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## Commissioner's Food Safety Forum will Focus on New Federal Produce-Safety Rules

*Press Release by Brian Long, Director,  
NCDA&CS Public Affairs*

New federal rules governing produce safety will be among the topics at the eighth annual Commissioner's Food Safety Forum on Tuesday, August 28th.

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler will host the event from 9am to 12:30pm in the Expo Center at the State Fairgrounds. The event is open to farmers, food businesses, regulators, health professionals and others with an interest in food safety. Admission is free, and lunch will be provided.

“With passage of the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, producers and growers are anticipating the impending release of major rules and regulations regarding preventive measures and produce safety,” Troxler said. “Our agenda will focus on these rules in an effort to help prepare the industry for the changes.”

Keynote speakers will be Leanne Skelton, senior policy analyst with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and Dr. Liz Wagstrom, chief veterinarian for the National Pork Producers Council. Skelton's presentation will focus on the new federal produce rules and the protective measures required by them. Wagstrom will speak about food safety issues in the meat industry.

Thomas Mack of Dole Food Co. and Bob Reinhard of the Hillshire Brands Co. will provide food-industry perspectives about the rules. And Ben Chapman, a food safety specialist at NC State University, will talk about food safety training for farmers markets. Troxler also will speak at the forum.

Admission to the forum is free. Registration is encouraged. To register, go online to [www.ncagr.gov/ncfoodsafetyforum](http://www.ncagr.gov/ncfoodsafetyforum) or contact Chrissy Waggett at 919.707.3008 by Friday, August 24th.

# UFO Sightings Increase in NC

*Contributed by Israel Curiel,  
MUFON NC Public Relations Director*

MUFON has received larger and larger numbers of sighting reports over the last 18 months. North Carolina has also seen a large increase in sighting. It is unclear exactly why we are receiving more reports. It could be the increased attention NASA has received in the public eye. It could be the increased name recognition that MUFON has receive because of the media attention. Some speculate that because Hollywood has focused so much on aliens, people are more likely to look skywards. No one knows for sure.

I have been an investigator for MUFON since May of 2011 and I can tell you that many North Carolinians are seeing things that defy conventional wisdom. People often ask me if there are hotspots in North Carolina. I answer by saying that we do receive a large number of reports in Wilmington, Asheville, Fayetteville and Charlotte. But I also have to say that I don't believe UFOs are only in those cities. I just think these cities have more people willing to report their sightings. If you want to see a UFO, all you have to do is look up all the time. If you are truly interested in having a sighting please visit [www.MUFON-NC.com](http://www.MUFON-NC.com) and look for the next Skywatch function. We would love for you to join us. You can learn some great photography techniques from the NC Investigators.

# Placing of Historical Markers

The North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee meets twice each year, to review applications and make decisions on placement of new historical markers.

One marker placed this year in the area commemorates Thelonious Monk. Located by the Booker T Theater in Rocky Mount, the marker is about 1 mile South of Mr. Monk's birthplace. Known as marker "E-119", it may be viewed downtown — and online on the historical marker website: [www.ncmarkers.com](http://www.ncmarkers.com).

The website also provides an interactive map, allowing searchers to locate markers in their immediate area.

No dedications are yet listed on the site with future dates, but as they are scheduled, the public is welcomed to attend marker unveilings. Applications may also be submitted for review.

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## Things to Do in NC When You’re Bored

### \* Bunn/Louisburg \*

**Open Mic Night (August 19 & 26 @ 2-4pm)**  
Come get your five minutes of fame. Poetry, prose & music.  
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn  
Contact donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com.

**Civitan Club Meeting (August 20 @ 6:30pm)**  
Cypress Creek Civitan Club meets the first & third Monday of every month. Meeting location subject to change.  
Franklin County Sheriffs Substation, Hwy 98, Bunn  
More information online at cypresscreek.civitan.net.

**Open Mic Sunday (August 26 @ 2-4pm)**  
Franklin County Arts Council (FCAC) Writers Guild hosts.  
Open to musicians, poets, prose writers, storytellers, & stand-up comedians. Everyone gets five minutes of fame!  
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn  
For more information, DonnaCampbellSmith@gmail.com.

