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The East Carolina University Club Dance Team performing for Homecoming Week last year. Skit Night this year is on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Greenville Town Common.

ECU gears up to celebrate Homecoming 2023

Abrianna Delaney
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Eli Baine
TEC STAFF



East Carolina University's Homecoming week is just a lasts from Oct. 16 to Oct. 21, and ECU's students discuss events students and alumni can look forward to celebrating.

According to ECU's website, Homecoming has been celebrated since 1936. People have used this time to gather to show their passion for football and their love for ECU, according to the website.

Senior Associate Director of Student Engagement Hank Bowen said this year's Homecoming theme is "Surfin' ECU," and the week will begin with Cannonball Kickoff on Monday. Bowen said he would compare it to a pep rally, and the Marching Pirates will perform with the cheerleading squad at the Main Campus Student Center.

On the same day, students may begin voting for Captain of the Ship and participate in the traditional Banner Competition in the Eakin Student Recreation Center. The Banner Competition is split into a small group category of less than 30 people and the large group category of 30 or more people per team.

"We've been doing the Banner Competition for decades," Bowen said. "The banners

are hung in the rec center all week, and the top three from small groups and large groups will be chosen by faculty and staff judges and awarded spirit points."

The Spirit Cup Competition runs all week, Bowen said, and whichever organization amasses the most points by the end of the week wins. On Tuesday at 8 p.m. is Skit Night, Bowen said, another opportunity for student organizations to show off their Pirate pride and creativity at the Greenville Town Common. The skits, Bowen said, will also be judged for spirit points.

On Thursday, Bowen said, students and alumni can head to Hendrix Theatre at 6 p.m. for Bingo Night. Bowen said prizes include gift cards, Beats Studio Pro headphones and Nintendo Switch systems.

Friday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is the Canned Food Drive, Bowen said. Food can be donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern

North Carolina, Bowen said.

"We raised over 30,000 pounds of food last year for folks in the Eastern North Carolina community," Bowen said. "We love that partnership. That's a huge part of what we're doing."

Closing out the week on Saturday, Bowen said, is the Homecoming Parade and the football game against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



JAYLYN ROBERTS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU students performing a skit in the Hendrix Theater during Homecoming Week.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. at 5th Street, Bowen said, and around 40 student organizations will be participating along with the Marching Pirates, ECU Cheerleading, Air Force ROTC and several high school marching bands.

Bowen said Homecoming events are an important experience for students and alumni alike to take part in to help form a closely knit Pirate community.

"It (Homecoming) starts to connect students with the thought of being an alumni and shows them this is a home," Bowen said. "Their experience as a Pirate is a lifelong thing. It gives alumni a chance to see each other, what students are doing and what campus is like. It's a great time to show how much spirit is at this school."

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N.C. DEQ releases promising air quality report

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TEC STAFF

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality DAQ released a report on Friday, explaining how North Carolina is breathing and producing the cleanest air in decades.

This clean air is an affect of harmful air pollutants reaching a historic low, due to the efforts of state leaders and agencies, as well as industry and utility plants across the state, according to the report, https://www.deq.nc.gov/media/41781/open.

Public Information Officer for the Division of Air Quality Shawn Taylor said within the past eight years, N.C. has been able to maintain federal air quality standards. Taylor said, this is the Department of Air Quality highest priority and because of this the state is seeing more visibility in the air.

According to Taylor his advancement in environmental quality has taken 50 years of hard work with the staff and stakeholders, to reduce pollutants through regulatory and non-regulatory efforts.

"This is all good news," Taylor said. "Air pollution can impact public and environmental health. Ground-



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People walking together at Town Common, a popular park in Greenville, North Carolina.

level ozone and particulate matter can worsen asthma and contribute to heart and lung conditions."

Weekend Weather Forecaster at WITN-TV, Dustin Staples said air quality is something that can be affected by a variety of different environmental factors. The recent Canadian wildfires have had

an effect on North Carolina air quality, as many things across the world and the country can as well.

While there are advancements being made towards clean North Carolina air, things like wildfires, even in another country, have an effect on N.C. air, Staples said. This is why the efforts being made

by the DAQ are important, as things can change quickly.

"According to the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service," Staples said. "The Canadian wildfires this summer were one of the worst air quality alerts Eastern Carolina and much of the East Coast has ever seen since 1995."

Director of the Division of Air Quality, Mike Abraczinskas, said this air quality improvement has come as the state population has grown, which goes to show that environmental stewardship and the growth of the economy work together.

This took decades of work by a majority of people and it was caused by many acts from the federal and state government, Abraczinskas said.

"Getting to this point was no accident," Abraczinskas said. "There's been more than 50 years of hard work by our dedicated staff and a wide variety of stakeholders that have led to this success."

