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## 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 ghouel 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.

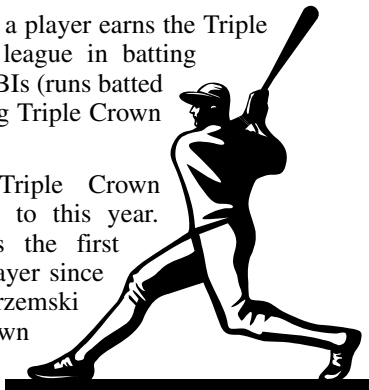


## What is the Major League Baseball Triple Crown?

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.



## 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 voluntary 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).

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# Things to Do in NC When You’re Bored

## \* Nashville \*

**Halloween Bash  
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Candy, ghosts, costume contests, a 1989 hearse & more!  
The Funky Trunk, 123 S. Boddie Street, Nashville  
For more info, call 252.459.5865.

**Nash County's Got Talent Auditions  
(October 29-30 @ 5:30pm)**  
20 participants selected for callbacks & finals. \$25/  
registration. Top 20 participants are expected to return with a  
sponsor. Three cash prizes.  
Nash Arts Center, 100 E Washington Street, Nashville  
For tickets, call 252.459.4734.

## \* Rocky Mount \*

**Fire Prevention Special Event  
(October 9 @ 4:30pm)**  
The Rocky Mount Fire Department and Sparky the Fire Dog  
presents a puppet program on fire safety. This is a great  
opportunity to educate children and adults about fire safety  
procedures, and demonstrate about how to protect everyone  
from fire dangers.  
Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N Grace St, Rocky Mount  
Contact the Library at 252.442.1951.

**Free Afternoon Small Business Seminars  
(October 9 & 18 @ 1-4pm)**  
The Nash Community College Small Business Center is  
offering free business seminars. *Creating Marketing &  
Branding For Your Hometown* (October 9) & *Understanding  
Different Generations* (October 18).  
Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount  
To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

**Free Evening Small Business Seminars  
(October 11 @ 6-9pm)**  
NCC Small Business Center free evening seminars. Topic  
October 11th is *Writing a Successful Business Plan*.  
Nash Comm College, 522 N Old Carriage Rd, Rocky Mount  
To register or for more information, call 252.451.8233.

**Music on the Patio  
(October 18 @ 7pm)**  
Live music, food, & fun. Features *Monte Tippet* (Oct. 18th),  
*Travis Moss* (Oct. 20th), & *Bunn n Braxton* (Oct. 25th).  
Westridge Grill, 3639 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount  
Call 252.937.7299 for information.

**A Night at the Boo-seum  
(October 27-28 @ 6pm)**  
Get ready for a spooktacular night at your Boo-seum! Goopy  
potions, slimy worm goo, creepy crawlies, & more! Bring a  
sleeping bag! Pizza dinner provided. Fee \$45/residents,  
\$62.50 non-residents. Register & pay by October 21st.  
Children's Museum & Science Ctr, 270 Gay St, Rocky Mt  
Contact 252.972.1167 or leigh.white@rockymountnc.gov

**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](http://www.braswell-library.org) for more information.

**Rocky Mount Christmas Parade  
(December 2 @ 3pm)**  
The 57th annual parade! US Marine Corps Reserve  
collecting toys for Toys For Tots — this year's parade theme.  
Downtown Rocky Mount  
Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 252.972.1151.

## \* Wilson \*

**Outdoor 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

**Whirligig Festival  
(November 3 @ 10am-5pm & November 4 @ 12-5pm)**  
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Nash Street & side streets, Downtown Wilson  
More details online at [www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.com](http://www.wilsonwhirligigfestival.com).

**Social Media Etiquette for Business  
(November 7 @ 9am-12pm)**  
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Wilson Chamber of Commerce, 200 W Nash Street, Wilson  
Call Wilson Community College Small Business Center at  
252.246.1209 or 252.246.1232.



## \* Elsewhere \*

**Live Music in Spring Hope  
(October 19, 20 & 26 @ 7-10pm)**  
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20th), *Spook Joyner* with Amanda on Vocals (Oct. 26th).  
Showside Grill & Bakery, 102 N Pine Street, Spring Hope  
More info at [www.contagiousconfections.com](http://www.contagiousconfections.com).

**Stepping Into the Past Series  
(October 20, 27 & November 3 @ 10am-3pm)**  
Event/workshop with museum admission.  
October 20th topic: “Bake Sale”  
October 27th “Saddle Up” Wagon Rides  
November 3rd “Churnin’ and Yearnin’” Butter Churning  
709 North Church Street, Hwy 301, Kenly  
Info 919.284.3431 or [www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org](http://www.tobaccofarmlifemuseum.org).

**Downtown Family Get Down (October 20 @ 2pm)**  
Features Sandbox, the five-piece Raleigh band featuring  
upbeat kids’ music. Mommie, featuring Doug McMillan  
from The Connells, & other bands. About 8pm, Michael  
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**OctoberFest! (October 26 @ 6-10pm)**  
Free admission! Wear your costumes. Trunk or Treat,  
jumping towers, hay rides, free pumpkin patch, bon fire &  
s’mores, carnival games, Spooky American Idol, funnel  
cake, pretzels, & much more.  
RTP Community Church, 1727 Ed Cook Road, Durham

**Fourth Annual HallowFest  
(October 26-27 @ 4-pm-12am)**  
Free entertainment & fun for the whole family. Festival takes  
place outside the Nightmare Factory. Food & Drinks, Magic  
Shows, Live Local Bands, Local Businesses, & more!  
Parents, bring your kids to trick-or-treat.  
The Nightmare Factory, 29 Park Lane, Havelock  
**Selma Parks & Recreation “Trunk Or Treat”  
(October 29 @ 6-8pm)**  
Businesses & organizations to be part of Trunk or Treat  
Junction. Free for trick or treaters, and free for businesses  
interested in providing a trunk & handing out treats.  
Selma Middle School Parking Lot, 1533 U.S. 301, Selma  
Businesses call to register by October 12th.  
Contact 919.975.1411 or [RecSuperivsor@selma-nc.com](mailto:RecSuperivsor@selma-nc.com).

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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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The Backside

## Little Bits

### 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	Spanish — fuego
Italian — fuoco	Dutch — brand
Latin — ignis	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.

\_\_ X \_\_ M \_\_ D \_\_ E \_\_ M \_\_ Y \_\_ D \_\_ T \_\_ W \_\_ D \_\_ D \_\_ S \_\_ E \_\_

B \_\_ L \_\_ E \_\_ E \_\_ R \_\_ D \_\_ K \_\_ G \_\_ Y \_\_ Y \_\_ X \_\_ Y \_\_ K \_\_ X \_\_ C \_\_ R \_\_

B \_\_ L \_\_ E \_\_ E \_\_ R \_\_ D \_\_ M \_\_ D \_\_ X \_\_ B \_\_ D \_\_ .

-- W \_\_ E \_\_ Q \_\_ X \_\_ Y \_\_ Z \_\_ W \_\_ D \_\_ X \_\_ A \_\_ X \_\_ Q \_\_

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

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