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## Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach in Franklin County

*Contributed by ShaCarol Stewart, Hearing Impaired teacher from Franklin County Schools*

The Second Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing celebration took place on Friday, May 31st from 4-6pm at Riverbend Park, Louisburg. The purpose of the event was to celebrate students with hearing loss from across Franklin county. Students, families, and staff came from all over the county to fellowship, network, and show BIG support to one another for an otherwise small population of deaf and hard of hearing students. Everyone partook in games, food, and fun. ShaCarol Stewart organized this event with the support of FCS families and staff. Ms. Stewart is an itinerant teacher for deaf and hard of hearing students in Franklin county. Traveling throughout Franklin county, Ms. Stewart has been serving her students based on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals in language, vocabulary, and self-advocacy. The deaf and hard of hearing students in this area use a range of communication modes ranging from sign language to spoken language and listening. Ms. Stewart’s desire with this celebration was simple... to bring people together.

## Down East Neighborhood Garden Helps Grow Leaders

Eighty-degree temperatures hovered as volunteers renovated the Down East Neighborhood Garden off of Eastern Avenue, Rocky Mount. The May 31st work-day was organized by the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce (RMACC) Leadership Rocky Mount graduates as a day of service for the neighborhood.

RMACC’s Leadership Rocky Mount is designed for business professionals. The nine-month program is often covered by employers, who pay the \$1,000 fee. The class meets once a month and learns about Rocky Mount-Nash-Edgecombe area offerings, local government, area history, and more.

According to the RMACC’s Linda Mann, at Christmas time the class holds a Coats for Kids drive as part of their community studies. and then after graduation they perform a

Legacy Project for a local community. The 2012 class built a playground. The newly-graduated 2013 class worked with the Down East Community Garden as their Legacy Project.



**Shawn Neville and Trey Flaherty Move Mulch**

The Down East Community Garden began in 2011 as a single garden of long rows. In an effort to better divide the work, and give residents choice in what to plant, the 2012 garden was rebuilt as raised beds.

Before the garden, the corner lot where the garden grows held a small building with several apartments built around 1925. When the apartments burned down, the lot sat empty except for glass, bricks, and trash. When the idea for the garden came up, arrangements were made to lease the land from the owner and the garden was born!

Leadership Rocky Mount students pitched in to create new growing space, plant trees, spread mulch, and update existing garden spaces. Tiffany Huddleston (CenturyLink) and husband Mike, Linda Mann and Bobbie Booth of the RMACC, Nancy Bullard (Southern Bank–Sharpsburg), Bill Boddie (Boddie-Noell Enterprises), Leigh Whitley (Poyner Spruill) and her daughter Jennifer, Sharon Flaherty (RMA) and son Trey, Damien “Shawn” Neville, La-Toya Shirley (Action Group), Audrey Burnette (US Cellular), and Class Facilitator Bill Griffin all volunteered for this Legacy Project. They also brought donated supplies: mulch, lumber,

edging, and even an apple tree (donated by Allen’s Nursery on Halifax Road).

The work was overseen by Garden Manager Georgia Person, while several garden members worked their plots. Neighborhood garden members include Ashley and Donnie Ardis, whose tomato plants are already covered with large green globes, and Lewis Turner, who grows his own herbs, beets, radishes, squash and more in the largest raised bed.

Donnie Ardis also waters the entire garden in the evening. As garden manager Georgia Person pointed out, everyone helps each other in the garden. She explained that it is not just growing healthy food, it is also the neighborhood working together. Garden members grow together and share the harvest for the good of all nearby who need it. Part of the Twin City Vision is health, so the garden members are teaching people a different way — growing their own food. “The way things used to be,” Georgia points out.

To learn more about Leadership Rocky Mount, contact RMACC. For the Down East Community Garden, contact Georgia Person, Garden Manager, at 252.314.0999.

## 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 not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.*

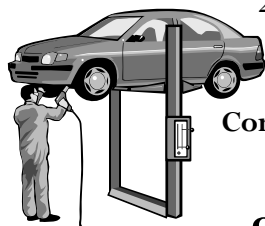
### Submitted for Your Discussion & Consideration

School is almost out, and your 16-year-old son has a few more days left. You watch him leave for school and you start driving to work. On the way, you pull into a local coffee shop for a cup of coffee. The school is not far away, and in the coffee shop are two of your sons friends! You think they are probably “ditching” school. You say hello and ask, “Shouldn’t you be in school?”

They look embarrassed. One of your son’s friends asks you, “Would you please not tell my mom!”

What do you think you would tell him? Would you call his parents? Do you think you would be more likely to talk the boy into telling his parents directly? If you were close friends with his parents, or both boys’ parents, do you think it would affect what you choose to do?

