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Franklin County Arts Council Art Stroll Draws A Crowd to Downtown Franklinton

*Released by Donna Campbell Smith,
FCAC Marketing and PR*

South Main in downtown Franklinton was bustling with activity October 2, 2014. The parking places will all filled up and people were everywhere.

It was Art Stroll night, an event started in June by the Franklin County Arts Council. The Art Stroll occurs every other month on the first Thursday and they just keep getting better and better.



On front of Johnny's on Main music was presented by the Franklin Area Community Theater group. They were singing songs from the musical, *The Sound of Music*, which they will be presenting on November 14 and 15 at the Franklinton High School.

Young and old gathered on the sidewalk later in the evening to listen to storyteller. E. Gale Buck spin some yarns! Mr. Buck explained he had the best job in the world, helping St. Nicholas as one of his Woodsmen. His job is to help everyone find the true magic of Christmas.

Franklin County Arts Council's Art Gallery and Headquarters inside Leslie Martin's Pottery Studio was the hub of the activities with a showing of Leslie's new pottery cre-

ations and art by the FCAC Gallery volunteers. People were invited to sign up for door prizes and served refreshments.

Several downtown businesses joined the fun by offering discounts or coupons during the Art Stroll hours. Johnny's on Main donated the use of his patio for the singers, displays and an art demo by Lauri Arsten, Frugal's Speedway was colorfully decorated for Halloween, *Amariah Calligraphy & Gift Shop* offered discounts on some items, and Franklin County Arts Council took the opportunity to provide information on their current projects, such as the quilt trail and the Student Arts Council.

Pamela Andrejev, FCAC Coordinator, commented, "The Franklin County Arts Council is thankful for the continued support from the community. Without the community's support we would not be able to bring these events. Their passion and willingness to support us is very much appreciated".

The next FCAC Art Stroll will be December 4, 2014, from 5:30-7:30pm.

Blood Donation Drive at Braswell Offers a Blood-y Halloween Twist

*Contributed by Scott Houston,
Braswell Memorial Library*

The Young Adult program and the American Red Cross urge you to give the gift of life, and is holding an October-themed Bloody Drive to encourage donors.

The YA program at Braswell Memorial Library is sponsoring a blood drive on October 18, 2014.

The blood drive theme is Halloween/vampires. Teens who donate blood, or bring someone to donate, will be entered in a prize drawing.

"Pay your respects" on October 18 from 12-4pm in the Warner and Wiley Rooms at Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace Street, Rocky Mount.

For more information, call Scott Houston at 252.442.1951 x. 257.

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A Paranormal Investigator

By Mike Lynn, Paranormal Chasers
Of Goldsboro NC

A Paranormal Investigator is faced with many misconceptions from the general public — what we, as Paranormal Investigators do and why we do it.

We understand misconceptions, from people that have never been faced with unexplained events in their lives. It is normal for them to feel the way they do when it comes to the Paranormal.

What a lot of people do not realize, is that some of the greatest minds in history have experienced the Paranormal. Some of those great minds have made attempts at reaching out to the things we do not yet understand — a phenomenon by which so many lives have been interrupted.

Most Paranormal Investigators have been faced with these phenomena in their lives at some point in time. These individuals become Paranormal Investigators because, like everyone else, they question what they have witnessed, and find themselves wanting to know more. They have a need to experience these things again to gain a better understanding of what they once faced. Unfortunately, not everyone will have these experiences in their lifetime. Those are the ones that will always remain skeptical.

“For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who don’t believe, no proof is possible.”

— STUART CHASE

A sad truth is that there are some Paranormal Investigators who have never experienced any phenomenon. They base everything on what they see on television and shows that they like to watch. We call them Thrill Seekers and Joy Riders. They are doing their best to become famous. These are the ones that have become a nightmare when it comes to the actual research and study of the Paranormal. They care less about the client and more about what they can get out of it personally. Unfortunately, so many clients that are truly troubled by experiences in their lives do not know the difference between one Paranormal Investigative team and another.

We, as a Team, feel it is time for a change. People need to see that there are some Paranormal Investigators who can be trusted. There are those who are very passionate and sincere, in their paranormal convictions.

We will stop at nothing, to one day prove that there is life after death.

We have come to the conclusion that for so many-Seeing is Believing. From time-to-time we ask many to join us on our investigations, to not only see and experience these things for themselves, but to also gain an understanding of what it means to be a Paranormal Investigator.

