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Sims Sighting

September 1st a witness in Sims, North Carolina reported sighting an unidentified flying object (UFO) above Sims.

As reported on www.mufon.com (the Mutual UFO Network), the witness spotted an egg-shaped, brightly lit object in the sky. This large object was being pursued by fighter jets. From the witness's description, the F-15 jets were pursuing the egg-shaped object at a slow rate of speed, less than 1,000 feet above the ground. During the pursuit, a second object appeared in the sky, quickly maneuvering and then streaking out of sight.

The witness described the first object as larger than a C-5 Galaxy — which is one of the largest aircraft made — and completely silent. The second object was also described as silent



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More information on this and other North Carolina UFO sightings are available online, via searchable database and



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Mudcats 2012

The Carolina Mudcats announced to fans, several months ago, that they would be joining the Carolina League for the 2012 baseball season. Moving from AA, the team will become a Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, recreating the Kinston Indians as the Carolina Mudcats.



The Kinston Indians are relocating to Five County Stadium for the 2012 baseball season. The players you know as the 2011 Mudcats are relocating to Pensacola FL to become another team.

Carolina League teams for 2011 were the Frederick Keyes, Lynchburg Hillcats, Potomac Nationals, Wilmington Blue Rocks, Kinston Indians, Myrtle Beach Pelicans, Salem Red Sox, and Winston-Salem Dash. In addition to the change of the Indians to the Mudcats, additional team changes may be pending.

Looking forward to the 2012 season, you'll be able to follow your beloved Mudcats on a much more local scale and many of the "away" games will be happening much closer than in the past.

You'll be able to continue watching great baseball right in Five County Stadium with the amenities and excitement you've come to expect from Mudcats Baseball.



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A Little Local History

Rocky Mount Station

Rocky Mount Station was originally built and opened in 1893. Over the years, the station has been part of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

Rebuilding modified the Rocky Mount Station from 1911 to 1912, more in 1916, and again in 1997-2000. In the last round of rebuilding, restoration included changing the design to reflect its history.



Owned by The City of Rocky Mount, the station today is officially the Rocky Mount Amtrak Station. Passengers can catch a train in Rocky Mount and travel across the state or all along the Eastern Seaboard.

To visit the station, head for downtown Rocky Mount and follow the train tracks to:

Rocky Mount Amtrak Station 101 Hammond Street Rocky Mount, NC



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*** Rocky Mount ***

A Lesson Before Dying (September 16, 17, 23 & 24 @ 7:30pm & September 25 @ 2pm)

According to the theatre website, "This play is a powerful and provocative story of a young African-American man accused of murder and his journey toward manhood. It also presents the parallel journey of the young school teacher who guides him on that journey." Tickets \$6-\$8.

The Booker T. Theatre, 170 E Thomas Street, Rocky Mount For details and tickets, call 252.972.1266 or visit www.imperialcentre.org.

Free Compost (September 16, 23 & 30 @ 7:30am-4pm)

Compost available from The City of Rocky Mount for residents to use in landscaping, etc.

1244 Arrow Road, Rocky Mount For more information, call 252.467.4906.

CPR Saturdays - Learn CPR for Free (September 17 @ 9am-12pm)

Free CPR classes available in Rocky Mount City Fire Stations on a rotating basis. Covers use of a defibrillator. Fire Station #6, 105 Rowe Drive, Rocky Mount More info, call the Frederick E. Turnage Chapter of the American Red Cross at 252.977.1720.

Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down (October 7-8)

Attend this official North Carolina State Barbecue Championship — a Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) sanctioned competition. Event sponsored by Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation.

427 S Church Street, Rocky Mount NC More details at www.bbqthrowdown.net.

Holiday Open House (October 22 @ 11am-3pm)

Open house with more than 20 businesses under one roof. Variety of arts, crafts, jewelry, and more on display during event hours.

Bel-Air Artisan Center, 115 S Church Street, Rocky Mount

*** Wilson ***

Traditional Zumba Classes Taught by Berto (September 17 & 24 @ 10-11am)

Come by and exercise with Zumba classes Saturday mornings. Also Monday Wednesday & Friday 6-7pm. Members \$50/month, non-members \$5/class. 306 East Nash Street, Wilson NC Info at www.kaithaiacademy.com or call 252.373.3204.

Karaoke at Chica's (September 17 & 24 @ 7-10pm)

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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

Wilson County Fair (September 20-25)

The Wilson County Fair returns this September with shows, thrills and family fun. "Fun for the Whole Herd!" More information at www.wilsoncountyfair.org.

G.R.I.T.S. The Musical (September 23 @ 7:30pm)

Arts Council of Wilson celebrates fifteen years of stellar Boykin Series performances with this musical about Girls Raised In The South. Tickets \$22.50-25.

