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Rocky Mount New Gunfire Tracking

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The City of Rocky Mount announced that the Rocky Mount Police Department has implemented a new system to identify gunshot location.

The recently implemented ShotSpotter Gunfire Alert & Analysis Solution provides immediate gunshot location data. This enables accurate data to aid emergency response decisions, improve situational intelligence, and increase safety for first responders.

"We're honored to be providing a solution to help reduce gun violence and crime in Rocky Mount," said Ralph A. Clark, president and CEO of ShotSpotter. "The City is actively taking the right measures to fight gun crime. I'm excited about our partnership to help improve the City's policing efforts by providing the invaluable information needed to combat and reduce gun violence."

According to the ShotSpotter website, the ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System (GLS)® provides "real-time information about gunfire and explosions, giving [police] a more complete picture of an area's crime characteristics. Analytics and reports identify hot spots, locations of interest, and crime patterns, providing the capability to track, analyze, monitor and respond to gun-crime trends."

The Rocky Mount Police Department joins police from California, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and many other states in use of this specialized technology.

This new resource is just one more tool being used to fight crime in Rocky Mount. By helping police better identify the source of gunfire, the responders hope to gain more information and forensic evidence for investigations.

The Good News... Museum Hands-on

The North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain offers a variety of exhibits and workshops teaching the history of North Carolina.

Originally built on a site purchased from the Wilson Sanitorium Company, the museum structure housed the US Post Office and court house until 1981. Open since 2010, the North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain's exhibits showcase the lives of early settlers and Native American

Housed in the same building as the Imagination Station Science Museum of Wilson, the third-floor museum is offering hands-on workshops in October to teach historic gardening, blacksmithing, and spinning and weaving. More information and exhibit descriptions are online at www.ncmcp.org.

The Bad News... Angel **Food Ministries Gone**

Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit that provided low-cost food boxes, announced its doors are closing. Until last month, many NC churches helped residents by selling the Angel Food boxes containing both fresh and frozen foods.

A statement release on www.angelfoodministries.com stated, "...we regret to inform you that we have not found a solution that will allow Angel Food Ministries to continue to distribute food on a monthly basis and have decided to cease operations. We realize the pressure that this places on our host sites, community food banks and customers."

This comes as a blow to local churches and food distribution centers, as well as the families that depended on the affordable food boxes to feed their struggling families.

A Little Local History

Native Americans in North Carolina

Native Americans resided across the North Carolina area long before the settlers came. Starting with the first European arrivals in the 16th century, the tumultuous history of NC contains a mix of interactions that led to high cultural and linguistic losses by Native Americans within the region.

Centuries of immigration brought an end to some of the bands or tribes within the state. Before European settlements, these included the Catawba, Cheraw, Cherokee, Chicora, Creek, Croatan, Tuscarora, Tutelo and Saponi, and Waccamaw. Today's state-recognized tribes include the Cherokee, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, and the Waccamaw-Siouan — though only the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are recognized by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.

While much of their culture was lost through the years, organizations and Native American communities across North Carolina work to save and share their traditions and languages for future generations.

One of the many to learn more about the Native American traditions and history of NC is through local powwows, fairs, or harvest festivals held by Native American communities. Several are happening in October, including the Running Water Singers Powwow in Fayetteville, the First American Festival in Dunn, and the Meherrin Powwow in Ahoskie.

Pow Wows are gatherings of Native people, where both Native American and non-Native American people meet to dance, sing, learn, and honor American Indian culture.

November is Native American Heritage Month, making October a great time to learn about and to educate on North Carolina's long and continuing native history.

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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

* Rocky Mount *

Free Compost (October 1, 7 & 14 @ 7:30am-4pm)

Compost available from The City of Rocky Mount for residents to use in landscaping, etc. 1244 Arrow Road, Rocky Mount For more information, call 252.467.4906.

Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down (October 7-8)

Attend this official North Carolina State Barbecue Championship. Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation. 427 S Church Street, Rocky Mount NC More details at www.bbqthrowdown.net.

Rally For Ally (October 8)

Fundraiser for 9-year-old Ally Himmel, in treatment for a brain tumor. Registration starts at 10am. Poker run, bike show, corn hold, BBQ, concert, and more.

Rocky Mount Harley-Davidson, 928 N Winstead Avenue Contact 919-272-0682 or hartphoto@touchnc.net.

Rocky Mount Fair (October 12-22)

Fair, petting zoo, pony rides, and live entertainment! Friday and Saturday adults \$5 after 6pm, other nights adults are free. Free for 12 years and younger. Free parking. 2631 N. Raleigh Street, Rocky Mount NC

Artisan Center Holiday Open House (October 22 @ 11am-3pm)

Open house with more than 20 businesses under one roof. Variety of arts, crafts, jewelry, and more on display. Bel-Air Artisan Center, 115 S Church Street, Rocky Mount

* Wilson *

First Fridays On The Lawn (October 7 @ 6-9pm)

Enjoy live music, food and craft vendors. October bands "Brimstone" and "Big Sam". Inflatables, rock wall, and giant slide. Audience game & dance performance. Downtown Library Lawn, 249 W. Nash Street, Wilson NC For more info, 252-399-2200 or www.wilson-nc.com.