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BRIEFS

CRC to host Mummies and Mocktails event

The Collegiate Recovery Community is offering a class next Monday, Mummies and Mocktails, to offer some information on how to stay safe while having fun over this month's Halloween weekend. The class will be at the Main Campus Student Center 3rd floor deck at 6 p.m. and cover topics such as alcohol alternatives and campus safety resources.

CRW to host YouMatterECU fair

Next Tuesday at the Health Sciences Student Center, students can stop by and learn about what ECU offers in terms of mental health and well-being services and resources. Anyone can begin their journey in supporting their mental health at this fair. No prior registration is required, and the event begins at 11 a.m. and lasts through 2 p.m. and campus safety resources.

HHP continues lunch and learn series

The College of Health and Human Performance (HHP) and the School of Social Work will hold their second session of the Social Work Lunch & learn series virtually next Tuesday at noon. Dr. Claudette Grinnell-Davis from the University of Oklahoma will be speaking on "Community Research for Community Healing: Evaluation Work in Indian Country." Information on how to join the session is on the HHP website. campus safety resources.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

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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.

Oct. 5, 2023

At Dowdy Student Stores, Larceny was found at 2:09 p.m. and remains an open investigation.

An investigation began into a charge of Larceny at the Brewster Building found at 2 p.m.

A charge of Larceny was found in Mendenhall at 3:02 p.m. and is an open investigation.

At Clement Residence Hall, Injury to Personal Property was found at 9:08 p.m. and was cleared after a referral was issued and the victim refused to cooperate.

Oct. 6, 2023

Injury to Personal Property was found at the Brody Outpatient Center parking lot and became an open investigation at 12:13 p.m.

A charge of Communicative Threats was cleared at 1:41 p.m. at the Croatan after the victim refused to cooperate.

A Warrant Service for Other Agency was cleared by arrest at the Shell gas station at 14th Street & Charles Boulevard at 6:14 p.m.



ALAYNA BOYER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior biology major and President of Pharma Club Autumn Felton in the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building, where the event is held.

ERPC to hold PharmaFest at Biotech

Pel Law
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

East Carolina University and the Eastern Region Pharma Center are hosting PharmaFest, which will educate students about pathways into the pharmaceutical industry on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building.

Loren Limberis, director of the Eastern Region Pharma Center, said PharmaFest is both an educational and networking event that aims to raise awareness about the pharmaceutical industry while also assisting students in taking advantage of opportunities within the field.

"The biggest part is that it's a networking and educational event," Limberis said. "To provide awareness to all students at ECU of how their current degree can perhaps lead them to a career in the pharma industry."

This year's PharmaFest will be the largest in its new format, Limberis said. It will be held on the first two floors of the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building and will showcase 10 to 12 companies.

While the event will highlight several Eastern North Carolina companies which include Catalent and Thermo Fisher Scientific, Limberis said, they have also invited companies in the Research Triangle Park area such as Fuji Film and Pharmaceutical Calibrations & Instrumentation, LLC to participate.

"The biotechnical industry in North Carolina is the third largest in the United States," Limberis said. "That provides a push for providing these opportunities, over the

past three years there has been more along the line of 10 billion dollars of growth and about 12 thousand new jobs in those years alone, it's an unprecedented growth."

Limberis said there will be an "Ask a Pirate" table where students will be able to speak with ECU alumni about their time at the university, as well as how they got into the pharma industry and their experiences there.

PharmaFest will also have what they called a Speed Networking Session, Limberis said, this is where companies can engage with students and talk to them about their working needs.

"This is an industry that is growing and expanding in North Carolina with tremendous earning potential, incredible benefit as well," Limberis said. "We want to assure ECU students and the community college in Eastern (North) Carolina that these opportunities are there for them and for the taking."

Justin Blackwelder, Project Services Senior Manager for PCI, LLC., said the pharmaceutical industry is not only quickly expanding, but also diverse. Blackwelder said there are numerous opportunities in the industry for students to find.

PCI, LLC. intends to grow their workforce by roughly 25 percent, Blackwelder said, students and young professionals will help meet demands at the company. PharmaFest will provide PCI and other pharma companies the chance to meet possible prospective employees at a time when the industry is experiencing phenomenal success, Blackwelder said.

"We're looking for young, energetic, hungry professionals who are eager to enter the market and make their mark known,"

Blackwelder said. "It's incredibly rewarding to work in any industry that is having such a great impact on people's lives."

Health care is one of the most important sectors in North Carolina, Blackwelder said, there are many large pharmaceutical projects operating in the region.

PCI, LLC. has been around since 1997, Blackwelder said, the organization has a lot of advancement opportunities and offers different pathways to employment.

"Students who historically have gotten a call from us after the fact from one of these come with a bit of professionalism, that's one of the key things that we're looking for, we strive to hire professional students," Blackwelder said. "Bring that professionalism to the show, having that resume in hand, looking the part."

