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A patient receiving a mammogram at ECU Health. The CDC recommends women between 50 and 74 book mammogram appointments every two years to screen for breast cancer.

ECU recognizes breast cancer awareness

Aida Khalifa
TEC STAFF

October signifies the start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and East Carolina University and the Greenville community are in full effect with events and T-Shirts recognizing the month and breast cancer survivors.

Senior neuroscience, psychology and african american studies major George Cherry Jr. said every year Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) does a Pink Runway Fashion show dedicated to celebrating and bringing awareness to breast cancer patients and survivors. He said the breast cancer survivors in attendance walked the stage in pink to celebrate their battle they have won with cancer.

Cherry Jr. said the members of ZTA worked to engage the audience and asked how many people had been affected by breast cancer and there was conversation on how to raise awareness on the matter.

"I saw an older woman walk across the stage with so much power," Cherry Jr. said. "I can't imagine, she must have had such a tough battle and then to walk across the

stage and show that she defeated cancer it was great to see."

Cherry Jr. said it is important for everyone to be aware of the impacts of breast cancer. Even if someone may not be directly impacted by cancer, he said the idea of people coming together to support the cause and spread awareness on how severe breast cancer is a step in the right direction for getting more people to care and celebrate the survivors.

As a member of Student Government Association (SGA), Cherry Jr. said he thinks as a school we could do more to bring awareness on campus. He said he hopes to bring more attention to events like the fashion show and other health awareness events through the attendance of SGA members and publicity by them.

"It is fitting that I am director of Health and Wellness for SGA," Cherry Jr. said. "I feel that with my role there is so much more we can be doing to increase attention and get more people involved in such an important cause."

Linda Giancola, retired oncology nurse at Duke Health and breast cancer survivor, said there is always a need for more awareness for breast cancer patients. She said in recent years she feels there specifically needs to be more awareness for young people who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Giancola said people are more aware of breast cancer now and women are getting screenings done at a younger age to catch it early on. She said the earlier it is caught the higher the rate of survival is and she said she hopes more people of the younger generation start paying attention to their bodies and the signs more.

"Young people will go to the doctor and be told they're too young to have cancer," Giancola said. "You're never too young and being more aware and knowing the signs your body is showing you is important and in recent years people have started catching breast cancer sooner which is a very good thing."

Giancola said having cancer was exhausting but the treatment was the worst

part. She said when doing her radiation treatment she experienced a lot of fatigue and nausea and she did not realize until after her treatment stopped that it created brain fog for her as well.

She said it is a hard and draining process to go through but she was able to take a chemo pill instead of doing the chemotherapy. Giancola said she was lucky to have the support from her family and loved ones throughout the whole process. She said it is important for family members to uplift their loved ones impacted by breast cancer because it is such a debilitating process of treatment and recovery.

"It's not an easy thing to go through," Giancola said. "You throw up and lose so much weight, it's really exhausting. I had to stop the chemo pill because I chose a quality of life over how many days I am alive. The purpose of chemo is to kill the cancer cells but it cannot distinguish so it kills all your good cells too. It's definitely a hard road."

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ONLINE | FULL STORY

AOTM Rahjai Harris

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Junior running back Rahjai Harris for the East Carolina University football team (1-4, 0-1 American Athletic Conference) has been named The East Carolinian Athlete of the Month for his performances on the field in the month of September.

Harris has carried the ball 57 times and gained 217 yards and four rushing touchdowns, while catching one receiving touchdown on the year. When the season started, the reps for Harris weren't many, as the junior running back had only 14 carries in the first two games.

A majority of Harris's carries have come on first downs this year, with 32 of his 57 rush attempts occurring on the first play of the drive. When the Pirates find themselves near an opponent's goal line, Harris' workload increases. He has received 17 carries when ECU is in between an opponent's 19 yard line or near their goal line.

Against Appalachian State University (3-2, 1-0 Sun Belt Conference). Harris

received 12 carries, and ran for 56 rushing yards. He also scored the first touchdown of the game, rushing in a seven yard carry to give ECU the early lead.

