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## Amateur Radio "Field Day" Demonstrates Science, Skill, and Service

*Released by Auxiliary Emergency  
Communications, Wilson County NC*

Wilson County's "hams" will join with thousands of other amateur radio operators showing their emergency capabilities.

Field Day is the climax of the week-long "Amateur Radio Week." Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools, and backyards around the country.

The Wilson County Auxiliary Emergency Communication Team will demonstrate at the Eagle Farm Community Clubhouse, 3647 Eagle Farm Drive, in Wilson, on June 27, 2015, from noon to 6pm.

The public will have a chance to meet and talk with Wilson County's ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio is about, as hams across the country will have public demonstrations of emergency communications capabilities.

## First Annual FCAC Writers Guild Carolina Prize in Writing

*Released by Donna Campbell Smith,  
FCAC Writers Guild*

Franklin County Arts Council (FCAC) writer's guild is sponsoring the first annual FCAC Writers' Guild Carolina Prize.

The contest is open to all writers to submit previously unpublished works of poetry, short stories, essays, or creative non-fiction. One prize of \$100

and two copies of the *County Lines Literary Journal* will be awarded to the winner.

The judge is Donna Mark of Wake Forest. Mark received her degree in English from Barton College. Since her retirement from education, she is an active member of the writing community.

Writers may submit up to three poems with a maximum of thirty lines each. Prose is limited to five double-spaced pages in a 12-point font. All submissions should be blind (no identifying info) but accompanied by a cover sheet with the title of the piece and writer's contact information. No entries with offensive language or derogatory comments toward any person or group, nor any op-ed works will be considered.

Email entries to:  
[countylineliteraryjournal@gmail.com](mailto:countylineliteraryjournal@gmail.com) with "CONTEST" in the subject line. Mail checks to

FCAC, PO Box 758, Louisburg, NC 27549.

The winning entry will be published in the 2015 *County Lines Literary Journal*.

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## Performance Space Offering Programs for Children and Adults in Wilson

*Released by Ray Shell,  
Dula Mae's...A Performance Space*

Entertainment producer Ray Shell is the newly appointed Artistic Director of Dula Mae's @ THE BARN, a performance venue opened at 207 Douglas Street, Wilson.

Ray arrived from London at the beginning of May 2015, and since then has been working very closely with the Executive Directors of Dula Mae's, and recently announced several upcoming Summer Programs. Event details are included at right, with options for children and adults.

For more information or to sign up, email [dulamaes@gmail.com](mailto:dulamaes@gmail.com) or call Ray Shell at 917.909.2942.

### **Summer Youth Project: IRQA means READ in Arabic**

This is Dula Mae's Monday-to-Friday summer program providing participants — ages 5-18 — with breakfast 8am-9am, and lunch 11:45am-1pm. Between these mealtimes, the youth first read, and then afterwards they get plenty of fresh air tending to Dula Mae's onsite garden, swimming, physical fitness exercises, and engaging in Confidence seminars.

IRQA supports underprivileged children to ensure they are given a good meal twice a day; but, all are welcome. IRQA is a free program delivered by the Executive Directors of Dula Mae's: Charles Jones and Pat Smith-Jones.

IRQA runs from June 15, 2015, to July 31, 2015.

### **The Gaddafi Club 2: A Musical Theatre Summer Workshop**

Dula Mae's, in Association with TAIPNC, is looking for artists interested in learning how to make a live theatre production by attending their July-through-August workshop.

Needed are Writers, Producers, Actors, Singers, Musicians, Promoters, Tech Staff, Media Artists, and PR Artists. It takes *all* of the above and more to create a theatre production. If you are interested in learning how this is professionally, done Dula Mae's wants to hear from you!

The Gaddafi Club originated in London, England as a Total Actor In Performance (TAIP2012) performance project where the participants worked with writer/director Ray Shell to create Act 1 of a theatre piece which was performed in London. Now, here in Wilson, Ray Shell wants to create Act 2.