For more information on local paranormal activities, visit www.paranormalchasers.com.

The Strange-ness

Water, Not a Drop to Drink

Recent news stories point to drinking water incidents, right here in the US. These events are summarized below.

First, the stories continue regarding the Nestle company Chairman Peter Brabeck-Letmathe working to privatize bodies of water and make people pay to drink clean water. Nestle denies this.

Second, a September court ruling, which was related to Detroit residents’ water shut-offs due to non-payment of bills, determined water is not a right. A US judge ruled that people do not have a right to water, unless they pay their water bill. This is all well and good as long as the bills can be paid, but with the high unemployment in Detroit, the simple habit of paying bills has become difficult for many. Businesses and government offices have so far not been shut off for non-payments, just people.

The third story is the August impact of algae blooms on Ohio residents. Hundreds of thousands were unable to use their tap water since the water was so contaminated it could not be used. The water could not be used for drinking, cooking, or bathing! Residents were being advised not to even touch the water!

Fourth, scientists in the northwestern US are watching what is being called a *Blob* of warm water moving through the Pacific. They believe it could potentially impact reproduction of fish and ocean mammals.

Finally, lest it be forgotten, there is a drought in California that is considered the “worst drought on record.” Some areas are hoping for snow in the mountains, as most of their water comes from melting snow.

With clean water not consistently available at this point in time, only preppers will have drinking, cooking or bath water.

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 about the choices people make, and the thought process they go through to arrive at decisions.*

Consider: Submitted for Discussion

After spending time at a local event with friends, you return to the parking lot and see that your car’s front passenger window is broken. There was nothing in the car to steal, so it looks like the window might have been broken just to break it.

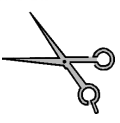
You call the police. When they arrive, it becomes apparent that more cars in the lot have windows that have recently been broken. The police take a report. You leave as they continue surveying the damage and speaking with other car owners.

A few weeks later, one of your friends calls. He tells you that his son heard kids at their high school bragging about breaking windows for fun. He has notified the police, and the kids are all being arrested.

Do you think you would feel good about the kids being arrested? Does that feel like a just ending? Would you feel differently if the kids were in elementary school instead of high school? Or do you think you would just be glad that they were caught?

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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

10/10 **Take Back the Youth Crusade (Oct 10 @ 7:30pm)**

Youth Harvest is coming! Bring youth for live music & a life-changing encounter. At Millennium Revival Center, 10209 Lois Ln, **Wake Forest**.

10/10 **Family Movie Night (Oct ober10 @ 7pm)**

Free movie & popcorn for all ages. A parent/guardian must be present for all children. Call 919.823.0432 for movie title. At the Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, **Zebulon**.

10/11 **Stepping into the Past (Saturdays @ 10am-3pm)**

Vendors demonstrate traditional skills. Oct. 11 Bluegrass /country bands performing. Activities included with \$6-8 admission. At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St, **Kenly**.

10/11 **Illusions Open Mic Night (October 11 @ 8pm-12am)**

A laid back classy atmosphere incorporated with a band, poetry, singing, & some jazz. A time to unwind, relax and enjoy! The show is \$10, \$8 for Open Mic Talent! At Joy Interior Design, 130 N Arendell St, **Zebulon**.

10/11 **Bunn Band Festival (October 11 @ 2pm)**

Bunn High School Marching Wildcats will play host to 11 local marching bands. The event is open to the public. At Bunn High School, 29 Bunn Elementary School Rd, **Bunn**.

10/11 **Wilson's Mills Pumpkin Festival (Oct 11 @ 9am-5pm)**

Free, annual event with food, music, vendors, kids' activities, antique farm equipment, kids' costume contest, & more. See www.wilsonsmillsnc.org. On 100 Railroad St, **Wilson's Mills**.

10/11 **Black Creek Heritage Day (Oct 11 @ 9am-4:30pm)**

Outside festival with 9/11 *Never Forget Mobile Exhibit* from NY, entertainment, arts, crafts & food, cannon firing, inflatables, hay rides & more. Contact Ellen E. Dawson at 252.243.3540. At 112 W Center St, **Black Creek**.

10/14 **B2B - Business Showcase (Oct 14 @ 2:30-6:30pm)**

Trade show open to the public. At Nash Community College, 522 N Old Carriage Road, **Rocky Mount**.

