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Local Businesses Share the Love to Give Seniors Joy

By Kay Whatley, Editor

Inspired by a visit her mother made to a friend at a nursing home, Susan Aceti felt a need to do *something* to bring joy to the residents. She set a plan to give them a special treat on Valentine's weekend, to give them a change from their schedule and reach out a caring hand,

Susan used her fundraising abilities to pull together businesses from Zebulon and surrounding towns to build "love bags" and plan a special giving day for the residents, and staff, at Zebulon House. Susan asked local businesses to "share the love" and they did, filling the totes in a few short weeks.



One tote will be given to each resident at Zebulon House, plus treats provided for the staff. Each resident is receiving a ThirtyOne bag full of toiletries, treats, and puzzle books. The love bag giveaway at Zebulon House is scheduled February 13, 2016, at 11am.

Local business donors include:

- Brown Bag Bagels (Wendell)
- Ray Family Farms (Louisburg)
- Wendell General Store (Wendell)
- McLean's Ole Time Cafe (Zebulon)
- Olde Heritage Builders (Zebulon)
- Barnes Collision Repair Center (Zeb.)
- Bravos Pizzeria (Wendell)
- Simple Soap and Balm (Zebulon)
- Carlie C's (Zebulon)

Additionally, these volunteers helped Susan with preparations; K-Lee Daniel, Kris Lescinsky, Darlene Richardson, Portia Walls, Angela Dorrzapf, Susan Faber, Nichole Williamson, Pat Kendrick, Beverly Clark, Dianne Pearce, Michelle Lawson, and Carolyn Williams

Zebulon House is at 551 Pony Road, in Zebulon. More information about the facility is at www.meridiansenior.com/community/zebulonhouse.

Susan Aceti may be reached at 919.426.3779 with any questions, or message her via www.mythirtyone.com/susanaceti.

Call for Nominations

*Contributed by Jo Anne Cooper,
Nashville Chamber of Commerce*

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for this year's Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

If you know of someone who has given back to their community, volunteers with local organizations/churches, or has gone beyond the call of duty for Nashville, submit their information to be considered for the award! Nominee information may be emailed to nashvillencchamber@gmail.com. The deadline to submit nominees is February 15, 2016.

The awards ceremony is set for March 3, 2016, at 7pm, at Nash Arts Center, 100 E Washington Street, Nashville. A reception "meet and greet" is scheduled just before the ceremony at 6:30pm.

News from The Grey Area

The Grey Area newspaper is online at www.greyareanews.com, with new articles and event notices posted all week long.

Special items like the Cryptogram are moving online starting in March 2016, alongside news and features, more often, for Eastern NC and beyond.

We will continue to serve the community, our readers, and local businesses, in an online-only format.

To advertise on the news website, with the passing of our founder and Sales Manager Frank Whatley, contact Shujaa, at 252.462.1682. He is one of Frank's sales team.

To submit news, information, or share local happenings, email kayw@greyareanews.com.

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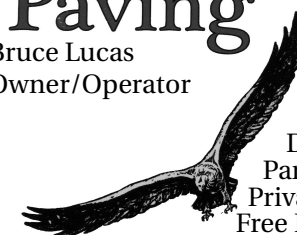
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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

02/03 Southern Farm Show -06 (February 3-6)

Over 400 exhibiting companies. Largest agricultural exposition in the Carolinas. The show hosts key industry events, & is known as the region's annual meeting place for farmers & agricultural leaders. Free admission & parking make the show a can't-miss. At NC State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, **Raleigh**.

02/05 Live Music

02/12 (Fridays @ 7:30-10:30pm)

02/19 Live music Fridays. At Show-side Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, **Spring Hope**.

02/06 Frozen Kids' Program (Feb 6 @ 10am-12pm)

Come dressed up in your favorite *cold* attire or your *Frozen* best. Live music with Cassie Marie Dunn, Tarboro TNR with a book reading, Girl Scouts, Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council providing crafts and *cold* snacks, ice cream, popsicles, sherbert, & more. Door Prizes too. At the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, 909 N Main Street, **Tarboro**.

02/06 Mommy & Me Art Session (Feb 6 @ 12-1pm)

Art, fun & light refreshments will be served. Call to sign up: 252.631.0033. At 1502 W Nash Street, Suite E, **Wilson**.

02/06 Live Music Saturdays

02/20 (Feb 6, 20 @ 7pm)

Live music some Saturday nights. At Westridge Grill, 3629 Sunset Ave, **Rocky Mount**.

