



Fun and games will abound as Town Creek Indian Mound celebrates the birthday of Dr. Joffre Coe this Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coe, "the godfather of North Carolina archaeology," taught the art and science of research in the dirt and did groundbreaking work at Town Creek more than 80 years ago.

"If not for Dr. Coe's passion for discovery and learning," says Site Manager Rich Thompson, "we would not have such a complete history of American Indians in North Carolina."

Games and activities for kids as well as living history demonstrations will fill the day. For a special treat, cake will be served during a birthday sing-a-long for Dr. Coe at 1 p.m. at this free event.

For more than 1,000 years, American Indians farmed lands later known as North Carolina. Around A.D. 1000, a new cultural tradition arrived in the Pee Dee River Valley. Throughout Georgia, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee, and western and southern Piedmont North Carolina, inhabitants built earthen mounds for their leaders, engaged in widespread trade, supported craftspeople and celebrated a new religion.

The mission of Town Creek is to interpret the history of the American Indians who once lived here. The visitor center features interpretive exhibits and audiovisual displays. A national historic landmark, Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site is North Carolina's only state historic site dedicated to American Indian heritage.

Tour groups are welcome and encouraged. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed to the public Mondays and most major

holidays. The historic site is within the Division of State Historic Sites and located at 509 Town Creek Mound Road, Mount Gilead, N.C., 27306. For more information on Town Creek, visit www.towncreekindianmound.com.

Bowman Senior High School Class of 1984 Gala

All members of the Bowman Senior High School Class of 1984 are invited to attend the 'All White Gala' event that will be held on September 3 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. The cost is \$100 for couples, \$65 for singles.

All money should be turned in by July 15. Please send your payment to Windy Smith or Barbara Ingram at PO Box 1259, Wadesboro NC 28170. For more information contact Joyce Little at 704-695-2387.

NC Foreclosure Prevention Fund Protects Homes for Returning Veterans

With Independence Day on the way, many homeowners are thinking about their vacation plans. However, for many military veterans in North Carolina who may be facing foreclosure after discharge from service, celebrating may be hard. But help exists. The N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund, administered by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency using funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund, can help cover mortgage and related expenses for military veterans while they look for work or retrain for a new civilian career.

"Not only has this program allowed me to get back on my feet and start caring about my future again, it has allowed me time to do so without the stress of making mortgage payments while I am in school," said Nick Grady, who was discharged from the military in 2014 and went on to retrain for and pursue a civilian career while participating in the program.

"For the first time since I got out of the military I feel alive again and I can see a future. Not everyone tells the story of their struggle and most like me will not ask for help. My family and I will be forever grateful."

The assistance offered by the N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund is available in the form of a zero-interest, deferred loan of up to \$36,000 to cover the mortgage and related expenses for up to 36 months. The Fund will provide monthly mortgage payments while veterans look for work or train for a job while enrolled in vocational rehab or other eligible VA program such as the GI Bill. To be eligible, veterans must provide:

- A Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD214) with a separation date on or after Jan. 1, 2008
- A VA-issued, non-expired certificate of eligibility
- Proof of enrollment at an eligible VA-sponsored program or benefit

This program has already helped many North Carolina veterans like Grady keep their homes while they make the transition from military to civilian life.

"Our military veterans have sacrificed for their country, and they deserve to feel a sense of security on this most patriotic of holidays," said A. Robert Kucab, executive director of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency.

"The N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund can keep our veterans from going into foreclosure while they make the transition to civilian life. They protected us, now we want to help them protect their homes."

To learn more about the N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund and how it can help North Carolina veterans keep their homes, visit www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov or call 1-888-623-8631.

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, a self-supporting public agency, has financed 242,000 homes and apartments since its creation in 1973. The North Carolina Foreclosure Prevention Fund has helped nearly 22,000 homeowners avoid foreclosure since it began in December 2010.

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