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Organizations in Greenville, North Carolina, and East Carolina University will celebrate Pride Month throughout the month of June.

Greenville to celebrate Pride Month LGBTQ+ community hosts events in June

Destiny Miles
TEC STAFF

Throughout the month of June, organizations in Greenville, North Carolina, and East Carolina University will make efforts to celebrate the LGBTQ community and Pride Month through various events, exhibits and activities.

Mark Rasdorf, director of the Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center at ECU, said the center is partnering with the Greenville Museum of Art (GMA) to host the opening reception for the exhibit “Growing up Queer in the South,” opening Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit will end September 24.

The LGBTQ center will be attending and tabling the Pride Event for its second year at Town Common, Rasdorf said, an event organized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Pitt County. He said the event will take place on June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Mark Rasdorf

“We were there last year and were excited to return again this year and were hoping the event will grow, so we're happy to do whatever we can to support that,” Rasdorf said.

As a majority of ECU students are not in Greenville during the month of June and summer in general, Rasdorf said the LGBTQ center saves a lot of their efforts for LGBTQ+ History Month during the month of October, rather than putting all of their resources into Pride Month.

The history of Pride Month began one year after the Stonewall Riots in June of 1969, Rasdorf said, when New York Police raided the StoneWall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village. He said riots continued for two days from bar patrons and neighborhood residents. One year later, Rasdorf said the first pride month celebration took place in an effort to remember the riots of the previous June.

“We're starting to see more and more locations in Eastern North Carolina pride at some point in the year, it's usually between June and the fall,” Rasdorf said. “I think it's important to

note that, that's why it's (Pride Month) in June.”

Rose Bogue, interim program coordinator of the LGBTQ Center, who goes by the pronouns they/them, said this is the second Pride Month event hosted in Town Common by NAMI Pitt County. NAMI is not specifically an LGBTQ+ organization, Bogue said, however, in an effort to create more pride throughout the Greenville community, the group decided to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

At the NAMI Pride event, Bogue said there are going to be drag performances by a number of local performing groups and from larger Eastern North Carolina. They said there will be LGBTQ+ organizations tabling the event, as well as a number of vendors including food trucks, sweatshirts for purchase, music with a live DJ and a photo booth.

“I think the reason this is so important is because there isn't a huge organized LGBTQ(+) presence in Greenville outside of the Peel Center. Drag is really all we have, there aren't

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Concerns arise amid shortage in baby formula

Breanna Sapp
TEC STAFF

A two month-long national formula shortage has led many mothers in eastern North Carolina on the hunt for formula and alternative feeding methods online and throughout the state.

Resulting from supply chain shortages and a Federal Drug Administration recall on a factory operated by major formula producer Abbott, the formula shortage is currently at a 70% out-of-stock rate nationally, according to Bloomberg. North Carolina is currently at 77% as of May 30.

Ivy Bagley, doctor of nursing practice and administrator of the Facebook page “Formula Sharing Eastern NC,” said she has recently seen a lot of mothers struggle to find formula and ask for various resources at her clinic.

“I have had a lot of moms who have struggled, they're asking for formula in the clinic, we're trying to accommodate those needs, but I'm a big believer in action. I think it's really easy to send people information and say, ‘All this is what you can do,’” Bagley said. “But how do we, are we actually taking the ability and just being motivated and honestly taking action, because I think action is what gets things accomplished.”



Ivy Bagley

In an effort to take action, Bagley said she was inspired to create the formula sharing Facebook page that allows for mothers in eastern North Carolina to post what stores have formula on their shelves, what specific formula they're in need of and if they have spare formula to hand out to other mothers. She said some mothers who are retired from their jobs have taken it upon themselves to visit various stores and be on the lookout for those in need of rare formulas as well.

The shortage has created additional stress for a lot of mothers, Bagley said, considering many have found themselves in situations where they are unsure of how they can feed their children. Though she has seen a lot of fear, Bagley said she has also seen mothers unite by helping one another find the resources they need.

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Exhibit to showcase Pitt County student art

Rachana Charla
TEC STAFF

Emerge Art Gallery and Art Center will be opening an exhibit on June 3rd featuring art from kindergarten through 12th grade students across Pitt County Schools with a free opening reception at the gallery from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sarah Lazure, marketing and exhibitions coordinator for Emerge, said the exhibit opening on Friday will be a three-month show open until August to showcase student artwork from Pitt County. Each art teacher in Pitt County was able to choose five to six pieces of artwork for Emerge's Edwards and Wooten galleries, Lazure said, with around 150 pieces in total.

Lazure said the new exhibit will be partnered with their May exhibit, Rock the Bus, which highlighted art teachers from Pitt County schools. She said the June show started with a former Pitt County art teacher who was on the board for the Pitt County Art Council and was originally held at the Greenville Museum of Art. However, with new management, Lazure said Emerge has taken over the showcase and is excited to support the community and K-12 art students.

“Part of our main mission is to be an arts advocate for artists of all disciplines in Pitt County,” Lazure said. “And also providing them opportunities to show their work and sell their work but also create an inviting space where everyone feels welcome.”

Lazure said art provides kids with a lot of different skills including tactile, hand-eye coordination and more. She said the new exhibit will coincide with the First Friday Art Walk hosted by Uptown Greenville on Friday.

With the opening of the new exhibit, Emerge will also be hosting a free reception that will be open to all guests between 5 and 8 p.m.

“A lot of time people think of galleries and museums as a barrier that they are not always fully welcome in, that they have to pay to go in there or they have to dress a certain way,”



ROSE BOGUE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Located in Uptown Greenville, the Emerge Gallery and Art Center will showcase local Pitt County student art in an exhibit this Friday.

Lazure said. “But our doors are open to everyone, we want to encourage young artists. We want to show them that they have the potential and talent to show their artwork today as well as fifty years from now.”

