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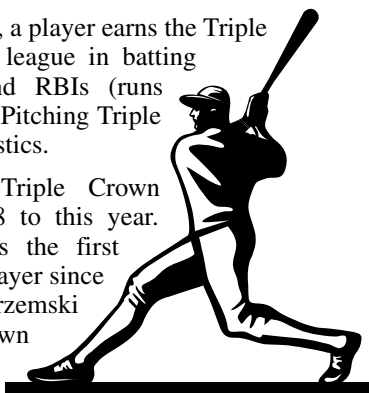
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## What is the Major League Baseball Triple Crown?

During the 2012 regular season, Miguel Cabrera, 3rd baseman for the Detroit Tigers, accomplished the Triple Crown of Baseball. Followers of baseball “stats” (statistics) know what this is. Here is a little more information for everyone else.

In Major League Baseball, a player earns the Triple Crown when he leads a league in batting average, home runs, and RBIs (runs batted in). There is also a Pitching Triple Crown with different statistics.

There have been 17 Triple Crown accomplishees from 1878 to this year. Tiger Miguel Cabrera is the first Major League Baseball player since 1967, when Carl Yastrzemski earned the Triple Crown while playing for the Boston Red Sox.



## Fun & Goose Bumps

Ah, Halloween. All Hallows’ Eve. For some, it is the day before November 1st religious holidays. For others, it is a time for enjoying church-held events. For a great number of children, it is a time of year for dressing up and eating candy.

Regardless of the origins of Halloween and religious and pagan rites across in its history, much of its focus across recent decades has been on mixing scariness and fun for the enjoyment of children. Scary costumes, decorated homes,

and spooky movies have been staples of celebrations. Scaring or being scared are expected.

Different characters have been folded into Halloween. Costumes turn people into ghosts, ghouls, witches and monsters. Black cats and bats become spooky companions, making even adults take a step back when they see them on a dark evening.

The difference between a ghoulish and a zombie, a witch and a warlock, a poltergeist and a ghost, become insignificant as people gather wearing costumes and makeup, eating goodies, and sharing a few frights along the way.

## The Strange-ness

A Portland, Maine, road construction sign was hacked in early October. Rather than warning drivers about night construction hours, the sign warned of Zombies!

This “hacking” incident is not the first time construction signs became zombie warnings.

In fact, the Morrisville-Carpenter area sported a similar road signs near Route 55 in July 2010. Fortunately, no actual zombies have attacked and the warnings have merely been pranks.



## A Little Bit of History

### Bel Air Chevrolet (Building at 115-123 S Church Street)

On a vacant lot, a two-story commercial building was constructed in 1924. First used as a funeral home and auto showroom, residential apartments were rented on the upper floor.

By 1936, the auto showroom, Bullock Auto Sales, had expanded. Bullock Auto Sales occupied the building through 1960 when the space was vacated. Just a few years later, in 1965, Bel-Air Chevrolet began operating in the building — owned by the Bullock family.

Back in the day, 123 South Church Street was the parts department of Bel-Air Chevrolet. Steel beams and posts provide additional support for the second story garage service area. A hydraulic lift moved vehicles from the first floor to the second for service.

The storefronts and auto showroom at the northwest corner have been altered. The rear auto service space, now artist and artisan studios, still has its pressed metal ceilings, an elaborate metal cornice, metal casement windows and a concrete floor.

Walk into 115 South Church Street today and enter the Bel Air Artisans Center. On the other side of the building is 123 South Church Street, currently being renovated by owners Ron and Hilarie Vetere into an eatery.

## Recent Product Recalls

Kellogg Company is voluntarily recalling two of their cereal products due to “possible presence of fragments of flexible metal mesh”. Those who have Frosted Mini-Wheats Bite Size Original, or Mini-Wheats Unfrosted Bite Size, at home should check the labels to determine if the cereals are safe to eat or should be returned.

Affected products are listed by UPC number on this link: [consumeralert.kelloggs.com/consumeralert.aspx?id=5596](http://consumeralert.kelloggs.com/consumeralert.aspx?id=5596) Those with affected products or questions should contact Kellogg Company at 800.962.1413.

This is just one of several food recalls affecting NC in recent weeks. Another is for salad. Fresh Express is also conducting a voluntary, precautionary recall. Their Fresh Express Hearts of Romaine Salad with a Use-by Date of October 11 and Product Code of S270A24 is being recalled due to possible Salmonella contamination.

