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Bailey Cafe Customers Pay It Forward

Contributed by Cullen Gurganus

The most amazing series of acts of kindness took place October 5, 2015, in the Bailey Cafe, when one small act led to more than a dozen.

A long time and loyal customer that morning stopped to pay her bill, and paid the bills for two other tables. One of those tables picked up another. Then a customer picked up two more. From that point on, customers in the Cafe paid it forward, picking up other people's bills.

According to a Bailey Cafe representative, "It made your heart sing with joy." They are grateful to

the diner who started the dominos, "It reaffirms the good in the world."

All-in-all 14 customers were affected by the generous act. It began with one person: a small gift of goodness started by one person and impacting staff and customers all day.

Zebulon Nonprofit Helps Domestic Violence Victims, Others

Contributed by Roger Brantley

The Purple Shoe Thrift Shoppe is a Non-profit organization with a thrift store in Zebulon. The shop has helped over 20 woman get to safety because of domestic violence. They also work with other local groups to care for community members of all ages.

All of The Purple Shoe Thrift Shoppe's profits go to benefit state-wide domestic violence programs. The clothes, shoes, accessories and furniture that they sell are received in donations, allowing them to raise funds without incurring significant costs.

Denise Nowell, Executive Director of the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce, said, "The Zebulon Chamber is proud to have The Purple Shoe Thrift Shoppe as an active member and contributor to our community. Domestic violence is such a dire issue and the more discussion we have, the more awareness and outreach we have."

As of mid-October, Purple Shoe has served over 1,000 people in the five surrounding counties since the one year anniversary of the opening of the Purple Cottage. They sponsor brown bag lunches, Swimming to Jesus, Jesus in the Park, and bookbag Jamboree. They also mentor kids in Poverty.

The Purple Shoe donates children's clothes and

men's clothes to Note in Pocket, and Dream Coat and SHARE for their monthly Jesus in The Park. Through SHARE, kids in public housing get clothes.

Purple Shoe also gives slightly-used furniture, clothes, lamps, tables and chairs, washer and dryers back to the community.

This year, the shoppe also partnered with DEW4Him and SHARE to donate 200 mattresses to kids living in poverty to give kids beds instead of their sleeping on floors and couches.

They also sponsor the Toys For Tots program for kids in public housing and poverty sections of Zebulon and Wendell.

The Purple Shoe Thrift Shoppe is located at 407 W Gannon Avenue in Zebulon. To donate or with questions, call the Shoppe at 919.269.0109.

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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

10/09 Eastern Carolina BBQ -10 Throwdown (Oct 9-10)

Professional cooking competition. Cash awards, trophies & plaques awarded — 58 opportunities to win. KCBS representatives present & judging starts at noon on Oct 10. Cookoff held Oct 9 & 10 as a part of the Kick Off Party & Kick Off Concert. Bring chair or blanket. Downtown **Rocky Mt.**

10/09 Heritage Day Festival -10 (Oct 9-10 @ 9am-4:30pm)

The Heritage Day Festival will take you back to an earlier time when street vendors, socialization and more were a common theme in small town America. Children's activities, food, fun & crafts from vendors, live entertainment & more. A Street Dance Oct 9 runs from 6:30-9pm with The Black Creek Band. Wilson Auxiliary Emergency Communications on hand with demos. Event is in the heart of downtown on West Center Street, **Black Creek.**

10/09 Annual International Festival of Raleigh (Oct 9-11)

Over 52 countries represented, food from around the world, non-stop stage performances, world beer tasting, bands, kids' activities, cooking demo, learn dance, world coffees, art, cultural booths & bazaars. At 500 S. Salisbury St., **Raleigh.**

10/10 Public Power & Public Natural Gas Week Celebration (October 10 @ 10am-6pm)