Kimberly Lunde, an art teacher at Ridgewood Elementary School for 16 years, said she chose six pieces of art, one from each grade level, each incorporating different mediums and showcasing different art skills.

Lunde said she incorporates aspects from social studies into her art classes by focusing on Native American culture, learning to represent different skin tones, meeting local folk artists and even integrating idioms. She said art can be a way to learn about a core subject in a different and more engaging way.

“For an elementary school student, art is like the ‘Aha!’ moment. They've never experienced painting before, I would say at least half my classes in kindergarten, they come in, they've never experienced how to use a glue stick,” Lunde said.

Russell Knight, coordinator for Arts Education for Pitt

County Schools, said he oversees the arts programming in 35 schools, including theater, dance, music and visual arts. Knight said Pitt County has worked hard to support arts education in schools and make it accessible to students.

Pitt County has provided free art classes, the Youth Arts Festival, the Artist Education Fund and more, Knight said. He said these kinds of initiatives are important to provide art supplies and programs in all disciplines of art.

“Being involved in arts education benefits students. It gets parts of their brains engaged that are maybe not engaged at other times in the day. It helps them make connections,” Knight said. “You know, I spent 20 years as a music teacher and I can tell you very clearly that in the way I taught music, there were concepts that would help with reading, math, ratios and rhythm. So our arts teachers are making connections to the core curriculum.”

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BRIEFS

PCC to offer skills, computer technology class

Today, Pitt Community College will provide classes for those looking to improve their computer technology skills from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays until June 29. The event will cover basic computer skills and Microsoft Word software. It will be held in Room 403 at the Pitt Community College Convention Center.

Eastern AHEC to offer two symposium sessions

Friday, two sessions of symposiums discussing breast and prostate cancer along with global and regional perspectives from various regions and states will take place at the education center, Eastern AHEC. A virtual option will be offered, but those interested in joining can purchase tickets by visiting the AHEC website.

PCC to provide goal setting session

Monday, Pitt Community College will offer a class for developing goals to help those in search of a job and tips for success. The session will last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will be free for those who are unemployed. Those interested can register online by visiting PCC's website. It will be held in Room 107 in the Greenville Center Annex.

Non-profit to provide networking opportunity

Tomorrow, the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce will provide a networking event at Garriss Evans Lumber Company from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will be free, and offer opportunities to win door prizes and make more contacts in business relations.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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JAYLIN ROBERTS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The new community pool located in Greenville, North Carolina, which will hold a grand opening this Friday after months of project construction.

Community pool to hold grand opening

Kristin Outland
TEC STAFF

As final touches are made, the Greenville, North Carolina, community can expect to see the grand opening of a new community pool at Thomas Foreman Park on Friday at 4 p.m. following almost a year of construction.

Don Octigan, director of Greenville's Recreation and Parks Department, said the project is expected to be completed soon, as preliminary inspections were conducted the week of May 23 and final inspections will be conducted the week of May 30.

"A lot of work has been done the last several months to kind of close out the project, and the official opening date will be June 4," Octigan said.

The pool will provide a zero-depth entry, a shallow area suitable for children, Octigan said, with a recreation play area for children up to 12 years old. He said the area will gradually go down to an area of three feet, which includes a basketball goal. The pool itself will feature a 16 foot slide and have six lap lanes, Octigan said, which can be used for swim meet competitions.

Octigan said the pool is expected to be open from 1 to 6 p.m. during the week and 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. He said visitors will be charged a fee of four dollars in order to use the pool.

"We do offer various summer seasonal passes depending on the family's needs, that they can contact the aquatic staff to find out more information about that," Octigan said.

The staff is still short of lifeguards at the moment, Octigan said, but they are in the process of recruitment to help manage the pool. He said summer camps that are offered within the city will also utilize the pool at various times throughout the week.

The pool's construction time achieved its goal of a grand opening in early June, Octigan said, although expansion efforts of the Eppes

Recreation Center was a bit delayed.

"And both of those (completion of the pool and expansions of the Eppes Recreation Center), have completed at the same time. There were delays in the Eppes expansion, but not the pool," Octigan said.

Mark Nottingham, the City of Greenville's Recreation and Parks planner and community pool project manager, said there hadn't been particular recent changes in construction from original planning.

However, Nottingham said when the pool was first being built it was unsure if it would be affordable to construct a four or six lap lane.

"That was probably the biggest change once the pool was designed," Nottingham said. "We were awarded the construction bid to go forward with six lap lanes."



Mark Nottingham

Nottingham said the pool will provide its visitors with six lap lanes, a water slide, zero-depth entry sectors for younger children, a play feature with different sprayers, a slide and basketball goals. It also includes bathhouses, restrooms, a storage facility and an office check in area, Nottingham said.

John Barrow, the City of Greenville's Recreation and Parks recreation assistant, wrote in an email statement that the new pool will have a daily fee of four dollars per resident, and six dollars per non-resident. He wrote that children under the age of one will be allowed to visit for free, as long as there is an adult in attendance who has paid the admission fee.

Seasonal passes can also be purchased for individuals or families who plan on attending frequently and want to avoid charges of daily fees. Barrow wrote that an individual pass will cost 30 dollars per resident and 45 dollars per non-resident. He wrote that a family pass will also be

available for purchase, which will allow six family members to attend for the price of 60 dollars per resident and 90 dollars per non resident. There are several rules in place to keep safety a No. 1 priority regarding one's age, he wrote.

"All children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 16. All children age five and under must be within arm's reach of an adult when in the pool. Children may not be left unattended," Barrow wrote.

In order to use the areas that are four feet and deeper, swim tests will be required for those who are unable to stand in the deepest section of the pool, Barrow wrote. Additionally, he wrote that the pool will provide swimming aids to be borrowed to accompany smaller children.