Add these to the recent recall of nut butter products made in the Sunland Inc. factory that started with Trader Joe’s and spread to other products which contained their nut butters.

To find out about product recalls or possible health risks from purchased foods, visit the FDA Recalls section of their website: [www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls).

## Watch the October Orionid Meteor Shower

The Orionid Meteor Shower is most visible during October, with a prime time for watching during next two weeks. Named for the constellation Orion, this prolific meteor shower is made up of debris from Halley’s Comet. The Orionids are named after Orion because of the way they seem to radiate or originate by that constellation.

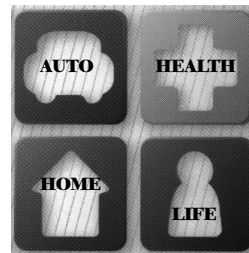
A “Shooting Star Sleepover” is being held at Town Creek Indian Mound (509 Town Creek Mound Road, Mount Gilead NC). The October 20-21 event offers visitors an opportunity to watch the sky overnight (small fee). Call 910.439.6802 or visit [www.towncreekindianmound.com](http://www.towncreekindianmound.com).

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Things to Do in NC  
When You’re Bored

\* Bunn/Louisburg \*

**Second Cup Writers Group  
(October 17 @ 9:30am)**  
Join the group for critique & discussion of writing.  
Full Circle Coffee Shop, 120 E Main St, Youngsville

**Plein Air Painting  
(October 20 @ 10 am-3pm)**  
Free & open to the public. FCAC sponsors “Plein Air” Day.  
Plein Air is derived from French phrase “en plein air” (in the open air). Bring a picnic lunch & art supplies.  
DeHart Botanical Gardens, 3585 Us 401 Hwy S, Louisburg

**Classics Car Show (October 27 @ 10am-5pm)**  
Free & open to the public! Come see local collectors' antique cars. Enjoy vendors, refreshments, & live music. Parking fee.  
Norris Creek, 751 Old Halifax Road, Louisburg  
Contact Kim Valentine at the Chamber: 919.269.6320.

**Franklin County Fire Fighters Association 50th Anniversary Celebration (October 28 @ 2-5pm)**  
Come out & celebrate with Food, Games, and Fire Truck displays. Special entertainment for kids. Local bands Willis Gupton Band & Sourwood Mountain Band, Lizard Lick Towing & more. So Few serving So Many...  
Triangle North Executive Airport, 440 Airport Rd, Louisburg  
Info/sponsor: Johnny Hight 919.729-4499 jhight@fcncso.org.

**FCAC Open Mic Night (October 28 @ 2-4pm)**  
Writers of prose and poetry, musicians come enjoy your five minutes of fame. All welcomed by FCAC Writers Guild.  
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn  
Contact donnacampbellsmith@gmail.com or 919.494.5945.

**Lake Royale Holiday Fair  
(November 3 @ 9am-4pm)**  
Free Admission, passes at the Lake Royale entry gate.  
Lake Royale Clubhouse, Off Sledge Rd, Louisburg  
Call POA at 252.478.4121 or visit www.LRPOA.com.

**Pre-Veterans Day Night of Music  
(November 10 @ 6-9pm)**  
Franklin County Student Arts Council event with Veteran Howard Overton of Overtone Productions. Honor our Veterans & their families.  
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn  
Artists with works depicting a Military or Veterans them may exhibit. Contact fcacsac@gmail.com or 919.496.6719.

**Bunn Christmas Parade (December 8 @ 10am)**  
Come enjoy this annual tradition! Parade through downtown Bunn begins at the high school (participants rally @ 9:30am).  
Main Street, Downtown Bunn  
Join parade/info: Linda 919.496.4831, Christy 919.497.3129.

**Craft Show (December 8)**  
Santa clause on site for children, parents come & take photos!  
Held in conjunction with the Bunn Christmas Parade.  
Common Grounds Coffee, 20 Cheves Road, Bunn  
To be a vendor, see Barbara at Common Grounds.

\* Knightdale/Raleigh \*

**Networking in Knightdale  
(October 16 @ 11:30am-1pm)**  
Eat, mingle, share, & get useful information & prizes. \$10 non-members. Pay for own meal. 3rd Tuesday each month.  
Applebee’s, 6609 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale  
Contact jennifer.bryan@knightdalechamber.org.