Harry Ploehn, Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said PharmaFest is not a traditional career fair. The event will not only give students the chance to make connections with pharma companies but will also inform them about great career paths they didn't know existed.

PharmaFest is open to students of all majors and interests, Ploehn said, the field requires people from a wide range of majors, such as biology, business and information technology.

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Loren Limberis

ONLINE | FULL STORY

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Eastern North Carolina, a nonprofit organization aimed to provide the public with information on businesses and charities, has warned residents of North Carolina of the recent "grandparent scams" that target loved ones.

Meredith Radford, Communication Specialist at the BBB, said the recent scams have been around for a while but the new methods of scamming has made it easier for it to work. She said the grandparents scam typically targets grandparents and they will receive a phone call from someone impersonating a grandchild or loved one where they will explain that they are in trouble and need money or help.

Radford said the recent advancements with Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made it easier for people to get scammed this way. The ability to use voice cloning, she said, makes the scam more realistic and sounds like a loved one is actually calling asking for help.

"That's usually how scammers get people, by using fear," Radford said. "They make you think you have to act fast before they have time to think about it because you believe someone you love is in danger and needs immediate help."

Radford said unfortunately a lot of scams come from overseas so there is not a lot that can be done post getting scammed to help but there are ways to avoid being scammed in the first place. She said particularly with these scams she recommends posting as little personal informa-

tion on the internet as possible.

Scammers are able to look up social media information and use those against loved ones, said Radford. It is easy to find personal information that will make a grandparent or a family member feel like the situation is real, she said, when accurate names and personal information is used by a scammer.

"With the advancements in technology I think it has changed the complexity of scams," Radford said. "It was a lot

harder before voice cloning and social media to be able to convince someone that a scam is real but now it's been made a lot easier for it to sound convincing."

Senior digital marketing specialist for the BBB, Nick Hill, said the grandparent scams are particularly interesting because of how AI has advanced the scam. He said even with more people being aware of the issues with new technology advances he only expects it to grow and make a bigger impact on how easy it can become to get scammed.

Hill said it is always a good idea to take a

step back and consider the situation. He said it is a good idea to call the family member or loved one that appears to be in danger and confirm their well-being to check the legitimacy of the call being received.

"You're gonna have to resist the urge to act immediately," Hill said. "There's some specific methods that people can use to help determine if it's been AI generated or not and it's one of those things where you have to think, would my loved one say this?"

Hill said if someone is reaching out asking for money immediately that is always a red flag. He said the BBB has resources for people to track scams in their area to see the most popular types of scams and how to avoid these situations.

"It doesn't matter who you are, you can potentially be the target of a scam," Hill said. It is really important in all situations that you be skeptical and you take a step back and think about things before you send money or personal information to somebody you don't know."

Alyssa Parker, Director of Communications for the BBB, said the bureau has been seeing a lot of scams targeting online shoppers as well as people trying to get into social media. She said she suggests anyone regardless of age to be aware that scams are happening and to not be so willing to dive headfirst into a purchase or offer money until research is done.

Parker said it is important for everyone to understand scams are going to get more and more sophisticated. She said it is so easy to research who someone may be doing business with or who the person calling is to identify if the business or situation being explained is real.

"We recently have been seeing a lot of scams that are targeting online shoppers as well as people that are trying to get into social media influence," Parker said. "There is a saying that says if it's too good to be true, it probably is."



Justin Blackwelder



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OUR VIEW

Homecoming's festivities to bring excitement

As Homecoming festivities are just around the corner, we, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe it's important for Pirate Nation to join in on at least one of the celebration and festivities.

The celebration will begin on Thursday with the Cannonball Kickoff and continue throughout the week ahead of the football game on Oct. 21 against The University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

We are excited for this year's Homecoming event and activities. Homecoming is a special tradition for all Pirates alike as well as East Carolina University staff and alumni.

This year's theme will be "Surfin' ECU," with a variety of events and activities that Pirates can participate in.

It is encouraged for everyone to come out and enjoy everything that the ECU community has to offer and celebrate our university and football team. The festivities are a great way for individuals at ECU to engage with one another and reconnect with those in the community.

Homecoming has remained a long-lasting tradition for ECU that Pirates look forward to each year. With fun themes such as Paint it Purple and announcements like the Captain of the Ship voting, there's always something to enjoy.

More information on Homecoming Week and a full list of events can be found on the Student Government Association website.



Briley's Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze in Greenville, NC. The family-friendly market that contains a variety of activities for people to enjoy.

Activities to enjoy this Halloween



Kristin Outland
TEC COLUMNIST

As Halloween draws closer each week, many people have begun to participate in several holiday themed events to celebrate the season. There are a lot of things to do to get in the mood for all of the upcoming Halloween festivities.

I've thought of some fun ideas to prepare for the season below. Most of these activities can be enjoyed alone or with friends and family.