Barrow wrote it is required that individuals shower before using the pool, that visitors dress in appropriate swimming attire and children who are not trained to use the bathroom are in need of wearing proper swimming briefs or waterproof bottoms.

"Appropriate bathing attire (is) required. Bathing attire should cover swimmer and should not impede swimming ability. Please do not change children in the locker rooms," Barrow wrote.

If the pool closes at times due to inclement weather or accidents in or around the pool areas, refunds will not be allowed, Barrow wrote.

Rough play, bullying, use of profanity or any public display of affection will be prohibited, Barrow wrote, and there are specific rules to certain actions in the pool.

"Jumping in is allowed; diving, jumping backwards or holding hands while jumping are not allowed. Do not jump on anything or anybody," Barrow wrote.

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CRIME LOGS

Editor's Note: The East Carolinian Crime Logs are derived from East Carolina University Police Department's (ECU PD) public crime logs accessible to all individuals. Crime Logs are done within the partnership of ECU PD and The East Carolinian, as this publication is meant to act as an additional resource for Pirate Nation. Below are listings of criminal activity that has occurred on or within proximity of main campus.

May 25, 2022

Possession of Marijuana < ½ oz. and Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia were cleared by citation (x2) at The Greenway of College Hill at 10:29 p.m.

May 26, 2022

Warrant Service for Other Agency was cleared by arrest and prosecution for Possession of Marijuana < ½ oz. was declined at Fourth Street and Evans Street at 11:41 p.m.

May 27, 2022

Injury to Real Property, Possession of a Fraudulent ID, Fail to Stop for Blue Lights & Siren, Careless & Reckless Driving to Endanger and Diving after Consuming < 21 yrs. old were cleared by arrest at Fourth Street and Summit Street at 1:28 a.m.

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LGBTQ(+) establishments, few LGBTQ(+) owned businesses but it's not something that is advertised," Bogue said. "So I think it's important to all come together as a community to make connections."

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Greenville Treasurer Keith Thomson said the organization was founded nationally in 1973 by Jeanne Manfred, a mother who wanted to support her gay son. Thomson said the organization then grew to be a national organization that provides support, advocacy and community outreach for all LGBTQ+ community members, allies and families.



Keith Thomson

Thomson said the Greenville chapter was founded in 2015 by Thomson's wife Debra Thomson and Rich Elkins. Greenville's chapter is the second newest nationally and they hold monthly meetings to educate members about the local LGBTQ+ community, Thomson said, and include topics like human trafficking and stories of coming out as LGBTQ+.

PFLAG is tabling at the NAMI Pride Event on June 25, and Thomson said that the organization had a fantastic turnout from the local community the previous year. Thomson said that if the Pride event is anything like it was last year, there will be line dancing and drag performances throughout the day and a number of tabling organizations. Thomson said PFLAG and the LGBTQ Center are both in support of one another.

"(My Wife) and Rich Elkins put the wheels in motion to find the PFLAG chapter in Greenville to provide 'a' resource, not 'the' resource, but 'a' resource for any families or anybody who needed a point of contact, (someone) to talk to, place to ask questions and find information and a place to be supported," Thomson said.

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JAYLIN ROBERTS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Publix grocery store in Greenville, North Carolina, where the baby formula aisle is scarce.

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As an international board certified lactation consultant, Bagley said she has been reached out to by mothers in the group regarding relactation as an option throughout the shortage as well. She said the Facebook page has also provided information and resources regarding breastfeeding, pumps and more.

"I think that all moms, no matter their ethnic background, at the end of the day, all moms are united through this because they have to feed their babies," Bagley said. "And I think that has seen some clear unity that I wish we had in a lot of other areas."

Shannon Holton, in-patient pediatric dietitian for Vidant Medical Center, said she has been a pediatric dietitian for 20 years, takes care of infants in the pediatric intensive-care unit and is the supervisor for the pediatric dietitian team at Vidant.

From the in-patient side of things, Holton said a big challenge her unit has seen is safe discharge planning for babies who may not have access to formula outside of the hospital. She said this could delay a family's discharge or create more stress for infants who have specialized dietary needs.

Some babies have severe milk protein allergies, Holton said, as well as medical conditions that require specialized formulas and diets. She said the shortage has created risks for babies.

"So when I think about and see and hear discussions about moms coming up with these alternative (formula) ideas and plans, I try not to be very harsh or judgemental, because at the end of the day as a mother, your desire is

to provide," Holton said.

Graceson Roberson, mother and Greenville resident, said her son is currently two months old and has been using formula since his first week because of feeding difficulties.

Roberson's baby requires a specialized, gentle formula and she said the family began using Similac formula made by Abbott.

The family then transitioned to the more available formula Enfamil, Roberson said, though she had a lot of difficulty finding the formula. She said she's had to settle for a generic brand, though generic brands have been difficult to find as well.

"My husband and I actually went down to Myrtle Beach on a trip and we went to 19 different stores just around there looking for it because we couldn't find any here" Roberson said.



Graceson Roberson

In addition to searching through a number of stores, Roberson said she's turned to online shopping and grocery memberships. She said she's even changed her phone settings to be alerted of when a formula brand is in-stock.

Roberson said she has seen mothers unite throughout the shortage by looking out for needed brands, spreading resources and even buying formula products for one another.

"I've never really been a part of something that people I've never met in person before, are looking to help me feed my child," Roberson said.

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EVENTS

TODAY

Jazz and More on the Patio at Nino's

Nino's Cucina Italiana
511 Red Banks Rd
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(252) 689-6446

Umbrella Market

Uptown Greenville
Fifth and Evans Street
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(252) 561-8400

Open Mic Night

Pitt Brewing Street Company
630 S Pitt St
8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
(252) 227-4151

TOMORROW

Emerald Express Uptown Circulator

Uptown District
408 Evans St #102
12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Favorite Guy Dance

Wildwood Park
3450 Blue Heron Drive
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
(252) 329-4567

SATURDAY

Greenville Gun and Knife Show

Greenville North Carolina Convention Center
303 Greenville Blvd SW
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(252) 321-7671



HALIE MILLER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Greenville Museum of Art, located in Uptown Greenville, North Carolina, where residents can explore and view work from local artists.