**Quilt Show (September 1 @ 10am-4pm)**  
Come by Lake Royale for this special quilting show & sale, open to the public. Also includes some crafts.  
At Lake Royale, East of Bunn & South of Louisburg

### \* Knightdale/Raleigh \*

**Networking in Knightdale (August 21 @ 11:30am-1pm)**  
A chance to connect with Knightdale businesses. Anyone who wants to network is invited. Eat, mingle, share a 30-second commercial, & get useful information & prizes at the same time! \$10 non-members. Pay for own meal.  
Applebee’s, 6609 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale  
Contact jennifer.bryan@knightdalechamber.org.

**PWNG - Professional Women's Networking Group (August 22 @ 11:45am-1pm)**  
Luncheon helps women brush up on their networking skills, exchange tips & ideas. Network & give a 30-second commercial! RSVP. \$10 members, \$20 non-members.  
Knightdale Chamber, 207 Main Street, Knightdale  
Contact the Chamber at 919.266.4603 to register.

### \* Wendell \*

**Tuesday Morning Coffee Break at the Chamber (August 21 & 28 @ 8-9am)**  
Come meet other business owners in the Wendell Community and beyond. Connect, have coffee or tea, meet others, & network with local business owners!  
Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell

**East Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program (August 21 @ 6:30-8:30pm)**  
Come for supper at 6:30 & program follows. All invited.  
Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell  
For more information, call 919.365.5206.

**Open Mic Night (August 24 @ 6-11pm)**  
Come by for fried chicken & cupcakes, & take the mic!  
The Kila Company, 28 N Main Street, Wendell  
More info, call 919.365.5003.

### Events Repeating Every Week

**Sunday**  
1-5pm, City Residents Free, Children's Museum, Rocky Mt  
4pm, Higher Ground Fellowship, 20 Cheves Rd, Bunn

**Monday**  
10:30am Storytime, Cooley Library, Nashville  
3pm Stories & More, Bunn Branch Library, Bunn  
7:30pm, Trivia Night, Pizza Villa, Zebulon

**Tuesday**  
6pm, Zumba, Wendell Community Center, Wendell  
6-7pm, Step It Off, Washington Community Center, RMt  
7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro

**Wednesday**  
8am-1pm, Historic Downtown Farmers Market, Wilson  
8am-1pm, Rocky Mount Farmers Market, Rocky Mount  
3-5:30pm, Produce & Play (farm market), Rocky Mount

**Thursday**  
4pm Movie, Reid Street Comm. Center, Wilson  
Live Music, Westridge Grill, Rocky Mount  
5-8pm, Market in the Park, Harper Park, Knightdale  
6-7pm, Step It Off, Washington Community Center, RMt

**Friday**  
10am Bingo, Eastern Wake Senior Center, Wendell  
9:30pm, Karaoke Night, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon  
7-10am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro

**Saturday**  
7:30am-12pm, Cty Fairgrounds Farmers Market, Wilson  
8-11am, Tarboro-Edgecombe Farmers Market, Tarboro  
8am-12pm Yard Sale, Common Grounds Coffee, Bunn  
8am-1pm, Farmers Market, Rocky Mount  
9am-1pm, Farmers Market, Wendell  
9:30pm, Live Music, McLean’s Ole Time Cafe, Zebulon

Call 919.623.9392 to add your ongoing event.

**Family Concert Series (August 24 @ 6pm)**  
Evening of music under the stars. Bring a lawn chair.  
J Ashley Wall Town Square, Third & Cypress Sts., Wendell  
Contact Wendell Chamber of Commerce at 919.365.6318.

**Wendell Chamber Community Yard Sale (August 25 @ 7am-1pm)**  
Join the community for this downtown vendor event.  
Campen Street, Wendell

**First Friday Jazz (September 7 @ 7pm)**  
Just Friends Jazz Quintet to perform. (Recently played at Men Who Cook with Jazz event.)  
The Kila Company, 28 Main Street, Wendell  
For details, call 919.365.5003.