Go to a Pumpkin Patch

One of the first things that comes to mind when thinking about fall and Halloween is pumpkins. There are several local pumpkin patches in most towns, in which people can pick out their perfect pumpkin.

These can also be a great place to take a photo session. Most pumpkin patches have haystacks and other decorations to pose in front of. This is a great family-friendly option for some Halloween fun this season.

Decorate or carve a Pumpkin

Whether or not you visit a pumpkin patch, anyone can purchase pumpkins at your local grocery store or supermarket. Many people may choose to also paint their pumpkins or carve them to turn them into a Jack-o'-lantern. This in itself can be an enjoyable activity for most individuals.

A mixed variety of paint colors can be bought to make a unique pumpkin with different sayings, expressions, etc. Carving pumpkins is another common activity that many do each year for Halloween. This can be an excellent bonding activity with family, friends or loved ones.

Watch classic Halloween movies

The classics you know and love can be a great way to kick off Halloween celebrations. The Scream series is one of my favorite films of all time. Hocus Pocus is another one of my favorite movies to watch each year during the season.

For more classic cartoon films, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown can be an excellent choice. Classic horror films such as A Nightmare on Elm Street and Jeepers Creepers can also be great choices to get the

feel for Halloween.

Bake Halloween desserts

Who doesn't love tasty treats for Halloween? From Pillsbury's sugar cookies to baking homemade desserts from scratch - Halloween can be the perfect time to put decorating skills to use and bake some yummy treats.

It's also the perfect time to enjoy some of your favorite candy or enjoy some Trick-or-Treating activities. Indulge in some candy corn and chocolate candies such as Hershey's Kisses and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

Go to a haunted house / corn maze

If you're really looking to get a good thrill, visit a haunted house or corn maze to experience a fun fright. Face your fears and conquer them!

Participate in campus activities

East Carolina University students can also participate in events on campus such as The Student Activities Board's annual Halloween Havoc at the Main Campus Student Center on Oct. 31. Students can look forward to this year's theme of "Nightmare on Tenth Street."

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A scare to remember at Howl-O-Scream

Kristin Outland
TEC COLUMNIST

Howl-O-Scream, the Busch Gardens annual Halloween event, is a promising experience full of scares and thrills for people to enjoy during this year's spooky season.

Aside from its attractions, fun rides and great dining options, Busch Gardens is also well known for its annual holiday events, including Halloween's Howl-O-Scream and the Christmas celebration of Christmas Town.

My family and I recently visited Busch Gardens for the Howl-O-Scream experience in Williamsburg, Virginia. Although I had been to the event before, this was my first time attending since 2019.

I noticed there were a lot of changes to the park's event to make it even scarier than years prior. Although the entire park was decorated with spooky decorations, such as skeletons, spiders and props with fake blood on them.

By day, the theme park remains normal and has its regular activities, but transforms into a "haunted" event with spooks around every corner by night. Actors dressed in makeup and scary outfits attempt to scare guests in the park with chainsaws, loud objects such as fans and taunt guests with frightening remarks.

Inside of the park, there's not many ways to "escape" the scares, as there are actors placed all throughout the park and towards the entrance and exit. Overall, guests who visit the park during Howl-O-Scream are sure to receive some scares, laughs and ultimately an enjoyable time.

One of the newest rides, the Darkoaster, is the theme park's first indoor roller coaster, based on the thrilling 3D "Curse of Darkastle." The new attraction is in the same location as the Darkastle and pays a bit of homage to the original ride.

The Darkoaster is a high-thrill coaster which features flashing lights, spooky sound effects and unexpected twists and turns. On top of all this, the ride is completely in the dark. This could be a fun experience for those who enjoy roller coasters and the spooky aspect of the theme park.

The park also features five haunted houses, five Terror-Tories "scare zones" and four Sinister Shows. For those who are of age, there are also several alcoholic beverages and bars located throughout the park.

Although the rides and attractions are fun, the wait times in line can be gruesome. Guests have the option to purchase Quick Queue passes, which give the option to skip the lines for a more enjoyable experience.

One thing to keep in mind, however, if planning to attend the park, is that no cash is accepted as a form of payment. Purchases must be made with a credit or debit card. For those who may not have cash, there are Cash-to-Card kiosks within the park if one needs to make a transaction.

More information on Howl-O-Scream and activities offered at the theme park to plan for a day of spooky scares and fun can be found on their website.

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A skeleton figure for Busch Garden's Howl-O-Scream. Dates Sept. 8- Oct. 31.

PIRATE RANTS

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

Why am I 20 minutes late to my class because I refused to pay four dollars in the garage (back-to-back classes). ECU parking, it's getting ridiculous.

A break from classes was exactly what I needed. I'm so thankful to have a fall break.

Everytime I see a skateboard coming my way on campus I genuinely become terrified. The amount of times I felt like I was going to be run into is insane.

Some of the ECU transit bus drivers have really scared me. I've never been so ready to get off of a bus in my life.

