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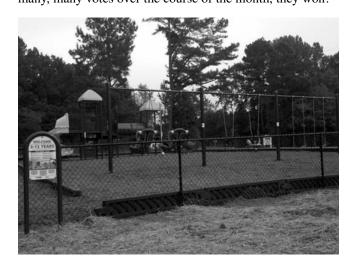
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The Good News... **Church Playground**

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The Rocky Cross Baptist Church went after the money, and they got it. During the month of July, they spread the word throughout the community — and online — about their quest for \$25,000 from the Pepsi Refresh Project. And, with many, many votes over the course of the month, they won!



Just this week the playground was installed at the church, located on Burgess Road a few miles outside of Zebulon. Sporting a safe, fenced in area, soft play surface, swings, climbing equipment, and a half basketball court, the playground Grand Opening is October 19th.

In addition to the Pepsi refresh funding, Rocky Cross Baptist Church raised thousands through the work of their Angelic Beaders, members who create beautiful jewelry to sell for the church's benefit. The playground is supported by the church, designed for use by the entire community. Stop by with your children and enjoy!

The Bad News... RIP Steve Jobs :-(

Each day, people pass from this world. Whether famous, family, or infamous, often their passing puts us in a frame of mind to look at their lives and the contributions they made — or what they meant to us.



One of the people lost this month is Steve Jobs. Mr. Jobs was many things: a visionary, an entrepreneur, an inventor. Born February 24, 1955, he passed away October 5, 2011. His career spanned many decades, starting with he and a group of colleagues founding Apple in 1976. He helped bring innovation to the way people communicate and share. His

involvement in Apple, NeXT, Pixar and Apple (again) helped move consumer technology into the portable online world of today. He spent much of his life working on the next phase of technology; one can only wonder what is next

Learn Fly-Tying

October 19-21 the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is offering a free, 3-day "Beginning Fly-Tying" course at the John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center. Class runs 6:30-9:30pm each day. Attend the class to learn about flytying tools, materials and basic fly-tying techniques. All tools and materials are provided for the course. Registration is limited to the first 20 people, and pre-registration is required by October 18th.

To pre-register, contact Tom Carpenter at 910-868-5003, ext. 15. The John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center is located at 7489 Raeford Road, in Fayetteville. For more information on this and other events, visit www.ncwildlife.org/fishing.

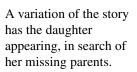
A Little Local History

Morpheus Bridge

For Halloween, we'll move a little away from history and look at a local "legend". We'll visit the Morpheus Bridge on the aptly named Morpheus Bridge Road in Wendell.

The story goes that a mother, father, and child — alledgedly a daughter — were driving along the rural road and crashed into the side of Morpheus Bridge. They were ejected from the car and fell into the murky water. Depending on the telling of the story, either all three died or the father lived.

Over the past decades since the 1940s-dated accident, people who park their cars on the bridge on Halloween night may experience a haunting event. The car may shut off on its own, or you can turn it off, and then the woman's ghost may appear, searching for her child.





Searching decades of news articles for accidents along Morpheus Bridge Road, only one Associated Press article was found, which referred to a woman killed in 1972 on a "rural paved road two miles south of Wendell". Unless the Wendell newspaper archives hold details on the legendary family accident, the Morpheus Bridge Road ghost's name and origin may remain a local mystery.





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* Rocky Mount *

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

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

Open house with variety of arts, crafts, jewelry, & more. Sponsored by VanGo Arts Studios and Interiors By Design. Bel-Air Artisan Center, 115 S Church Street, Rocky Mount

* Wilson *

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.

Go Pink Days (October 18 & 28)

Wear pink so 10% of your service goes towards Susan G. Komen passionately pink for the cure. They have pink extensions, feathers and bracelets for sale. And raffles! 2801 Ward Blvd, Wilson NC

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Wilson Whirligig Festival (November 5-6)

Enjoy food vendors, music, and entertainment! 200 W. Nash Street, Wilson NC Call the Wilson Chamber Of Commerce at 252.237.0165.

* Wendell *

Feed Your Neighbor 5K (October 16 @ 4pm)

Wendell United Methodist Church is holding a 5K with all proceeds supporting the WUMC Food Pantry. Wendell UMC, Wendell NC Visit wendellumc.org for more information.