### **Shine at Open Mike Nights**

Saturday night means The Real Friends of THE BARN @ Dula Mae's "Open Mike" sessions. Do you have a *song*, a *joke*, a *poem*, a *blog* or anything you would like to perform? Do you have what it takes to be a star? Get down to Dula Mae's @ THE BARN and throw down. The fun begins at 8:30pm every Saturday.

## Textile Upcycling Company Focuses on Bringing Shirts, and Jobs, Back to the US

*By Kay Whatley, Editor*

That box of "special memory" t-shirts you've been saving in the back of a closet can be turned into a custom quilt, thanks to a relatively new company called Project Repat.

Founded in 2012, Project Repat takes t-shirts that you send them, cuts them into squares, and creates a quilt that reflects the person who wore the shirts. Their company plans include upcycling, plus "repatriating" textile products to the US — along with quilt-making jobs!

(For me, this means that my efforts saving my kids' little league, school,

## Spring Hope Making a Day of It with Three Events

The last Saturday in June will be a busy day in Spring Hope, with a shop-local event, Farmers Market, and a movie to end the day.

### **Shop Spring Hope**

Bring your family and friends! Spend the day in Spring Hope on Saturday June 27th! the Spring Hope Chamber of Commerce invites all to shop local stores, and enjoy lunch or dinner at ShowSide, browse Gracious Designs and more.

### **Farmers Market/Weekend Market**

The Spring Hope Chamber is holding our Farmers Market/Weekend Market in the downtown/depot area, starting at 9am. The market is open until noon.

If you'd like to be a vendor at the market, contact: [info@pumpkinfestival.com](mailto:info@pumpkinfestival.com) or call 252.478.1919.

### **Outdoor Summer Movie Series**

Wrap up the day with popcorn while watching *The Lego Movie*.

Grab your lawn chairs and head down to the Depot Plaza at Sunset on June 27th to enjoy an outdoor movie with other community members.



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**JUNE 27:** Free Roasted Corn, Free Line Dancing with Inga at 10am & 11am. Cooking Demonstration by Chef Victor Moore, using products from Ray Family Farms, Liberty Poultry and Southern Spice.

**JULY 11:** Food Truck Rodeo with Valentino's Food Truck, SoomSoom Pita Pockets, Chick N Que. Plus, the Got to Be NC Giant Shopping Cart, free face painting by Paint Savvy, (10am-noon), drawings for free produce baskets, & Open Basketball for ages 9-12.

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

### 06/19 301 Endless Yard Sale -20 (June 19 & 20)

Johnston County Endless Yard Sale, over 100 miles. 500 vendors expected. See [www.301endlessyardsale.com](http://www.301endlessyardsale.com) for map & town list / locations.

### 06/19 Pickleball

#### 06/26 (Fridays @ 11am-1pm)

Free fitness fun for all ages. Easy for beginners & a blast to play! A great workout too. *Also Wednesdays 6-8pm.* At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Ave, Zebulon.

### 06/19 Lawn Chair Theatre

#### 07/17 (Jun 19, Jul 17 @ 7-9:30pm)

Free family movie nights. June 19-*Dolphin Tale 2*. July 17-*Big Hero 6*. Before movie, kids can enjoy free activities. Doors open at 7pm, & movie begins at dusk. Food, concessions, & drinks available for purchase. Bring blanket or lawn chair. At Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences, 270 Gay St, Rocky Mount.

### 06/20 Community Drum Circle (June 20 @ 7:30-9pm)

Open to all. No experience ok. Loaner drums available, or bring percussion. Call 252.904.2022 for info. At Saint Anne's Chapel & Event Center, McNair Rd, Tarboro.

