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Monthly Spotlight on-Country-Aire Rental, Inc.

Country Aire Rental, Inc. is the oldest existing tool and special events rental company east of Raleigh, NC. Since opening the first location in Morehead City in 1986, there have been tool and special events stores opened in Beaufort, New Bern and Swansboro. Also, a large warehouse which houses the special event inventory as well as setup crews was added in 2003 in Havelock. A Southern States distributor division has been added at three of the locations carrying large animal feed and tack supplies. The corporate offices were just moved this month from Morehead City to a Havelock suite of offices situated near the Party Central Warehouse.



Wendy Burke (L) and Patsy Fulcher, CEO

Our goal is to offer our customers the very best quality service available in the area. They are selling a service. In fact, their product *is* their service. With an ever-expanding rental inventory and constant challenges that come with operating a business, Country-Aire Rental excels at meeting these challenges. Through employee training, inventory development, and emphasis on quality customer service, Country-Aire Rental sets its sight on being a place where people "enjoy doing business".

Country-Aire Rental, Inc.



Country-Aire Tool and Equipment stores carry tools to serve the homeowner, the fixer-upper, and even the larger contractors. Their inventory includes small hand tools, concrete finishing equipment, earth moving equipment such as bobcats and backhoes, pressure washers, and many more items to make any job easier.

Country-Aire Special Event stores carry all types of goodies to help plan any party, wedding, festivals and large events. The staff is well trained and equipped to assist in planning weddings, parties and other special occasions.

Country-Aire Rental enjoys being part of such a wonderful and growing community. In their efforts to remain the rental company of choice in the area, our slogan is **"We will meet or beat any competitors pricing"**.

One of the highlights of the company was networking the stores through a computer system located in the corporate offices which connects all store locations and also downloads receivables directly into the company accounting system.

Country-Aire appreciates their customers and will continue to serve them with a quality inventory and the best service around!



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Destroy your data after a laptop or PDA is stolen

If your laptop or cell-phone is stolen, a criminal could have access to your credit card numbers, banking codes, and personal information. But there are services that can destroy the information. The thief still has your computer, but not your data. The software on a laptop runs continuously in the background. When the computer goes online, the service sends a signal to destroy the

data.

Tech columnist Kim Komando recommends contacting zTrace's ZControl (www.zTrace.com). If your laptop is stolen, call, email, or fax zTrace. For about \$40, zTrace will mark your laptop as stolen. When the thieves go online, files would be deleted. zTrace can also lock the keyboard and mouse and send a message to the thief.

Labor Day Celebration

On Labor Day, we honor the monumental contributions the workers of America have made. They are responsible for the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our nation.

In the beginning, Labor Day was a day of rest for people who worked physically in factories, shops, and construction. They were honored. Now, we all take credit for making our country what it is, no matter where or how we work. We're all part of it and proud to be.

New applications allow Mac users to run PC programs

Two new programs will let Intel-powered Macs easily run Windows XP programs. Apple Computer's Boot Camp lets Windows XP run on new Intel-powered Macs. To try it, just download the free test version from Apple's site. With Boot Camp, you can start up your iMac, Mac mini desktop, or MacBook laptop in Windows rather than Mac OS X. You have to reboot every time you want to switch between the two operating systems, but you'll end up with a PC that runs everything. If you don't want to restart, Parallel's software lets you run Windows and Mac programs at the same time. It's called Workstation. It's for those who enjoy the Mac

experience but need to access some programs that aren't available for the Mac. The program, available in a free test version, creates "virtual machines," using software with a single computer. This explains its ability to multitask Windows and OS X. Once the test period is over, Parallel's Workstation sells for \$49. Intel Macs do not come with Windows installed so Mac users will have to buy the operating system. Windows must be registered with Microsoft. Unless you're willing to lie and cheat, Business Week's tech expert Stephen Wildstrom reminds you that you will require a legitimate Windows license. XP's Pro version lists for about \$309. The Home edi-

tion is about \$209. You can find copies for substantially less, but they won't work as well. Wildstrom notes that, "The ability to run Windows on the new Macs is frosting on an already tasty cake."

Notable Quotes

"It is in moments of decision that your destiny is shaped."

Anthony Robbins

"You have to take life as it happens, but you should try to make it happen the way you want to take it."

German proverb

"One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears. Listen to them."

Dean Rusk

"The state of your life is nothing more than a reflection of your state of mind."