Harris would score again later in the game, carrying a four yard touchdown to put the Pirates up 21-10. The team has made a constant effort to keep Harris involved in the game since. He received 16 carries and gained 64 yards, the most yards he gained in the season against Gardner Webb University (1-3, 0-0 Big South Conference).

Harris also has scored two touchdowns in the game against GW. In the game against the University of Rice (3-2, 1-1 AAC), Harris once again found the end zone, putting ECU back into the game after they trailed, 9-17.

Harris has led the team in rushing yards in every game ECU has played in. ECU has constantly called on him to find the end zone near the goal line, and Harris hasn't disappointed.

"It doesn't make a difference at the end of the day," Harris said in a post-game interview after the loss to App. State. "No matter who's in, you know we got a couple of guys subbing in and out, but it really isn't different because of dog mentality."



COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES

Junior running back Rahjai Harris scores a rushing touchdown with the help of his offensive line.

That quote proved itself to be in the victory against Gardner Webb, when ECU's running backs combined for three touchdowns after Harris scored the first two. ECU redshirt sophomore running back Kamarro Edmonds scored two touchdowns and freshman running back Javaiious Bond also scored.

After coming off of a torn ACL the year prior in 2022, Harris has gotten back to where he left off, tied with the second most touchdowns scored in his career at five total. Harris's career best is six total

touchdowns back in 2022.

Harris came into this year as the starting running back after former Pirates running back Keaton Mitchell departed for the draft last year after taking turns with the snaps. Harris got his amounts, averaged double digit carries in every game he played in 2022. Earlier in the year, Harris crossed over 400 total carries in his career as a Pirate.

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BRIEFS

**Block 1 classes end,
Block 2 to begin**

Classes that only last the first half of the Fall 2023 semester end today. Grades are due at 8:00 a.m. on Oct. 11, and Block 2 classes begin the same day. The deadline to add or drop Block 2 courses is 5 p.m. on Oct. 13. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

**ECU to hold
Fall Open House**

On Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., ECU will have its annual Open House, where anyone interested in the university can come and learn some valuable information about its programs, departments and facilities. The event will coincide with the Academic and Student Affairs Fair. No prior registration is required.

**CRW to host
Fall Colors Hike**

Students and others who register before Oct. 12 on the Campus Recreation & Wellness website have the opportunity to join a trip to Umstead State Park in Raleigh on Oct. 14. Student tickets are \$15, CRW member tickets are \$20, and all other guests must pay \$25 to attend. Transportation is provided for the event.

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.

Sept. 30, 2023

At Clement Hall, a charge of Injury to Real Property was found at 3:41 a.m. and is an open investigation.

Charges of Simple Assault and Second Degree Trespassing were found at Jones Hall and were cleared after a referral was issued and the victim refused to cooperate at 2:16 p.m.

Oct. 1, 2023

At a parking lot near 3rd Street & Reade Street, charges of Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Misdemeanor Possession of a Weapon on Campus, Aggravated Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. were found at 12:31 a.m. and were cleared by citation.

At 1:18 a.m., Underage Drinking and Possession of Fraudulent ID were found at the Chico's parking lot and cleared by citation.

At the College Hill parking lot, Underage Drinking was found and cleared at 2:36 a.m. after a prosecution was declined and a referral was issued.

A Campus Security Authority Report was issued at 3:40 p.m. of a sexual assault at Greene Hall.



An East Carolina University student filling out an exam sheet. College midterms usually take place the week before or the week after fall break. CONTRIBUTED BY MILES TRAVITZ

ECU promotes mental health through midterms

Eli Baine
TEC STAFF

Many students have midterms coming up and East Carolina University shared some of the ways students can manage stress, depression and anxiety around exam dates.

ECU Counseling Center Director Valerie Kisler-van Reede said students can begin mental health therapy sessions at the counseling center among other services.

"Students are eligible for services at the counseling center if they have paid the student health service fee," Kisler-van Reede said. "We offer crisis counseling around the clock, individual counseling, group therapy and workshops or educational programs."

Kisler-van Reede said the university counselors are working with students to address emotional management, coping skills, stress management and more. The Counseling Center has 12 professional counselors employed, according to the Counseling Center website.