### 06/20 "Show Me the Way"

#### Fatherhood Event

#### (June 20 @ 10am)

Come out for food, door prizes and valuable information for fathers including, why fathers matter, legal questions & more! [www.edgecombcountync.gov](http://www.edgecombcountync.gov). Event at the East Carolina Agriculture & Education Center, 1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount.

### 06/20 Summer Reading Kickoff (June 20 @ 10am-12pm)

This year's theme is *Heroes*. Local, genuine heroes: farmers, fire & police personnel, along with some of their equipment. Time to meet & greet, share popcorn & cookies, & enjoy a morning out. Kids, & adults, are welcome to wear costumes/uniforms representing their favorite heroes, real or imagined. At the Nashville Harold D. Cooley Library, 114 W Church Street, Nashville.

### 06/20 TPD Bicycle Rodeo and Tarboro Friends & Family Day (June 20 @ 9am-5pm)

8th Annual event. Food, music, & games for all ages. Join the fun! At Clark Park, Tarboro.

### 06/20 Wendell Farmers Market 06/27 (Saturdays @ 8am-12pm)

Many local farmers with fruit, produce, meat, & other goods. At the corner of Wendell Blvd and Pine Street, Wendell.

### 06/22 Senior Group Movie (June 22 @ 10am)

Movie & popcorn. Watch *The Encounter*. For details, call 252.459.7681. At the Mount Pleasant Community Building, 7637 Harris Road, Bailey.

### 06/24 Downtown Alive

#### (June 24 @ 5:30-8:30pm)

East Coast Rhythm & Blues. Bring chairs, blankets, sunscreen, & dance moves. No coolers. No pets. Parking available in BB&T lot & the Center Brick lot. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled. More info [historicdowntownwilson.com](http://historicdowntownwilson.com). On the grassy lot on 201 Tarboro Street, Wilson.

### 06/24 Wilson Farmers Market (Wednesdays @ 8am-1pm)

Local food & more. Now through September. At 207 Green Street W, Wilson.

### 06/25 Downtown Live!

#### (June 25 @ 6-8:30pm)

Free Summer concert series. Come be a part by trying out your dance skills or relaxing to great music. Concerts start at 6pm & end at 8:30pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Concessions will be available for purchase. No coolers, please. June 25-*Hip Pocket*. See [www.imperialcentre.org](http://www.imperialcentre.org). On the lawn of the Imperial Centre, 270 Gay St., Rocky Mount.

### 06/25 Food Truck Thursdays (June 25 @ 11am-2pm)

Enjoy lunch outdoors. June 11-*Stuft*. More info on [knightdalenc.gov](http://knightdalenc.gov). At Knightdale Station Park, 1810 N First Avenue, Knightdale.

### 06/26 Friday Afternoon Popcorn & a Movie (June 26 @ 2pm)

Fourth Friday of each month. Enjoy popcorn & a movie. No cost to view the movie, popcorn is just 25¢ per bag! June 26-*Big Hero 6*. In Room 112 of The NASH Senior Center, 103 N Alston Street, Nashville.



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### 06/26 Women's Open Mastermind Luncheon (June 26 @ 11:30am)

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### 06/27 See Spot Read (June 27 @ 11am-12pm)

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

### 06/27 Stepping Into The Past (June 27 @ 10am-3pm)

Demos, with paid admission. June 27-Capturing our Past Artwork display. At The Tobacco Farm Life Museum, 709 N Church St., US Hwy 301 N, Kenly.

### 06/27 Annual Youth Conference -28 (June 27-28)

A community event that will be very beneficial to the youth of our community. On June 27 at 7pm & June 28 at 9am. The theme for this year is "Dreams Realized, The Season of Attainment". Questions, call 252.985.1848. At Showers of Blessing Christian Center, 1740 E Raleigh Blvd, Rocky Mount.

### 06/28 Freeman Round House Concert (Jun 28 @ 6:30pm)

Enjoy music until 8pm. Free. At the Oliver Nestus Freeman Roundhouse Museum, 1202 Nash Street East, Wilson.

