

# The Grey Area

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## Newspaper Founder, Frank Whatley, Mourned

The Grey Area newspaper is sad to announce the passing of the newspaper's creator and Sales Manager, Frank Whatley. His smile and cheerful manner will be missed throughout the area. His Obituary is included for those who know him well, and those who met him briefly as he made his rounds.

*Frank Whatley Jr. was born on October 12, 1960. He was the oldest of five children. He grew up in the Globeville neighborhood of Denver, Colorado and attended Denver public schools. Frank joined the United States Army in 1979. While serving in the armed forces, he completed a tour that took him to the demilitarized zone in Korea, and Panama where he obtained a Jungle Expert Certification, of which he was extremely proud. Frank was indeed a BMF (he would say use "the google" for clarification) Frank would return to Denver, and to a daughter, Nicole, in 1982.*

*Frank was a natural conversationalist and people person. He loved people, and people definitely loved Frank. This made him a natural salesman and he sold everything! Vacuum cleaners, Bible Encyclopedias, hardware parts, advertisements, and even cars. Cars were his favorite! His favorite part of this trade, the "kool a\*\* loaner cars" he got to drive around in. Especially the Cadillac! This was Frank's signature automobile.*

*In 2006, after 45 years, Frank would escape the rat race of Denver city life for life in the Carolinas. This would be one of the best decisions of his life, as this is where he would meet the love of his life, Kay. He also had the added joy of two additional children, Riley and Nadia.*

*Frank and Kay would bring out the best in each other. Their unmatched support and faith in one another would bring about great ideas, goals, and adventures with one another. In 2008 they created Grow and Share, a non-profit, which continues to help "fight hunger from the ground up". In 2011, Kay would help Frank fulfill his dream of starting a small community newspaper that soared in popularity. The Grey Area continues to thrive. He definitely found his perfect match and soul mate in Kay.*

*In 2014, after a little persuasion, Frank would convince his daughter, son in law Greg Sr., and grandchildren Anisa, Autumn, and Greg Jr. to join him in North Carolina. Having his children and grandchildren near him was the biggest joy of his life.*

*Overall Frank just loved life. He loved his family, and his friends. He loved fishing whether it was on a local lake or the beach fishing pier. He loved taking photos and he was good at it. He loved to sit back in his favorite chair and listen to music or stream Rockies games. He loved his golf and he definitely loved his Broncos. He loved to retell stories of military life, and friend and family adventures.*

*It is impossible to sum up such a great man with such a big heart in one small space. His love for his family and friends was unmatched and he will be greatly missed.*

*Frank is survived by his wife Kay, children Nicole, Greg Sr., Juli, Riley, and Nadia, parents Frank Sr., and Frances, siblings Tina, Alan Sr., Mark Sr., and Hope, grandchildren, Anisa, Autumn, and Greg Jr., and numerous nieces and nephews.*

## Playhouse of Wilson Presents Arthur Miller's Brighton Beach Memoirs

Contributed by Steve Witchey

Don't miss Brighton Beach Memoirs, one of 24 plus Broadway successes written by Neil Simon is set in Brooklyn, New York late summer of 1937 during the Great Depression.

This dramatic-comedy focuses on Eugene Morris Jerome, who is obsessed over girls and dreams about baseball. He searches for identity as he experiences puberty, all while coping with the mundane existence of his brother, Stanley and his parents. Throw into mix his widowed aunt and two cousins who came to live with them when his uncle died, and you are sure to enjoy this production, told Simon style. Brighton Beach Memoirs is produced by special arrangements with Samuel French, Inc.

Christopher Balance is the Director with Megan Hickey as Stage Manager and a cast of seven; Jack Stevens (Eugene), Nick Griffin (Stanley), Jane

Kolonie-Webb (Kate), Richard Stover (Jack), Maggie Slaughter (Nora) and Samantha Larkin (Laurie).

Dates are:

Sept. 24-26 at 8pm

Sept. 27 at 3pm

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Arts Council of Wilson or by calling Beth Helms at 363-1933.

### Peter Pan Auditions

Audition for Peter Pan will be held at the Arts Council of Wilson September 14 and 15 from 6:30-9:30pm. Peter Pan is being produced by Playhouse of Wilson and Barton Theater with special arrangements with Samuel French, Inc. Contact Adam Twiss at Barton College Theater or Steve Witchey at 299-4262 for additional information.

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### 08/29 Stepping Into The Past (August 29) @ 10am-3pm

Demos, with paid admission. August 29: Story Time: Children's storyteller. At The Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St., US Hwy 301 N, **Kenly**.

### 08/29 Lawn Chair Theatre (August 29 @ 7-10:30pm)

Free family movie night (*Willy Wonka*). Before each movie, kids can enjoy free activities coordinated by the Rocky Mount Children's Museum and Science Center. Food, concessions, & drinks available for purchase. Don't forget a blanket or lawn chair! More: [imperialcentre.org](http://imperialcentre.org). At the Rocky Mount Sports Complex, 600 Independence Drive, **Rocky Mount**.

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### 09/03 Downtown Live! 09/17 (Sept 3, 17 @ 6-8:30pm)

Free Summer concert series. Be a part by trying out dance skills or relaxing to great music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Concessions for purchase. No coolers. See [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org). On the lawn of the Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, **Rocky Mount**.

### 09/04 First Fridays on the Lawn (Sept 4 @ 6-9pm)

Free family-style fun, Kid's Zone, Intermission performances, community booths, & local food vendors. At Wilson County Library lawn, 249 Nash Street, **Wilson**.