Art Walk brings traction to Uptown

Community members can explore local artists, shops

Rachana Charla
TEC STAFF

Marking the start of the summer exhibit season, this week Uptown Greenville will be hosting the First Friday Art Walk, a monthly event that occurs the first Friday of every month with galleries that will open new exhibits with free, open receptions from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sim Asher, the communications and event coordinator for the Greenville Museum of Arts (GMOA), said the Art Walk makes the Uptown District in Greenville more attractive while supporting local artists and businesses.

This kind of synergistic relationship between galleries, museums, restaurants and other local businesses helps promote the community and uplift the local economy, Asher said. He said



Sim Asher

inviting people to look at local art and walk around can hopefully get them to drink, dine and shop around Uptown Greenville.

“There’s many facets to Greenville and arts and cultures is definitely one of them. And we see a large concentration of that specifically in the Uptown Greenville District,” Asher said.

Recent investment into art by the City of Greenville, like the Emerald Loop Intersection Mural, is a part of transforming Uptown Greenville into an engaging experience, Asher said.

Apart from art venues, Dickinson Avenue Farmers and Makers Market, Jarvis Bottle Street Company and other local businesses are found along the way, Asher said.

“It’s just another factor that contributes to beautifying the community and it really sort of alludes to a downtown vibe that we’re here to appreciate,” Asher said.

BJ Smith, artist for the Art Lab, said the Art Walk is the lab’s biggest event of the month. Smith said having people stop by the Art Lab every month can create a unique art experience.

Smith said the Art Walk and Lab are sponsored by the City of Greenville to support emerging artists in the area.

“The Pitt County Arts Council has been absolutely amazing with the growth and opportunities that they provide to artists,” Smith said.

As the Uptown Art District grows and becomes a place that artists want to work and create, Smith said the ability for artists to afford housing in Uptown has become difficult.

Smith said his favorite days in the lab are when he is able to interact with the public and people who are interested in what he is creating, often during the Art Walk.

“Those were the nights that we were making a lot of sales. The nice thing about that is that people were coming in and seeing (the Art Lab) for the first time,” Smith said. “A lot of those people become collectors, so not only are they buying our art work or seeing it for the first

time during the Art Walk, they are coming back because of that experience or that exposure to our art which is huge for us (artists).”

Ryan Webb, owner of Dickinson Avenue Farmers and Makers Market, said he has seen the arts district in Uptown grow over the past few years because of events like the Art Walk. He said the market hosts items from around 45 different vendors.

The market supports local artists, farmers and businesses, Webb said, and everything they sell is made or grown within 15 miles. Webb said they have 20 to 25 artists that sell at the market.

The Art Walk gives people a reason to walk around in the arts district and sometimes stumble into some of the stores like the market, Webb said. The Art Walk is something that many people do not know about, he said, but shows that there are things to do in Greenville, North Carolina. He said it is exciting to see people bringing Uptown back to life.

“The Art Walk has been around for quite a few years and we are excited to see it get back to what it was before COVID(-19),” Webb said. “Walkability is what we always talk about with the development and bring back these areas. So it is good to have things for people to do other than to go out and eat and drink.”

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The Town Common Greenville Toyota Ampitheater, where Sunday in the Park will hold concerts.

Sunday in the Park makes 49th return

Destiny Miles
TEC STAFF

As Greenville, North Carolina, sees the return of numerous summer traditions, live music and local concert series Sunday in the Park will kick off on Sunday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenville Toyota Amphitheater and will continue throughout various dates up until August 7.

Greenville Recreation and Parks Superintendent Heather White said the live performances feature local bands and local artists.

White said Sunday in the Park typically has between 50 to 150 people at the concerts, and there is typically one food vendor and icee vendor at the event.

“We feel because it is a tradition here in Greenville that we just want to continue to activate that space on Sunday evenings, especially



Patricia Tyndall

right now people are still looking for a safe place to congregate and being outside,” White said.

Marketing and Events Coordinator of Greenville Recreation and Parks Patricia Tyndall said Sunday in the Park is a Greenville summer tradition to many. Performing for their 45th year is the Tar River Community Band, Tyndall said, and the band Afreyed Knot will be performing for their first time on June 12 featuring rock hits. She said the celebration of Juneteenth on June 18 to 19 will not be a part of Sunday in the Park but will feature Greenville Grooves annual Motown review with local jazz musician Carroll Dashiell.

Tyndall said performing July 10 for the first

time is Hank, Pattie & The Current featuring the soulful sound of new grass and bluegrass. She said performing July 17 is East Carolina University alumna Rebekah Todd, British Invaders featuring British rock on July 24,

Garrett with powerhouse rock on July 31, and the Dirk Quinn Band performing for the 49th year with high-energy jazz on Aug. 7.

“For me Sunday in the Park is the greatest way to kick off your week and also end your week because it’s the end of the weekend. It’s a fun, laid-back celebration that is perfect for families to come to and enjoy a weekend afternoon of music in Town Common in a beautiful setting with great friends and really good music,” Tyndall said. “It also sets your week to a really good note.”

Supervisor for Sunday in the Park Ron Harris said the band The Monitors have been with Sunday in the Park since the first concert series 49 years ago. He said Afreyed Knot, Hank, Pattie & The Current, Garrett and Dirk Quinn are all new performers.

There are eight shows this year, though Harris said the series usually includes 12 shows. He said the Friday show will not feature a concert because of Greenville’s July 4 celebration the next day.

