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**Volume 3, Number 4A
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“Dear Brothers”, a letter from Pope Benedict XVI

From the Vatican, February 10, 2013

I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today’s world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the barque of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.

Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.

For more information on this event, and updates on election of a new Pope, visit www.vatican.va.

N Wake Optimist Club Oratorical Contest

The Northern Wake Optimist Club is giving young speakers the opportunity to show their talent, and potentially win an award or an opportunity to speak publicly.

The topic, “Why My Voice is Important” must be covered in a speech at least 4 minutes but not over 5 minutes in length. March 31st is the deadline to submit applications and typed oration. Club contest date is April 7th.

District Level Prizes include \$5,000 in total scholarship given to the top three District winners. Club winners will be invited to give their oration at the club’s April 23th meeting.

The contest is open to students under age 19 — as of December 31st of the 2012-2013 school year (December 31, 2012) who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. There is no minimum age. Contact Lynn Turnage at 252.430.2535, or Barbara Timmons at 919.426.5824

Save by Buying Used Video Games? Maybe. Maybe Not.

Rumor has it that the next generation of video game consoles will be much more restrictive. Games will be tied to a specific console. Reselling games could come to be seen as a type of “piracy” and be prohibited.

In the earlier days of computer software, it was easy to use software or move it to a new computer. Or even to give it to someone else when you no longer needed it. Over time, software restrictions were built-in to avoid piracy. These days, software programs are not only not shareable, they attach to a specific computer when installed and cannot be moved to another machine without several steps to unlock, uninstall, and reinstall.

Video games have long required a cartridge, CD, or other media to be in the console for the game to play. If you didn’t have the media at all times, you couldn’t play. However, the game could be carried to a friend’s house to play, or could be sold at the local resale shop. With the large number of game resale stores around, it was easy to take in a game when you were done playing it, make a few bucks, or get credit so you could get a used game someone else had traded in there.

Gaming companies, for better or for worse, see the current system of reselling used games as problematic. When a used game is resold, no part of the resale price goes back to the gaming company. They are looking to change this.

Games coming out in the next few years will likely lock themselves to consoles in such a way that they cannot be resold or used on friends’ consoles. The goal of game manufacturer(s) is to eliminate the secondhand sales of games. Depending on how the games are modified, and the licensing put in place, gamers may have to purchase new games each time, or some used games may be available through the original manufacturer. Either way, revising the system likely will require gamers to pay more. Impact on the video game resale shops could be big, or could leave them behind as only older consoles and used games are available to sell.

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Things to Do in NC
When You're Bored

* Bunn *

**Bluegrass Music Open Jam
(February 15 & 22 @ 7pm)**
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**A Blessing Soup Kitchen Meal
(Feb. 21 & 28 @ 11:30am-12:30pm)**
Thursdays free meals served to residents in need. Collaboration of local nonprofits using donations & volunteers. Donations welcome.
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* Knightdale *

**Live Music Fridays
(February 15 & 22)**
Feb 15th: Pete Frederick. Feb 22nd: Russ James. At The Sports Page Bar & Grill, 835 N. Smithfield Road, Knightdale.
More info at www.knightdalesportspage.com.

**Wake Tech Job Assistance
(February 16 & 23 @ 11am-2pm)**
Free walk-in Career Consultation by a trained Wake Tech instructor to help you with resume & cover letter writing, job searching & more. No appointment necessary. First come, first served. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale

**Networking in Knightdale
(February 19 @ 11:30am-1pm)**
A chance to truly connect with other businesses in Knightdale. Anyone who wants to network is invited to attend. Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Tell a friend, bring a friend! Members pay for meal, non-members \$10+meal. At Applebee's, 6609 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale
Email jennifer.bryan@knightdalechamber.org.

**Northern Wake Optimist Club
(February 19 & March 19 @ 6:30pm)**
Be a part of a civic club that serves children's needs in our local community. Meeting at the IHOP, 6707 Knightdale Blvd, Knightdale.
Contact Barbara Timmons at 919.426.5824 or barbnjct@aol.com.

**Reader's Snack & Share
(February 20 @ 10 -11am)**
We provide a snack and entice your literary palate by introducing books you'll enjoy in a new librarian-led series. Share what you are reading in a casual group & come away with new reading suggestions. For adults. Held at East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale
More information, contact 919.217.5300.