**Community Day 2012 (September 8)**  
BBQ, bake sale, silent auction. Children’s activities & vendors too. Held alongside the American Classic Car Show. Fun for the whole family!  
Corner of Main Street & Wendell Boulevard, Wendell  
More info at Wendell UMC website, www.wendellumc.org, and at Universal Chevrolet in Wendell.

### \* Zebulon \*

**East Wake WIN (Women in Networking) Luncheon (August 15 @ 11:45AM-1PM)**  
Open to all professional women. Small fee. RSVP required.  
Eastern Regional Center, 1003 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon  
Call 919.269.6320 or visit www.zebulonchamber.org.

**Carolina Mudcats Baseball (Home Games August 15, 24-26, & 28-31)**  
A great family outing any day.  
Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-39, Zebulon, NC  
Visit www.gomudcats.com for tickets.

**Yard Sale & Hot Dog Cookout (August 18 @ 11am - until)**  
Come check out the yard sale, have a hot dog, & enjoy the day  
Pierce’s Corner Closet, 200 North Arendell Avenue, Zebulon  
For more info, call 919.523.3680.

**Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (August 18 & 25 @ 10:30am)**  
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes brown bag lunches to needy. Personal hygiene items too.  
Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N. Church St., Zebulon  
More info at www.zumchurch.org.

**Zebulon Community Watch (August 16 @ 7pm)**  
Join the group on the 3rd Thursday each month.  
Eastern Regional Center, 1003 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon

**Smart Spending Workshop (August 21 @ 6:30-9pm)**  
Discover how to buy free food, bath & body products every week. Effectively use coupons & weekly sales ads.  
Workshop to change the way folks shop & teach to save more money. \$15 fee, pre-registration required.  
Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N. Church St., Zebulon  
Contact 919.633.7386 or lauriem430@yahoo.com.

**Citizens Appreciation Day (August 31 @ 7:15pm)**  
The Town of Zebulon is holding this special day during the Mudcats game. Fireworks after the ball game.  
Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-231, Zebulon

**Food & More for Those in Need (Monday-Friday @ 9am-3pm)**  
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes food & personal hygiene items through their Food Pantry program. Name & address only required for needy families. Check in at Zebulon UMC Office (white house).  
Church St. & W Sycamore St., Zebulon  
Church online at www.zumchurch.org.

**Soup & Sandwich Meal (Monday-Friday @ noon)**  
Soup & sandwich served at no charge each weekday at noon. Those in need of a meal, just walk in to Mt Zion Holiness Church.  
200 East Stronach Ave., Zebulon  
For more information, contact the church at 919.269.7562.

### \* Elsewhere \*

**Stepping Into the Past Series (August 18 & 25 @ 10am-3pm)**  
Event with museum adm. “A Sweet Treat” (Watermelons) Aug. 18th. “Good Ole Tobacco Chants” (Warehouse Auctioneers) Aug. 25th  
709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly  
Info 919.284.3431 or www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org.

**Winterville Watermelon Festival (August 23-25)**  
Watermelon, vendors, music, contests & more.  
Winterville Recreation Park, Winterville NC  
For info, 252.756.1068 or www.watermelonfest.com

**Movie “Pirates of the Caribbean” (August 24 @8:30pm)**  
Free Outdoor Movie beginning at sunset. Popcorn & drinks for sale, proceeds benefit Wilson Police Athletic League.  
Paul V. Berry Hickory Grove Park, 200 Kenan St., Wilson

**Spring Hope Fireman’s Day (August 26 @ 2-5pm)**  
in downtown Spring Hope. East Coast Rhythm & Blues Band performs plus other activities.  
Downtown, Spring Hope NC

**Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (August 18 & 25 @ 9:30am)**  
St. Eugene Catholic Church distributes brown bag lunches to those in need. Personal hygiene items for needy families.  
St. Eugene, 608 Lions Club Road, Wendell  
More info at www.steugeneparish.org.