The ECU Counseling Center saw over 1,600 students for its individual and group counseling services last year, Kisler-van Reede said. The center is prepared to serve more students in 2023, Kisler-van Reede said.

"It is important to help students know all the things that are available to them and encourage

them to connect with those resources that fit best for their needs," Kisler-van Reede said. "If there is a mental health emergency, always call 911."

Executive Director of Student Health Services Lanika Wright said acknowledging student mental health is important for all of the campus community. Wright said suicide is a serious problem particularly among college students, and it is always productive to bring awareness to the issue, Wright said.

Wright said there are three good ways to bring awareness to suicide among students. Wright said you should let friends know they are not alone and supported, share information of resources that are available on campus and learn how to help other individuals with suicidal ideation.

"It is imperative at institutes of higher learning as suicide is one to the leading causes of death among college students," Wright said. "Faculty and staff are in positions that can help students feel supported and heard."

Wright said if a student is going through a mental health crisis, they should consider calling the 988 lifeline or reaching out to someone they trust. According to the Counseling Center website, the lifeline can connect anyone to licensed mental health counselors 24/7.

Sometimes, Wright said, students themselves

are not prepared to help friends or classmates in distress. In the event that a student is worried for the safety of a friend or classmate, Wright said there are a few different ways to find help.

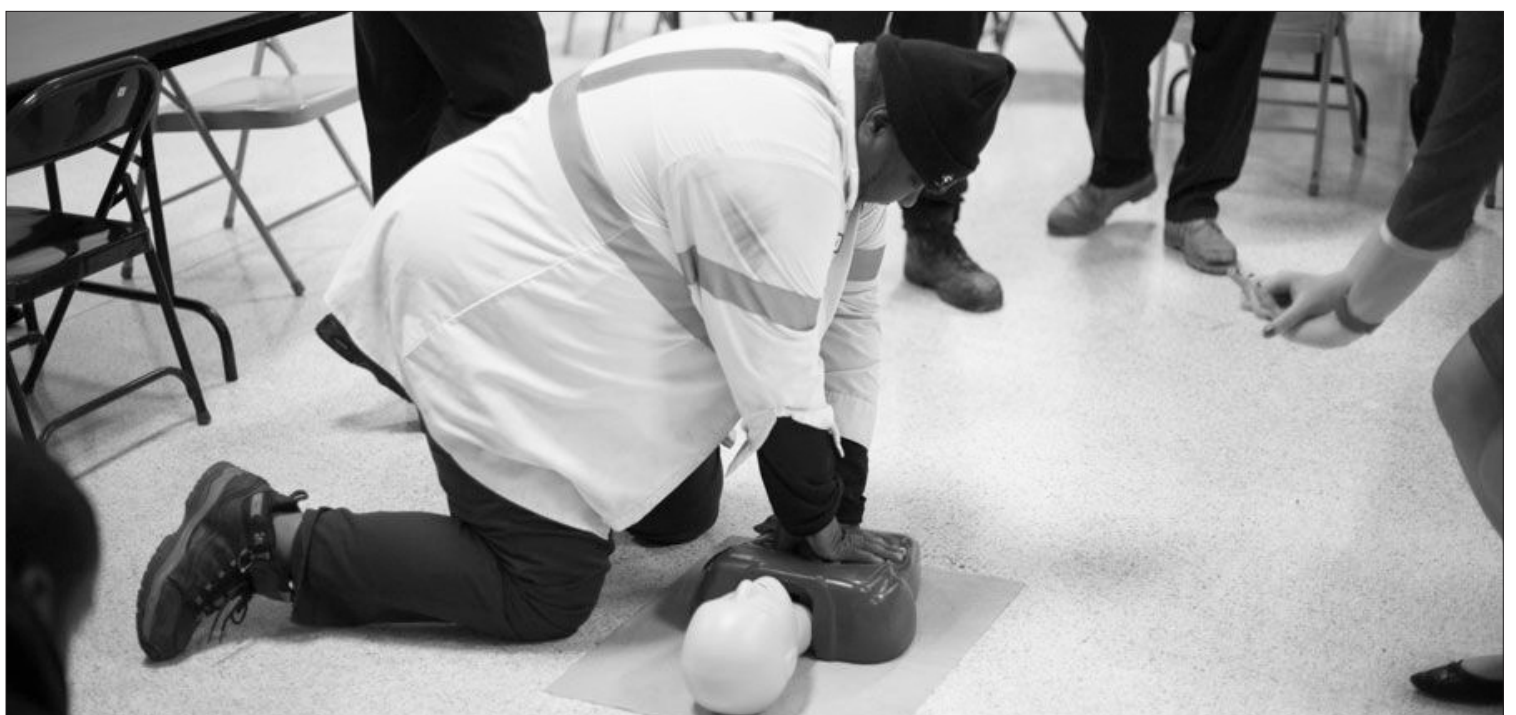
"(Students) should refer to student resources, contact CARES in the (ECU) Dean of Students office, contact police as needed if imminent danger is noted," Wright said.