I'm really hoping ECU will win the Paint it Black game, it's one of the best games each year because I love dressing up for it.

Excited for Halloween in Greenville this year. It's one of my favorite times of the year. I love seeing everyone's costumes.

There is absolutely no reason attendance should be required when I PAY to be here.

I'm beyond excited for the upcoming football games and Homecoming week. There's always so much to do and it's just a lot of fun.

I like the music on the steps near Joyner Library, but sometimes it can be a little much.

Questions regarding Pirate Rants can be directed to Kiarra Crayton at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.



Submit your Pirate Rants on our website under the opinion tab or scan the QR code.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — You and your partner are a great team. Collaborate for shared profits. Plan for the future together over six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Make changes to your home infrastructure over the next six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Fix what's stuck or broken. Improve your living spaces.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Clean closets, garages and attics. Clear space for what's ahead. Give things away over six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Release the outworn.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Get out and have fun with your partner, with Mars entering Scorpio for six weeks. Dance together. Take turns leading. Strengthen your heart.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — Get into action with writing, publishing and communications projects over the next six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Launch a project. Generate some buzz.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Many hands make light work. Anything seems possible for your team over about six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Pull together for victory.



Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 7 — Focus physical energy on balancing work and health over about six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Energize your workout routine for extra gain.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 9 — Cash flows with more intensity. Avoid reckless spending, with Mars in Scorpio over six weeks. Revise the budget to include important purchases. Limit frivolities.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Grab a career opportunity. For about six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio, advance boldly. Pour physical energy into professional endeavors. Make powerful moves.



Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Actions speak louder than words over six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Back up romantic words with concrete results. Express your heart with your moves.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — You're energized and spurred to take action, with Mars in your sign. Focus on personal projects over six weeks. Use your power for good.



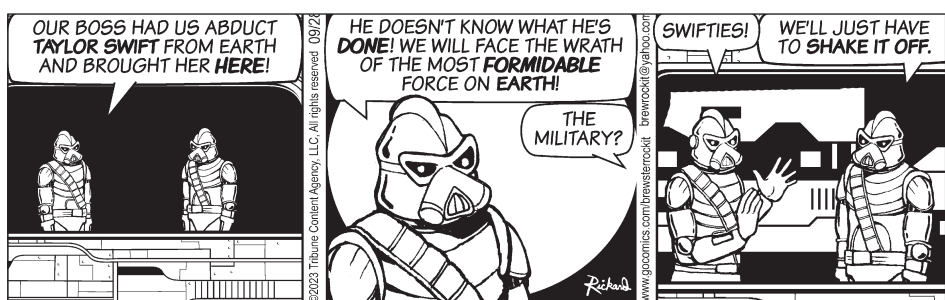
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — Travels and educational exploration call to you over the next six weeks, with Mars in Scorpio. Find ways to assuage your wanderlust; short trips can satisfy.