**God Belongs In My City - Rocky Mount NC (August 25 @ 10am)**  
Prayerwalk through Rocky Mount.  
Details at www.godbelongsinmycity.com/rockymount

**Black Creek Heritage Day Festival (October 13 @ 9am-4:30pm)**  
Car & tractor show, vendors, food, children’s activities, raffles, live entertainment & much more. (Pre-festival Street Dance October 12th, 6:30-9pm.)  
West Center Street, Black Creek NC  
Contact Ellen E. Dawson-Chairperson at 252.243.3540.

**The Raleigh Classic (November 30-December 1)**  
Zebulon-based Auctions America is holding the next Raleigh Classic event. In Jim Graham & Exposition bldgs.  
North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh  
For more information, contact 919.269.5271.

These “Things To Do...” listings are free, at publisher’s discretion, and as space allows. Up to 2 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 spaces to provide more details for upcoming events.

## Black Creek Heritage Day Festival

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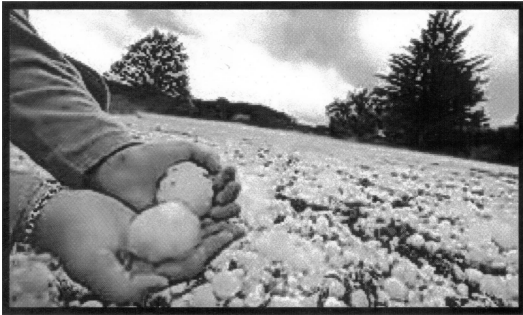
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Some situations are viewed in black and white; right and wrong. Yet, many people think situations also have a **grey area** where solutions are not so easily discerned. This is not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.

Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

It’s a beautiful Summer day, and your children are playing with a group of neighborhood children. As they play, you and several other parents are sitting nearby, watching the kids and enjoying the breeze.

One neighbor has two mixed-breed dogs out in their yard, and they are barking at the children. You’re not worried, because they are friendly, though loud, and are inside a chain link fence.

A man who lives down the road comes walking by with his dog. It is a big, friendly collie. The man is friendly too, though not well known by you and your neighbors.

As he is walking past the chain link fence, his dog jumps against the gate, barking at the dogs inside. His dog hits the latch, and the gate opens. All the dogs run together and begin fighting.

The man with the collie pulls his dog away. The other dogs’ owner runs from his house and grabs his dogs. Within moments, they are locked back inside the gate. With the excitement over, everyone goes their own way.

A few weeks later, you learn from a neighbor that the collie owner is suing the owner of the two dogs. He is claiming his collie required thousands of dollars of veterinary care after the neighbors “dogs were roaming free”.

You know he is lying, as you saw his collie knock open the gate. What do you think of this man suing your neighbor? Would you consider being a witness for him, or would you stay out of it? How do you think you’d feel about either dog owner afterward?

Carmike 10-Wilson  
Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

The movie review this issue is *Hope Springs*, starring Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, and Steve Carell. The Director, David Frankel, also directed *The Devil Wears Prada*.



Streep and Jones play a couple married for 31 years, with a set daily routine — which Streep decides is more of a rut. They go to see Carell, who plays a marriage counselor.

This film has its funny moments. At times, many in the audience were laughing together. Don’t look for Steve Carell to be the funny man; he plays a more serious character than he normally does. Streep and Jones interact well, and face pitfalls as they sort out their lives together.

Although our family usually reviews movies together, for this one the kids did not come along — and I’m glad that they did not. The sexual innuendo is very strong, and I couldn’t suggest anyone watch it with their children, even if the “children” are grown and married themselves. This movie, I think I’d be more comfortable watching with my husband rather than any other family members.

If you like movies oriented toward couples, especially if you’ve been with your partner for a long time, you may enjoy the humor in this film. With the actors involved, I did expect a lot more laughter than I got.

Preparing for the New  
School Year

Back to school day, August 27th, is almost here for traditional-schedule schools in the area. As most school districts prepare for the students’ return, parents and their

children are scrambling to get ready. Local families are shopping for school supplies, buying clothes, finding sports and band equipment, and preparing for family schedule changes.

Schools make lists of class supplies available in advance so that parents may get most of what the kids need. Still, when school begins, some teachers will give out lists of additional supply needs. As many parents know, the shopping starts in August but carries over into September. It can be expensive.

