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### Objects reported hovering in Wythe County

WYTHEVILLE, Va. (UPI) Many Wythe County residents report having seen unidentified flying objects in the night skies over their locality in Southwestern Virginia, officials say.

For three straight nights, residents and area law enforcement officers said they spotted strange objects hovering in the skies of southern Wythe.

The sightings, which occurred from Oct. 5 to 7 between 9 and 10 p.m., prompted two dozen or more concerned residents to call local authorities.

Wythe Sheriff G. Wayne Pike, who has talked to many of the UFO spotters, described the object in a telephone interview published Wednesday in The Richmond News Leader:

"They all described them as either an ice cream cone-type thing or a pyramid — they had one large end and one small end," said Pike, who hasn't seen the object himself. "Everybody agrees that these things made no noise whatsoever."

The craft, as he described it, has a bright, white light on its large end and pulsating, multi-colored lights surrounding its smaller end.

Pike said he believes residents who say they've seen something. Two of his deputies also told him they have seen the object with binoculars.

### State awards \$300,000 in grants to 19 school districts

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) Virginia's Department of Education has awarded \$300,000 in grants to 19 school districts for competitive projects during the 1987-88 school year, officials say.

The money is to be used for projects connected with basic skills, improving local education practices and for the education of gifted and talented children, the agency said.

The block grants are administered by the department's Division of Special and Compensatory Programs.

School districts awarded grants for basic skills projects include: Colonial Beach, \$12,428; Craig County, \$11,614; Newport News, \$24,948; Orange County, \$15,000; and Roanoke County, \$15,000.

Awards for projects related to improving local educational practices were given to: Alleghany Highlands, \$25,000; Bristol, \$15,000; Chesterfield County, \$16,930; Cumberland County, \$8,203; Falls Church, \$16,930; Galax, \$4,714; Halifax County, \$24,956; King George County, \$13,277; Poquoson, \$11,170; Radford, \$18,400; Shenandoah County, \$25,000; Smyth County, \$20,000; and York County, \$15,000.

Botetourt County was awarded \$6,394 for a project related to educating gifted and talent students.

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