

Free Stuff

Staff Reports

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FREE ASTRONOMY NIGHT: Organizers of Astronomy Night at Town Creek Indian Mound, near Mount Gilead, say Mars and Saturn will putting on quite a show Saturday. At 7:45 p.m., stargazers will have an opportunity to view both of the planets in the southeastern sky. Astronomy Night is free and open to the public.

Those interested in attending should register in advance: 910-439-6802; towncreek@ncdcr.gov. Town Creek Indian Mound is a state historic site on Town Creek Mound Road about five miles east of Mount Gilead, in southern Montgomery County between N.C. 73 and N.C 731. Site details: www.towncreek.nchistoricsites.org.

FREE COUNTRY-ROCK CONCERT: In downtown Smithfield, the 26th annual Ham & Yam Festival is going back to its country roots May 1-2: national country band Blackhawk will headline a free outdoor concert May 1 (a Saturday). The group will play at the Stevens Sausage Pavilion at the Neuse River Amphitheater, beginning at 8:30 p.m. The two-day event will also feature crafts expo, food from local restaurants and nonprofits, plus activities for the entire family. Festival details: 919-934-0887; www.downtownsmithfield.com . Staff Reports

TWOFER DEAL AT SANDERLING RESORT: The Outer Banks' only full-service resort and spa - The Sanderling, in Duck - is offering a spring break deal: book a two-night weekend getaway and get a third night free. The deal is good through April 22; it represents a savings of \$285 for a three-night stay.

The package also includes a day at the beach with all the essentials (umbrella, chairs, sunblock and refreshments) and one of the following: a tennis lesson (one per person), a Corolla wild horses guided tour, a guided kayak tour or bicycles for two.

Cost: \$285 per night (third night free), three night minimum. All activities are for two people. Additional guests can be accommodated and charged to the room bill. Taxes are additional. Details: 877-650-4812;

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