Trillium Health Services Representative Angus Johnston said Trillium is a government program that assists people in Eastern North Carolina to get mental health treatment if they are a Medicaid member or uninsured.

Johnston said Trillium doesn't offer its own mental health services, but they do provide information of where to go for treatment and manage individual funds.

"We provide those resources for where folks can go for mental health, substance use and intellectual developmental disabilities," Johnston said. "If somebody calls in and they have our insurance or they don't have any insurance, we tell them where they can go to receive that treatment."

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A trainee performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a dummy. Campus Recreation & Wellness hosts CPR trainings once per month. CONTRIBUTED BY PARIS SILVER

CRW hosts CPR training for staff, students

Aida Khalifa
TEC STAFF

East Carolina University's Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW) Center hosts monthly Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training through the Swimming and Safety Services department with the next training session being held Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Grant Hinson, Coordinator of Aquatic and Risk Management at ECU, said he works to ensure the lifeguard team is fully staffed, trained and lessons are available to students and faculty including swim lessons and CPR training.

Hinson said there are typically one or two CPR training sessions a month because the CRW works to provide an easily accessible way for students and faculty to become certified. He said he thinks it is great to be prepared in the case of an emergency and the more people who become certified in CPR training the lower the risk of a serious injury occurring.

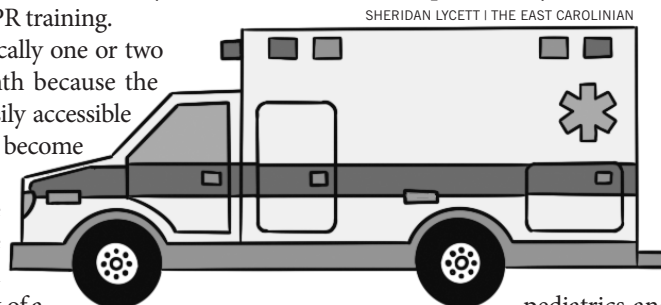
"I think it's great getting certified," Hinson said. "The more you know in an emergency situation, whether you're just in class, hanging out with friends, or in a social gathering just knowing if someone has a serious injury from a heart attack to choking on some food, being able to help and know what to do is very important."

Hinson said the class is blended learning, meaning there is two and a half hours of an online portion where the student is watching videos and answering questions so when the in person class starts there is nothing foreign being introduced. He said this ensures that people

aren't kept in the CPR class for a long duration of time and makes the class more flexible.

In the class, Hinson said, the students are expected to demonstrate what was learned in the online portion. Those who take the class are being trained in adult and pediatric CPR so they are certified in all areas and can be prepared for a variety of emergency situations, he said.

"Whenever you're taking the class you learn how to perform CPR on a child because it varies from a child to an adult," Hinson said. "Compressions and breath techniques are very different for



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you are helping."

Sophomore nursing major Megan Giancola said being CPR certified from a young age raises awareness for instances where an emergency may happen. She said she has been certified since middle school and she always feels prepared to take care of others if the situation requires it.