A Pumpkin Festival (October 28-31)

Live entertainment, robot ride, virtual reality ride, food, games, contests, vendors, crafts, & more! Free. Tickets for select games and activities, available in advance at The Kila Company, Wendell Chamber, & Wendell Parks & Rec. Wendell Park, 601 W Third Street, Wendell NC More info 919.880.6589.

* Zebulon *

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

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Ahoy Mateys! Climb aboard the brand new 8 acre, Pirate Ship Corn Maze at the Jolley Family Fun Farm. Explore the high seas in our first ever cornfield maze, travel thru the sails of a pirate ship, find your way thru the skull & crossbones, search out pirate flags and even sneak a peek at the map with Maize-O Vision. It's sure to entertain the skilled and the O-Vision. It's sure to entertain the skilled and the uninitiated maze solvers alike. There's even a mini corn maze for the lil' mateys.

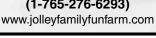
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Things to Do in NC When You're Bored

McLean's Ole Time Cafe Trivia Night (October 16, 23 & 30 @ 7:30pm)

Sunday night trivia. Offers free fun and prizes. McLean's, 418 W Gannon Avenue, Zebulon NC More details, call 919.269.0125.

First Birthday Party & E.I. Zebulon (October 22 @ noon - 10pm)

Celebrate the first birthday of Eclectic Intellectual with its art/visual fair followed by an audio/music fair. Lots to see, arts and crafts to buy, food, drink, and multiple bands. 120 N. Arendell Avenue, Zebulon NC

Details at eizebulon.blogspot.com or call 919.375.4486.

* Elsewhere *

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

Darkside Haunted Estates (October 14-15, 21-22, & 28-31)



Kinston Ghostwalk (October 15 @ 7-9pm)

Tour the haunted sites of Old Kinston: alleys, buildings, Harmon Hall, and more. Hear stories of war, lost love, and murder presented by guides in period dress. Tour is 90 minutes. Admission fee. Meet at Chamber Office in adv. 301 N. Queen Street, Kinston NC

Movies at Vollmer Farm (October 15, 22 & 29)

Come for "Family Movie Night". Lilo and Stitch on Oct 15th, Homeward Bound on Oct 22nd, and both Winnie the Pooh & It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown on Oct 29th. 677 NC Hwy 98E, Bunn NC

Call 919.496.3076 or visit www.vollmerfarm.com

Haunted Forest at Panic Point (October 15, 20-22, 27-29 &31)

Panic Point Haunted House and more. Multiple attractions, food, carnival games, and music. Take time between attractions to eat by the fire, enjoy music, and swap stories. 2808 Cedar Creek Rd, Youngsville, NC 27596 Call 919.526.8612 or raleighhauntedhouse.com

Moore's Family Farm Spook Trail (October 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29 @ 7-11pm

See if you can make it through their walk of terror. Take a Hayride to the back of the farm and your adventure begins as you walk the paths on the farm. Wear shoes; no flip flops. Off Hwy 58N on Taylor Heath Road. Kinston NC Contact Kim Moore at 252.775.1697.

Kila Events! Oct 23 An All Occasion Venue Tour Oct 28 Halloween Bingo 6-9pm Nov 4 First Friday Jazz — arts & music Call 919-365-5003 for **More Event Details** OMPANY 28 N Main St, Wendell

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



Clayton Fear Farm Daytime Activities (Oct 15, 21-22, 27-31 @ 10am-4pm)

Family Fall Fun. Ten acre corn maze, Pumpkin Patch with pumpkins still on the vine in the field, 3D house, and other new attractions added yearly. Admission tickets. Also nighttime Haunted Scream Park with haunted houses, haunted hayride, haunted attractions and 5-acre corn maze! Boyette Farms, 1620 Loop Road, Clayton NC Info 919.553.0016 and www.claytonfearfarm.com

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

Join Activate Good for a night of hors d'oeuvre, silent & live auction, cash bar, entertainment, and a runway fashion show! Limited tickets available for pre-event dinner. Local designers show outfits inspired by the 'spirit' of nonprofit partners. Outfits auctioned to benefit Activate Good. Marbles Kids Museum, 201 E Hargett Street, Raleigh More details at activategood.org/couture-for-a-cause.html.