### 09/05 Family Storytime 09/12 (Saturdays @ 10:30-11am)

09/19 Young children & their families are invited to participate in a 30-minute interactive program that incorporates age appropriate books, songs, & movement to nurture pre-reading skills. No reg. required. At Zebulon Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr, **Zebulon**.

### 09/10 3rd-5th Adventures (Sept 10 @ 4:30-5:30pm)

3rd-5th grade kids read, create, discover & explore through books, activities & more. This week: Scavenger Hunt! Bathing machines at the library? No registration required. At East Regional Library, 946 Steeple Square Ct, **Knightdale**.

### 09/12 Knightdale Community Day (Sept 12 @ 11am-4pm)

Enjoy local acts, entertainment, music, vendors, inflatables & food trucks during the day. Be sure to bring some spending money and shop with over 40 vendors! Knightdale Community Day is our way of honoring the citizens & community of Knightdale. This event is free, aside from purchases from vendors. Contact Megan Thornton at 919.217.2236 for specifics on vendor requirements or for more info. At Knightdale Station Park Amphitheater, **Knightdale**.

### 09/26 See Spot Read (Sept 26 @ 11am-12pm)

Practice reading to a therapy dog! Readers of all levels welcome. No registration required. At Zebulon Community Library, 1000 Dogwood Dr, **Zebulon**.

### 09/26 Annual Storytelling Festival (Sept 26 @ 11am-4pm)

Featured Storytellers: The Healing Force, Rebecca Tighe, & Suzi Whaples. Highlighted Performer: Sandbox Band. Plus: wagon shuttle, activity tents, & food vendor. Lawn seating—bring a blanket or chair. Free to all ages. Rain or shine. At Historic Oak View County Park, 4028 Carya Dr, **Raleigh**.

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## 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 about the choices people make, and the thought process they go through to arrive at decisions.*

### Consider: Submitted for Discussion

You go to see a doctor because you're not feeling well. After meeting with the doctor, he tells you that you need a certain treatment and that it will help you.

Speaking with a nurse prior to the treatment, she tells you about potential side effects that could happen from the treatment. Although the nurse is nonchalant and says, "we just have to tell you all the things that could

happen," you still have a bad feeling about some possible side effects.

Do you think that you would go forward with the procedure? Do you think that you would take time to get a second opinion? Or, since the nurse didn't seem concerned, would you push your concerns aside and continue?

## The Strange-Ness

### Knightdale UFO Sighting Reported

According to a recent report in the Mutual UFO Network's reporting database at mufon.com, a UFO was sighted in Knightdale on two consecutive nights in August.

August 18, a triangular flying object with pulsing lights was seen by a Knightdale resident who awoke in the middle of the night. The object was stationary in the sky, then dropped rapidly and went out of sight.

The next evening, the resident was again awoken and saw the object outside. This time, the UFO was closer.

According to the report, "I was terrified; however, the next thing I remember was it was morning. Since these sightings I have been physically sick."

Since August 19, the object has not been reported again.

If you have any information on a flying object you cannot identify in Knightdale — or anywhere in Eastern NC — be sure to report it on mufon.com, and let us know about your experience.

## Scouts Hold Plate Sale

*Contributed by Annie Burke,  
Committee Chair/Secretary/MBC*

Our local Boy Scout Troop 524 will be having our annual Chicken BBQ Plate Sale in September and wanted to place an announcement please from availability thru date of sale.

Boy Scout Troop 524 will be having our annual Chicken BBQ Plate Sale on Saturday, September 26th from 11 am till sold out. Plates cost \$8 and include 1/2 BBQ Chicken, potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert. Dine-in or drive thru. Zebulon Baptist Church, 400 N. Arendell Ave.

All proceeds stay with our local Boy Scout Troop 524 and helps to pay for camping, Troop supplies, uniforms, Summer Camp, awards, patches, Merit Badges and helped to send 5 Boy Scouts to Summer Camp this past Summer.

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## Little Bits

### Chuckle of the Issue

“In English,” the Professor said to the class, “a double negative forms a positive. In some languages, like Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.”

A voice from the back of the room piped up, “Yeah, right.”

### Word of the Issue

#### “Magnificent”

##### Definition:

Impressively beautiful, elaborate, excellent.

##### Example:

“He was magnificent, soulful, and interesting.”

### Quote of the Issue

**Gilbert K. Chesterton**  
(English Writer, b.1874-d.1936)

“The true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground.”

### Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: E = F.

O   R   Y   G   H   E   V   X   M   R   D   D   R   H  
M   V   V   Q   E   O   M   R   D   '   O  
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Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. --Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is V = O.

## News from The Grey Area

Issues of *The Grey Area* come out every other Friday. The next issue is September 11, 2015.

If you have an event, story or community happening or person you'd like to see covered, email [kayw@greyareanews.com](mailto:kayw@greyareanews.com).

Advertisers, the deadline for any issue is the Tuesday before distribution. To advertise, with the passing of our beloved Sales Manager Frank Whatley, we ask that you contact one of Frank's sales team, Shujaa, at 252.462.1682.

## Nashville Speaker to Discuss Conference

The Nashville NC Chamber of Commerce is holding a special “First Friday Coffee” on Friday, September 4, 2015 at 7:30am.

September's coffee is sponsored by Michael Coleman on behalf of Peace Makers. Michael will share information about the organizations upcoming celebration. Come for free coffee and meet Nashville area business owners and chamber members.



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