NC METALFEST 2011 (October 8 @ 11am-11pm)

NC METALFEST celebrating 20 Years of Metal at the Wilson Fairgrounds. There are 30 bands performing on 3 stages along with Metal merchants & vendors. Wilson County Fairgrounds, Hwy 301, Wilson NC

Poetry Writing Workshop (October 15 @ 10am-3pm)

"The Voice of Nature" Poetry Writing Workshop. The Sam and Marjorie Ragan Writing Center Barton College, Wilson NC

Contact 800-345-4973 x6364 or rlgodwin@barton.edu.

* Zebulon & Wendell *

Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (October 1, 8 & 15 @ 11:30am-12:30pm)

Zebulon United Methodist Church and St. Eugene Catholic Church distribute brown bag lunches to those in need. Personal hygiene items for families in need. Zebulon: Gannon Ave & N. Church Street Wendell: St. Eugene, 608 Lions Club Road www.zumchurch.org & www.steugeneparish.org

Trivia Night (October 2, 9 & 16 @ 7:30pm)

Zebulon's McLean's Ole Time Cafe Sunday night trivia. Offers free fun and prizes.

418 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon More details, call 919.269.0125.

Jolley Family Fun Farm Corn Maze & More (October 1-November 5)

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(1-765-276-6293) www.jolleyfamilyfunfarm.com



Trivia Night (October 3, 10 & 17 @ 7:30pm)

Come to Pizza Villa-Zebulon for Monday night trivia. Play on a team and win prizes.

409 US Highway 64 Business W, Zebulon NC Call 919.269.4777 for more information.

Zebulon UM Church Fall Festival (October 8 @ 7:30am - 7pm)

Activities for the family! Starts with 7:30am breakfast. Bake shop, country store, craft room, plant shop, & kid's activities. Silent Auction at 11am. Hot dogs, BBQ chicken, & pork dinners. Live Auction 3pm to 5:30pm. 121 West Gannon Avenue, Zebulon, NC Contact 919.269.9408 or visit www.zumchurch.org.

Whitley Park Music Series (October 9 @ 4-6pm)

Listen to the music of "Clay Pigeons" at this free event. Whitley Park, 601 N Wakefield, Zebulon NC Visit www.townofzebulon.org or call 919.823.1815.

Family Movie Night (October 14 @ 7-9pm)

Showing "Coraline" this 2nd Friday of the month. Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department presents free movie and popcorn for all ages. A parent/guardian must be present. Community Center, 401 S Arendell, Zebulon NC

* Elsewhere * Annual Halifax Harvest Day (October 1 @

9am-6pm) Includes the "Great Roanoke Valley Pig Cook-off", the Tri-County Horse Show, music, antique tractor pull, antique farm machinery demos, children's activities, food, and craft vendors. Held at the Halifax County 4-H Rural Life Center. 13763 Hwy 903, Halifax NC 27839

Call 252.583.5161.

Darkside Haunted Estates (October Oct 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-31)



Pitt County American Legion Agricultural Fair (October 3-8)

Entertainment nightly, exhibits, and baked goods judging. Admission \$3-\$5, children 4 & under free. 3910 Martin Luther King Jr Highway, Greenville NC More info at 252.758.6916 or pittfair.org.

7th Annual Ava Gardner Festival (October 7-8 @ 9am-6pm)

This year's festival marks the 11th anniversary of the Ava Gardner Museum. Celebration includes heritage tours, Ava Gardner film showings, and special exhibits. Event kickoff during the Ava Gardner Festival Gala on Friday evening. Ava Gardner Museum, 325 E. Market St., Smithfield, NC Contact Jessica Meadows at 919.934.5830.

Pumpkin Festival (October 8 @ 7:30am-4pm)

This 9th Annual Pumpkin Festival begins with a 5K run at 7:30am. Festival from 10am-4pm. Food, crafts, bike show, antique farm equipment show, children's games, & more. New Johnston County "Great Pumpkin" Contest! Free. Wilson's Mills Town Hall, 101 Railroad St., Smithfield NC Please call 919-938-3885 for information on attending, vending, or sponsoring.

Edible Landscaping (October 12 @ 2-4pm)

As prices rise for fruits and vegetables, people are turning to more "utilitarian" gardening. This class will focus on creating "edible" landscapes — those gardens that are aesthetically pleasing as well as edible.

JCC Arboretum Mobile Unit, 1240 E Market St., Smithfield Call Minda Daughtry, 919.209.2184 for cost & registration.

2011 NC State Fair (October 13-23)

Annual event with much to do, many foods to try, barns full of animals, and contests.