Celebrate by visiting the RMPU exhibit during the BBQ Throw Down. There will be lots of fun activities for adults & kids. All activities free to the public. Contact Amy Blanton at 252.972.1269. At Utilities Annex building parking lot, on the corner of Nash Street & S Church Street, **Rocky Mount.**

10/10 Stepping Into The Past 10/17 (Oct 10 & 17 @ 10am)

Demos until 3pm, with paid admission. Oct 10: Bluegrass and Country music. Oct 17: Basket Weaving. At The Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church Street, US Hwy 301 N, **Kenly.**

10/10 Extension Garden Seminar (Oct 10 @ 10-11:30am)

Raised Beds; If you build them the Veggies Will Come free class covers the advantages of raised bed gardening, including recommendations on locating, preparing, sizing & constructing the bed. Helpful tips on using journals. Potential problems & pitfalls. Presenter Doug Roach, Durham County Extension Volunteer Master Gardener. To register (required), email ann3dgc@gmail.com or call 919.384.7526. At Durham Garden Center, 4536 Hillsborough Road, **Durham.**

10/13 Zebulon Night Out (October 13 @ 6-9pm)

The Zebulon Police and Fire Departments, along with other town departments are hosting Zebulon Night Out! The event includes free food, entertainment, games, educational talks, & more! At Town of Zebulon Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave, **Zebulon.**

10/16 An Evening of Mystery & Imagination

(Oct 16 @ 6:30-9pm)

Fundraiser featuring wine & cheese & a live performance of Tanitha Lee's classic story, *When the Clock Strikes*. \$10/ person; tickets available at the library. At Edgecombe County Memorial Library, 909 N Main St, **Tarboro.**

10/17 Get Along With Gravity: Natural Pain Relief And Prevention

(Oct 17 @ 3-4pm)

Is chronic muscle pain getting you down? Come and learn simple self-care steps to get rid of that muscle pain. Registration requested. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Court, **Knightdale.**

10/17 History Alive! at The Country Doctor Museum (October 17 @ 10am-4pm)

The 5th consecutive year. Draws hundreds of people to the museum campus. Family friendly event is mainly outdoors & free to all. Horse drawn carriage rides, free admission to the museum buildings, traditional music, craft vendors, food vendors, and free activities & demonstrations from visiting museums and historic sites. At The Country Doctor Museum, 6642 Peele Rd, **Bailey.**

10/20 Main Teen Movie (Oct 20 @ 6-8:30pm)

For 6th to 12th graders. Movie is *Pitch Perfect 2*. In the Assembly Room, Wilson County Public Library-Main Library, 249 Nash St. W, **Wilson.**

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10/22 Downtown Beats & Eats:

Local Showcase

(October 22 @ 6-9pm)

This is a free concert! The fun is at the Imagination Station & food trucks will be available for dinner at 6pm. Craft beer provided by The Beer Store & select wines provided by James Grey & Company. At the Imagination Station, 224 Nash Street E, **Wilson**.

10/23 Act! for Youth presents:

10/24 The Addams Family

10/30 (Oct 23, 24, 30 & 31 @ 10/31 7:30pm-9pm)

Organized by the Arts Council of Wilson. Fee \$10-\$13. www.wilsonarts.com. At Edna Boykin Cultural Center, 108 Nash St NE, **Wilson**.

10/24 The Miracle League of Franklin County Fall Festival (Oct 24 @ 6-8 pm)

Annual festival offers good food, fun and fellowship! Costumes are welcome, but not required! (Buddy help is needed.) Contact Donna Wade miracleleaguefranklincounty@gmail.com for more information! This is for *any* family with special needs members. In the Louisburg High School cafeteria, 201 Allen Lane, **Louisburg**.

10/24 Fall Festival & Car Show (Oct 24 @ 10am-4pm)

Town of Elm City annual festival and car show. Music, games, food, crafts, inflatables, entertainment, & more. Plus, the car show! Info, call 252.236.4917. In the Town of Elm City, E Main Street and N/ S Railroad Street, **Elm City**.