### 07/02 Ice Cream Social & Movie Day (July 2 @ 2-3:30pm)

What is better on a hot summer day than Ice Cream and all the toppings? How about a movie to go along with it? Fee \$2/person, \$3/couple. At Zebulon Community Center, 301 S Arendell Avenue, Zebulon.

### 07/04 Independence Day (July 4th)

See Page 5 of this issue for some upcoming fireworks shows on the July 4th weekend.



**Be free to celebrate  
Independence Day  
with your loved ones**

### 07/17 Spring into Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series (July 17 @ 8pm)

Knightdale Parks & Rec hosts. Free & open to the public. Bring a blanket or chair. Movies will begin at dusk. Be seated by 8pm. July 17-Night at the Museum. For info, contact megan.young@knightdalenc.gov. Movies in the Knightdale Station Park Amphitheater, 810 N First Avenue, Knightdale.

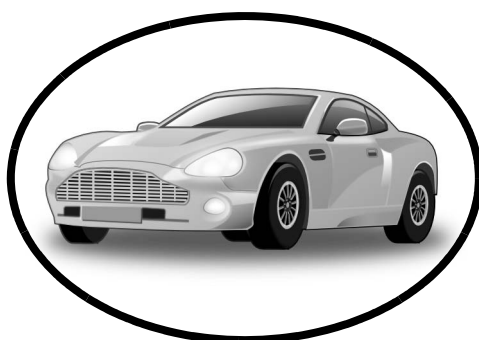
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# Independence Day Options for Fun and/or Fireworks

## **Garner Independence Day Celebration**

July 3, 2015 at Lake Benson Park, 921 Buffaloe Road, Garner.

Featuring performances by the North Carolina Symphony & SOULPLAY Band. Kids Adventure Zone featuring inflatables, games and crafts. Bring a picnic, or help the community by enjoying delicious concessions provided by local non-profit organizations. Top your evening off with the best fireworks show in the Triangle.

## **Rocky Mount Independence Day Celebration**

Fri, July 3, 6-10pm, at Rocky Mount Athletic Stadium

The City of Rocky Mount celebrates Independence Day every year on the 3rd of July. It takes place at the Rocky Mount Municipal Stadium. The night features live bands, entertainment, food and lots of community spirit. The festivities culminate in a spectacular fireworks show.

## **Tarboro Independence Day Celebration**

July 4, 2015, 6-9pm (then fireworks), on the lawn at Braswell Park, located at 1500 Western Blvd., Tarboro.

Beginning at 6pm, play in the park with children's games, inflatables, DJ with line dancing, food vendors and more summer fun. Bring your lawn chairs and entire family to enjoy playing in the park and then viewing the fireworks. Around 9:15 pm, the fabulous fireworks will be displayed from Tarboro High School grassy parking lot. For safety reasons, spectators will have restricted access within 500 feet (safety drop zone) of the display set-up area. No personal fireworks (open flames) or pets allowed, thank you. For questions please call 252.641.4263.

## **Wendell July 4th Parade**

July 4. 11am. on Main Street with Children's decorated bikes and other things, along with the veterans in old cars. Line up for the parade begins at 10:30am.

At 11:30am, the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance will take place along with the announcement of the Children's decorating winner. Retired Colonel Ted Spain will be in attendance to speak.

"Business that Made Wendell" by Cee and Kristy Todd will be given in the Woman's Club.

Free Hot Dogs will be served.

Sounds like a day of fun and excitement, so make your plans to join the Historical Society on Saturday, July 4th.

## **Mudcats for America Fireworks**

July 4, 2015, at Five County Stadium, Zebulon.

Celebrate America's Independence with a night of fireworks set to patriotic music. Miss Teen Miya Murphy appearance.

(Mudcats vs Myrtle Beach, 7pm)

## **Wilson Tobs Fireworks**

July 4, 2015, at the Tobs Stadium, Wilson.