1025 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raleigh NC 27607 Info at 919.821.7400 or www.ncstatefair.org

Ghostwalk (October 14-15 @ 7-9pm)

Tour the haunted sites of Old Kinston: alleys, buildings, Harmon Hall, Pearson Park at the Neuse River. Hear stories of war, lost love, and murder presented by guides in period dress. Tour is 90 minutes. Admission \$15 for adults, \$12 for Children over 8 yrs. Meet @ Chamber Office 15 min prior. 301 N. Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28502

The Strickland Farm Trail of Terror (October 14-15, 21-22, & 28-31)

Trail of Terror is a walk through the Strickland Farm's woods that will give you a good scare! 7346 Strickland Farm Road, Macclesfield NC 27852 See www.thestricklandfarmtrailofterror.com

Couture For A Cause October 21 @ 8-10:30pm; doors open 7:30pm)

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Shades of Grey

What Do You Think?

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 not just about the choices people make, but the thought process they go through to arrive at their decisions.

Submitted for Your Consideration and Conversation

Your daughter goes on a sleep over. She stays overnight Friday evening at the home of a classmate. The two girls go to elementary school together and are 9 years old.

When your daughter comes home on Saturday, she tells you how much fun she had, and seems to be in a great mood.

That night, however, she has trouble going to sleep. It is several hours before you see that she has nodded off. You're awakened later by her screams and go in to check on her.

She is sweaty, and tells you that she had a nightmare. She says she dreamed a man in a mask was chasing her with a knife and that it scared her. Then she tells you that the nightmare character looked like the one in the movie she watched at her classmate's house — a movie you know to be rated R, violent, and bloody.

You don't allow your daughter to watch R-rated movies, and disapprove of the two young girls being allowed to watch this particular one. By the time your daughter goes back to sleep — on the couch, with you nearby — you are fuming mad.

You're angry at the mother of your daughter's friend for letting such young girls watch this nightmarish movie. You know you hadn't specifically prohibited the movie, and aren't sure if you actually told the mom your child couldn't watch R-rated movies, but you still feel angry.

Do you think that the mom was in the wrong because of the age of the children? Do you think it is all right for you to judge the other mom based on the rules you set for your child? Or because the R rating is for movies possibly not suitable for under-17 children? Do you think it would be easier to let it go than confront the other mom? If you let it go, would you mention something the next time your daughter visited? Or do you think you would keep your daughter home from future sleep overs at her house?

Alternatively, what if you had told the other mom not to let your daughter watch scary or R-rated movies? Do you think you would be more likely to say something to her?

Things We Did in NC When We Were Bored

Darkside Haunted Estates

Our staffers checked out Darkside Haunted Estates in Middlesex NC. Creeeeepy! Consisting of a 1/4-mile forest walk through graveyard and ghouls, the path takes visitors through multiple haunted houses and structures. Passing through Darkside Manor, the insane asylum, the chop house, and the chilling clown house, the level of unease and goose bumps were both rising. They found that thrills, chills, and kills abounded on this freaky estate!

This haunted attraction rates nice-and-creepy and great for a family night out or a special date night! Young children and the feint of heart might want to stay home, though firemen and EMTs are kept close at hand.

There are also refreshments, games, and a 1/4-mile haunted hayride to delight all ages, even if you choose not to venture off into the forest.

Jolley Family Fun Farm

The Jolley Family Fun Farm has opened a huge corn maze! Located just a few minutes from downtown Zebulon, the maze covers eight acres, all cut out in the shape of a gigantic pirate ship.

This new maze opened with a Zebulon Chamber Of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on Friday, September 23rd. The Grey Area staffers had the opportunity to enter the maze several days before, and had a great time walking through and checking out the twists, turns, and games along the way. Visitors could easily spend over an hour playing all the games and testing their navigation skills!

In addition to the large maze, there was also a mini maze designed for small children. Our staffers would have enjoyed checking out the shark in the corn, and hope to return with kids in tow to see more. Grown ups, teens, and families should have an a-maze-ing time at Jolley Family Fun Farm!

News From The Grey Area

This October 1st issue includes information on indoor and outdoor activities including some special Fall attractions. This time of year brings agricultural fairs, corn mazes, pumpkin festivals, and Halloween. Our next issue, October 15th, will include haunted happenings, ghost walks, and more.

Between issues, keep up with *The Grey Area* via the website and online social media!

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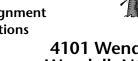
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Little Bits

Word of the Issue

Conscience

Definition: An inner voice that may act as a guide to one's behavior. **Example:** "His conscience told him he should vote for the new member."

Translation of the Issue

English — "shoes and socks"

translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, and other online and print resources.

Quote of the Issue

Mahatma Gandhi

"The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without

Chuckle of the Issue

There was a haunted house on the outskirts of the town which was avoided by the town folk — the ghost which resided there was feared by all.

However, an enterprising journalist decided to get the scoop of the day by photographing the fearsome phantom. When he entered the house, armed with only his camera, the ghost descended upon him, clanking chains and screeching. Frightened, he told the ghost, "I mean no harm — I just want your photograph."

The ghost was quite happy at this chance to make headlines, and posed for a number of ghostly shots.

The happy journalist rushed back to his dark room, and began developing the photos. Unfortunately, they turned out to be black and underexposed.

So what's the moral of the story?

The spirit was willing but the flash was weak.

German — schuhe und socken Spanish — zapatos y calcetines Italian — scarpe e calze Irish — bróga agus stocaí Danish — sko og sokker Dutch - schoenen en sokken

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Monday, December 26

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