10/24 See Spot Read (Oct 24 @ 11am-12pm)

Practice reading to a therapy dog! Readers of all levels welcome. At Zebulon Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr, **Zebulon**.

10/24 Halloween Carnival (October 24 @ 5pm)

Free night of music, face painting, games, food, & fun. Games free. Concessions available. Contact Dana Hall at 252.399.2285 or visit www.wilsonnc.org. At Recreation Park Center, 500 Sunset Road, **Wilson**.

10/31 Halloween Hoot: Family Storytime (Oct 31 @ 10:30-11am)

Halloween themed storytime. Costumes welcome! Treats! Young children and their families are invited to participate in a 30 minute interactive program that incorporates age appropriate books, songs, and movement to nurture pre-reading skills. No registration required. At Zebulon Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr, **Zebulon**.

11/07 Whirligig Festival

-08 (Nov 7 @ 10am-5pm

& Nov 8 @ Noon-5pm)

Rain or shine. Over 200 vendors, 3 stages, Arts & Crafts, Food vendors, Non-Profit organizations, FREE! Whirli-Kidz Zone. Downtown, **Wilson**.

Learn, and Make a Pet Rock, in Rocky Mount

Contributed by Leigh White, Curator of Education, Rocky Mount Children's Museum & Science Center

Since October 1998, the American Geosciences Institute has organized Earth Science Week, a national and international week to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth.

"Pet Rocks" is an annual program put on by the Children's Museum & Science Center to celebrate Earth Science Week (Oct 11-17, 2015). Celebrate Earth Science Week by making your very own pet rock!

Participants — children ages 4-12 — may pick a rock and materials to decorate it, they will name their new pet and get a birth certificate for him/her! This learning opportunity is *free* with paid museum admission!

This year's Pet Rocks event is scheduled for October 17, 2-4pm. It takes place at the Children's Museum & Science Center, Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount.



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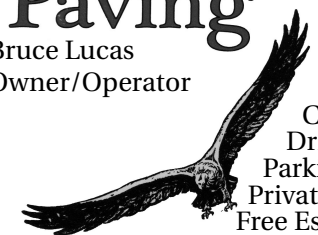
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Wet Weather, Life Struggles, Test and Bring Out The Best

Contributed by Chad and Jodi Ray,
Ray Family Farms

It has been a tough start to October here at the farm. Checking on calves in the pouring rain, walking through the mud to find a dry spot to feed pigs, drowned turkeys and chickens, and more worry than a 6" rain gauge will hold are all things we went through in the last few days.

Weathering storms is nothing we haven't done many times before. Just as in life it's the worrying part that drains you the most. The last thing we want is a calf to be born during a down pour. That's not to say death is imminent. Odds are it is not; however we did lose a calf. It was a twin. We aren't sure if she was born dead or the weather had a effect. It doesn't really matter; the pain is still the same.

Many farm friends of mine have had a tough week. It is part of our life. We find comfort in talking to one another and giving each other the support we need. The sun will shine another day.

If you ask any farmer if they could get the general public to understand one thing, I believe they would say *understanding*.

We want others to understand the love, the care, and the sacrifice the farmer makes for the animal, and the animal makes for the farmer. Most importantly we wish for people to understand the *sacrifice of both* for the consumer.

Farmers are a tough breed. I know many people — farmers or not — that are extremely tough. Our good friend Matt is battling cancer. Week after week he laces his boots up and fights the fight for himself and his family. TOUGH. My good buddy Joel works the late shift as a Raleigh policeman and volunteers at the K-9 unit on his days off to be a part of that team one day. TOUGH. The 4-H mom in her first year of teaching, after years of driving the school bus, being a TA, getting her masters degree at night, and raising 3 kids. TOUGH.

The world is full of tough people. It is almost necessary to fight, struggle, fail, almost give up, pray with all your might, and not take no for an answer to be something in this world today. If you aren't having to do those things, it's because someone who loves you very much already did it for you.