**Knightdale Health & Fitness Fair
(February 21 @ 4-7PM)**
Knightdale Parks and Recreation is holding this health fair. Free family/community event. Come ready to ask questions & gain useful info from local specialists. At Knightdale Rec. Center, 101 Lawson Ridge Road, Knightdale
For more information contact Cheryl Faison at 919.217.2236.

**Optimist Club Service Projects
(February 23 & March 5)**
Feb 23rd: Partnering with Special Spaces of the Triangle to do a "room makeover" for Addie, a child fighting Leukemia. At UNC.
Mar 5th: BackPack Buddies project at Inter-Faith Food Shuttle (6:30pm)
Contact Barbara Timmons at 919.426.5824 or barbnjct@aol.com.

Supercharge your Business w/ Right Online Presence & Effective Social Media Use (February 26 @ 6-9pm)
Workshop on Social Media. Bring questions. \$20 members, \$25 non. Refreshments included. Knightdale Chamber of Commerce, 207 Main Street, Knightdale

**PWNG - Professional Women's Networking Group
(February 27 @ 11:45am-1pm)**
Professional Women's Networking Group (PWNG) is designed to help women brush up networking skills, exchange tips & ideas, & build business relationships. Lunch incl. \$10 members, \$20 non. At Knightdale Chamber of Commerce, 207 Main Street, Knightdale
RSVP by February 25th, at 919.266.4603.

* Wendell *

**Brown Bag Lunch Ministry
(February 16 & 23 @ 9:30am)**
Brown bag lunches for those in need. Personal hygiene items. At St. Eugene Catholic Church, 608 Lions Club Road, Wendell
Info at www.steugeneparish.org.

**Tuesday Morning Coffee Break
(February 19 & 26 @ 8-9am)**
Connect, have coffee or tea, & network with business owners at this Wendell Chamber of Commerce weekly event. At the Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell

East Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program (February 19 @ 6:30pm)
Come for supper at 6:30 & program follows. All invited. Historic Civil War mystery revealed. Two mysterious graves discovered near NC State Fairgrounds form the background of the presentation. At Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell
For more information, call 919.365.5206.

**Triangle Network Group
(February 20 & 27 @ 8-9am)**
Weekly meetings of local leads group. Some membership opportunities. Meet at the Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine St., Wendell
Email mpaul@wendellchamber.com for group & meeting information.

**First Friday Jazz
(March 1 @ 6:30pm)**
End the week with an evening of sultry jazz, networking, refreshments, gourmet coffee, door prizes, & lots of fun. \$5 admission. At The Kila Company, 28 N Main St., Wendell
For details, call 919.365.5003.

**Goal Setting Workshop
(March 14 @ 6-8 pm)**
Goal setting & achieving — the most effective & powerful way to improve business & life. Instructed by expert Leslie Flowers. Fee \$20 members, \$30 non. At the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, 115 N Pine St. Wendell
More details: 919.365.6318.

* Zebulon *

**Karaoke Friday Nights
(February 15 & 22 @ 9pm)**
Check out local talent or join the fun. Every Friday in the Press Box at McLean's Ole Time Cafe, 418 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
Call 919.269.0125 for more info.

**Brown Bag Lunch Ministry
(February 16 & 23 @ 10:30am)**
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes brown bag lunches to needy. Personal hygiene items too. Each Saturday at Zebulon UMC, Gannon Avenue & N Church Street, Zebulon
More info at www.zumchurch.org.

**Karaoke Saturdays
(February 16 & 23 @ 9pm-12am)**
Stop by for Karaoke Saturday nights and show off your voice! Held at Pizza Villa, 409 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon
More information, call 919.269.4777.

**Beginning Yoga Class
(February 20 & 27, March 6 & 13)**
Instructor Amy Skaggs is offering free 10am classes with Zebulon Parks & Rec. Held at Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon
For info or to register, call 919.823.0432.

**Zebulon Boys & Girls Club Celebration
(February 23 @ 6:30)**
Gospel event open to the public. Food & more. At 1320 Shepard School Rd, Zebulon.
For details, call 919.671.7453.

**National Anthem Tryouts
(March 23 @ 9am; register 8:30am)**
Sing for the Carolina Mudcats! National Anthem tryouts are coming soon. Watch for more information on the Mudcats website as the date approaches. Held at Five County Stadium, 1501 North Carolina 231, Zebulon
More info at www.carolinamudcats.com.

