

# Food stamps affected by federal decision

RALEIGH—North Carolina households receiving Food Stamps could be affected by a recent federal court decision. In a recently filed lawsuit, U.S. District Court Judge W. Earl Britt ruled that households denied Food Stamps because a member of the household quit their job may be eligible for back benefits.

"Judge Britt ruled that those households whose Food Stamps were denied, delayed or stopped because a family member, who was not the head of the household, quit their job may be eligible for Food Stamps they did not receive," according to Mary Deyampert, director of the state Division of Social Services. "Those households affected are ones whose

benefits were denied, delayed or stopped between October 24, 1985 and July 31, 1987, because a family member quit work," Deyampert added.

Individuals who have not received notice of the changes, and believe they are affected by the court ruling, should immediately contact their county department of social services. In order to determine a household's eligibility for back benefits, individuals must contact the county department of social services as soon as possible but no later than March 31, 1988. For additional information, contact the N.C. Department of Human Resources' CARE-LINE at 1-800-662-7030 or your nearest legal services office.

# People urged to keep good tax records

Good tax records can save taxpayers substantial time and money when preparing income tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service said.

If financial records are in order, taxpayers can save themselves hours of searching for earning statements or lost receipts and cancelled checks. These records are not only necessary to prepare a complete and accurate return, but good records can save people money when they become aware of deductions they might have otherwise overlooked.

The types of records to save for those filing Form 1040, the shorter Form 1040A or the 11-line Form 1040EZ include income statements, such as Forms W-2 and W-2P, showing income from wages and pension payments, and Forms 1099-INT and 1099-DIV, showing income from interest and dividends.

Parents who pay for the care of their children or dependents while they work or look for work should keep careful records of these payments. These records should consist of a week-by-week log of the name, address and, if required, social security number of the care provider, as well as the amount paid. Cancelled checks or receipts for cash payments will serve as substantiation of the amount paid.

Taxpayers who itemize deduction should keep receipts, cancelled checks, etc., for such things as medical and dental payments, contributions to churches and charities, and statements to substantiate mortgage interest. Records of the real estate

taxes and personal property taxes paid during the tax year should also be kept. Other miscellaneous items to keep might include records of payments of union dues, unreimbursed employee business expenses, investment expenses, and tax return preparation fees—although these can be deducted only to the extent that the total amount exceeds two percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

Taxpayers must have statements and receipts that document and support the income, deductions, and credits claimed on their tax returns, should IRS need to examine them. Tax records which support items claimed on a return should be kept for at least three years from the date and return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

Sometimes records must be kept longer than the period of limitation even though the tax return is correct and complete. Records of property transactions (including real estate, stock, machinery, etc.) should be kept for future reference.

In addition, copies of old tax returns may be helpful in preparing future returns, so taxpayers may want to keep them with their other records.

The IRS publishes a free publication on recordkeeping for tax purposes. To obtain a copy of Publication 552, "Recordkeeping for Individuals and a List of Tax Publications," write the IRS or call 1-800-424-3676.

# Parents play vital role in implementation of basic education plan

Parents and communities can play a vital role in the eight-year implementation of the Basic Education Program by enhancing the arts provided in their schools' curriculum.

"Participation in the arts can boost children's self-esteem and help them to do well in other subjects," Linda McCulloch, director of the Division of Arts Education, Department of Public Instruction, explains. "Parents and communities enrich the arts in ways which a teacher cannot provide in the classroom. They should be encouraged to do so."

The Basic Education Program, a comprehensive plan adopted in 1985 by the NC Legislature, includes a well-defined program in the arts and promises future success in the promotion of arts education in NC public school systems.

Parents and communities can enhance arts education beyond classroom instruction in various ways.

"Parents enhance arts education by showing an interest in their child's art work as much as any other subject," McCulloch commented. "They should become involved in the school's arts program by volunteering for various functions and should expose their children to professional arts by visiting museums, exhibits, and performances."

"Communities should pool their resources together to provide various

arts opportunities to children. Local arts councils are especially effective in doing this by identifying people in the community who can utilize their talents in enhancing the public school arts education program. Communities can also help by establishing educational foundations for the arts, sponsoring public school arts exhibits, and conducting fundraisers for schools' arts education facilities needs."

While the Basic Education Program provides guidelines for what should happen in the arts, the strategies for implementation will be left to the local school systems. McCulloch believes parents and communities should become aware of the implementation of the BEP in arts education.

Other ways parents can become involved include becoming aware of the art subjects taught in local schools, finding out if their district employs special teachers certified for arts education and when students have opportunities to visit a live performance or art exhibition outside the school.

Communities should try to supplement the BEP arts curriculum through its activities and performances, McCulloch said. Organizations should consult the arts education coordinators in the school system.

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## TWITCH



## RURAL DELIVERY



## GRUBBY



## Grandpa's Boy



## Crossword

**ACROSS**

- File
- Slightly open
- Seats
- Artist's tripod
- Sun God
- Short letter
- High plateau
- Food fish
- Cushions
- Diving bird
- Nude
- Grade
- Note of scale
- Bog
- Grinding tooth
- Fragrant seed
- Won
- Indefinite article
- Finishes
- A spice

**DOWN**

- Son of Zeus
- Rough lava
- Wrong doing
- Support
- Diphthong
- Fruit preserve
- Bewildered
- Revised
- Baby bed
- Asterisk
- Body of water
- Kind of cheese
- Ireland
- Cease
- Great lake
- Biblical country
- Slave
- Wing like part
- Paradise
- River islands
- Slide
- Merit garment
- Pack away
- Paving substance
- Title of respect
- That man
- Compass point

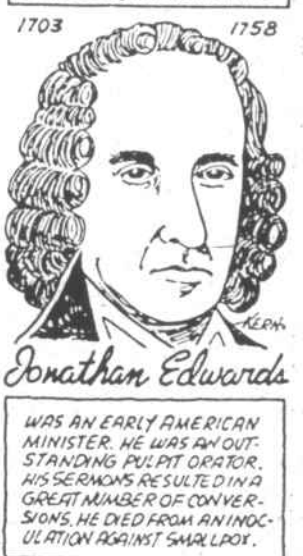
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Leftover letters spell the mystery word: **QUILLS**

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LEFTOVER LETTERS SPELL THE MYSTERY WORD

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T	N	P	O	R	W	C
E	H	T	C	A	E	
E	O	U	L	P	F	N
T	O	C	I	E	U	
H	F	N	E	R		
Q	U	I	L	L	S	

Words in these directions: **QUILLS**

## Bookmobile schedule

The schedule for the Perquimans County Bookmobile for Aug. 28, 1987, is as follows:

New Hope, 9:45-10:00; White Hat, 10:15-10:45; Poole's Grove, 11:00; 12:00; Woodville Fire Station, 12:00-12:30; S. Broglin Drive, 12:30; J. Perry's Drive, 12:30 and Chapanoke, 12:45-1:15.

Also, C.W. Gregory, 1:30; Winnie Riddick, 1:45; Layden Supermarket, 2:00-2:15; K. Turner's Drive (Belvidere), 2:15-2:30; M. White, 2:45; and Wynne Fork, 3:15.

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