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Third Annual Photography Show Premieres at Art Stroll

*Released by Donna Campbell Smith,
FCAC Assistant Coordinator*

Franklinton's October Art Stroll featured Franklin County Arts Council's third Annual Photography Show. Ribbons and cash awards were given in three categories: color, black and white and a student class. Winners are as follows: Tammy Winkel first place and second place in the color category. Norm Richardson won first in the black and white and third in color. Katie Haynes won first and third places in the student category and third in black and white. Emma Haynes placed second in both the black and white and the student category. Pamela Andrejev won Best in Show with her photograph, Pink Bicycle.

A People's Choice Award will be presented at the close of the show on November 19. People can vote for their favorite photograph in the show by dropping by the gallery during their regular hours 10:30am until 5pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The FCAC Gallery is on 22 S. Main Street in downtown Franklinton.

Alice Osborn provide entertainment for the "strollers" with a program of music

and songs. She also introduced the group to her newest book of poems, *Heroes without Capes*. Copies of the book are for sale at the gallery.

Alice said, "This was my first time at the Franklin County Arts Stroll where I was also included as the featured artist/musician. The weather outside may have been dreary, but the food, fellowship and amazing art brought such a high level of energy! I loved meeting all of the local artists/photographers and was very impressed with all of the young artists' work. Several of the kids stayed to watch me perform and I loved having them there-art is for all ages and the FCAC does a fantastic job of giving everyone in the community a warm, colorful welcome."

FCAC sponsors the Art Stroll every other month on the first Thursday. Their aim is to introduce the arts to the community with shows and entertainment. The next Art Stroll will be December 3. There will be a new art show with a winter theme. Story teller Gale E. Buck will be the featured entertainer. The Franklinton Christmas Parade will also take place that evening. For more information about the FCAC Art Strolls and other events email FCACARTS@gmail.com or call 919.497.6910.

General Mills Issues Recall of Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios Cereal

Released by Tom Forsythe, General Mills

General Mills is voluntarily recalling several days of production of Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios cereal produced at its Lodi, California facility on certain dates in July of this year because of an undeclared allergen – wheat – with potential adverse health effects. Because this recall relates to an undeclared allergen, this is a Class I product recall.

Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios produced on these dates at the company's Lodi, California facility are being recalled because an isolated incident resulted in wheat flour being inadvertently introduced into the gluten free oat flour system at its Lodi facility. As a result, the products may contain an undeclared allergen – wheat – in products labeled as gluten-free.

General Mills will recall and retrieve affected cereals produced on those dates from customer warehouses and store shelves. Consumers with wheat allergies, celiac disease or gluten intolerance should not consume products bearing the affected code dates and should contact General Mills for a replacement or full refund.

This voluntary recall includes four days production of original (yellow

box) Cheerios, and thirteen days of production of Honey Nut Cheerios at its Lodi, California facility with specific "BETTER IF USED BY" code dates and the plant code LD which indicates the product was produced at Lodi, California. A complete list is online on www.generalmills.com.

Products containing wheat can cause illness or severe reactions for individuals with wheat allergies or celiac disease. Products containing wheat can also cause illness or discomfort for individuals with gluten intolerance.

General Mills is transitioning five varieties of Cheerios to gluten free. Cheerios and Honey Nut Cheerios cereals produced at General Mills' other facilities, or on dates other than those noted at the Lodi, California facility, are not impacted. General Mills' other gluten-free Cheerios varieties – including Apple Cinnamon Cheerios, Frosted Cheerios and MultiGrain Cheerios – are not impacted and are not being recalled. No other General Mills cereals are affected.

Consumers requesting refunds or calling with further questions should contact General Mills Consumer Services at 1.800.775.8370.