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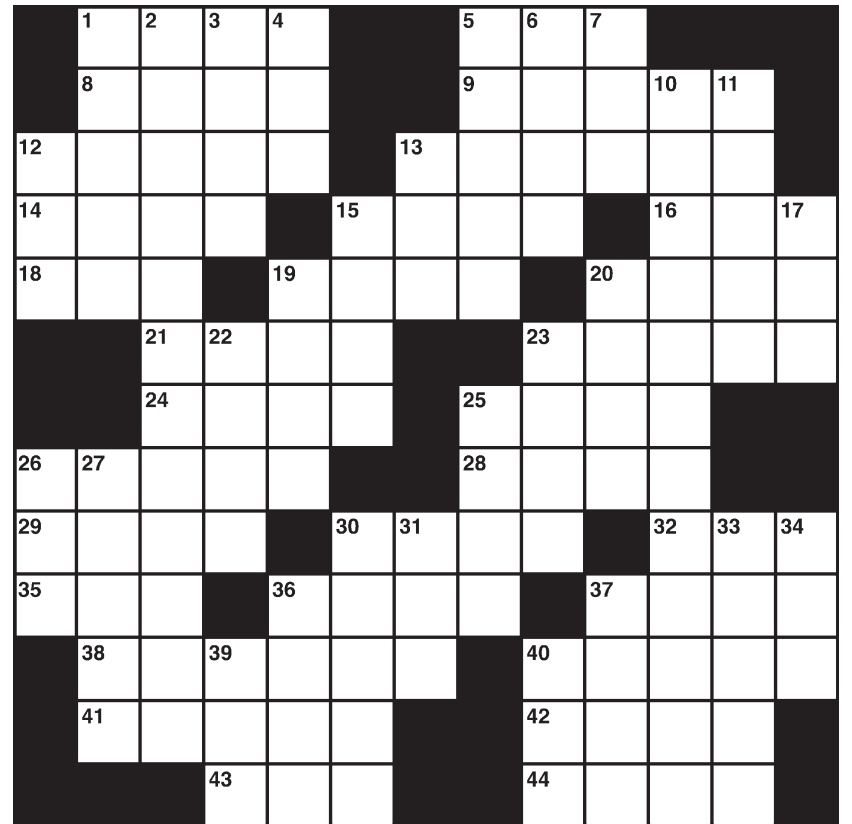
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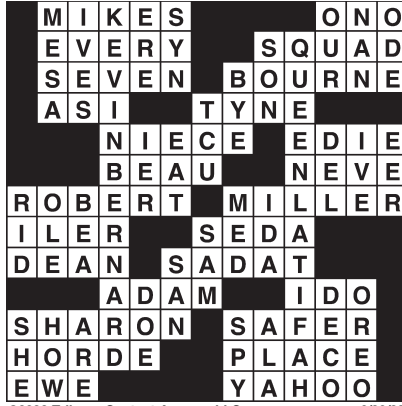
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 - 9 "___ Days"
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 - 18 K-O center
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 - 24 Actor Noah
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 - 29 Wheel shaft
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 - 2 Actor on "Chicago Fire"
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 - 4 "Death Becomes ___"; Meryl Streep film
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 - 11 ___ for; desire greatly
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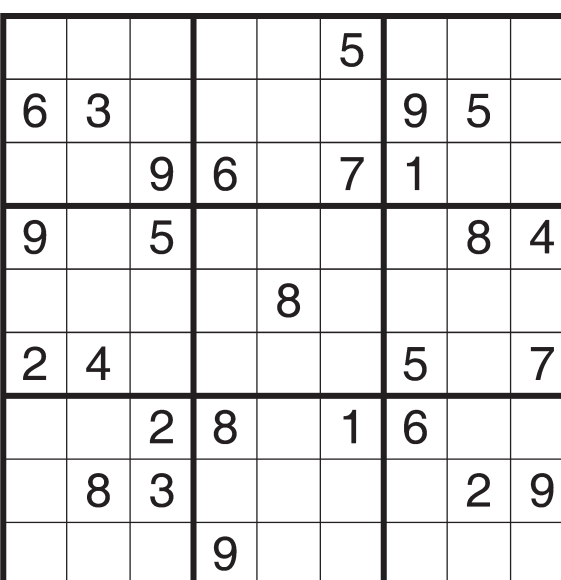


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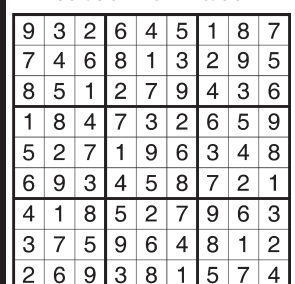
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Actors reenacting local ghost stories from Greenville, North Carolina, at the annual Historic Ghost Walk during the October Halloween season.

E.N.C.'s chilling secrets on a Historical Ghost Walk

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Unlock the chilling secrets of Eastern North Carolina and travel through time during the second annual Historical Ghost Walk organized by the Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum this Saturday at 4570 Country Home Road, Greenville, North Carolina.

According to The Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum website, the second annual Historical Ghost Walk is a journey through Eastern N.C.'s rich, eerie history focused on tragedies, deaths and burials between the years of 1840 and 1940. Tours will be held this Saturday at 5:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Vice President of the board of the Village and the events coordinator for the Village, Sharon Arnold, said the second annual Historical Ghost Walk will feature Civil War soldier reenactors from the 7th North Carolina State Troops (N.C.ST) and 5th N.C.ST, as well as the Village Volunteer Enactors.

"We have not your 'let me scare you' or 'let me make up things,'" Arnold said. "Everything we

are doing is based on a local story or documented legends of this area."

Highlights of the walk include Benjamin May's explosive death with real pyrotechnics and the "Angel Glow," she said. The "Angel Glow" is a mysterious phenomenon from the Civil War at the Battle of Shiloh, Arnold said, where soldiers had wounds with a "strange, green" glow.

"The people with the glow survived... the ones that didn't glow died," Arnold said. "We will have that acted out with dead soldiers lying around with the glow. And then we have our master surgeon from the enactors who will talk about it in a scientific way"

Arnold said the mission of the Ghost Walk is to inform. Attendees should leave the event with a deeper appreciation for lives that have been lived and lost in this area, Arnold said. "In many ways, history repeats itself," Arnold said.

Arnold said the Museum aims to bring local history to life with exciting exhibits and activities. Arnold said they do living history exhibits and hands-on activities.

"It comes to life and (is) more valuable as an experience," Arnold said.

Marty Thompson, board member and Medical Reenactor in the Ghost Walk, said people often overlook Greenville's intriguing history.

"New Bern has the battleground and a big culture of history, but Greenville has a lot of history, too, and we want people to be aware of their own history," Thompson said. "I hope people attending the ghost walk will have a better

understanding of our local history afterwards. We are using a lot of reenactors this year, people that are really particular about their authenticity, and I think that's going to add to it a lot."

