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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 map, at www.mufon.com.

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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.

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.

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

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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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