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OCTOBER 31ST FROM 5-6:15 PM

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Dr. Nicholas' Corner

The Joy of Having a Pet

Contributed by

Nicholas Pediaditakis, MD, DLFAPA

There is joy to be had in maintaining a pet. Whether it is a dog, a guinea pig, or even a super intelligent, pot-bellied, dwarf, Vietnamese pig — which competes in intelligence with the smartest breeds of dogs like the Border Collie. Pets keep us company. They remind us that we are part of a vast web of life on this earth.

Studies have shown that people retain their natural gladness of being alive better in the company of their pets. Generally, their blood pressure is much more normal, and they maintain a sense of proportion in their relationships with the other family members.

Because of a rich library of alternative genes in their genome, (i.e., coding for the same body part), we were able through selective breeding to end up with many breeds; from the fist tamed Wolf and Jackal we started with, to hundreds of breeds of dogs — from the Saint Bernard full of feelings and drooling saliva, to a keen, hyper-intense Doberman. Any of them can bring joy.

Myself, I always had a Samoyed, which is a family dog bred specifically by the Samoyed tribe in Siberia. They were living with these dogs as a family member for thousands of years. My Samoyed, Isabella has been with me for 12 years. She is available, eager, affectionate, keen to accommodate my wants, and eager to have joyous interaction and play.

I believe strongly that she “knows” that she is alive with some degree of conscious awareness as well a moral code. She talks to me — with vocalizations, expressing wants, gladness, joy, boredom, or desire to go out for her own body's needs. She is

totally dedicated to me and to the rest of my family clan.

A pet like Isabella distracts you from being self-absorbed, helps you to have a sense of proportion, a gladness of being alive, shares, cements, and reinforces the bonding between your family members.

Unfortunately, there is a downside in having a beloved pet: as they become a family member, bonded and treasured, they eventually die before their master because their lifespan is shorter. We grieve, just like losing a family member.

Isabella's mate, who was named Sam, died a few years ago and the grief was felt by the entire family.

Here is a poem I wrote, expressing my loss at this pet, a family member:

Requiem for Sam, a Samoyed

He jumped the fences of our Tribe's heart from the start.

And there he stayed the years- a faithful chronicler of our happenings and unfoldings-

his white body a moving shimmering Igloo in the northern light.

Yesterday, as the allotment for his kind came up, he died in his sleep, dreaming of the Tundra.

Now, his mate, keeping her head down, whimpers the hours in wake.

Maybe to-night, way up in the Taiga, his brother still there will howl for a while, staring at the midnight sun.

They say they always know.

Today our clan is diminished by one.

We still remember him like a family member long gone.

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Education and Resources for Small Business Owners

Released by Cameron Sargeant, Communications and Media Coordinator

Business planning, access to capital, affordable space, managing taxes, regulations or labor laws can make small businesses feel like they rarely get a level playing field. The Small Business Nuts and Bolts... Connect - Learn - Succeed event is a collaborative effort of service providers who offer programs and services in the areas of business development, one-on-one consulting, education, access to capital, and networking opportunities. These service providers constitute the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Entrepreneurial Network (REN) founded in 2005. REN is a group of professionals dedicated to increasing awareness of the little to no cost small business resources available on a local to statewide level.

Small Business Nuts & Bolts...Connect - Learn - Succeed is sponsored by the Wilson Community College Small Business Center, in cooperation with Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, in partnership with REN members. At this event, you will meet professionals who will provide one-on-one consultations and resources that can help startups and existing small business enterprises expand.

The event will be held on Thursday, October 29 from 5pm to 8:00pm at Wilson Community College, Building G, Frank L. Eagles Community Business Center, 902 Herring Avenue, Wilson, NC 27893. For registration, visit www.ncsbc.net/workshop.aspx?ekey=580350062.

The event will also include a one-hour seminar beginning at 6pm, where attendees will gain an understanding of the cash flow spreadsheet used as a budget and planning tool for businesses. Learn about business incubation with turnkey office space, access to a receptionist, and ongoing support.