“It’s been a Greenville Tradition since 1973, it provides the community with free entertainment and a chance to get out with family and friends and enjoy outdoors and free music and socialize,” Harris said. “Sunday in the Park starts this Sunday, I hope to see people out there.”

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OUR VIEW

Stay aware of climate change issues

As climate change is becoming more of a prominent issue in both the community and nationwide, it is important to know its effects and take preventable measures. According to NC Climate Education, the nation can expect an increase in heat and humidity, increased rainfall and flooding and higher risks of wildfires that may impact various communities. We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe climate change is a prominent issue for the health and safety of individuals nationwide, and it is important to be aware of the effects on our community. The Pitt County government website provides several resources and information from the Pitt County Health Department about environmental health and related issues in public health, including the effects of climate change. Individuals can make a personal impact by using renewable energy, reducing water waste, recycling, investing in appliances that are energy-efficient, purchasing LED light bulbs and composting food. The Health Department works to ensure the Pitt County community's best interest in public health, which includes climate change and the promotion of each citizen's personal health and wellness. The department focuses on ensuring healthy behaviors within the community and works towards its mission of protecting, promoting, assuring beneficial health services and protecting individuals from risks the environment may cause.

PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse the statements made in Pirate Rants.

Steak should NEVER EVER be anything other than well done. I don't know why people still choose to eat meat that just got done saying "moo." If the steak is pink I do not want it.

There are certainly not enough vegan, vegetarian, or pescatarian options here in Greenville. I understand that this is eastern north carolina, but not everybody eats bbq or meat in general lol.

Sups isn't a bar it's literally a restaurant/bar I have never understood why it wins Best Bar.

Trader Joes is overrated, Food Lion until I die.

I'm tired of melting every time I go outside.

Working everyday during the summer is really killing my vibes.

The minimum wage is terrible and the prices of literally everything is going up. The jobs out here don't pay livable wages, the prices of gas are insane, and every time you even breathe outside you owe \$100.

I really believe we should not have to pay for the parking deck over the summer.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Emily Peek at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

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COURTESY OF NIJWAM SWARGIARY | UNSPLASH

We must stay united on issues about freedom and safety to make our own decisions, to keep our children safe and to be whoever we want.

A look at the current state of politics



Rachana Charla
TEC COLUMNIST

Politics in the United States have become one of the most hot button issues of our generation, with events like the leaked Supreme Court Draft overturning Roe v. Wade, the school shooting in Uvalde, TX, banning Critical Race Theory, passing the Don't Say Gay bill, inflation and the rise in gas prices, the infant formula shortage, and the list goes on and on. Every week a new trending story highlights the U.S.' inability to properly address the needs of the American people. It is hard to have a conversation about current events without acknowledging the deep political divide in our country that has transcended party and power to directly affect Americans in the ways it hurts the most. It has caused a breach of reproductive freedom, a demand for gun control, a need for compassion and, honestly, has caused me to question what our priorities are. As a college student, it is these four years that allow us to understand how the state of the world impacts us and what

we can do about it. But, when I talk with my peers, I see a distancing from reality, a paradise found in the palm of their hands that is able to distract them from what is happening around us. A lot of times the issues in Washington D.C. seem so far away, it creates a feeling of hopelessness and helplessness. With all of these recent stories, it has made one thing clear. Our current political system is broken. The President, legislators in Congress and the judges on the Supreme Court are paying more attention to corporations, media, and money than making decisions that accurately represent the majority of Americans. The recent Texas shooting highlights the power of the National Rifle Association and its deep and powerful roots within the capital and lobbyists. School shootings are inexcusable. From an international stage, America looks foolish. Other countries like Australia and the UK were able to pass laws immediately banning the sale of semiautomatic weapons after their first and last school shooting. These issues are not about being a Democrat or a Republican. It is about protecting the lives of children in a place that should always be safe.

State governments around the nation are focused more on protecting their political agenda than representing their voters and their needs. When governments start to control information, ban new ideas and focus more on tearing down their opponents than helping their constituents, the democracy that we claim to have, begins to fall apart. The mid-term elections in November and the presidential election in 2024 will be milestone moments for the American people to decide the future of our country. The Democratic and Republican parties are focusing on their own selfish agendas without thinking about what the majority of Americans want. It will be about voting for candidates, regardless of party affiliation, who reflect your values and vision for the US. It is going to be on voters to change the way we interact with politics. We must stay united on issues about freedom and safety to make our own decisions, to keep our children safe and to be whoever we want. Charla is a junior majoring in biology and a columnist. To contact her, email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Letter to the editor

What My Parents' Service Means to Me

I was raised in a military family, and the experiences that I had while growing up were quite different from children who were born to civilian parents. My life was characterized by constant moving, my father's deployments, traveling, living on military bases, and referring to people by their last name. Both my mom and dad served in the military for more than 20 years and retired from service in 2013. My dad was deployed to serve overseas six times. He was sent to Afghanistan twice. His first deployment lasted six months, but his second deployment was 15 months. During his 23-year career, he also deployed to Iraq, Kosovo, and Cuba. Because my parents were career military, our family moved and traveled a lot. I was born in Germany and visited Spain and Prague as a kid. While living in Germany, I had the great opportunity to have German caretakers that taught me the language. While I'm not proficient in it, I learned a great deal about the language as well as German customs. When my parents were stationed in the U.S., we lived in different states including Georgia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. Leaving old friends and starting at

new schools was tough, but the experience allowed me to learn a lot about myself, my family, and our country. While growing up, my brother and I were used to seeing our parents in uniform. Their service to our country instilled a sense of devotion, patriotism, and love. Their sense of duty and dedication to their jobs, which was always on display, helped me to develop the quality of self-sacrifice. It taught me to work hard and to put more effort into the different activities I engage in so that I can succeed. From my parents, I also learned to appreciate the opportunities I have been afforded and to make the most of them. Staying in shape and being healthy are requirements of being in the military. Watching my parents exercise each day taught me to stay physically fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle. My parents' leadership in the ranks and in our home wasn't limited to physical fitness. But the discipline they instilled in my brother and me through regular exercise helped us develop good habits of saving money, studying, and maintaining an optimistic outlook on life. My behavior was also shaped while my mother and father

