

TODAY in BEDFORD VIRGINIA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

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▶ **CIVIL WAR:** **Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1475 - 7:00pm** - If you are interested in the Civil War or have ancestors that served, you will enjoy meeting others with the same interest. There is parking available and an elevator to the third floor. For more info call Commander Boyd Hubbard (540) 586-4561. - Bedford Museum and Genealogical Library, 201 East Main Street, Bedford

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- ▶ **GHOST TOUR: Ghost Tours of Historic Avenel** - 6:00pm to 8:30pm every Thursday in October - Are you fascinated by the paranormal? Do you enjoy a good "ghost story?" Well, then come on out to Avenel in Bedford! You may have heard the rumors, but do you know about the real ghost activity at the Historic Avenel house? Numerous paranormal groups have studied Avenel and each Thursday in October, you have the chance to come out and hear from one of those groups first hand! Tour the house with Ghostec, a paranormal group that has studied Avenel for years and has archived the activity found on the property. Hear live recordings of strange sounds coming from the house. See actual video footage of paranormal activities. RSVP's are required and can be made by contacting Taffney at 540-330-1651. Cost per session: \$15 per adult, \$7 ages 6-12, kids under 6 are free. Light refreshments will be served. - Historic Avenel, 413 Avenel Avenue, Bedford

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2009

▶ **CHILI COOK-OFF** 12th Annual Chili Cook Off - This festival takes chili teams to a whole different level! Chili teams start cooking on-site beginning in the wee hours of Saturday morning. The 4-person teams typically have lighthearted themes, but are completely serious about their chili recipes. Don't miss the fun! - Sedalia Center, 1108 Sedalia School Road, Bedford - 434-299-5080

▶ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITY:** Demonstrations of the natural and cultural heritage of Southern Appalachians - National Park Service Rangers and/or volunteers present demonstrations of the natural and cultural history of the Southern Appalachians. Contact the James River Visitor Center for specific times and topics of demonstrations. - James River Visitor Center, Milepost 63.6, Blue Ridge Parkway - 434-299-5496

▶ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITY:** James River and Kanawha Canal Lock - 3:00pm - Meet a National Park Service Ranger on the back porch of the James River Visitor Center for the short walk to the restored lock #7 on the south bank of the James River. You will get a brief history of the James River & Kanawha Canal system and an explanation of how canal locks work. - James River Visitor Center, Milepost 63.6, Blue Ridge Parkway - 434-299-5496

▶ **GOBLINS AND GOODIES:** Goblins and Goodies - 2:00pm - 4:00pm - Crafts, Pumpkin Painting, Hay Rides and Costume Contest. Prizes in two age groups (up to 5 yrs. & 6 yrs. and older) for the most unique and creative costume. Meet at the Discovery Center. - Smith Mountain Lake State Park, 1235 State Park Road, Huddleston, VA. - 540-297-5998

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▶ **ART EXHIBITION:** Goose Creek Studio presents Hearts Unfold - Tues-Fri 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sat. 10:00am to 2:00pm - Hearts Unfold features the botanical images of local artists Rev-elle Hamilton and Sandee Shaffer Johnson, and Wilmington, DE-based Mary Grace Thul. The exhibition was collected and curated by owners Mitchell Bond and Patrick Ellis. - Goose Creek Studio, 330 W. Washington Street, Bedford - 540-586-8482

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