Watching for sales and specials may save some cost. The time, stress, and effort can fray nerves of all ages!

Families with discretionary funds may help other families through the preparations by buying a few extra supplies and donating them to one of the local agencies that distributes free backpacks and supplies.

For teachers, have patience with kids who come to class without all their supplies. Many parents have limited means and need extra time to purchase all the supplies. The kids may need a little longer to fulfill the sometimes lengthy class supply lists.

To avoid buying more than your child needs, or missing important items, check the school’s website. Try to find the school’s official list. As a backup plan, some office supply and other stores offer copies of school lists on site.

Area School Websites

Franklin County Schools: [www.fcschools.net](http://www.fcschools.net)  
Wilson County Schools: [www.wilsonschoolsnc.net](http://www.wilsonschoolsnc.net)  
Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools: [www.nrms.k12.nc.us](http://www.nrms.k12.nc.us)  
Edgecombe County Public Schools: [www.ecps.us](http://www.ecps.us)  
Wake County Public Schools: [www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net)  
Johnston County Schools: [www.johnston.k12.nc.us](http://www.johnston.k12.nc.us)

Wilson County Back-To-School Fairs

A reminder that, as mentioned in the previous issue of *The Grey Area*, August 18th there is a Back-to-School Fair at Jones Elementary School. The fair runs from 9am to noon. This event is also offering pick-up of donated backpacks for families in need.

Also, the Back 2 School Summit is August 18th at the Wilson Mall (1501 Ward Blvd) from 12-4pm. This event is for kids of all ages. There will be entertainment, speakers, and games. School supplies are being given away. Admission to this event is free.

News from The Grey Area

This August 15th issue contains back-to-school articles, local news, and more than our normal dose of UFO news.

Both August issues cover end-of-summer activities and back-to-school shopping. In September, issues cover Labor Day activities, Fall planning, and the changing of sports seasons.

*The Grey Area* events & business information are *localized* in each Edition of the newspaper. Edition A covers Bunn, Knightdale, Wendell & Zebulon. Edition B covers Nashville, Rocky Mount, & Wilson.

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## The Backside

## Little Bits

### Word of the Issue

**semester**  
**Definition:** Half of a school/academic year. (Some schools offer more than 2 semesters in a year.)  
**Example:** "The local college students are preparing for the Fall semester."

### Translation of the Issue

**English — "pencil"**

German — bleistift	Spanish — lápiz
Danish — blyant	Italian — matita, lapis
Irish — peann luaidhe (pen lead)	Dutch — potlood
Swedish — blyertspenna	Latin — penicillo (brush)

Translations for these and many more languages may be found in online (translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, etc.) and print resources.

### Quote of the Issue

**Abraham Lincoln**  
 "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

### Chuckle of the Issue

The old pastor made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week.

One week, he walked into the 4th grade class. The children were studying the US states. "How many states can you name?" he quizzed of the class.

All together, they came up with about 40 names.

He laughed, and told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One young boy piped up, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."

## Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle. Hint: E = A.

N S    N T    S V H    M E F G    I C    E K  
 H J X Z E S H J    M N K J    S I    W H  
 E W Q H    S I    H K S H F S E N K    E  
 S V I X A V S    Y N S V I X S  
 E Z Z H O S N K A    N S  
 -- E F N T S I S Q H

Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*Don't Ever Take A  
 Fence Down Until  
 You Know Why It  
 Was Put Up.  
 -- Robert Frost*

## Something to Clip for Your 'Fridge

### Back To School

*By Anon E Mouse*



The school year starts so soon now  
 And days of resting wane  
 No more daydreams on the porch  
 It's back to work my brain.

Mom is in the garden  
 Planting lettuce, turnip, kale  
 The days are slightly shorter now  
 As I coast on summer's tail.

Iced tea and watching sunsets  
 Sleeping late and playing ball  
 Will now move to the weekend  
 Week days I'll read and scrawl.



I'm counting down the days now  
 Until the bus arrives  
 To take me to my teachers  
 And summer waves good-bye.

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