were in the military. They taught me to respect others, especially the senior individuals. My parents' service means a lot to me. The traits I developed, living on base, and the opportunity to learn about the military were all great experiences that other kids aren't exposed to. Their beliefs have shaped my life, because they were strict, and they wanted me to be exposed to positive experiences. Even though there were some challenges, like my parents often being away from home and moving from one place to another, our family gained a lot from our military association. I developed qualities that make me more responsible, and, hopefully, respected by others. I have learned the need to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and I've developed good habits which help me to lead a productive life. Miles Harrington is a student at East Carolina University and a recipient of the Freedom Alliance scholarship which is awarded to children of military heroes.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Communication, traffic and transportation could seem temporarily blocked or delayed. Patiently repeat. Persistence gets through. You're making a good impression.

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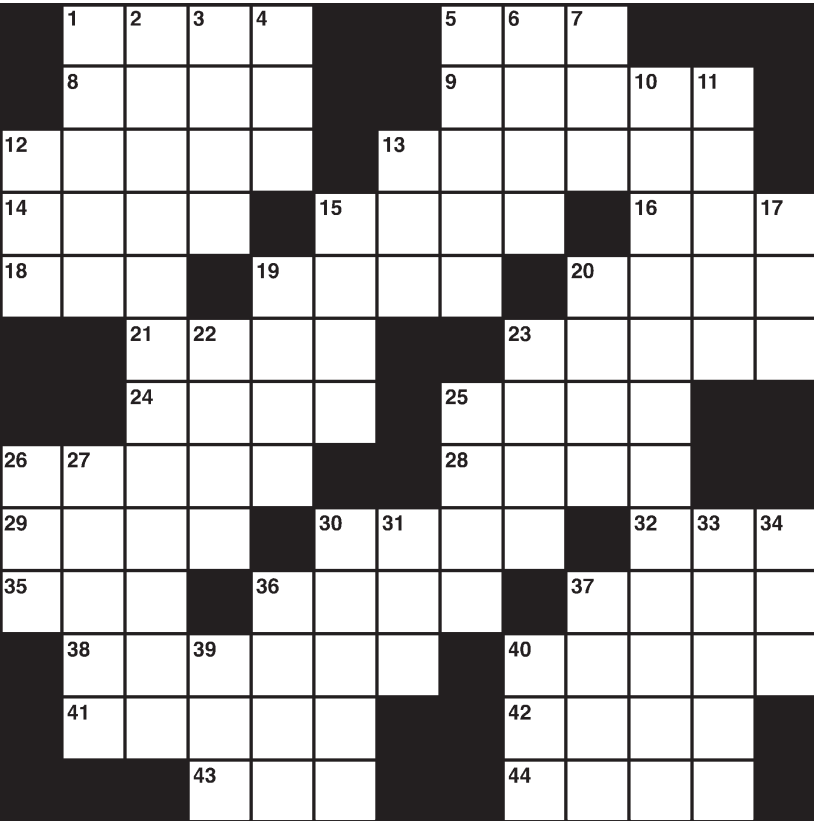
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 - 5 “Black-ish” network
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 - 9 Daniel or Pat
 - 12 Baseball’s Derek
 - 13 Diane, once of “Good Morning America”
 - 14 Dines
 - 15 Long-running Broadway musical
 - 16 “__ Lonely Place”; film for Bogart
 - 18 File drawer, perhaps
 - 19 “Here __ the Brides”
 - 20 Actor Ken
 - 21 Emmy-winner Jannings
 - 23 “Designing __”
 - 24 Warty amphibian
 - 25 Nod off
 - 26 Search engine
 - 28 Daredevil Knievel
 - 29 Very dry
 - 30 Urgent
 - 32 Suffix for long or strong
 - 35 The Matterhorn, for one: abbr.
 - 36 Swiss capital



- 37 “__ bigger and better things!”
- 38 “The Night of the __”; Burton/Gardner/Kerr film
- 40 “__ Secretary”
- 41 Curvy letters
- 42 Late newsman Huntley
- 43 “Who Do You Think You __?”
- 44 “The __ Orman Show”