10/15 **Teen Movie Night (October 15 @ 6pm)**

Movie is *Warm Bodies*. At Wilson County Library, 249 Nash Street, **Wilson**.

10/16 **Crowdfunding Mini-Seminar (Oct. 16 @ 12:30-1:30pm)**

Free for adults. Register by calling 252.451.8233. Held in Bldg. B, Room 2101, Nash Comm. College Small Business Center, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, **Rocky Mount**.

10/16 **2014 North Carolina State -26 Fair (Oct 16-26)**

Features livestock, agricultural, arts/cultural exhibits, a midway & nightly musical performances. www.ncstatefair.org. Admission \$4-\$9. At NC State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd, **Raleigh**.

10/17 **Lobster Sale (October 17 @ 2-6pm)**

Live or cooked Maine lobsters, \$17 each. Funds raised help Community Soup Kitchen of Wilson County. At St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 202 Goldsboro St. SW, **Wilson**.

10/18 **Stepping into the Past (Saturdays @ 10am-3pm)**

See traditional skills. Oct. 18 spinning, casting & knotting. Included with \$6-8 admission. At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St, **Kenly**.

10/18 **Scaremongers' Showcase (Oct 18 @ 3:30pm)**

Holiday stories for kids ages 3-9. Costumes welcome. At Wilson County Public Library, 249 Nash Street W, **Wilson**.

10/21 **Free Computer Classes (October 21)**

Free "Computer Basics" class 1-2:30pm, & free "Email Basics" class 4-5:30pm. Contact 252.237.5355 for info. At Wilson County Library, 249 Nash Street, **Wilson**.

10/24 **Coffee With a Cop (Oct. 24 @ 9am-10am)**

Stop by to chat with officers & neighbors. At My Sister's House, 207 W Washington St, **Nashville**.

10/25 **Frankenfest on Main (October 25 @ 10am-4pm)**

Street vendors with a variety of crafts, art, food. Public can vote on art at the FCAC show in the FCAC Gallery & Leslie Martin Pottery Studio. Festival in downtown **Franklinton**.

10/25 **Stepping into the Past (Saturdays @ 10am-3pm)**

Vendors show traditional skills. Oct. 25 storyteller/humorist tells tall tales & ghost stories. Included with \$6-8 admission. At Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St, **Kenly**.

10/26 **Historic Home Walking Tour (October 26 @ 2pm)**

Walking tour from Louisburg College guided by Maurice C. York. Ends at Franklin Male Academy building with hot chocolate & donuts, finishing the tour with the second floor exhibit. Starts at 501 N Main St., **Louisburg**.

10/31 **Free Outdoor Movie (Oct 31 @ 6:15-8pm)**

Showing of movie, *Hotel Transylvania*. At Glover Park Memorial Dr, 1434 First St, **Nashville**.

11/01 **Holiday Fair (November 1 @ 9am-1pm)**

Shop for the holidays. Local vendors gathered in one location for the day, providing easy access to variety of products. Free to the public. (To vend, contact Michelle Wester at 919.217.2232.) At the Knightdale Recreation Center, 102 Lawson Ridge Road, **Knightdale**.

11/01 **Wilson Whirligig Festival -02 (November 1-2)**

3 stages of entertainment, Arts & Crafts, Food vendors, kids activities, & much more! In **Downtown Wilson**.

These "Things To Do..." listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to 5 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.

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Local Attractions Offer Harvest Fun, Halloween Scares

By Kay Whatley, Editor



Eastern NC attraction owners are geared up for fall, with a variety of Halloween frights and harvest delights.

Below is a little information on multiple local options. *For best experience, double-check an attraction's online schedule before heading out for fun.*

Clayton Fear Farm

1620 Loop Road, Clayton
www.claytonfearfarm.com

Detailed schedules on their website for daytime and nighttime activities.

Clayton Fear Farm Daytime offers Halloween and fall family fun. Attractions for the family include a cotton maze, pumpkin patch, and much more. Clayton Fear Farm offers haunted, scary Halloween fun too, including multiple haunted houses, the dizzying Black Hole, and haunted cotton maze.

The farm chooses a different maze theme each year. For this season, the maze is a five-acre tribute to the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program, which has helped owner Glenn Boyette and his family through his stage 4 melanoma.