Post-Game firework show! Hang around after the game to celebrate July 4th with a Thomas & Farris post-game firework show!

(Game is Wilson Tobs vs. Peninsula Pilots, 7:05pm)

## **Knightdale Fourth of July Fireworks**

July 4, 2015, 5pm-fireworks, at Knightdale Station Park.

The Second Annual July 4th Celebration featuring fireworks, activities, vendors, and music from *The Embers*. Fireworks will be shot at 9:15pm and last approximately 20 minutes.

There is no event fee, though plan to bring cash for vendors in case they do not accept credit cards.

There will be more food, more shuttles, more fireworks and more bathrooms than last year to assist in making this event bigger and better than last year.

It is suggested that you arrive early and carpool. There will be some onsite

parking available and along First Avenue in downtown Knightdale. Though, plan to make use of the free shuttle service from Knightdale Community Park (Knightdale High School) and East Pointe (formerly Square D) to Knightdale Station Park.

Interested in being a vendor or sponsoring events hosted by Knightdale Parks & Recreation? Have general questions about festivals and events? Contact Megan Thornton at 919.217.2236.

This event is hosted by Knightdale Parks, Recreation & Cultural Programs and is sponsored by Wake Stone Corporation.

## **Freedom Celebration**

July 4, 2015, 5-10pm, at Engelwood Baptist Church, 1350 S Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount.

Special music, games, and concessions, with fireworks at dusk.

## **Cary 4th of July Independence Day Celebration**

July 4, 2015, 3pm, at the Koka Booth Amphitheatre, 8003 Regency Parkway, Cary.

Free. Celebrate our nation's birthday in spectacular style at Booth Amphitheatre for the area's biggest Independence Day celebration ever. Come early and enjoy the beautiful setting and patriotic performances with the Cary Town Band and the North Carolina Symphony in what promises to make guests proud to be an American.

There will be plenty of family-friendly activities all day long included rides and games, a venue wide scavenger hunt, magicians, face painters, watermelon eating contests and a 50 foot Ferris Wheel!

Hosts Todd and Mimi from B93.9 will be onsite all day to help lead the fun and will have special giveaways.

Parking in venue owned lots is free. Lawn seating is free. Gates open at 3pm, with rides and activities until 5:45pm when the Cary Town Band takes the main stage. At 7:30pm, Your

North Carolina Symphony takes the stage, with Fireworks immediately following the concert.

## **The 'Works!**

July 4, 2015, 12-11pm, on Fayetteville Street, Raleigh.

Free. Once again, downtown Raleigh will host the city's Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza. Join in on the Independence Day Celebration during the day with live music, beer/wine tent, kids rides and games, Circus Maximus, street performers, eating contests, food and art vendors, picnic on Fayetteville St. and much more! Fireworks will light up the sky over the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts starting around 9:30pm.

Live music at the Capital Stage from 1-11pm and the City Plaza stage from noon-11pm. Visit website for full list of performers and times.

## **Lee Chevrolet's 4th of July & the City of Washington Fireworks**

July 4, 2015, 8am-9pm, dusk fireworks, at the Waterfront, Washington NC.

Fun and games all day! Cornhole, games, children's activities, music and Fireworks! Jupiter Jones will play 6-9pm, followed by fireworks over the river.

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## Summer Night Lights Returns with Additional Dates

*Released by Tameka Kenan-Norman*

The popularity of Summer Night Lights, presented by the City of Rocky Mount's Parks and Recreation Department, has grown in recent years. The event has become so attractive to teens and their parents that it is continuing with organized sports, inflatables, a live DJ, face painting, Bingo, famous characters and much more. Zaxby's will be on hand this year for the opening and closing dates.

"Summer Night Lights is a free, block party style program that occurs Friday nights in June, July and August," says Brian Harrell, recreation program coordinator for Parks and Recreation. "While the program is designed to attract area teens, over the past few years, it has grown into an outreach for families as well. In fact, it is so popular, we have expanded the Summer Nights Lights season to include two dates in June."