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When You’re Bored

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6/13 **A Blessing Soup Kitchen**  
6/20 (June 13, 20 & 27 @ 11:30am)  
6/27 Thursdays free meals served to residents in need. Collaboration of local nonprofits using donations & volunteers. Donations welcome. Broad Building, Bunn

6/22 **Bunn Berry Social**  
(June 22 @ 11am-3pm)  
Bunn Centennial Celebration event. Cornhole tournament, hot dogs, & much more. At Vollmer Farm, 671 NC 98 Hwy E, Bunn  
Info, call 919.426.5806 or email sherry.mercer@jacobs.com.

6/29 **Quilt Trail of the Tar River Dedication** (June 29 @ 10am-4pm; ribbon cutting 11am)  
Activities throughout the day including quilting bee, corn hole tournament, games, music, food, & vendors. Musicians: bring instruments & join bluegrass jam. By Franklin County Arts Council. At Bunn Depot, Railroad Street, Bunn

\* Louisburg/  
Youngsville \*

6/13 **Night Writers Group**  
(June 13 @ 7pm)  
2nd & 4th Thursday nights at Full Circle Coffee Shop, Youngsville. donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com.

6/15 **Pilot City Limits**  
(June 15 @ 7pm)  
Country music show fundraiser. Tickets \$8, with show raising funds for the Pilot Fire Dept. Good ole Family Fun! At Norris Creek, 751 Old Halifax Road, Louisburg  
www.facebook.com/PilotCityLimits

\* Knightdale \*

6/12 **Happy Gardener: Container Gardening** (June 12 @ 7pm)  
Learn design techniques for fun & exciting garden containers. Shows how to use variety of plants, including edibles, in containers. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Ct, Knightdale

6/18 **Knightdale Business Expo '13** (June 18 @ 2-7pm)  
Knightdale Chamber free expo! 100+ local businesses exhibiting. Networking, prizes, & seminars. At Knightdale High School, Bryan Chalk Ln, Knightdale  
Visit www.knightdalechamber.org

6/26 **PWNG - Professional Women's Networking Group** (June 26 @ 11:45AM-1PM)  
Meet professional women in a friendly environment. Enjoy great networking and give a 30-second commercial. RSVP required by June 24th. Fee \$10-\$20. Knightdale Chamber event. At 207 Main Street, Knightdale

\* Wendell \*

6/11 **Tue. Morning Coffee Break**  
6/18 (June 11, 18 & 25 @ 8-9am)  
6/25 Connect, have coffee or tea, & network with business owners. Wendell Chamber event. At La Familia Bakery & Cafe, 4 N Main Street, Wendell

6/11 **Business Alliance of NC**  
6/18 **Tuesday Coffee Break**  
6/25 (June 11, 18 & 25 @ 8:30am)  
Jump start morning with 1-hour of networking, coffee, & pastries. At 30 N Main St., Wendell  
Info www.businessalliancenc.com.

6/15 **2nd Annual Summer Fun Family Luau & Tiki Run** (June 15 @ 6-8pm)  
Join Special Blessings for an evening of Family Fun. Free entertainment, food, games, Tiki Run, prizes & more! At Wendell Recreation Center, 601 W Third St., Wendell  
Info www.specialblessingsinc.net.

6/18 **E Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program** (June 18)  
June meeting features historian & writer David Reavis, author of the book *Upon These Steps*. Come for supper at 6:30 & program follows. Meetings held at Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell  
For more info, call 919.365.5206.

\* Zebulon \*

6/07 **Mudcats Baseball** -12 (June 7-12)  
Baseball, hot dogs, & more. Small ticket fee. At Five County Stadium, 1501 NC-39, Zebulon  
Online at www.gomudcats.com.

6/07 **Pickleball**  
6/14 (June 7, 14 & 21 @ 11am-1pm)  
6/21 A net, paddle, & whiffle ball! Instructions given. Free. At Zebulon Comm Ctr, 301 S Arendell Avenue.

6/14 **Family Movie Night** (June 14 @ 7:30PM)  
Free film. Bring the family for a fun evening & popcorn. At the Town Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave., Zebulon

6/15 **Greater Zebulon 5K Road Race & 1M Fun Walk** (June 15 @ 8am)  
Registration begins 6:30 a.m. Starts at Zebulon Municipal Complex, 1003 N Arendell Ave, Zebulon Chamber 919.269.6320 for info.