02/11 Brainstormer Trivia

02/18 (Feb 11, 18 @ 7:30-10pm)

Not too hard, not too easy — just right! Team registration starts at 7:30pm & the game kicks off at 8pm. Ad hoc teams may be formed for the evening to compete against local powerhouses. At The Underground Pub, 101 E Church Street, **Tarboro**.

02/12 Parent Night Out

(Feb 12 @ 6:15-9:30pm)

For kids K-8th grade. Cost \$12/child, includes movie admission & transportation. Contact Chris Roland at 919.217.2234. At Howell Movie Theater, 141 S 3rd St, **Smithfield**.

02/22 Senior Group Movie

(Feb 22 @ 10:15am)

Movie *Black and White*, refreshments served. For senior adults age 60 & older who live in southern parts of Nash County. Contact Holly Edwards at 252.459.7681. At Mount Pleasant Community Building, 7637 Harris Rd, **Bailey**.

02/26 Kiwanis Pancake Supper -27 & Breakfast

(Feb 26 @ 5-8pm & Feb 27 @ 7:30-10am)

The Kiwanis Club of Tarboro 25th annual fundraiser. Tickets \$8 at the door, \$7 in advance through Kiwanis members. Tickets also at the Library (see Brian) or Bryan Drug. All-you-can-eat pancakes & sausage, plus juice, milk, soda, coffee. Proceeds go to Kiwanis' academic scholarships & "Meals on Wheels". At Tarboro High School, 1400 W Howard Ave, **Tarboro**.

03/05 Wilson Spring Expo

(March 5 @ 10am-5pm)

The Wilson Chamber of Commerce annual Expo. Over 100 businesses will showcase their products & services. At the Wilson Recreation Center, 500 Sunset Road, **Wilson**.

03/12 Dig In

(March 12 @ 8:15am-2pm)

Advocates for Health in Action 7th Annual Dig In! Come explore urban agriculture, community gardens & edible gardens in school/child care settings, & family garden fun. www.advocatesforhealthinaction.org. At Marbles Kids Museum, 201 East Hargett St, **Raleigh**.

03/19 Paws in the Park Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

(March 19 @ 9:30am)

First 120 dogs get a Frisbee & goody bag. Those who find the "Golden Eggs" receive prizes! Easter Bunny available for photos. Dogs must be on leash, non-aggressive & have up-to-date rabies tag or certificate. Contact megan.thornton@knightdalenc.gov. At the Ashley Wilder Dog Park, 810 North First Ave, **Knightdale**.

04/23 Bunn Fun Day 2016

(April 23 @ 10am-4pm)

Bluegrass music performed by the Franklin County band, Steady Drive. Sponsorship slots & vendor spaces are limited. Registration forms in Town Hall or email Sherry Mercer at sherryofbunn@yahoo.com. In downtown **Bunn**.

04/23 Wild Foods

(April 23 @ 10am-12pm)

All ages, come & discover edible plants that grow in our area and learn ways to prepare them. A tasty nature walk! Free. Contact 252.972.1266. Meet at the Battle Park boat ramp parking lot, 1308 Falls Road, **Rocky Mount**.

The "Things To Do in NC When You're Bored" listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to five lines of description may be included with an event. Priority is given to free, public events. Sponsor names may not be included. Event organizers may purchase regular advertising space to provide more details for events. To list your event on www.greyareanews.com, email kayw@greyareanews.com. While this is the last issue of the printed newspaper for Eastern NC, the online news continues.

FCAC Plans a Lively February

Contributed by Donna Campbell Smith

Franklin County Arts Council (FCAC) is holding a variety of events during February. Each week brings a new opportunity to participate, learn, or enjoy local art and artists.

- February 6 @ 2pm United Artist - Regional Arts Grant workshop
- February 7 @ 2:30pm Photo guild meeting
- February 13 Book event with Bob McCarthy
- February 18 @ 7pm board meeting
- February 20 @ 10:30am - 2:30pm
- February 25 Writers Guild, Open Mic

These events are being held at the FCAC Gallery, 22 S Main Street, in **Franklinton**.

For more information, visit the Franklin County Arts Council website at www.fcacarts.org.

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Adult, Young Adult and Teen Programs at Braswell

Braswell Memorial Library is located at 727 N Grace Street, in Rocky Mount. For information on the young adult or teen (YA/T) programs, contact Scott Houston at 252.442.1951 x.257. For information on adult programs, contact Kesha Joyner at 252.442.1951 x.253.