Attendees may also discover the opportunities afforded by Wilson Downtown Development including grant programs, available commercial properties, and information on Historic Downtown Wilson's redevelopment projects.

There is something for all levels of business. You don't want to miss this free event designed exclusively for small business owners who are serious about beginning, expanding, and growing their small business enterprise.

Fundraisers Planned for Knightdale Church

Contributed by John Sisk

Two November events will raise funds for Knightdale United Methodist Church.

The Fall Festival at Knightdale United Methodist Church takes place November 7, 2015, from 10am until 2pm. This is a family fun event with games and food. BBQ chicken plates will be sold for \$8 per plate from 11am until sold out. Plates may be pre-ordered (preferred) by calling the church at 919.266.2373.

The second event is a Brunswick Stew Sale November 21, 2015, from 11am until sold out. Stew cost is \$8 per quart (pre-orders highly recommended). Orders and information: 919.266.2373.

Knightdale United Methodist Church is located at 7071 Forestville Road, in Knightdale.

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The Strange-ness

Drilling Rocks on Mars

*Released by DC Agle and Guy Webster,
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On Tuesday, Sept. 29, NASA's Curiosity Mars rover drilled its eighth hole on Mars, and its fifth since reaching Mount Sharp one year ago. The drilling of the hole 2.6-inches (65 millimeters) deep in a rock the team labeled "Big Sky" is part of a multi-day, multi-step sequence that will result in the analysis of the Martian rock's ingredients in the rover's two onboard laboratories - the Chemistry and Mineralogy X-Ray diffractometer (CheMin) and the Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) instrument suite.

"With Big Sky, we found the ordinary sandstone rock we were looking for," said Curiosity Project Scientist Ashwin Vasavada. "It also happens to be relatively near sandstone that looks as though it has been altered by fluids -- likely groundwater with other dissolved chemicals. We are hoping to drill that rock next, compare the results, and understand what changes have taken place."

The analyses of the Big Sky rock-powder samples by CheMin and SAM will occur over the next week. Meanwhile, the team will be turning the rover's attention and its wheels towards the second rock, where the sample analysis process will begin anew.

Curiosity is currently on the lower slopes of Mount Sharp in a region

covered in sandstone called the Stimson Unit. Two weeks ago, still in the same general vicinity, Curiosity took a pair of long-range images toward higher regions of the mountain. In the foreground -- about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from the rover -- is a long ridge teeming with hematite, an iron oxide. Just beyond is an undulating plain rich in clay minerals. And just beyond that are a multitude of rounded buttes, all high in sulfate minerals. The changing mineralogy in these layers of Mount Sharp suggests a changing environment in early Mars, though all involve exposure to water billions of years ago. The Curiosity team hopes to be able to explore these diverse areas in the months and years ahead. Farther back in the image are striking, light-toned cliffs in rock that may have formed in drier times and now are heavily eroded by winds.

"The only thing more stunning than these images is the thought that Curiosity will be driving through those lower hills one day," Vasavada said. "We couldn't help but send a postcard back to all those following her journey."

NASA's Mars Science Laboratory Project is using Curiosity to assess ancient habitable environments and major changes in Martian environmental conditions. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a division of Caltech, built the rover and manages the project for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

For more information about Curiosity, visit www.nasa.gov/msl and mars.jpl.nasa.gov/msl. You can follow the mission on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marscuriosity and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/marscuriosity.

Rocky Mount's Nationally Accredited Senior Center Celebration to Feature Senator Angela Bryant

Released by Tameka Kenan-Norman

Senator Angela Bryant will be the keynote speaker for the City of Rocky Mount's celebration to recognize the national accreditation of its senior center. The Accreditation Celebration will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the Rocky Mount Senior Center, 427 S Church Street. Speakers include Bryant, Rebecca Freeman of the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, Mary Marlin of the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging and other community leaders.