Historical Ghost Walk (October 27)

Riverside Cemetery (corner of S. Second & Church Streets) 241 East Market Street, Smithfield NC Info 919.934.2836 or www.johnstonnc.com/heritage

Halloween Bash (October 29th @ 5pm)

Costume contest for ages 2 and up. The winner receives a choice of three prizes: gift certificate, birthday party pass, or season passes for the Back 40 for 2012. Call for details. Vollmer Farm, 677 NC Hwy 98E, Bunn NC Info 919.496.3076 or www.vollmerfarm.com

Raleigh Haunted Footsteps Ghost Tour (through October)

Tour is a family-friendly 1.5 mile walking tour designed for adults and children (8 years and up) seeking a unique and different downtown experience. The tour combines local ghost stories, folklore and local history as it takes guests to four different sites. Admission \$9.99 to \$15.

Wake Co. Court House, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC Info 919.371.2653.



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

You and your spouse take your teenager to the mall to get a new music CD he's been talking about. When he picks up the CD, you see there are two versions: one with an "explicit content" warning label and one "cleaner" version. You allow your son to get the cleaned up version.

The next evening, your son has a friend over for the weekend. The two of them are upstairs in the family room. Their music gets a little loud, so you go up to tell them to turn it down.

As you get to the top of the stairs, you see that your visitor's digital audio player is connected to the stereo and you can hear four letter words coming out of the speakers.



You take the digital audio player off the "dock" and tell the kids to watch a movie and get some popcorn.

Returning downstairs, you plug in earphones and listen to some of the songs on the visiting boy's player. You're shocked by some of the lyrics, and realize he has the explicit version of the CD.

Do you think you would even consider taking the player back and letting the two boys continue listening to the music? How do you think you would deal with your son's choice to listen to music with such strong language even though he knew how you felt about it?

At the end of the sleep over, do you think you give the music player back to the boy, or to his parents with fair warning?



Things We Did in NC When We Were Bored

Wendell Harvest Festival

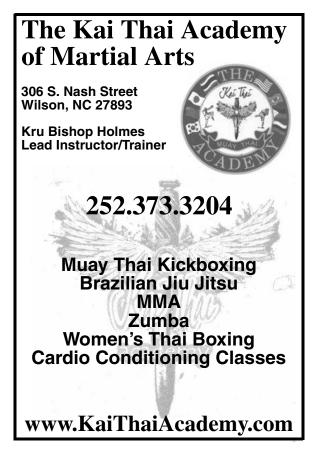
October 7 & 8 the Town of Wendell held its Annual Harvest Festival. The streets filled with vendor booths. In addition to shopping from vendors and local shops, visitors could snag a variety of fair food. Children's activities — bouncy castles, climbing walls, games — rounded out the offerings. Pumpkins and hay bales made the atmosphere even more festive, and it was great to see the local farms involved.



News From The Grey Area

This issue lists Fall and Halloween attractions including corn mazes, haunted houses, ghost walks, and more. "Things To Do..." listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Starting with the November 1 issue, sponsors will not be included; however, event organizers may purchase advertising space to provide more event details. Between issues, keep up with *The Grey Area* news and event updates via the website and online social media!

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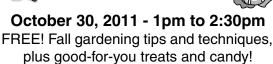
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Little Bits

Word of the Issue

Ghoul

Definition: An evil spirit or phantom supposed to plunder graves and feed on corpses. Also used to refer to a person morbidly interested in the revolting.

Example: "She dressed as a ghoul for trick or treating."

Translation of the Issue

English — "pumpkin"

German — kürbis Spanish — calabaza Italian — zucca Irish — pumpkin Danish — græskar Dutch — pompoen

Korean — 호박 (hobag) Latin — cucurbita (actually "gourd")

Translations for these and many other languages may be found at translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, and other online and print

Quote of the Issue

Steve Jobs

"My model for business is The Beatles: They were four guys that kept each other's negative tendencies in check; they balanced each other. And the total was greater than the sum of the parts. Great things in business are never done by one person, they are done by a team of people."

Chuckle of the Issue

One dark night, two young men were walking home and decided to take a shortcut through a cemetery. When they got about half-way through the graveyard, they were startled by a noise and stopped walking.

There was a terrifying noise, a "TAP! TAP!" coming from the shadows. Trembling with fear, they moved closer to the sound and spotted an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Geez, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath. "You SCARED us half to death. We thought you were a GHOST! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

Something to Clip for Your 'Fridge

The two bats below would love to be cut out, hung with a little string, and left to flutter freely from one of your refrigerator magnets!

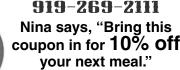
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