Harvested Farm Nightmares

3175 Benson Rd, Garner
www.harvestedfarmnightmares.com
KensCornMaze@gmail.com

Open October 25, 26, 31, November 1 & November 2 (dark until 11pm).

Looking for thrills, chills and things that go bump in the night? See what Harvested Farm has in store for you!

A part of Ken's Corn Maze, this attraction also offers a daytime corn maze for family fun!

Marr Branch Haunted House

2289 Garner Chapel Rd, Mount Olive
www.marrbranchhauntedhouse.com
marrbranch@inbox.com

Open through November 1.
Friday (7:30pm-until)
Saturday (7:30pm-until)
Thursday October 30 (7:30pm-until)

According to the website, *In North Carolina There Is Real Evil. It Lurks In The Darkest Shadows At A Place Called The Marr Branch.*

The haunted house is described as being high-startle, with a variety of gorey and frightening attributes — plus *insane rednecks*. This attraction has an

entire back story related to its “haunting”, which is detailed on their website.

McCoy Paintball Zombie Patrol

1947-H Progressive Church Rd, Princeton
www.mccoypaintball.com
mccoypaintball@aol.com

Open now through November 1.
Friday (7-10pm)
Saturday (7-10pm)

Shoot a paintball gun and don't get shot back! Take this haunted hay ride through a zombie-infested field. The website also says it is “glow-in-the-dark fun.”

McCoy's also offer daytime paintball for younger zombie hunters!

Nightmare Factory Haunted Attraction

29 Park Ln, Havelock
(Croatan National Forest)
www.NightmareFactoryNC.com

Open now through November 8, 2014.
Thursdays (7pm-11pm)
Fridays (7pm-12am)
Saturdays (7pm-12am)

The Nightmare Factory describes themselves as “North Carolina's Most Terrifying Haunted Attraction!” This Havelock attraction consists of eight different Halloween selections, so that visitors may choose which — and how many — scary areas to walk through, for \$5 each.

The Slaughterhouse Horror

11864 North Carolina 222, Middlesex
www.slaughterhousehorror.com

slaughtermail@aol.com

Ticket price is: \$15 for the entire experience: Haunted House, Trail, & Hayride together. The “Slaughter” house is inside, with the trail and hayride outside.

No masks, head coverings, or costume accessories are allowed, so dress accordingly. This is to avoid any confusion regarding

who is acting in the haunt and who is a guest.

Strickland Farm Trail of Terror

7346 Strickland Farm Rd (formerly Edgecombe Rd), Macclesfield
TheStricklandFarmTrailofTerror.com

Open through November 1.
Fridays (Ticket Sales 7pm-12am)
Saturdays (Ticket Sales 7pm-12am)

A long terrifying walk through a haunted forest on the farm. If you like being scared, you do not want to miss this.

Trail may not be suited for children under 12.

Darkside Haunted Estates

11875 NC Hwy 222 W, Middlesex
www.darksidehauntedestates.com

Open over 20 years, Darkside Haunted Estates specializes in bringing nightmares back to life.

They have also added new attractions for 2014. This year they introduce the Zombie Mayhem Paintball Hayride. It promises the experience of hunting down the undead along haunted trails.

Concession are available at the site, as well as a gift shop. stop by and visit what their website refers to as “the scariest, most intense haunted house attraction in North Carolina.”

Vollmer Farm Back 40

677 NC Hwy 98E, Bunn
www.vollmerfarm.com

Open weekends through November 2.
Saturdays (11am-8pm)
Sundays (11am-5pm).

The Back Forty regular Admission is \$14. For seniors (65 and up), tickets are discounted to \$10.

Vollmer offers many fun things to do! Attractions include the Great Pumpkin Jump, a Giant Underground Slide, Corn Maze, Hay Ride, Zip Line, Duck Races, and Hay Pyramid.

Saturday night is “Family Movie Night.” Upcoming movies are:

- *Brave* October 11th
- *Khumba* October 18th
- *Monsters University* October 25
- *How To Train Your Dragon* Nov. 1

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If only your name could collect frequent flyer miles. NASA is inviting the public to send their names on a microchip to destinations beyond low-Earth orbit, including Mars.

Your name will begin its journey on a dime-sized microchip when the agency's Orion spacecraft launches Dec. 4 on its first flight, designated Exploration Flight Test-1. After a 4.5-hour, two-orbit mission around Earth to test Orion's systems, the spacecraft will travel back through the atmosphere at speeds approaching 20,000 mph and temperatures near 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit, before splashing down in the Pacific Ocean.