\* Elsewhere \*

6/08 **Karaoke Saturdays** (June 8 @ 7-10pm)  
With James & Samantha Bradley. At Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope

6/14 **301 Endless Yard Sale** -15 (June 14-15 @ 8am)  
Towns along US 301 & Johnston County holding the first annual “Endless Yardsale”. The communities along US 301 join together with deals, antiques, collectibles & more. Along the 30-mile stretch of highway between Kenly & Benson  
See www.301endlessyardsale.com.

6/16 **Father's Day** (June 16)

The Female Veterans Symposium 2013  
“Care After Trauma”

The objective of this symposium is to address the complicated issues Female Veterans face in their lives as they return home from active duty military service. It is geared toward veterans from **Franklin, Vance, Warren, and Granville** county areas. The speakers will educate, empower, and encourage females to face their individual challenges and move to the next step in their individual recovery. The all-day event is free, refreshments are included, and advance registration is **not** required. Please bring DD-214 Discharge Papers and resume to the event.

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The above “Things To Do...” listings are free, at publisher’s discretion, and as space allows. Up to 5 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.

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A Little Bit of History

The Archibald White House

Taking a walk through Tarboro means an opportunity to see centuries-old homes, to shop in a walker-friendly downtown, and to take a summertime walk in the park.

Well-maintained sidewalks run through the business district, through neighborhoods, and around the 50-acre Town Common — one of the two original Town Commons in the US! A Highway Historical Marker placed along Main Street early in the 20th century marks the “Town Common”. Handicapped-accessible ramps provide for easy access by all.

Look up the Tarboro Historic District on Wikipedia.org, and there is mention of The Archibald White House. At 228 years old, this is the oldest house still in its original location. It was built in 1785 when the country was young.



The Archibald White House in 2013 after Renovations

Recently listed for sale, this historic home was renovated in 2008-2009. Located on a square corner lot, 111 West Church Street faces one-way Church Street, with the side facing Trade Street. The backyard edges a retail parking lot, so it has been fenced for privacy. This well-kept home is within the downtown, serving as an important piece of the Tarboro Historic District — and in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Archibald White House’s five mantled fireplaces would have been necessary for warmth in the old days. Now they serve as extras within the 2366 sq. feet of heated space.

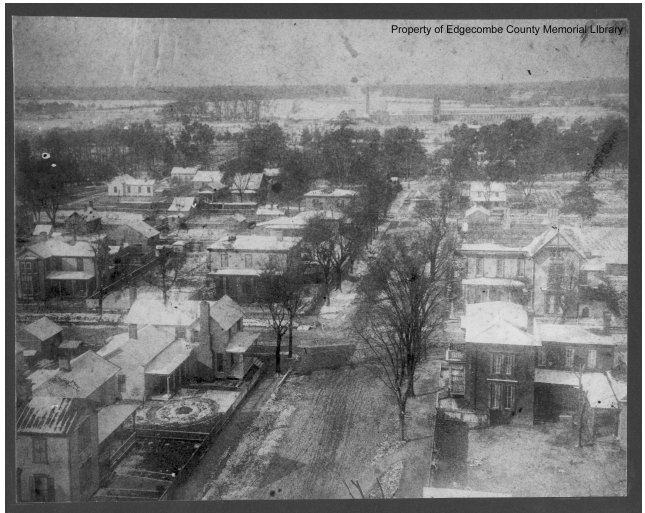


Photo circa 1890 provided by Edgecombe County Memorial Library. Likely taken from Tarboro Town Hall clock tower by W.H. Zoeller. Dwelling was 105 years old. Tarboro Cotton Factory is in the background.



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Zoned as “B-1” in Edgecombe County means that this White House is in a “neighborhood business district”. It may be utilized as a residence, a service location, retail space, or office space. Its spacious floor plan means possibilities are endless!

Take a drive by, and see that it is in a well cared for area with other historic homes, within two blocks of dozens of businesses. There is even a large parking lot across the street where an IGA grocery store used to be, and where a walk-to grocery store may potentially be again some day.

To find out more about sale of this property, contact Mary Ann Cumpata of Tarboro Realty at 252.823.7588 (office) or 252.904.0387 (cell).

Summertime Camping, Day Camps & Fun for All Ages

Ah, the hot weather has finally arrived! As soon as the kids are out of school, the fun can really begin! Eastern NC has much to offer for families — days, evenings and weekends.

Day camps vary from a few hours to all day. Program offered cover gymnastics, science, martial arts, religion, and the arts, fees may be per day, per week, or for multiple weeks. Parents may send children for a day to some camps, or for a little more could send them for many days during summer break.

Eastern NC cities and towns offer free music, movies, and festivals during the cooler evenings. These events can be a welcome opportunity to leave the house after dinner and let the family relax together.