Boykin Center, 124 Nash Street SW, Wilson NC More information at www.wilsonarts.com.

First Fridays On The Lawn (October 7 @ 6-9pm)

Enjoy live music, food and craft vendors. October bands "Brimstone" and "Big Sam". Includes inflatables, a rock wall, and a giant slide. Audience game, a dance performance (Megan's Academy of Dance).

Downtown Library Lawn, 249 W. Nash Street, Wilson NC For more info, 252-399-2200 or www.wilson-nc.com.

Wilson Whirligig Festival (November 5-6)

Enjoy food vendors, music, and entertainment! 200 W. Nash Street, Wilson NC Call the Wilson Chamber Of Commerce at 252.237.0165.

*** Zebulon & Wendell ***

Grand Opening Zebulon (September 17 @ 9am-5pm)

Business grand opening celebration with free hamburgers & hot dogs, lots of cars and gear heads!

Howden Classic Cars, 709 West Gannon Avenue, Zebulon Details 919.404.1166 or info@howdenclassics.com.

2011 International Food Festival (September 17 @ 11am-7pm)

Join Wendell for this 9th annual festival. Tickets on sales now for raffle of new Chevy Cruze. J. Ashley Wall Towne Square Wendell NC

Details at www.thefoodfestival.com or call St. Eugene Catholic Church at 919.365.7114.

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (September 17 & 24 @ 11:30am-12:30pm)

Zebulon United Methodist Church and St. Eugene Catholic Church distribute brown bag lunches to those in need each Saturday. Lunch includes sandwich, cheese & crackers, dessert, granola bar, fruit, or chips, based on availability. Personal hygiene items for families in need. Zebulon: Gannon Ave & N. Church Street Wendell: St. Eugene, 608 Lions Club Road www.zumchurch.org & www.steugeneparish.org

Family Storytime (September 19 & 26, 6-6:30pm)

Weekly story time with "books, rhymes, flannels, songs, and crafts" according to the library website.Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon Call Margaret at 919.404.3610 with questions.

Trivia Night (September 19 & 26@ 7:30pm)

Come to Pizza Villa in Zebulon for Monday night trivia. Play on a team and win prizes.
409 US Highway 64 Business W, Zebulon NC Call 919.269.4777 for more information.

Kid's Yoga with Ganel Johnson (September 21 & 28 @ 5-5:30pm)

Children learn basic yoga poses that increase balance, flexibility, and strength. Small fee (\$15-20/month). Zebulon Community Center, 301 S. Arendell Ave., Zebulon Call Zebulon Community Center for details: 919.823.0432

The 2011 Business Expo (September 29 @ 2-7pm)

The Zebulon Chamber of Commerce 2011 Business Expo will once again bring together the brightest business leaders from the most dynamic companies throughout the area. East Wake Academy Gym, Zebulon NC More info at www.zebulonchamber.org.

Canoe Trip (September 30 @ 9:30am-4pm)

Zebulon folks, take a trip down the Tar River in Rocky Mount! Group is leaving the Zebulon Community Center at 9:30am. Trip includes the following equipment: canoes, paddles, life jackets, transportation, and guides. To participate, you must register by September 20th and pay the \$10 participant fee.

Call Zebulon Community Center for details: 919.823.0432

Whitley Park Music Series (October 9 @ 4-6pm)

Listen to the music of "Clay Pigeons" at this free event. Whitley Park, 601 N Wakefield, Zebulon NC Visit www.townofzebulon.org or call 919.823.1815.

*** Elsewhere ***

Cumberland County Fair (September 15-25)

Entertainment, vendors, contests, and special events. Barnyard Review, racing pigs, helicopter rides, and more. 1960 Coliseum Drive, Fayetteville NC Online at www.cumberlandcountyfair.org.

Central Carolina Fair (September 16-25)

See shows and attractions and make memories with friends and family. Come out & enjoy the Central Carolina Fair. Coliseum Grounds, 1921 W Lee St., Greensboro Info www.centralcarolinafair.com or 336.373.7400.

Lenoir County Agricultural Fair (September 20-25)

In its 56th year, this ag fair include a midway, entertainment, exhibits from local people, educational booths, commercial booths, and lots of good fair food. 401 Fairgrounds Road, Kinston NC Call 252.643.2084 or email lenoircountyfair@gmail.com.

Pitt County American Legion Agricultural Fair (October 3-8)

Entertainment nightly, exhibits, and baked goods judging. Admission \$3-\$5, with children 4 and under free. 3910 Martin Luther King Jr Highway, Greenville NC Fair Office phone 252.758.6916 or visit pittfair.org.

2011 NC State Fair (October 13-23)

Annual event with much to do, many foods to try, barns full of animals, and contests. (May currently be hiring workers.) Many details at www.ncstatefair.org.