But the journey for your name doesn't end there. After returning to Earth, the names will fly on future NASA exploration flights and missions to Mars. With each flight, selected individuals will accrue more miles as members of a global space-faring society.

"NASA is pushing the boundaries of exploration and working hard to send people to Mars in the future," said Mark Geyer, Orion Program manager. "When we set foot on the Red Planet, we'll be exploring for all of humanity. Flying these names will enable people to be part of our journey."

The deadline for receiving a personal "boarding pass" on Orion's test flight closes Friday, Oct. 31. The public will have an opportunity to keep submitting names beyond Oct. 31 to be included on future test flights and future NASA missions to Mars.

To submit your name to fly on Orion's flight test, visit: go.usa.gov/vcpz.

For information about Orion and its first flight, visit: www.nasa.gov/orion.

Released by Brian Bowman

Knightdale Police Chief Jason Godwin has announced that he is retiring from public service and making a career change to the private sector. His final day on the job was October 10, 2014.

The career law enforcement officer is credited with making substantial improvements during his time as chief; he revamped the personnel structure of the department, improved diversity within the department ranks, began the process of seeking national accreditation, and implemented a physical fitness standard for all officers.

Godwin earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Carolina University. He is also 2012 graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

"Having served as the Chief of Police for the Town of Knightdale has been

the highlight of my public sector career," said Godwin. "As I now retire from almost two decades of public service to pursue an opportunity in the private sector, I will always be appreciative of the support given to me, and the department, by town administration, elected leaders and the community as a whole. I wait anxiously to watch the great accomplishments that these fantastic officers are destined to achieve in the future."

"Jason made a lot of progress in a relatively short time," said Town Manager Seth Lawless. "He's a valuable member of our leadership team. We hate to see him go, but we're grateful for all that he has accomplished."

The search is underway for Godwin's successor. An announcement will be made publicly as soon as the decision is made.



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Dr. Nicholas' Corner: Prescription for Survival in Our Modern Times, Part 2

Contributed By Nicholas Pediaditakis,
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As I promised in the previous write-up, I will now provide you with a simple plan — and I mean simple — that is easy to apply. If you carry it out, then you will succeed to improve your mood, lose weight, walk lighter, and your doctor may decide to reduce or even stop the now-necessary medicines you may have been taking, with their so many side effects, whether for your BP, diabetes, obesity or high cholesterol. These things will all go down if you succeed in keeping with the plan. Once you start this plan and decide to stick with it, you will see the results right quick!

But I have to warn you. There are three things that will try to prevent you from starting such a simple plan or sticking with it.

One is the force of habit. Our habits will fight our free will like a cornered wild cat, as it were! Free Will does not work very well unless the danger is in front of us and we feel it like a cocked gun to our head; so, be prepared and fight back with determination. Here

is what I mean: three close friends and several patients of mine in the past were trying, with my help and advice, to quit cigarette smoking. Few did. Remember the force of habit and addictive power? Eventually many who continue to smoke developed lung cancer. Once they found out the bad news, they stopped smoking the very next day — along with their immediate relatives! Go figure!

The second problem: our culture is not helping. We have plenty of delicious, greasy foods around. So we eat them.

Third problem: often both mates work long hours to make ends meet and have no time for romance, companionship, or active hobby. Instead, we flop on the sofa and stare at the tube. We tend to routinize our lives. It is in our nature... and it is deadly. So we get bored and eat some more! We end up overweight, cobwebby, and gloomy. And we may even have a stroke.

So right from the start you have to know what you are facing. Just what you are up against and be prepared and determined to fight back. Yes, it can be done if we constantly keep in mind all the above.

Here it is: the simple plan:

Step 1 – Eat only three times a day.

Step 2 – Eat sitting down and drink water before eating.

Step 3 – Eat slowly. Double the time it took you before.

Step 4 – Eat only what you put in front of you. Do not reach out.

Step 5 – NO sugary sodas. With their six teaspoonfuls of sugar, they are deadly!

Step 6 – After eating, walk for 15-30 minutes, no matter what!

Step 7 – Start reducing bread, and add greens instead — boiled or raw.

ONE STEP AT A TIME. Add a new step only every week!

Step 8 – Get a hobby you enjoy: garden, visit an exercise place, raise an animal, start bird watching, hunt deer, etc. The sky is the limit.