Accreditation status is bestowed by the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC), a constituent unit of the National Council on Aging (NCOA). An accreditation plaque from the NCOA/NISC will be presented to Alex Langley, Rocky Mount Senior Center manager, as part of the event.

Accreditation is unique to the senior center field and demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services to older adults. The City of Rocky Mount Senior Center is commended for effective marketing

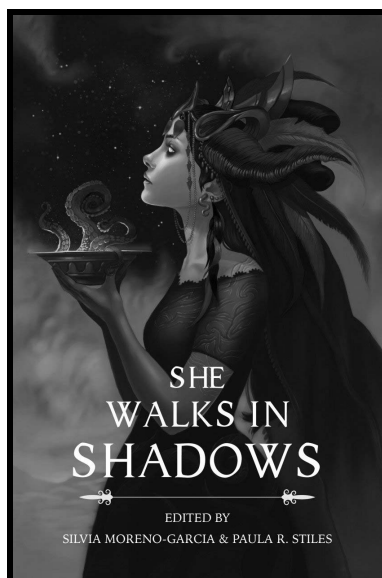
efforts, engagement with a broad array of community organizations, its leadership and its energetic staff.

NISC peer reviewer Peter Thompson, executive for Senior Center, Inc. in Charlottesville, Va., notes the respect the community has for the center and the existence of strong governance, finance and administrative standards thanks to a dedicated city team who is very knowledgeable and supportive of the center.

Kelvin Yarrell, Parks and Recreation director, says achieving and maintaining accreditation is important for the senior center and for the City of Rocky Mount.

"Accreditation greatly enhances our image and affords us the opportunity to position our city, the Parks and Recreation Department, and specifically our senior center, as leaders in positive aging," says Yarrell. "Accreditation raises the bar for all of us and ultimately legitimizes our senior center as a professionally managed, relevant and vital resource for older adults in the Rocky Mount community."

The Rocky Mount Senior Center is an entity of the municipal government agency of the City of Rocky Mount and its Parks & Recreation Department that serves adults 55 and older in the Rocky Mount area. It is the third nationally accredited senior center in the state of NC and one of only approximately 1 percent of the 12,000 senior centers in America to be nationally accredited. For more information on the City of Rocky Mount Senior Center and/or the Accreditation Celebration, contact Alex Langley at 252.972.1562. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served following the program.



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Little Bits

Chuckle of the Issue

A little boy opened the big, old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

“Momma, look what I found,” the boy called out.

“What have you got there, sweetie?” Momma asked.

With astonishment in his voice, he answered: “I think it’s Adam’s suit!”

Word of the Issue

“Pandemonium”

Definition:

A wild uproar, noisy confusion.

Example:

“After the home team scored the winning touchdown, the stands erupted in pandemonium.”

Quote of the Issue

William Gibson (American Writer, b.1948)

“Time moves in one direction, memory in another.”

Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: F = T.

F Q O R O D F F Q J Z M F S
Q S Y H S Z F S J Z Y J B O
J D O G E Q S F Q O P
G U H P O C Q O X R U P Z

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

Like a morning dream, life becomes more and more bright
the longer we live, and the reason of everything appears
more clear. --Jean Paul (Richter)

Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is S = O.

Search and Circle of the Issue

N J D A E Y D S H A A E J N H
N M C S F H W C L W L W A U K
E A U W K E X O S F B A G L D
J G M T A Y E L H N T S H D V
S C Z T U Q Z D M E P J N Q Q
C C E Z T A E Q I D F T K U Y
U R Z E I G E B W S Y R Z W I
S H L Z C S R V N N Z A S R E
O E M P D W B M T J C O J T T
Y J R U D U M S T E K N A L B
Z P O A T A B O P H E A T E R
M L V C I Y B R Z C E T Z T M
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| COLD | HEATER |
| HUGS | MUD |
| RAINY | SWEATERS |

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