventuresome and a small science area for the younger children. The Expo, a signature event of the North Carolina Science Festival, takes place along Cameron Avenue on UNC's campus. Food trucks and restrooms available on-site. For more information visit our website at <http://bit.ly/1BGOyOQ> or contact Terry Mitalas at (919) 843-3474 or terrymitalas@unc.edu.

Widernet 1000th Installation (Apr. 15)

WiderNet celebrates their 1000th installation! Join us at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2015 to help us celebrate our 1000th eGranary Installation. During National Library Week, let's remember the underserved populations around the world that The WiderNet Project serves. Everyone deserves access to education! We'll provide light refreshments and entertainment as well as a brief presentation about our work. Learn more about the Widernet Project here: <http://bit.ly/1FDapXv>.

SECU Family House Annual BBQ and Auction (Apr. 23)

Join host Eric Montross for our Annual BBQ and Auction, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23 to support the 2,200 families who stay at SECU Family House at UNC Hospitals each year! This year the BBQ is at The Blue Zone at Kenan Stadium. Special guests include Wood Durham and Jones Angell, along with UNC coaches and players from you favorite Tar Heel Teams. Lively music by Big Fat Gap, bbq meal donated by Rocky Top Hospitality and specialty cocktail by Gary Crunkleton. And you could win some exciting items through our live and silent auction. For more information and to get your ticket, contact Liz Buchman (919) 932-8001 or visit <http://bit.ly/1xgOjZD>.

Carrboro Farmer's Market's Kid's Seeding Giveaway (Apr. 25)

Join the Carrboro Farmers' Market and event sponsor Fifth Season Gardening Company for our annual Kids' Seedling Giveaway! Every kid should get the chance to grow something, so we are continuing our spring tradition of giving away a free tomato seedling, lovingly grown by our very own Market farmers, to any kid who comes to Market! Fifth Season will be helping out the farmers of the future with potting soil for transplanting the seedlings, and sharing growing advice with budding gardeners. Market runs from 7am-12 p.m. Event starts at 8:30 a.m. <http://bit.ly/1NguDXD>.

Jim Jubelirer's "First Fridays: Increasing Employee Engagement" (May 1)

Would you enthusiastically rehire everyone on your team? Learn how leading companies are finding, keeping, and growing their top talent in Jim Jubelirer's free webinar series 12-12:30 p.m., Friday, May 1. Register now at <http://conta.cc/19QhwjJ>.

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Kick Off North Carolina Beer Month with *Our State's* Meet the Maker Craft Beer Event

GREENSBORO, NC (March 11, 2015) — Join *Our State* as we kick off North Carolina Beer Month on April 2, 2015 with our Meet the Maker Craft Beer Event at the Great Room at Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery in Chapel Hill.

Our State editor in chief Elizabeth Hudson will host an evening event featuring Erik Lars Myers, the author of *North Carolina Craft Beer & Breweries*, and five of North Carolina's most celebrated brewers for a dynamic conversation about the craft brewery movement, their career successes and challenges, and what delights their taste buds.

VIP ticket holders will enjoy a VIP reception from 5-6 p.m. Enjoy a meet-and-greet with the brewers before the panel discussion and tasting, sip on brewtails and snack on passed hors d'oeuvres as you learn about Top of the Hill's Cask program in a discussion led by Top of the Hill Brewery co-head brewers Chris Atkins and Aaron Carracci.

General admission begins at 6 p.m. Grab a beer to enjoy during the *Our State*-led craft brewery panel discussion. Following the panel, guests will have the chance to socialize as they enjoy a casual beer tasting from the breweries. Each beer will be paired with heavy hors d'oeuvres that complement the flavors in the beer. All attendees will also take home a souvenir beer tasting glass.

Purchase tickets online at ourstate.com/events. VIP tickets are \$70, general admission tickets are \$55, and graduate student tickets are \$45. Space is limited to 150 people, so sign up today!

For questions or more information, contact Alyssa Griffith by email at agriffith@ourstate.com or by phone at 800-948-1409.

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