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Franklin County Arts Council Call to Artists for Two December Shows

*Contributed by Donna Campbell
Smith, FCAC Assistant Coordinator*

FCAC Fourth Annual Christmas at Home Art Show and Sale Takes place December 5, 2015, 10am-2pm in the historic home located at 115 N Main Street, Franklinton. There will be 18 6x6 artist spaces available. Artists must supply their own display items; the set up will be on hardwood floors, so be mindful of that regarding your display materials. Your art work must fit within the space. Christmas at Home has attracted a high turnout each year and the same is expected for this year.

Send 3 jpeg photos of your work to Leslie Martin at mudmartin@embarqmail.com by November 15, 2015. The first 18 artists who contact FCAC will be accepted for the show. Artist will be notified by November 18.

Entry fees and entry form must be sent in by November 25, payable through our website, at the FCAC Gallery, or

mail check and form to: FCAC, PO Box 758, Louisburg, NC 27549, ATTN: Pamela Andrejev.

FCAC Winter Art Show Artist reception during the Art Stroll December 3, 2015, 5:30-7:30pm. This will be a People's Choice Award evening at the FCAC Gallery/Headquarters, 22 S Main Street, Franklinton. Submit up to 4 pieces on November 20-21, 2015, 11am-5pm. Work should depict a winter theme and measure no more than 24-inches on its longest dimension. Three-dimensional art is also accepted.

For both shows, the entry fee is \$25 for FCAC members; \$50 for non-members. The non-members fee includes an individual membership, expiring at the end of November 2016.

Contact FCAC at fcacarts@gmail.com or call 919.497.6910 for further information. Both forms and guidelines may be found on www.fcacarts.org.

Train of Lights Coming to Wilson

Bring the whole family out to enjoy the holiday decorations on the historic Kiwanis miniature train. This lighted display features over 10,000 carefully displayed lights and decorations sure to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

Hot chocolate and refreshments are available to ensure a warm wait or ride! There is a cost of \$2.

The Train of Lights runs November 26, 2015, through January 6, 2016, 5:30-9pm each day.

Contact Dana Hall at 252.399.2285 or dhall@wilsonnc.org. See www.wilsonnc.org. Train of Lights is at Recreation Park Center, 500 Sunset Road NW, in Wilson.

The Strange-ness

**Creepy, Sad, or Just Humans
Having Fun: Curiosity Rover**

According to NASA, part of the make-up of NASA's Curiosity rover is the ability to sing "Happy Birthday" every year on the anniversary of its Mars landing.

The Rover celebrates its birthday on August 5. Using its Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) instruments — designed to resonate to grind soil samples of dirt to filter through for analysis — various tones are put together to create the "Happy Birthday" song and play it for poor, lonely Curiosity.

Most recently, the rover birthday was celebrated for the third time on August 5, 2015.

For more information on the Curiosity rover, the Mars mission, or NASA, visit

www.nasa.gov.



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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

11/07 Fall Festival

(Nov 7 @ 10am-2pm)

Family fun event with games & food. BBQ chicken plates for \$8/plate (11am until sold out). Pre-orders preferred, call 919.266.2373. At Knightdale United Methodist Church, 7071 Forestville Rd, Knightdale.

11/07 Whirligig Festival

-08 (Nov 7 @ 10am-5pm & Nov 8 @ 12-5pm)

Arts Festival with a home town flare! Over 200 vendors, 3 stages of entertainment, arts & crafts, food vendors, non-profits, free whirli-kidz zone, & more. Cake Dive Nov 8 at 4pm. Rain or shine. See www.whirligigfestivalnc.org. In Historic Downtown Wilson.

11/12 Brainstormer Trivia

(Nov 12 @ 7:30-10pm)

Weekly on Thursdays. Not too hard, not too easy — just right! Team registration begins at 7:30pm; game kicks off at 8pm. Ad hoc teams are often formed to compete against local powerhouses. At the Underground Pub, 101 E Church Street, Tarboro.

11/12 Let's Talk About It Film Series (Nov 12 @ 6pm)

Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form. Scholar John Herold presents film "Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker" in the 2nd floor Computer Lab. At Braswell Library, Rocky Mount.

11/13 Free Family Movie Night

12/11 (Nov 13, Dec 11 @ 7pm)

Zebulon Parks & Recreation Dept presents free movie & popcorn for all ages. Parent/guardian must be present. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon.

11/14 America Recycles Day

(Nov 14 @ 10am-1pm)

Recycle old electronics, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, unwanted pills, & documents safely & securely. Free to the public. Businesses charged for shredding. rockymountnc.gov. At Golden East Crossing Mall parking lot, 1100 N Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mount.

11/14 Feast of Plenty

(Nov 14 @ 12-6pm)

Hephzibah Baptist Church's annual opportunity to serve those in the community who are struggling & might not have a Thanksgiving Meal without help. Call Kim Lumley 919.217.0102 or Lee Dean 919.365.6543. Hephzibah Baptist Church, 1794 Wendell Blvd, Wendell.

11/14 Indoor Holiday Market

(Nov 14 @ 9am-1pm)

Get a head start on Christmas shopping with a special holiday version of Zebulon Farm Fresh Market! At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon.