**Five Alarm Chili Cook-Off  
(October 20 @ 11am-1pm)**  
Cook and compete, or just come to eat. Spicy or mild? With beans or without? There's a chili for all tastes! Sample them all, then vote & help crown 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.  
Carillon Assisted Living, 2408 Hodge Road, Knightdale  
Please RSVP to Kimberly Sine at 919.266.6676.

**PWNG - Professional Women's Networking Group  
(October 24 @ 11:45am-1pm)**  
Luncheon helps brush up networking skills, exchange tips & ideas. Give brief commercial. RSVP. \$10 members, \$20 non.  
Knightdale Chamber, 207 Main Street, Knightdale  
Contact the Chamber at 919.266.4603 to register.

**Counterfeit Detection & Prevention, Purchasing Fraud & Identify Theft (October 31 @ 12-1:30pm)**  
Lunch & learn. Officer Lawrence Capps of the Knightdale Police Department tells local merchants & businesses how they may detect counterfeit currency, check fraud, & more.  
Contact Knightdale Chamber at 919.266.4603 for info.

\* Wendell \*

**Tuesday Morning Coffee Break at the Chamber  
(October 16, 23 & 30 @ 8-9am)**  
Connect, have coffee or tea, meet others, & network with local business owners!  
Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell

**East Wake Sons of Confederate Veterans Program  
(October 16 @ 6:30-8:30pm)**  
Come for supper at 6:30 & program follows. All invited.  
Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell  
For more information, call 919.365.5206.

**Baked Potato/Salad Bar Fundraiser (October 17)**  
Following 11am service, Church youth are hosting a baked potato/salad bar to raise funds for their Pilgrimage. Love offering will be taken. Come and support our youth!  
Wendell UMC, Corner Main St. & Wendell Blvd, Wendell

**East Wake WIN (Women in Networking) Luncheon  
(October 17 @ 11:45AM-1PM)**  
For professional women. Small fee. RSVP required.  
Boulevard Pizza, 2925 Wendell Blvd., Wendell  
Info 919.269.6320, www.zebulonchamber.org.

**Brown Bag Lunch Ministry  
(October 20 & 27 @ 9:30am)**  
St. Eugene Catholic Church distributes brown bag lunches to those in need. Personal hygiene items.  
St. Eugene, 608 Lions Club Road, Wendell  
More info at www.steugeneparish.org.

**Wendell Chamber Community Yard Sale  
(October 27 @ 7am-1pm)**  
Join the community for this vendor event.  
Campen Street, Downtown, Wendell  
Contact the Chamber at 919.365.6318.

**Harvest Festival (October 30 @ 6-8pm)**  
Come enjoy brunswick stew & participate in Trunk-or-Treat! Church members decorate their car trunks, back them up to the church, & provide candy as children trunk-or-treat.  
Wendell UMC, Corner Main St. & Wendell Blvd, Wendell  
Contact Jessica at 919.261.9289 or jlwatt2000@gmail.com.

**First Friday Jazz (November 2 @ 6:30-10:30pm)**  
End the week with an evening of jazz, networking, gourmet coffee, refreshments, door prizes, & fun. \$5 admission.  
The Kila Company, 28 N Main Street, Wendell  
For details, call 919.365.5003.

**Goal Setting with Leslie Flowers  
(NEW DATE: November 15 @ 6-9pm)**  
We typically reserve setting goals for January. Truth is we can set & begin achieving whenever we choose. Start setting goals for achievement anytime! Lively, interactive Workshop.  
Wendell Chamber, 115 N Pine Street, Wendell  
Call the Chamber to register at 919.365.6318.

**Lake Myra Lights Show (November 17 @ 6-9pm)**  
This date is the grand opening of the light show, which may be viewed from this date through December. Features tallest computer-control Christmas tree in the state, a flying angel, performing arts, downtown shopping & much more.  
Downtown & Around Wendell  
More details at lakemyrachristmas.com.

\* Zebulon \*

**Zebulon Community Watch (October 18 @ 7pm)**  
Join the group on the 3rd Thursday each month.  
Eastern Regional Center, 1003 Dogwood Dr, Zeb.

**Brown Bag Lunch Ministry  
(October 20 & 27 @ 10:30am)**  
Zebulon United Methodist Church distributes brown bag lunches to needy. Personal hygiene items too.  
Zebulon UMC, Gannon Ave & N Church St, Zeb  
More info at www.zumchurch.org.