Giancola said if you're able to start CPR within a couple minutes of an emergency it increases the risk of the person surviving and with Emergency Medical Services sometimes

taking a while to respond to a scene it shows how important it is for more people to become certified.

"Medical emergencies can happen so quickly at any time," Giancola said. "I think ECU offering a class where they teach adult and pediatric CPR is crucial because treating an adult compared to a child is very different and not being aware of the difference in treatments can be detrimental."

Giancola said the biggest difference between adult and pediatric CPR is the way of doing chest compressions. She said pediatrics have to be handled with more care to avoid causing damage to their lungs. Being certified in both adults and pediatrics reduces the risk of not handling a situation properly, she said.

She said she hopes more people become aware of the CPR training offered on campus and more people sign up to become certified. Giancola said the more people who are aware of the access and how easy it is to be certified the less risk there is of someone not being helped in a life or death situation.

"It's especially important with people our age and just college students in general," Giancola said. "CPR is useful in so many ways and no one truly understands the good impact that can be done with having more people aware of how to give medical attention when needed."

Sophomore business and public health major Makayla Cash said she believes CPR training is really crucial for everyone of all ages. She said being certified has made her feel more confident in her ability to help someone in an emergency.

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OUR VIEW

Climate change remains issue

The issue of climate change has been ongoing for thousands of years, but has recently seen a lot of attention from the media as it remains an ongoing crisis in today's generation.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe climate change should be taken seriously and measures to mitigate the effects of climate change should be taken at all times.

Although many may not realize it, North Carolina suffers and will continue to from the detrimental effects of climate change. Due to the issue, N.C. has experienced warmer and more humid conditions.

According to N.C. Climate Education, this ongoing issue poses a threat to our environment, economy and millions of individuals who reside in the state. It is only expected for these unfortunate conditions to continue throughout the century.

It's important to take steps to reduce the effects of climate change as much as possible, as it has a huge effect on our state, especially due to our placement near the coast. This can make storm systems and their effects have stronger impacts on our state overall.

The United Nations website states that individuals can contribute towards combating climate change through practices such as saving energy, reducing and recycling, walking or riding a bike, cleaning up within the environment and utilizing our voices and platforms to stand against climate change.

PIRATE RANTS

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

People that skateboard on campus. It's annoying, I hate that.

The lines after 12 p.m. to get lunch on campus are so aggravating. It takes forever to be able to get food!

Those robots have almost run into me several times now. Although they are cute, I wish they had better navigation and wouldn't almost run into people.

It's so aggravating that they don't have any food choices or Starbucks on the Health Science Campus in the student center.

Stop the first world whining! It always rains for football games (NOT true), I have to wait 30 minutes for the bus (do something constructive), I have to walk a mile from the parking lot (at least you have a car and walking is good for you). Y'all really don't know how good you have it here.

There are so many students walking on campus with their cell phones occupying all of their attention. It may be more fulfilling for them to take that time to simply enjoy the walk, smile and/or strike up a conversation with someone (even if for just a moment). Put your devices away, take a breath and let your brains rest.

Someone needs to restart the router on campus.

It is time for Greenville to revamp the mall and get a Trader Joe's.

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.



A family posing for a photo in front of the Jumbo ride at last year's annual Pitt County Fair. The Jumbo is one of the many attractions at the fair.

Fall in love with fair season



Kristin Outland
TEC STAFF

Fall has finally settled in, along with a list of exciting events to look forward to. One of the most exciting activities I look forward to each year is attending the local and state fairs. I usually attend at least a couple of fairs each year with my family and friends.

No matter your age, the fair can be a fun place for everyone. Although children may be the largest targets of fairs, adults are equally as welcome and also serve as another target for fair attendance. It can also be a great opportunity to create meaningful memories with loved ones.

From rides to food to shows to vendors, most people can find something they find to be enjoyable. Typically, most fairs offer a wide range of delectable treats, such as funnel cakes, candy apples, deep-fried Oreos and cotton candy.

There are several popular rides at the

fair, including the classic ferris wheel, scrambler, zipper, carousel, fun slides, ziplines and a House of Mirrors.