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Shades of Grey

What Do You Think?

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 Consideration and Conversation

Your son joins the high school basketball team. You're excited to go to the first game and see him play. Making sure your camera phone is fully charged, you head off to watch the game

Arriving early, you find a great spot from which to video. All through the game you shoot video of your son on the court, action on the sidelines, and the crowd cheering. Your son plays well, and they win the game in the last minutes.

Driving home, he is excited about the game and discussing every point and how the team rallied at the end to win. He's happy, and you are bursting with pride at his contributions to the team win.

Later that evening, you move the videos onto your computer and begin sorting through them. A few short ones you upload to social media to share with family and friends.

As you review one video of the coach talking with the team on the sideline during a time-out, you notice that your microphone captured the coach's words to the team. During the game, you hadn't noticed or perhaps hadn't been able to hear as clearly as you can on the video.

Happening late in the game, clearly you can hear the coach berating the kids on the team. He is getting in front of each kid and telling them all they are doing wrong, calling each of them worthless, and cursing at them about their performance. He uses words like "loser" and much worse. You can see the dejection and shame on the faces of the team as the coach lays into them.

What do you think of the coach's treatment of your son and the other players? You know that they rallied after this happened, and that your son was in a good mood following the game; he seemed happy. Do you think you would dismiss the coach's behavior as a "pep talk" and "effective" or would

you be upset by the negative and bullying techniques he used? Do you think you would mention it to your son outright, question him slyly about his coach, or say nothing?

What if one of the players had been injured during the last moments of the game? Would that upset you more or seem irrelevant to you?

Do you think that you would share the video online to see how others react to it? Or, feeling happy with the game win, would you secret the video away?

Lastly, do you think you would say anything to the coach, or feel too intimidated or unsure to "interfere" with his coaching of the team, even if you saw it happen again?

News From The Grey Area

This September 15th issue includes information on county fairs and other cool-weather events coming soon. This time of year is a wonderful time for rides, fair food, family time, and fresh air!

Our October issues will provide lists of haunted houses, corn mazes, and other activities related to Fall or Halloween.

In addition to reading this printed newspaper, you can keep up with local happenings via *The Grey Area* website and online social media. These include the following:



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twitter.com/#!/TheGreyAreaNC

Links to our Facebook and Twitter pages are available directly from our website, www.AboveAndBeyondLearning.com.

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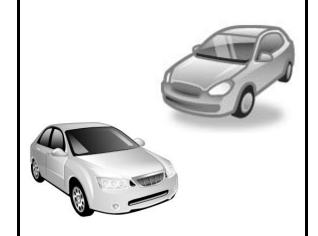
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Little Bits

Word of the Issue

Patience

Definition: The ability to tolerate discomfort or delay without

complaining or becoming upset.

Example: "She certainly has patience with that energetic child!"

Translation of the Issue

English — "school"

German — schule Spanish — escuela Italian — scuola Irish — scoil Latin — schola Dutch - school

Korean — 학교 (haggyo)

Translations for these and many other languages may be found at translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, and other online and print resources.

Quote of the Issue

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost."

Chuckle of the Issue

A pregnant woman was involved in a car accident and at the hospital she fell into a coma. When she awoke days later, she immediately saw that she was no longer pregnant, and asked, "Doctor, what happened to my baby!"

The doctor replied, "Calm down, everything is fine. Ma'am, you've had twins! You're the proud mother of a healthy baby boy and baby girl."

The doctor continued, "Also, you should know that while you were in a coma, your brother named the children for you."

"Oh, no!" shrieked the woman. "Not my brother! He's such a joker, if you know what I mean. What names did he give them?"

"Well, ma'am, your brother named your daughter Denise," said the doctor.

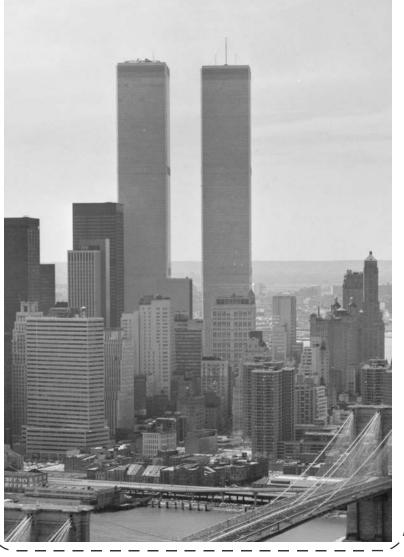
"Oh, that's no so bad," smiled the woman, relieved. Then, hesitantly, she asked, "What did he name my boy?"

The doctor grinned and said, "Denephew."

Something to Clip for Your 'Fridge

This clipping likely requires no further explanation.

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