**Trunk or Treat (October 26 @ 5-7pm)**  
Fun! Family! Candy! Costumes! Music by DJ Mike Ray!  
Celebrate Halloween in a safe environment.  
Zebulon Comm. Center, 301 S. Arendell Avenue, Zebulon  
Contact 919.823.0432 or smorris@townofzebulon.org.

\* Elsewhere \*

**“Mares Eat Oats” (October 20 @ 12-2pm)**  
Come out & join us for this 1st ladies workshop. Ladies, bring out inner strengths. Become confident in choices. Learn to be assertive. Learn the power of leadership.  
Kindred Spirits Farm, 4647 Massey Road, Zebulon  
Call 919.215.0811 or visit www.kindredspiritsfarmnc.com.

**OctoberFest! (October 26 @ 6-10pm)**  
Free admission! Wear your costumes. Trunk or Treat, jumping towers, hay rides, free pumpkin patch, bon fire s’mores, & games, Spooky American Idol, funnel cake, pretzels, & more.  
RTP Community Church, 1727 Ed Cook Road, Durham

**Movie: “Beetlejuice” (October 26 @ 8:30pm)**  
Free movie starts at sunset. Popcorn & drinks for sale, proceeds benefit Wilson Police Athletic League.  
Paul V. Berry Hickory Grove Park, 200 Kenan St., Wilson

**Selma Parks & Recreation “Trunk Or Treat”  
(October 29 @ 6-8pm)**  
Be part of Trunk or Treat Junction. Free for trick or treaters, & free for businesses interested in providing a trunk & handing out treats. Businesses call to register by October 12th.  
Selma Middle School Parking Lot, 1533 U.S. 301, Selma  
Contact 919.975.1411 or RecSuperivsor@selma-nc.com.

**Boo Bash (October 30 @ 6-7pm)**  
Pumpkin Judging: Bring your own pumpkin, Painted or Carved! Treats and games galore!  
Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St., Rocky Mount  
Visit www.braswell-library.org for more information.

*These “Things To Do...” listings are free, at publisher's discretion, and as space allows. Up to 2 lines of description may be included with an event. Priority is given to free, public events. Sponsor names may not be included. Event organizers may purchase regular advertising spaces to provide more details for upcoming events.*

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Movie Review of the Issue

By Kay Whatley, Editor

This issue we’re reviewing a family-oriented movie that recently came out, *Trouble With The Curve*, starring Clint Eastwood.

Clint Eastwood plays a baseball scout dealing with growing old. Much of the story includes his daughter, played by Amy Adams, and the health issues he is facing as well as unanswered questions from his daughter’s time growing up.

As we were leaving the theatre, my husband referred to the move as “a good father-daughter movie”. I would agree with that. I would refer to it as a sports movie, since most of the action and conversations go back to the father’s work as a baseball scout and the coming baseball draft.

We enjoyed the movie. It tells a good story. Eastwood and Adams portray the father and daughter relationship well. They and several other likeable characters (and a few unlikable) keep the story moving along at a good pace. It is a good, clean movie with a nice flow, and we hope you will check it out for yourself!

Shades of Grey

*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 Discussion & Consideration

It’s the weekend before Halloween, and you take your teenagers out to a “haunted house” type attraction. Your kids are excited at the prospect of being scared!

After waiting in line about half an hour, you and your family enter the haunted house. It’s dark, includes walks along wooded paths and clouds of fog, and frightening characters jump out at you along the way. You’re having a great time. The kids are screaming and giggling.

You notice a group of teenagers ahead of you. They are loud and you hear them even above the noise of fake thunder and ghoulish wails. One is yelling, “Get him!”

A moment later one of the attraction workers jumps out at the teens. Before he can even swing his fake chain saw, one of the tall teens punches him in the face. Your kids and spouse didn’t see it and they continue forward. You move ahead of them and approach the chain saw man, asking if he is all right. Real blood is running down his face and his eyes are watering; he says he is fine.

You and your family start moving again. Around the next corner the teenagers are visible again. They are laughing, and as you watch they push over someone in front of them.

What do you think of their behavior? Do you feel that you should do something to stop them? Do you think it would be

dangerous to confront them? Or would you think it more prudent to tell someone else what you saw? Who should handle the situation, if not you? Should it be the people running the attraction, the teenagers’ parents, or the police?