**Food & More for Those in Need
(Monday-Friday @ 9am-3pm)**
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes food & personal hygiene items through their Food Pantry program. Name & address only req. Go to Zebulon UMC Office (*white house*) Church Street & W Sycamore Street, Zebulon
Church online at www.zumchurch.org.

**Soup & Sandwich Meal
(Monday-Friday @ noon)**
Soup & sandwich served at no charge each weekday at noon. Those in need, just walk in to Mt Zion Holiness Church, 200 East Stronach Ave., Zebulon
For info, call the church at 919.269.7562.

* Elsewhere *

**Stepping Into the Past Series
(February 16 & 23 @ 10am-3pm)**
Workshop with museum admission. Feb. 16th: Knife making demos. Feb. 23rd: Spinning, casting & knotting. At the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church Street, Kenly
See www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

**2nd Cup Women Writers Group
(February 20 @ 9:30am)**
Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. At Full Circle Coffee Shop, 120 E Main Street, Youngsville

**Live Music in Spring Hope
(February 22 @ 7-10pm)**
Feb. 22nd: John & Mark Bunn. Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope
Info at www.showsidegrill.com.

**International Civil Rights Museum Trip
(February 23 @ 9am-8pm)**
Tarboro Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to this Greensboro NC Museum. Leaves M.A. Ray Center at 9am. Return around 8pm. Seniors/students \$6-\$8. Adults (18 & over) \$10. Meet at M.A. Ray Center, 1405 Martin Luther King, Tarboro
For more information, call 252.6414215.

**Variety Show featuring "Generations"
(February 23 @ 7:30pm)**
Country music variety show w/ bonus tribute to Conway Twitty. Small Town USA Castalia, 8928 Main Street, Castalia
For info, call 252.462.0408.

These "Things To Do..." listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to 2 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 spaces to provide more details for upcoming events.

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MUFON-NC Event
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Contributed by Israel Curiel

The Mutual UFO Network presents Scott and Suzanne Ramsey, and their investigation of the alleged UFO crash at Aztec, New Mexico. After 30 years of investigating this case, the Ramseys have published the book, *The Aztec Incident*. Scott Ramsey had originally set out to prove this case a hoax, but soon found that there was a lot more to this case than he expected. You will hear all the details of the people involved, the law suits, the FBI involvement, and the associated government scientists.

Please join us on March 16 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord NC — just 20 minutes North of Charlotte. There is a \$10 charge for this event. You can pay at the door on the day of the event.

The Meeting will be from 1-4pm. First, we will bring you up-to-date about UFO reports and trends occurring in NC. From 2-3:30pm, the Ramseys will present their investigation. The last 30 minutes of this event will be question and answer time. The audience will have an opportunity to ask the NC Field Investigators about sighting reports from our state.

The event address is 5400 John Q. Hammons Blvd, Concord NC (704.455.8200).

Stay for Dinner. This is a great opportunity to meet others who share your interest in the UFO subject, and to share personal sightings and experiences.

There will be a Skywatch in the evening, after the event. We will be in the parking lot of Embassy Suites. There will be telescopes, night vision equipment, and cameras there. You never know what you might see at these Skywatch events.

Details: www.mufon-nc.com/upcoming-events

As our UFO community continues to grow, we will bring other speakers to talk about the developments in UFOlogy. We will try to bring national speakers to North Carolina, but we need your help. When you come to these events, bring a friend or two. When we can get large numbers of attendants at our events, we will be able to bring more well-known speakers.

The Strange-ness

World’s Oldest Known
Wild Bird Hatches Chick

Contributed by Ann Bell (ann_bell@fws.gov) and Doug Staller (doug_staller@fws.gov)

A Laysan albatross known as “Wisdom” — believed to be at least 62 years old — has hatched a chick on Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge for the sixth consecutive year. Early Sunday morning, February 3, 2013, the chick was observed still-wet by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Pete Leary, who said the chick appears healthy. Wisdom was first banded in 1956, when she was incubating an egg in the same area of the refuge. She was at least five years old at the time.

“Everyone continues to be inspired by Wisdom as a symbol of hope for her species,” said Doug Staller, Fish and Wildlife Service Superintendent for the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, which includes Midway Atoll NWR.

Staff and volunteers stationed on Midway are responsible for monitoring the health of the beautiful seabirds that arrive every year by the hundreds of thousands to nest. Upon the seabirds’ arrival, field staff monitor them and gather information for one of the longest and oldest continuous survey data sets for tropical seabirds in the world.