Wayne Dyer

Bigger keyboard

If you have large fingers, limited vision, or are a hunt-and-peck typist, you might want VisiKey's Enhanced Visibility Keyboard. Its characters are 430 percent larger than standard keyboards. It measures 18.8 inches by 7 inches by 1.5 inches and includes 15 shortcut

keys for quick access to commonly used functions.

Designed to work with PCs and Macs, it costs about \$40. VisiKey also makes an Enhanced Visibility Wireless Internet Keyboard and Mouse with an optical mouse for PCs at about \$80. Visit www.visikey.net.



How good is Tiger?

Golf stuff you many not be aware of
 *Did you know that during his entire professional career, Tiger Woods has never missed a putt of three feet or less? He has won 10 major tournaments, which leaves him behind Jack Nicholas at 18, Bobby Jones at 13, and Walter Hagan with 11, but he's still young.
 * The distance at which a Tour pro will make just half of his putts and miss the other half is seven



feet.
 * The average distance men golfers say they hit an average drive is 230 yards, according to the USGA. Their actual distance, however, is 192 yards.

* The average adult golfer in the U.S. has been playing for 20 years.
 * At age 45, Hale Irwin is the oldest golfer to win the U.S. Open.



"The suspect is considered armed and carrying a five handicap."

"Tiger Woods has never missed a putt of three feet or less"

Windows Automatic Updates, what are they and why

The What:

With Windows Automatic Updates, Windows routinely checks for updates that can help protect your computer against bugs that have been found on your Operating System(OS) and new security threats. These high-priority updates are available through the Windows Update Web site (<http://update.microsoft.com>) and include security updates, critical updates, or service packs.

The Why:

If you have not turned on Windows Automatic Updates, your computer is more vulnerable to errors in the Operating System(OS) and security threats.

When you turn on Automatic Updates, Windows routinely checks the Windows Update Web site for high-priority updates that can help protect your computer against attacks. High-priority updates include security updates, critical updates, and service packs.

When you turn on Automatic Updates, you don't have to search for updates online or worry that critical fixes might be missed. Windows automatically downloads and installs them for you, using a schedule that you determine. If you prefer to download and install updates yourself, you can also set up Automatic Updates to notify you whenever any high-priority updates become avail-

able.

The Breakdown:

Security Updates: Microsoft monitors and fixes any security threat that is reported to them.

Critical Updates: Not every piece of software is perfect. Critical updates help keep your system from crashing or getting the big bad BSD (Blue Screen of Death). Have you ever had a screen that said 'an error has occurred'? Always send the report.

Service Packs: Service Packs (SP) are major changes to the Operating System (OS) that you are running. These changes help stabilize your OS.



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Lower your blood pressure

If you're on a low-sodium, low-saturated diet to lower your blood pressure, here's another factor to consider: A diet that's lower in carbohydrates and higher in plant-based proteins such as those in beans, nuts, poultry, and egg substitutes. It's called the OmniHeart diet.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston studied three diets. The OmniHeart diet was best. It reduced carbohydrates and increased protein by adding more legumes, nuts, seeds, poultry, and egg substitutes.

This diet reduced blood pressure and triglycerides, and it increased good cholesterol levels. Visit medicalnewstoday.com for more information.





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SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM

Spam has become as much of a problem over the years as viruses and spyware. Some of the spam that is received can actually lead to spyware and adware if it is opened or activated.

Your email address can get on these spam lists in many ways. Many times it is collected when you give it to websites that request it to allow you access to their site, but there are many other places that ask you for your email address, warranty registrations, employment applications, etc... Every time you give that address out there is a good chance that it will be sold to people that collect addresses for their lists.

What is the solution?

If a website requires you to confirm an email address before you can access their material, and you need to get to that site, then there would seem to be nothing to do but give them what they ask for. There is, however, a very good solution to this problem. I

advise people that inquire about this to setup an email account with one of the many free web email services available, Hotmail, Yahoo or Google mail, to name a few. Use that address for entry into websites and information requests.

Save your personal address for friends, family and business. If your current address is already getting considerable spam, there is nothing you can do to get your address off those lists. Do not click on the "remove me from mailing" box usually provided. It only confirms to the sender that the address is real and they will probably start sending you more mail at a later date.

If you are already "Spammed Up" to your limit, it is probable that the best solution is simply to change your e-mail address and notify the people that you want to have it of the new address.