Summer Night Lights will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will alternate between multiple parks. Admission is free, and the first 200 guests each night

will receive a free hotdog, chips and drink.

Summer Night Lights will take place in the following locations:

- June 19, 2015 at Meadowbrook Park, located at 1742 Bedford Road
- June 26, 2015 at Branch Street Park, located at 1731 Branch Street
- July 10, 2015 at Three Sisters Park, located at 221 Walter Drive
- July 17, 2015 at Buck Leonard Park, located at 929 S. Grace Street
- July 24, 2015 at Englewood Park, formerly Stone Park, located at 300 Old Mill Road
- July 31, 2015 at Bea Holman Park, located at 1030 Star Street
- August 7, 2015 at Lancaster Park, located at 1509 Barnes Street
- August 14, 2015 at South Rocky Mount Park, located at 517 Ravenwood Drive
- August 21, 2015 at Aycock Park, located at 1200 Aycock Street

Volunteers are also needed for Summer Night Lights. To volunteer or for more information, call Francheskia Fenderson at 252.467.4925.



## Dr. Nicholas' Corner

### *Are We Humans in Trouble?*

Recently, question have risen regarding if we humans as a species are in danger. Well we certainly are, big time. We are being faced with circumstances and problems we ourselves have created; here are some of them.

Too many of us have being using the atmosphere as a sewage dump to an astonishing rate. (We are throwing 90 million tons of co2 into the air daily!)

As a result, the ice caps are melting as the planet is getting hotter (the co2 grabs and holds the heat from the Sun), the sea level has risen, and many places are getting dry. The sea is slowly turning to vinegar — killing fish and corals!

In addition, because of our activities, animals and plants of many kind are disappearing very quickly and forever.

There is an increase of the disparity of wealth. A few have collected great amounts of money, while the great majority of us worldwide live from day-to-day by the skin of our teeth.

This disparity has increased wars and strife! Many nations/tribes have thousands of missiles with nuclear bombs on top of them, ready to use.

Worse, our human nature did not change. We are ready for fights and wars as each tribe claims we are special and that "our own God is bigger God than your God" and claiming God belongs to a particular country... theirs! All nations/tribes are sure they are the best — kind and rational — while the next nation/tribe is the worst and evil.

Many claim, and some believe, that these things I've mentioned are not happening! Sorry, but they are! Natural laws are natural laws!

We need to know all these things. Fortunately there is a rising awareness, of these dangers the world over. And steps are being taken between nations to face these problems; though, some say not fast enough. Myself, I am optimistic.

We are the only species aware and capable of taking care of everything on this little planet of ours. Humans are capable of changing, and coming up with solutions when the dangers are in front of us.

Well, the dangers *are* in front of us. And tell the deniers next time to leave you alone. Instead, use your own brain power to think and support the effort wherever you can. I do.

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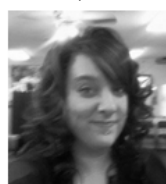
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## Poultry Shows, Public Sales to be Suspended Due to Threat of Avian Influenza

Released by Jennifer Kendrick, NCDA&CS

State Veterinarian Doug Meckes and Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler announced today that all NC poultry shows and public sales will be suspended from August 15, 2015, to January 15, 2016, due to the threat of highly pathogenic avian influenza. This includes the NC State Fair and Mountain State Fair poultry shows, bird shows at county fairs, live bird auctions and poultry swap meets.

The current strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza has been found in 21 states, mostly in the Midwest, and has not been detected in any state along the East Coast. This strain has not been found to affect human health and does not affect food safety. The virus is thought to be carried by migratory fowl, so veterinary officials are bracing for possible introduction of the virus during the fall migration.