News from The Grey Area

This October 15th issue contains local news and information on Fall and Halloween events around Eastern NC.



As the temperatures drop, leaves fall, and holidays approach, there is much to do outdoors. The cooler afternoons promise opportunities to play, or work, around the yard. Events are held with a variety of themes from cool-weather local foods to Fall colors to spooky places and — soon to come — giving Thanks and

helping others. Hopefully you have opportunities to enjoy the weather day and night, and perhaps enjoy some lower costs while between air conditioning weather and heater weather!

If you’d like event coverage, or have an article idea, please contact us via [kayw@greyareanews.com](mailto:kayw@greyareanews.com). As we move toward the end of the year, please email if you know of events oriented toward food, fuel, and care for members of the community still struggling. Also, feel free to post job notices on our Facebook page to help spread the word about employment opportunities.

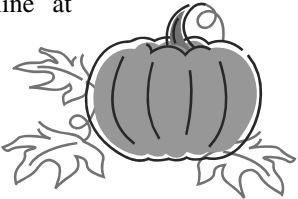
We’d also like to thank all those who responded to our call for delivery assistance. So far, we have two new people helping to deliver *The Grey Area* newspaper, with plans for 1-2 more from those who have been in touch. For those of you still seeking jobs, we will keep notices coming as we find them, via Facebook and occasionally in the paper.

*The Grey Area* is localized in each Edition of the newspaper. Edition A covers Bunn, Knightdale, Wendell & Zebulon. Edition B covers Nashville, Rocky Mount, & Wilson. News, events, and business advertisements are specially selected for each Edition’s readership.



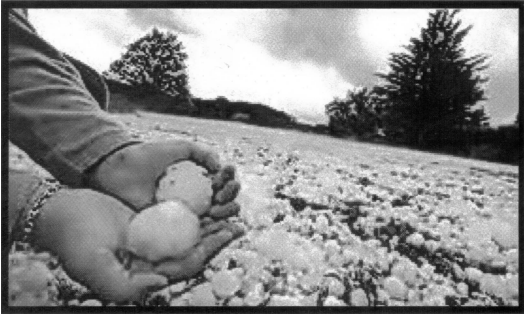
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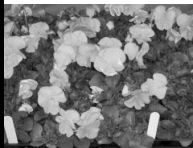
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**Word of the Issue**  
**Chlorophyll**  
**Definition:** A green pigment found in plants.  
**Example:** “In Fall, the amount of Chlorophyll in leaves decreases, and the leaves’ colors show through.”

**Translation of the Issue**  
**English — “fire”**  
German — feuer  
Italian — fuoco  
Latin — ignis  
Spanish — fuego  
Dutch — brand  
Irish — tine

Translations for these and many more languages may be found in online (translate.google.com, babelfish.yahoo.com, etc.) and print resources.

**Quote of the Issue**  
**Robert Louis Stevenson**  
“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

**Chuckle of the Issue**  
Just as little Jimmy’s party was getting started, the monsters came upon the town. Having just escaped from the nearby castle, they were hungry and looking for food.

Two of the monsters began eating the food on the buffet, while several others tried to grab party guests. Everyone made it inside to safety except the entertainers.

The monsters chased the magician but he got away. A young monster grabbed the clown, but the biggest monster put his hand on his shoulder and said, “No, let him go. He’s going to taste funny.”

Cryptogram of the Issue

Replace the letters in this Cryptogram with other letters to deduce the quote within the puzzle. This month, the name of the person quoted is listed, instead of you needing to solve for the name too. Hint: Y = L.

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Answer to the previous issue’s cryptogram:  
*I don’t necessarily agree with everything I say.*  
-- Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980)

Something to  
Clip for Your ‘Fridge

Fall & Winter bring Holidays & Special celebrations. Here are some of the special dates coming up.

Wednesday, October 31 — Halloween  
Sunday, November 4 — Daylight Savings Time Ends\*  
Tuesday, November 6 — Election Day  
Sunday, November 11 — Veterans Day  
Thursday, November 22 — Thanksgiving Day  
Friday, November 23 — Black Friday  
December 8 - December 16 — Hanukkah  
Saturday, December 22 — First Day of Winter  
Tuesday, December 25 — Christmas Day  
December 26 - January 1 — Kwanzaa  
Monday, December 31 — New Year's Eve

\*Set the clock back an hour and enjoy a little extra rest!

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