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 - 11 “Sesame Street” fellow
 - 12 Initials for “Gabriel’s Fire” star James
 - 13 Elliott or Donaldson
 - 15 “__ Case”
 - 17 Jillian or Curry
 - 19 Casual farewell
 - 20 Leak out
 - 22 Frame of mind
 - 23 Intertwined
 - 25 Actress Laura
 - 26 Potato variety
 - 27 Bandleader Shaw
 - 30 Difficult to teach
 - 31 Retirement acct.
 - 33 “xXx: __ of the Union”; film for Ice Cube
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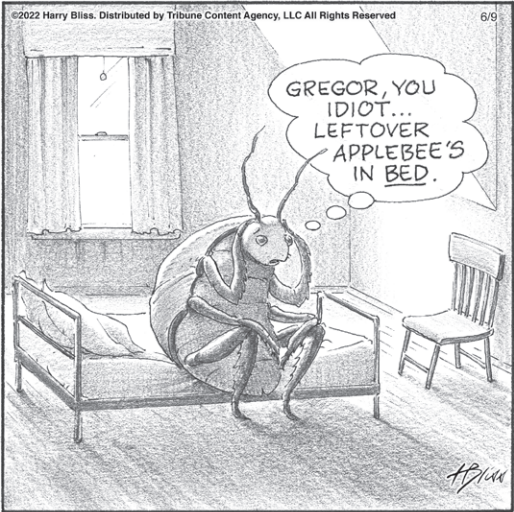
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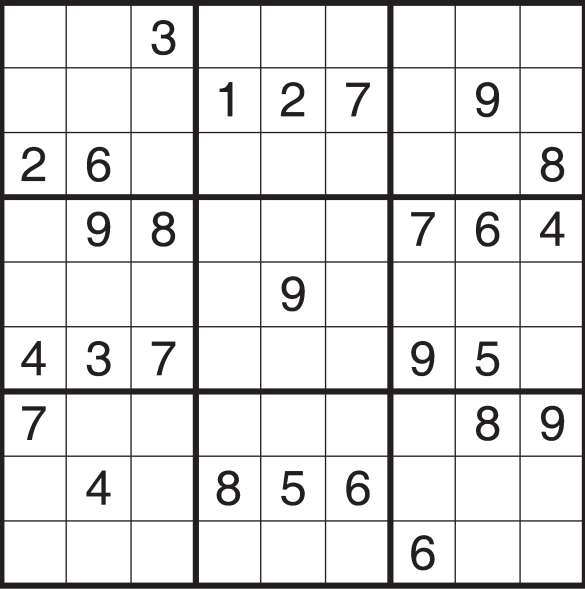
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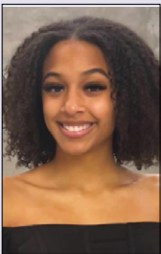
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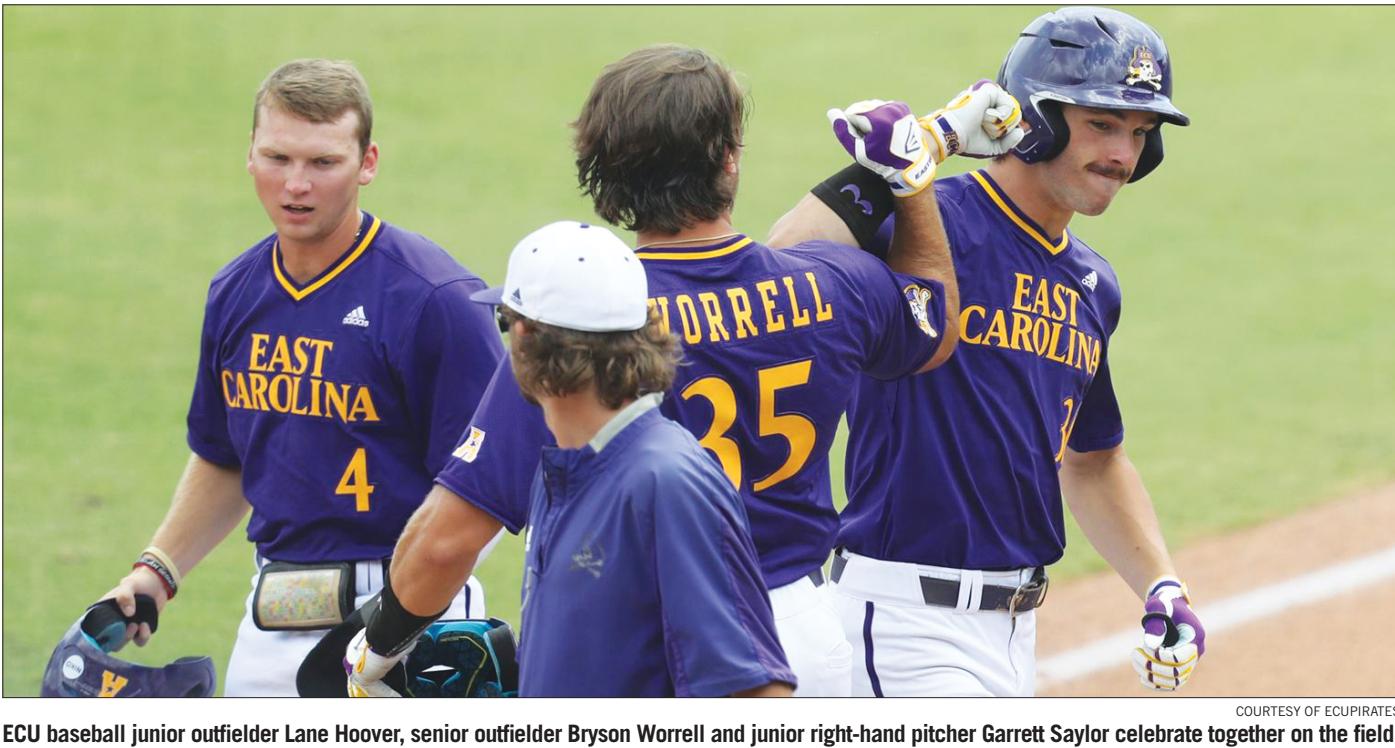
Sports Reporter



ECU baseball vs Coppin State on Friday Score Prediction? 8-6
ECU wins
Why? The Pirates have been on an 18 game win streak and will have home field advantage for this game. ECU has recently been able to keep their opponents to a low scoring game. However, Coppin State is known to produce big numbers on offense with great hitting. It will be tough for the Pirates but I think they will be able to pull through if they keep their defense tight and stay diligent on the pitching mound.



ECU baseball vs Coppin State on Friday Score Prediction? 6-5
ECU wins
Why? This year's baseball season is coming down to the wire but the Pirates are the hottest team in the nation. With a nation best 18-game win streak and home field advantage, I would be shocked if ECU doesn't squeak out the win against their upcoming opponent. That being said, Coppin State is not going to make it easy on the Pirates for the first game of Regionals. Both teams have a lot to fight for.



>> ANALYSIS

Baseball finishes season strong



Chris Long
TEC STAFF

No. 8 East Carolina University baseball (40-18, 20-4 American Athletic Conference) swung the pendulum of the season from the lowest of lows to the highest of highs, crowning off the season with the regular season 2021-2022 AAC title.