During the day, music academies, karate schools, and museums provide educational camps for the kids. For a small fee, the children can go learn (while playing), and parents can work or get their own break to do something fun. Day camps and weekly camps are available at many locations throughout Wake, Nash, Wilson, Franklin, Johnston, and Edgecombe Counties.

For an Eastern NC “getaway”, the state parks offer camping, fishing, hiking, and more. Possibilities include:

- Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
- Dismal Swamp State Park
- Goose Creek State Park
- Jones Lake State Park
- Lake Waccamaw State Park
- Merchants Millpond State Park
- Medoc Mountain State Park
- Pettigrew State Park
- Singletary Lake State Park

Some parks offer overnight camping, while others are geared toward daytime visitors. The NC State Parks website lists activities by park: ncparks.gov. The Search tool allows choosing of Eastern NC to locate parks closer to home.

Whether choosing activities for children, themselves, or the entire family, people throughout Eastern NC may choose a variety of activities for summertime fun.

Carmike 10-Wilson  
Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

The movie reviewed this issue was *After Earth*, released on May 31st. This is a sci-fi film starring Will Smith and his 14-year-old son, Jaden. The Director is M. Night Shyamalan, who directed *The Sixth Sense* and *Signs*. Like many sci-fi films, *After Earth* shows space travel, life on other planets, and strange, alien creatures.

The movie begins with narration on how Earth became toxic to humans, and earthlings had to flee to another planet. Most of the movie focuses on the father and son, with action centered around a spacecraft crash. Their fight to survive and escape a hostile environment is compelling at times.

My husband and I went to the movie with our 17-year-old and 12-year-old. I’d say our reviews were mixed. The sci-fi effects were good. The story line moved smoothly and was action-packed. Since two of us liked it, and two were less impressed, there may be a 50/50 chance you enjoy this film.

The Strange-ness

Crop Circles in Wilson

The appearance of Crop Circles was reported to MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, on May 23rd. The circles reportedly appeared on May 20th in several Wilson County NC fields. Photos show waves of grain pressed flat in several areas, forming strange designs.

Just a year ago, May 2012, crop circles were reported in several countries including Italy and the UK.

While UFO landings are frequently blamed for crop circles, they are also theorized to be caused by weather, crop fungi, animals, and pranksters.





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The Backside



## Little Bits

### Chuckle of the Issue

An elderly couple are sitting together in church. Halfway through the sermon, the wife slips her husband a note. It says, “Dear, I’ve just passed some silent gas! What should I do?”

He writes back, “Put a new battery in your hearing aid.”

### Quote of the Issue

“What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value.”

**Thomas Paine, December 1776**

### Word of the Issue

#### Porcine

**Definition:** Pertaining to or resembling pigs/swine.

**Example:** “The porcine statue was too wide for the shelf.”

### Translation of the Issue

#### English — “Grateful”

German — Dankbar      Spanish — Agradecido  
Italian — Grato      Irish — Buíoch  
Portuguese — Grato      Latin — Grata  
Russian — благодарный (blagodarnyĭ)  
Korean — 감사 (gamsa)

Translations for these words in many more languages may be found in online (translate.google.com, etc.).

### Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: H = D.

L T G M K A L G T T H G T K P H

B G T T H A L K A F A L K A F E S

B G T T H A L K A F A T K P H

A L K A F G T T H ?

Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:

*No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.  
-- Aesop*

### Enter July 4th Essay Contest

The Grey Area newspaper is holding an Essay Contest for local writers! If you live or go to school in Eastern NC, you are invited to enter. The essay topic is “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”. Essays may refer to the writer’s view of the USA in the present, or as experienced across a lifetime.

Length is 300 to 750 words. Please limit to one submission per writer. Spell check and edit. Since the winning essays will be published in *The Grey Area* newspaper, spelling and grammar are important.



Submit your essay via email to sales@greyareanews.com, or mail to The Grey Area newspaper, 70 Harrison Street, Zebulon NC 27597. Mailed essays will not be returned; please keep a copy. Essays should be submitted to arrive by June 22nd (Saturday). Judges will review essays and winning entrants will be notified by the end of June. Winning essays will be published in the issue for the week of July 4th.

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## News from The Grey Area

This Summer-Is-Coming issue includes information on outdoor activities. Events are listed alongside event advertisements on Page 2.

We would like to thank the town of Tarboro for the warm welcome we have received. Tarboro is the newest town added to Edition B of the newspaper, alongside Rocky Mount, Nashville and Wilson. Also distributed in Zebulon, Bunn, Wendell & Knightdale, our focus is local community news mixed with news of an unusual nature.

If you have an event, story and/or a community happening please give us call 919.623.9392.

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