

### Hunting Season Is Upon Us

Hunting is a one of the favorite pastimes in North Carolina, and it is the season once again for hunters to don their blaze orange and trek into the woods on these cool fall mornings. While we are heading into muzzleloader season, it is important to not forget about regulations while you are bow hunting, according to Geoff Cantrell of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

### State Reaches Deal with Amtrak

RALEIGH --- The N.C. Department of Transportation and Amtrak announced an agreement to continue operating the Piedmont and Carolinian trains beyond October 1, 2013. Federal law enacted in 2008 required both parties to agree to new terms to continue the operation of the state-supported passenger rail service.

### NC State Gets Major Gift

RALEIGH, -- NC State Chancellor Randy Woodson announced a \$50 million gift from the Park Foundation -- the largest single contribution in NC State's 126-year history -- that will go toward permanently funding the university's prestigious Park Scholarships program.

### Bluegrass Means Big Bucks for Raleigh

RALEIGH, -- The International Bluegrass Music Association's weeklong visit to Raleigh, coupled with local and surrounding events in downtown Raleigh, is the latest major boost to the area economy. Harvey Schmitt, president of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce says it is another example of things moving in the right direction for the center city.

### Western NC Guard Unit Headed To Afghanistan

CLYDE -- North Carolina National Guard's 211th Military Police Company's mobilization ceremony was held Sunday, Sept. 22, in the auditorium of Haywood Community College in Clyde. More than 120 soldiers will deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Their mission is to conduct facility security operations at one of the major military bases there.

### Rangers Track Fall Colors

RALEIGH --- Abundant summer rainfall and cool September nights have already launched the fall foliage season in high elevations of western North Carolina state parks. For the first time, travelers can keep track of peak color as it makes its way across the state through park ranger reports available online at [www.visitnc.com](http://www.visitnc.com), according to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation.

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