It will be difficult in the beginning, but start again if you backtrack. Once the new routine will be established it will be easy to maintain as a new habit. THAT'S ALL!

Good luck. And remember: Life is not a disease, it is a wonderful adventure!

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If you would like a donation box in your business, please contact Officer Jennifer Bull at 252.459.4545 ext 228 or email Jennifer.bull@townofnashvillenc.gov.

We look forward to presenting My Sister's House with an extra large donation this year!

NCDA&CS Announces Specialty-Crop Grant Winners

Released by Jeff Camden, NCDA&CS

Nearly \$1.2 million in grant funding is to be awarded to nine statewide organizations through the federal Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announced.

The program aims to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in the marketplace. It is managed by the department and funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the 2014 farm bill.

"We're so pleased to be able to award this funding to nonprofits, universities and government agencies," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "The selected programs give a snapshot of the variety of specialty crops grown in NC."

Following are the grant recipients and their projects:

- Appalachian State University – \$45,807 to study apple production for the NC craft cider industry.
- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association in Pittsboro – \$75,790 for its local produce safety initiative and \$40,849 for its organic conservation outreach program.
- Farm Foodshare in Chapel Hill – \$25,000 for its POP Market food hub.
- NC Christmas Tree Association – \$181,007 for optimizing Fraser fir promotions.
- NC Nursery and Landscape Association – \$116,600 for promoting NC horticulture certification.
- NC Sod Producers Association – \$28,142 to enhance promotion of turfgrass sod.
- NC State University – \$125,692 to develop a muscadine clean plant program; \$48,000 to improve

black-truffle production; \$88,802 for increasing winter squash markets in North Carolina; and \$50,481 to produce a new blueberry production guide and update budgets for small and large farms because of changes in cultivar, supply and equipment costs.

- NC Vegetable Growers Association – \$100,000 for a campaign to boost awareness of NC produce.
- NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – \$93,550 to administer the grant program and ensure that grantees abide by federal and state requirements and regulations; \$89,658 for sweet-potato weevil eradication in the NC quarantine zone; and \$60,000 for the NC Good Agricultural Practices Cost Share Program.

For more information about the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, go to www.NCSpecialtyCropGrant.org.



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Chuckle of the Issue

“I hate to have to tell you this,” said the doctor in a compassionate voice, “but you have been unfortunately been diagnosed with a highly contagious disease, we will have to quarantine you, and you’ll be fed cheese and bologna.”

“That’s terrible!” Said the distraught man, quickly sitting down before he could faint. “I don’t know if I could handle being in quarantine... and the cheese and bologna diet? What’s with the cheese and bologna diet anyway? I’ve never of such a diet before?!”

“It’s not exactly a diet,” replied the doctor, “It’s just the only food that will fit under the door!”

Little Bits

Translation of the Issue

English — “vote”

German — abstimmen
Spanish — vota
Italian — voto
Dutch — stemmen
Latin — suffragium
Irish — vóta

Translations for these and many languages may be found online and print resources. Note that for some words or phrases, the context may matter. Formal, casual, and even masculine and feminine variations may be used instead.

Word of the Issue

Ragout

Definition: A mix of meat and vegetables cooked into a thick sauce.

Example: The chef prepared a pork ragout as the main dish.

Note: The pronunciation is “ræ GOO, like the brand name pasta sauce.

Quote of the Issue

Robert Louis Stevenson

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote or message within the puzzle. **Hint: K = D.**

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep.
--Robert Frost

Cryptogram Note:

For a second Cryptogram hint, email trivia@greyareanews.com or visit www.greyareanews.com.

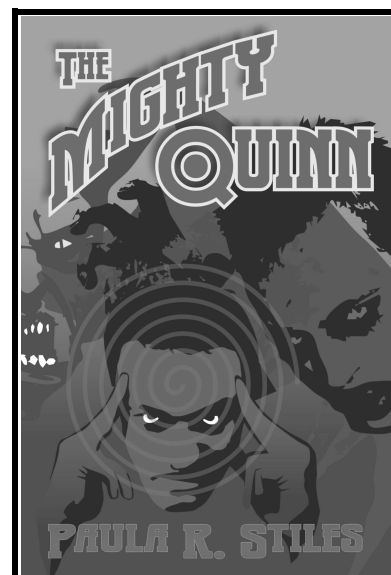


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