2/06 Mine Craft Basics (YA/T)

Ever wanted to try Minecraft? Here are the basics for all ages, 4-5pm in the 2nd floor Computer Lab.

2/11 Minecraft Design Club (YA/T)

Work with other teens to design and create in the world of Minecraft, 5:30-7:30pm in the 2nd floor Computer Lab.

2/12 Braswell Memorial Library/ American Red Cross Blood Drive

Held 11am-3pm in the Warner and Wiley Rooms. Adults only. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give Blood. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor Code: Braswell Memorial Library.

2/13 Writer's Fellowship

All writers and ages are welcome to attend 3-4pm in the 2nd floor Computer Lab.

2/13 Literary Latte Hour

Adult program will be held at Starbucks located inside Target. Come 1-2pm relax

and find out what's new in the library's collection or share what you have recently read with fellow book lovers.

2/18 Super Hero Genealogy (YA/T)

Join genealogy expert Monika Fleming as she traces the family trees of popular super heroes, 5-6pm in the Warner Room.

2/22 Good Reads Book Club

Adult program, will meet in the Wiley Room. This month the group will discuss the book Sycamore Row by John Grisham. Meets 10:30am-12pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Book Club, contact Kesha Joyner.

2/25 Teen Game Night (YA/T)

A variety of board, card, and computer games will be available for play with friends or family. Teens can also sign up for Minecraft in the Computer Lab. Refreshments will be provided, 5-7:30pm in the Teen Area and the 2nd floor Computer Lab.

2/27 Photography Club

Open to teens and adults. To join this new club, call Information Services 252.442.1951 Ext. 3, stop by the IS Desk on the 2nd Floor, or text-a-librarian at 252.525.4992. Meets 2-3pm in the Wiley Room.

2/27 Coloring Club

Open to teens and adults. Relax with friends, fun, and conversation. Staying in the lines is not required. Meets 3-4pm in the Wiley Room.

Nashville Chamber Holds Shrimp Boil Fundraiser

*Contributed by Jo Anne Cooper,
Nashville Chamber of Commerce*

Announcing the 2nd Annual Nashville Chamber Shrimp Boil on March 24, 2016, 7-10pm, at Nash Community College's Brown Auditorium.

Buy a ticket at bit.do/shrimpbowl, contact one of the Nashville Chamber's board members, or call 252.459.4050.

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The Strange-ness

Dutch Enlist Eagles to Fight Drone Terrorism

The Guard From Above organization, based in The Netherlands, is working with the country's Ministry of Security and Justice to protect their skies from hostile drones by sending eagles — large birds of prey — to bring down the drones.

Video at guardfromabove.com shows the eagles approaching and taking down the drones. Their scaly talons protect them from the propellers, though Guard From Above is looking into possible protective gear to further keep the eagles from injury.

Just like an eagle can bring a bird out of the sky, or grasp a fish from the water, these specially-trained eagles can stop a drone in mid air and return it to the ground. In the videos, they seem to stay on top of the drones as they would any prey.



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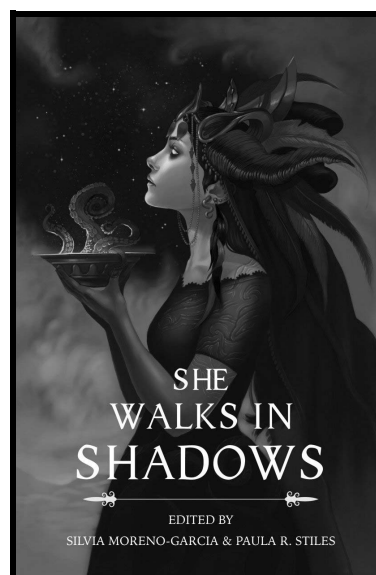
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Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote or message within the puzzle.

Hint: M = I.

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Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:
*All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander
are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots
are not reached by the frost.*
-- J. R. R. Tolkien

Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is I = R.

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Chuckle of the Issue

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting," his dad replies. "Don't talk about things like that over dinner,"

After dinner, the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug on your plate, but now it's gone."

Word of the Issue

"eternity"

Definition: Timeless, infinite, endless.

Example: "Taking a photograph is a way of holding a moment for eternity."

Quote of the Issue

Albert Pike (US Lawyer; b.1809, d.1891)

"Almost all the noblest things that have been achieved in the world, have been achieved by poor men; poor scholars, poor professional men, poor artisans and artists, poor philosophers, poets, and men of genius."

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