Wisdom has worn out five bird bands since she was first banded by U.S. Geological Survey scientist Chandler Robbins in 1956. According to Staller, “Bands have literally worn out on the bird’s leg.”

Robbins estimated Wisdom to be at least 5 years old at the time, since this is the earliest age at which these birds breed. Typically, they breed at 8 or 9 years of age after a very involved courtship lasting over several years so Wisdom could be even older than 62.

“As Wisdom rewrites the record books, she provides new insights into the remarkable biology of seabirds,” said Bruce Peterjohn, chief of the North American Bird Banding Program at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, MD. “It is beyond words to describe the amazing accomplishments of this wonderful bird and how she demonstrates the value of bird banding to better understand the world around us. If she were human, she would be eligible for Medicare in a couple years yet she is still regularly raising young and annually circumnavigating the Pacific Ocean. Simply incredible.”

Peterjohn said Wisdom has likely raised at least 30 to 35 chicks during her breeding life, though the number may well be higher because experienced parents tend to be better parents than younger breeders. Albatross lay only one egg a

Shades of Grey

Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, many people think situations also have a grey area where solutions are not so easily discerned. This is not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.

Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

You’re at the local baseball game with your family, sitting up in the stands. It’s a small stadium, so you can see across and around you at most of what is going on. You see a father come in with his son and sit below you. Your 16 year old recognizes the other boy, also 16, from his class.

Over the course of the game, the father comes and goes, bringing back food for the son and beers for himself. About halfway through the game, the father starts to smoke even though it is a smoke-free stadium. You can smell the smoke, but say nothing. A little while later, the Dad leaves and comes back with two beers and gives one to his son. Both are now drinking beer and watching the game.

Do you think that, even though you let the smoking go, you would stay quiet while the father allowed his teenager to drink beer? Since your own son is with you, do you think that you are more likely to say something to the father?

News from The Grey Area

This February 15th issue includes events for late February alongside some local and far-flung news stories. While some may impact local residents, some stories are just for fun.

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The Backside



Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

A mother mouse and her baby mouse are walking through a field one day, when a cat suddenly jumps at them.

The mother mouse goes, “BARK!” and the cat runs away.

“See?” says the mother mouse to her baby. “Now do you see why it’s important to learn a foreign language?”

Quote of the Issue

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on.”

--*Robert Frost*

Word of the Issue

nonplussed

Definition: Surprised and confused to a point where you are unsure how to react. At a loss.

Example: “When the roof caved in, she was nonplussed.”

Translation of the Issue

English — “Sun”

German — Sonne Spanish — Sol

Latin — Sol Italian — Sole

Irish — Ghrian

Tsalagi (Cherokee) — ᎠᎵ “Nv-Da” (sun or moon)

Translations for variations of these words, and in many more languages, may be found in online (translate.google.com, etc.) and print resources.

Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: I = F.

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(A second hint, the man quoted is often mentioned with ‘Saint’ in front of his name.)

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*Love yourself
first and
everything else
falls into line.
You really have
to love yourself
to get anything
done in this
world.
-- Lucille Ball*

A Little Local History

Person: *Harold Dunbar Cooley* (1897-1974)

A politician with the Democratic Party, Congressman Cooley represented the Fourth Congressional district of NC from the mid-1930s through 1967. He served as Chairman of the US House Committee on Agriculture from 1949 to 1952 and again from 1955 to 1967.

An NC Highway Historical Marker placed in Nashville NC draws attention to his significance in shaping postwar federal farm policy. Cooley was a driving force in developing President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s agricultural program. Cooley backed reforms to provide for allotments, price supports, rural electrification, and soil conservation. Cooley also endorsed the “Food for Freedom” program. A quote attributed to Cooley states, “Bread and butter rather than bullets and bayonets are the most powerful weapons in our arsenal.”

In addition to the highway historical marker, the Harold D. Cooley library in Nashville NC is named after Congressman Cooley.

Place: *A North Carolina Legend*

Located a few miles outside of Bennett NC is a small piece of land known as the Devil’s Tramping Ground.

All that is visible is a barren circle in the forest, a bit off a beaten path. Nothing has grown, nor will grow, within the 40 foot ring. Even a US Geological Survey team could not find a scientific explanation for the lack of growth within the circle.

The Devil’s Tramping Ground is one of North Carolina’s oldest legends. One of the “legendary” explanations for the bare circle of ground is that the Devil spends his nights pacing around in a circle as he thinks of ways to torment human souls.

Recycling Business Opens in Wilson

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