“We did not make this decision lightly,” said Meckes. “Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a serious threat to our state’s poultry and we anticipate the threat of the virus will increase this fall. We want to take appropriate precautions to prevent the introduction to backyard and commercial flocks.”

The decision comes after department officials consulted with industry representatives, poultry specialists from NC State University, fair officials and other related parties. NC joins at least 13 other states that have cancelled or altered poultry shows due to HPAI.

“We know this ban will affect a number of poultry shows and kids who have planned to exhibit at their county fair or the State Fair,” Troxler said. “We regret having to make this decision, but we think it is in the best interest of everyone involved. We’re working on ways to keep youth who wanted to show at fairs interested in showing.”

More information about highly pathogenic avian influenza may be found at [www.ncagr.gov/avianflu](http://www.ncagr.gov/avianflu).

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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

Your cousin calls you and is very upset. Her young son goes to camp while she is working during the day. She picked him up at the camp one afternoon, and learned that he had been left outside when the other kids were brought inside for lunch. Her son ended up with a sunburn before they noticed him an hour later.

Your cousin is beside herself about this incident! She says she is suing the camp, and wants you to take over care of her son since you are home with your kids during the day.

Do you think this is something you would feel comfortable helping her with? Would you be more likely to help if she weren’t about to sue the child’s last caregiver?

How do you feel about children playing outside alone, in general? Do you think it is a normal part of childhood? Or, do you believe that children should be watched every second and not be allowed to play on their own?

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## The Strange-Ness

In early June, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), in Fairbanks, received several calls concerning *arctic lampreys* — snaky looking fish — that seemed to have rained down from the sky. Four lampreys were found in a parking lot and on a lawn, far from water.

The ADF&G suggest that the creatures probably did not “rain”; more likely gulls fished the lampreys out of a river and then dropping the squirming lampreys while in flight.

## Health Officials Encourage Caution in Heat

Released by [dhhs.nc.gov](http://dhhs.nc.gov)

As NC weathers 90-degree temperatures this summer, health officials with the NC Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) are urging citizens to take extra precautions against heat-related illnesses.

“Increased temperatures affect everyone, but children, the elderly, those who work outside and those with chronic health conditions are most vulnerable to illness during the

summer months,” said Dr. Megan Davies, Acting State Health Director and State Epidemiologist. “Simple actions can prevent severe illnesses, trips to the emergency room and even death.”

The symptoms of heat stress include muscle cramps, fatigue, weakness, dizziness, fainting, headaches, nausea and vomiting, and are easily avoidable with proper precautions.

To reduce risk of heat-related illness:

- Increase your fluid intake
- Spend some time in cool or air-conditioned environments
- Reduce normal activity levels
- Speak with your physician about how to stay safe if you take medicines that can impede heat loss such as drugs for high blood pressure, migraines, allergies, muscle spasms, mental illness and tranquilizers

In addition to these steps, “Operation Fan/Heat Relief” offers people who are 60 or older, or people with disabilities, the opportunity to receive one fan per year to help alleviate heat problems in their home. For more information on Operation Fan/Heat Relief, contact your local Social Services Department.

For more information on preventing heat-related health issues, visit: [publichealth.nc.gov/chronicdiseaseandinjury/heat.htm](http://publichealth.nc.gov/chronicdiseaseandinjury/heat.htm), or [www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat).

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### Chuckle of the Issue

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### Cryptogram of the Issue

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

Hint: Q = N.

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H N Q I M Y W Q L F I L S M

Answer to the previous issue's cryptogram:

*Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,  
I would still plant my apple tree.*  
-- Martin Luther

### Cryptogram Note:

The second hint for this puzzle is H = L. For more hints or assistance, email [trivia@greyareanews.com](mailto:trivia@greyareanews.com).

### Quote of the Issue

**Robert Fulghum (US Author)**

"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you."

### News from The Grey Area

Our annual break for Independence Day comes while this issue is out in shops. So, instead of the next issue coming out July 3, it will be distributed July 17.

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