The Pirates were ranked in the top 25 nationally ahead of the season's opening but quickly fell out of the top 25 after getting swept in the season opener series against Bryant University (28-25, 17-10 Northeast Conference). The first game of the season was an embarrassing 10-2 loss against Bryant, a team with little to no expectations on the year.

After dropping to 0-3 in the series, ECU rebounded with a win against Campbell University (36-17, 20-3 Big South Conference). In the 10-3 victory, the Pirates gave the first taste of their offensive capability. The fifth inning generated five of the 10 runs which led to the final score.

ECU then went on to split a series with the then No. 26 University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill (35-19, 15-15 Atlantic Coastal Conference) with one win and two losses. In those three games, UNC shut out the Pirates once. The Pirates then returned the favor by shutting out UNC. With a 2-5 record on the season, ECU baseball began to find its groove.

The next match that the Pirates faced was against Duke University (22-32, 10-20 ACC). Coming away with a 12-2 victory, ECU converted the dominant win into momentum that carried the team undefeated through the Clark-LeClair Classic weekend

in-season tournament. The Pirates, bringing their record back to .500, dropped back below in the next game. The loss against Virginia Tech (41-11, 19-9 ACC) dipped the record, but not the morale of the team.

With a record of 5-6, the Pirates won back to back games to take the first winning record of the season. Once again, however, ECU lost another to bring the record back down to .500. The trend continued, exchanging wins and losses back to back for the next six games.

The Pirates then took a handle on the shaky record and won four straight games for a 14-10 record. ECU lost the next two, including a shutout loss against North Carolina State University (35-20, 14-15 ACC). ECU entered in conference play at 14-12.

Conference play began with the University of Cincinnati (24-30, 12-12 AAC). The two teams split the series, with the Pirates taking two games to one. The one loss was a disappointing showing following the loss to the then No. 22 NC State. In the two wins, ECU outscored the Bearcats by six total runs.

After the road trip, ECU returned home to play the then No. 29 Old Dominion University (39-16, 19-11 Conference USA). The 8-7 loss was one of the last times ECU would lose to a non-conference opponent.

Wichita State University (21-36, 9-15 AAC) traveled to Greenville, North Carolina, for the next conference series. Again, the Pirates split the series with two wins and a loss. At 18-15, ECU traveled to Elon, North Carolina, to face Elon University (26-27, 9-14 Colonial Athletic Association).

The win kicked off a stretch of five straight wins, before their next loss came against Tulane University (32-25-1, 11-13

AAC). The weekend series in New Orleans, Louisiana, was the only time the Pirates lost more than one game in a series against a conference opponent. The series was once again split, this time the Pirates winning only one game to the Green Wave's two.

ECU, at 23-18, then traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, to face the Wolfpack once again. The 12-3 loss was the final time throughout the regular season that the Pirates would lose a game.

Offensively and defensively, the Pirates figured it out and busted out the brooms. ECU swept Cincinnati, the University of Memphis (26-28, 9-15 AAC), the University of South Florida (28-29, 8-16 AAC) and the University of Houston (36-22, 13-11 AAC) with midweek wins also coming against Duke and Campbell to finish the season with an unprecedented 14 straight wins.

The 12 conference wins elevated the Pirates to the top of the AAC for the one seed through the conference tournament. With the strong finish, the Pirates improved overall both offensively and defensively. ECU improved its home run count in the last 14 games, while also creating a pitching rotation lethal to opponents.

The winning streak was the longest of head coach Cliff Godwin's tenure at ECU.

To end the season, the Pirates won the AAC championship to crown their success in conference. The third title is the most in the conference's history and highlights the success at the end of the regular season.

With the win, the Pirates were elected to the eight seed through the college baseball playoffs and will host the first round of regionals in Greenville, North Carolina, from Friday through Monday.

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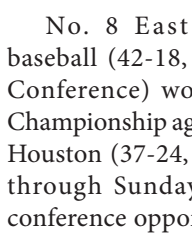
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ECU wins AAC, moves on to host regionals



Chris Long
TEC STAFF

No. 8 East Carolina University baseball (42-18, 20-4 American Athletic Conference) won the AAC Conference Championship against the University of Houston (37-24, 13-11 AAC) Tuesday through Sunday, dominating every conference opponent that stood in the way for the nation's longest consecutive win streak at 18.

The recent championship win is the third for the Pirates and the second in five years. ECU now holds the most baseball championships in AAC history.

In the championship game, the Pirates faced off against the three seed Houston. ECU returned to form after being shaken up by Tulane by creating the first score of the game in the first inning. Freshman first baseman/outfielder Jacob Jenkins-Cowart once again hit a home run that brought home Agnos and Worrell for the early 3-0 lead.

The Pirates held the Cougars scoreless, allowing Jenkins-Cowart to create another score in the third inning when he hit a single into center field that brought home Worrell. Starling then hit a double in the third to bring home Newton and Jenkins-Cowart for the 6-0 lead.

From there, Houston matched ECU's defensive intensity, as the next three

innings were quiet for both sides. The Cougars were finally able to prevent the shutout in the championship game in the seventh inning with a run scored to bring the lead down to 6-1. The Cougars could not recover from the deficit, however.

The 6-1 final gave the Pirates the victory and the AAC championship title. The 18-game win streak is also the longest in the nation and one shy of ECU's record.

Following the conference championship, ECU achieved the eight seed through the college baseball playoffs and will host the first round of regionals in Greenville, North Carolina. Last season, the Pirates hosted and won the regional. This regional is the fourth consecutive hosted by the Pirates.

Host sites are chosen by a combination of accolade and financial benefit to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Pirates will face Coppin State University (24-28, 17-13 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) and the University of Virginia (38-17, 17-13 Atlantic Coastal Conference) will also participate in the Greenville regional.

The road to Omaha goes through Clark-LeClair Stadium.

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