Holly Mathews, President of the Museum and Former ECU Anthropology Professor, said the event fundraises for the Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum, a volunteer-run non-profit with its own history.

The collection and buildings of those two businesses, she said, are on the site of the former Pitt County Home for the Aged and Infirm, which is locally known as the poor farm.

"From about 1850 to 1960, residents who were poor, orphaned or sick lived and worked on the farm to support themselves," Mathews said. "The Museum stands on a 5-acre campus with 22 buildings, including a 1903 one-room schoolhouse and an 1855 building originally home to a farmer."

The Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum has a dedication to educating the public. Mathews said, "For that reason, we focus on acting true historical tales of strange occurrences in Eastern N.C."

Future Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum events will be the Christmas tours during the first weekend of December. The Museum is looking for student volunteers. If interested, contact the Museum at ecvafm@gmail.com.

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Lidya Jewett, left, and Olivia Marcum, right, in "The Exorcist: Believer."

Review The Exorcist: Believer

Eli Baine
TEC STAFF

The newest addition to the litany of sequels to William Friedkin's 1973's classic The Exorcist comes David Gordon Green's The Exorcist: Believer, one of the first horror films to come out this Halloween season; however, it doesn't escape the common pitfalls of other high profile horror releases, including Green's own Halloween reboot trilogy.

To begin with the, frankly, short list of what the film does right, lead actor Leslie Odom Jr. and young actors Lidya Jewett and Olivia O'Neil gave standout performances and were absolutely the right choices for their respective roles. From Odom Jr. in the intimate role of a tormented single father to Jewett and O'Neil putting on a convincing show of being possessed by a demon, their careers may be boosted significantly by this movie.

The rest of what makes Believer somewhat enjoyable largely has to do with its, at times, interesting editing and cinematography, though neither hold up at the final sequence of the movie. Two young girls go missing at the start of the film, and the utter panic of their families along with their town are thoughtfully captured through disorienting cuts and claustrophobic long takes. The bad part is knowing a talented crew was squandered due to the boring plot. The film's painfully surface-level critique on organized religion and, weirdly enough, abortion fall flat in comparison to the groundbreaking commentary in Friedkin's The Exorcist, written over half a century ago. While there are some characters representing different religions in the

movie, Believer could not commit to any specific message and boils down to a conflict centered around Christian Catholicism.

The end of the movie is the most disappointing part. Only one or two of the many insignificant characters had important things to do. For the last 20 minutes or so, the rest of the background cast gave lackluster performances while blindly throwing darts at a wall to try and complete an exorcism they had the other 90 percent of the film to prepare for. After the climax, it is unclear what even happened for the events to end.

The only word that can fittingly describe the whole film is "hacky." Green's story felt as if it were a 15-minute riff in the writer's room, taking everything from The Exorcist and tweaking it only enough to be its own story. The idea of two girls getting possessed instead of just one had very few implications plot-wise where there could have been some great potential. Even worse than Green's Halloween trilogy, this film fails at trying anything new.

Overall, The Exorcist: Believer embodies much of what is wrong with blockbuster horror films today. Its inability to reach beyond what the original Exorcist was able to accomplish, mediocre writing, boring characters with no contributions and very messy ending add up to a movie likely to be forgotten until its confirmed sequel releases in a few years. As for other recommendations, Saw X, while not for the faint of heart, is the better movie to check out this week.

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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

Nick Bailey
Sports Editor



ECU vs. SMU
Score Prediction?
20-17 ECU

Why? The Pirates strong defense continues to show up during this

Thursday night matchup. A bye week should've given Head Coach Mike Houston the time to get his offense ready for this AAC matchup, and I believe ECU will win with a last minute field goal.

Kiarra Crayton
TEC Staff



ECU vs. SMU
Score Prediction?
31 - 20 SMU

Why? The Mustangs average 33.8 points a game meanwhile

the Pirates only average 21. I think this is a must-win for ECU to try and stay ahead in the conference but they will still fall short.

Trevon McGlone
TEC Staff



ECU vs. SMU
Score Prediction?
28-17 SMU

Why? My belief is that SMU is one of the toughest

offenses that ECU has gone against so far. The Pirates should stay in the game in the first half, thanks in part to home field advantage. But SMU will adjust by forcing constant punts from ECU and capitalizing on tiring the defense out and pulling away to win in the second half.



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Junior running back Rahjai Harris is the leader in rushing yards for the Pirates, as he celebrates after a big gain on the ground against Marshall University.

ECU fresh off bye week take on SMU

Trevon McGlone
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's football team (1-4, 0-1 American Athletic Conference) prepares to play Southern Methodist University (3-2, 1-0 AAC) on today at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, North Carolina.