11/14 Sidewalk Astronomy

(Nov 14 @ 11am-1pm)

Rocky Mount's Parks & Recreation Dept presents Sidewalk Astronomy, which provides a unique opportunities to experience daytime astronomy. Weather permitting, staff from the Cummins Planetarium operate a safely-filtered telescope that provides views of giant sunspots & features of the Sun's fiery surface. At City Lake, Rocky Mount.

11/17 Coastal Plain Beekeepers Meeting (Nov 17 @ 7-9pm)

Meeting in the Edgecombe County Auditorium, 201 St. Andrew Street, Tarboro.

11/17 College Financial Aid: Real Strategies and Solutions for Everyone (Nov 17 @ 6-7pm)

Amy Denton from the College Foundation of NC discusses college financial aid options. In Computer Lab, Braswell Library, Rocky Mount.

11/18 Gardening Series: Cacti & Succulents (Nov 18 @ 10am)

Join Master Gardener Don Aycock, and learn about how to care for beautiful and drought resistant cacti and succulents. Register by Nov 16. In Room 112, The NASH, Nashville.

11/19 Food Truck Thursdays

(Nov 19 @ 11am-2pm)

Weekday lunch option in a beautiful outdoor setting. Near the amphitheater (rain or shine), Knightdale Station Park, Knightdale.

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.

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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

You go with your family to a local festival. You're walking along the vendors, with different members of your family picking out little local items to buy.

Later, as you are all walking to the car, you're approached by a person who says he is selling raffle tickets for a local charity. You recognize the charity name, and know that there was no raffle in their festival booth.

Do you think that you would let him know that you had figured out he was a fraud? Or would you just get your family in the car and get out of there? Do you think that you would report him to the police at the event, or just head on home?

Warming the Heart of the Community

Contributed by Cindy Privette

Donate Your Gently Used Coats

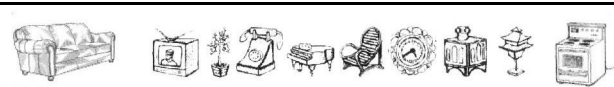
Zebulon United Methodist Church and the Brown Bag Lunch Ministry are planning their fifth annual *Warming the Heart of the Community* ministry, which will be held at the Zebulon United Methodist Church on November 14, 2015.

We will be serving free, hot food to those in need and want to be able to give each person a gently used coat, blanket, gloves, or other warm clothing. We will need your help to make this ministry a success. You can help by doing any of the following:

- Taking a few minutes to check your closets for coats, jackets, pull-overs, hoodies, etc. that you or your

children have outgrown or that you no longer need (all sizes are needed).

- Collecting gently used coats from your family, friends, and neighbors.
- Donating blankets, scarves, gloves or new socks (all sizes are needed).
- Helping us spread the word to the community about this event.
- Making a cash donation to help with the cost of the hot meal.



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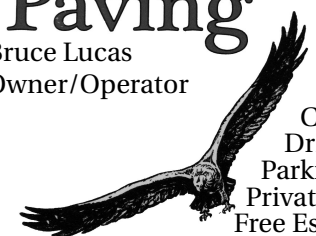
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Donations may be dropped off at the church office, located on the corner of N Church Street and Sycamore Avenue, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

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Holiday Market

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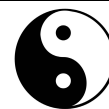
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Farm Fresh Market Location
Zebulon Community Center
301 S Arendell Ave
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Shop for the Holiday Season! Our vendors feature seasonal vegetables, honey, baked goods, canned goods, Christmas trees, mixed garland, beautiful wreaths, crèches, and other decorative greenery to decorate both in & outside your home. Local craftspeople & artists feature homemade soaps, lotions, bath salts, and scrubs, handcrafted jewelry, homemade aprons, knitted scarves and hats, yard art, signs, paintings and photography by local artists.

Live Music provided by The Jim Riche Project
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Pecan Recipe Contest



Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

At the movie theater, a young man returning to his seat tapped the arm of the woman in the seat at the end of the row. “Excuse me,” he says, “but did I step on your toe on my way out?”

“Yes, you did,” said the woman, expecting an apology.

“Oh, good,” said the young man, “then this is my row.”

Word of the Issue

“**enmity**”

Definition: A deep, bitter hatred or hostility toward someone or something.

Example: “The enmity against the group was strong, and attempts were made to silence them.”

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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: U = L.

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N A P J Y G C M

L H L P O V Q A C X

L U J L N G U U J

A C Y D U A C L O D R

P L G U U O Q G H L Y D

U D H L O D R P J L U N Y D

X L Y G C O Y Q A C X M D C L

A C Y Q A J S D P U M

U R K A U U L E G U U

Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*The family you come from isn't as important
as the family you're going to have.*

--Ring Lardner

Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is G = A.

Quote of the Issue

Yogi Berra

“If you don't know where you're going,
you might not get there.”

Search and Circle of the Issue

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L Y U K T G V F L E E U Q P B
M L A Z Q R Q U A Q A S L P S
O R I G N E P D V J V N Z V X
I R X H L L L G I P E S P S C
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