The Pirates come into the game following a bye week. The last game ECU played was against The University of Rice (3-2, 1-1 AAC) on Sept. 30. Rice walked away victorious in that matchup, winning 24-17. Despite the loss, ECU outgained Rice in total offensive yards, first downs and total time of possession.



Alex Flinn

ECU redshirt junior quarterback Alex Flinn completed 21 of his passes on 44 passing attempts for 246 passing yards and an interception. ECU freshman running back Javious Bond led the team in rushing with seven carries for 76 rushing yards, his season high.

ECU freshman wide receiver Chase Sowell and senior wide receiver Jsi Hatfield combined for 12 receptions and 168 receiving yards.

SMU came into the game with a win over The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 34-16 (1-4, 0-1 AAC). SMU rushed for over 228 yards on the ground against Charlotte, but was outgained in both first downs and total offensive yards on the day.

The Pirates running back room faces

an SMU rush defense that has given up 134 rushing yards per game to previous opponents this season. Offensively, SMU averaged 177 rushing yards in the past five games. ECU had given up 121 rushing yards to running backs, but limited their last two opponents to under 100 rush yards.

ECU's defense faces an SMU offense that had a lot of success scoring this year, averaging over 33 points per game, good for 41st in the nation in points per game. Previously, in the five games that the Pirates played, they gave up on average 25.6 points per game. The Pirates crossed the 200-yard mark in passing yards for the first time this year against Rice.

The Pirates are tasked with slowing down SMU redshirt sophomore quarterback Preston Stone. Stone has thrown for over 1,191 passing yards and 11 passing touchdowns along with five interceptions this year. SMU senior running back Jaylan Knighton fights for extra yards on the ground, averaging over 6.5 yards per rush attempt for a total of 332 rushing yards in five games.

This game marks the 10th time that both ECU and SMU will face off. The last time these two met was Nov. 28, 2020, in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, ECU won 52-38. By the time halftime rolled around, ECU had built a 45-7 lead.

The Pirates hold a slight advantage in the series, winning five of the nine games played. At home, ECU holds a 3-2 record against SMU.

Statistically, ECU's quarterback play has been below average. Flinn comes into the

game against SMU with only one touchdown pass and five interceptions. Flinn's completion percentage so far this year is currently at 47 percent, however at home, the percentage drops to 42 percent.

ECU sophomore quarterback Mason Garcia, who started the first two games of the year for the Pirates, has one passing touchdown, two interceptions and a completion percentage of 58 percent on the year. Garcia also has a rushing touchdown on the year.

The Pirates averaged around nine yards per pass completion so far on the year, ranking No.124 in the bottom half of the 130 teams ranked in the nation. In passing yards per attempt, ECU averages four yards, while opponents average over seven. SMU ranks No. 48 with over 12 passing yards per completion.

Despite this, ECU's offense has been able to move the ball across the field, as they have averaged 300 total yards on offense per game this year. In two of those games, they averaged 350 total offensive yards or more.

In terms of mistakes ECU has been flagged on average, 78 penalty yards a game. This is higher than the amount of penalties ECU's opponents committed at 36 penalty yards per game. SMU's opponents on the year average around 72 penalty yards per game.

Following this game against SMU, the Pirates will stay at home in Greenville, N.C., to play against Charlotte in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Oct. 21.

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COURTESY OF ECU PIRATES

The ECU baseball team will be back in action and they will hold their first fall scrimmage on Sunday at 1 p.m. against Clemson University.

Pirates baseball release fall exhibition schedule

Nick Bailey
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's baseball team has revealed their schedule for the 2023 fall exhibition season, which will see the Pirates play two out-of-conference opponents before hosting their annual Purple-Gold World Series.

The four-time defending American Athletic Conference (AAC) regular season champions will host Clemson University from the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) for their first of two exhibition games against other schools. Fans for the Pirates and Tigers will get their first glimpse of action at Clark-LeClair Stadium on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Clemson and ECU are going to have two seven-inning games with no breaks in between. Entry is free, and concessions will be offered for purchase.

Following the Clemson game, the team will host its annual Meet the Pirates event. Fans will be able to get autographs from ECU players and coaches, and 2023 AAC Regular Season Champion pennants will be given away for free.

The Pirates' second ACC exhibition game will be against the University of Virginia on Oct. 22 at noon at Davenport Field in Charlottesville,

Virginia. This game will be a rematch of ECU's final game of the season, when they were defeated 3-8 by the Cavaliers in the regional stage of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

ECU's baseball team will release their full 2024 schedule later in the fall of this year.

Quick Facts from the Pirates last season:

- In 2023, the team won its fourth straight AAC regular season championship, finishing with 47 victories, the second most in a single season in program history.
- For the fourth consecutive season (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023), the team reached the regional finals.
- The Pirates accumulated their fifth consecutive 40-win season (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023).
- In a single season, the program had 11 players named to the All-AAC teams (three first team, eight second team, and one all-freshman team).

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