Attendees can also participate in carnival games, such as throwing darts, to win prizes such as stuffed animals. This can serve as a form of souvenir and also be a great bonding activity, especially for families.

Another exciting aspect of the fair is the different kinds of vendors and items available for purchase. Homemade gifts, jewelry, snack jars, clothes and other trinkets can be found at most.

Many fairs also feature bands and performances from local artists and musicians. Additionally, there is also a large variety of rides and attractions for both children and adults. Most play several genres of music, including country and rock.

At larger fairs, there may even be several stages set up for different performing artists to play at. These can vary in size, and some may even be held in an indoor setting although most fairs take

place outside.

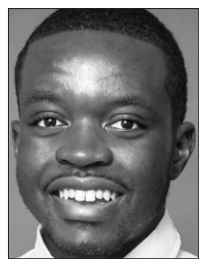
Fairs can also be a great social opportunity to reconnect with old friends and family, or to even meet new people. These interactions can make attending the fair a fun activity in itself, as you may be able to catch up with an old friend from high school or family member you may not have seen in a while.

The renowned North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, North Carolina, is just around the corner, beginning Thursday through Oct. 22. This fair is popular among people from all over North Carolina, including East Carolina University students.

Overall, I believe the fair can be both a great social activity as well as the perfect bonding experience for all individuals. If you're looking for a fun activity during the fall season, fairs can be the ideal place to be.

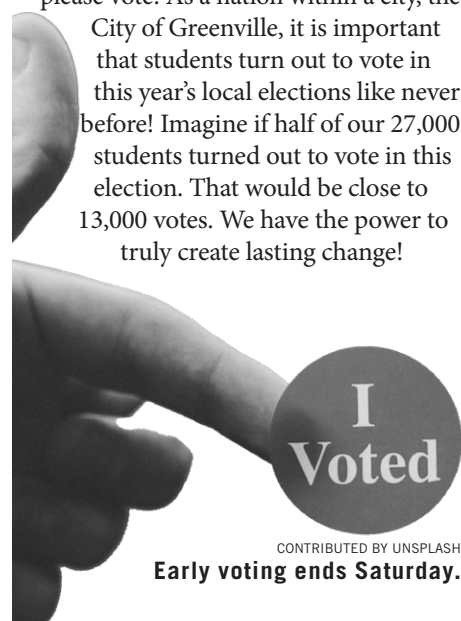
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Students should prioritize voting



George Cherry Jr.
GUEST COLUMNIST

In honor of National Voter Registration Day, which was Sept. 19, 2023, I would like to utilize this opportunity to strongly encourage and even implore you to vote. Why should you vote? You should vote because you can, because you care and because it creates change. Pirate Nation, please vote! As a nation within a city, the City of Greenville, it is important that students turn out to vote in this year's local elections like never before! Imagine if half of our 27,000 students turned out to vote in this election. That would be close to 13,000 votes. We have the power to truly create lasting change!



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Early voting ends Saturday.

You should vote because you can! Throughout history, multiple limitations have been placed upon humans around who is qualified to vote. These limitations were on the basis of age, socioeconomic status, gender and race. Until 1971, persons had to be at least 21 years of age to vote. On July 1, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified which granted 18-year-olds the right to vote.

This Fall of 2023, I co-founded a new student organization called Student

Advocacy Democracy Initiative (SADI) for the purpose of getting students more involved in our local elections and engaged with sustaining our democracy. I have been working to meet with every candidate running in the Greenville City Council election cycle this year. On Tuesday Sept. 19, 2023 on National Voter Registration Day, I was honored to speak at the Election Protection Press Conference organized by Democracy N.C., on Thursday I marched and spoke at the ECU National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Annual Unity March, on Friday I attended the N.C. Voter Summit at Elon University and on Saturday I served as co-moderator of a candidate listening forum to connect the community with the Greenville City Council. As students in the UNC System with 17 institutions and close to 250,000 students, our right to vote will be directly impacted even compounded at the intersection of race and socioeconomic status by the new photo identification requirement laws and other new election laws.

Our right to vote is our most sacred power. With great power comes great responsibility. It is our responsibility to protect the power and the voice of the people. Our democracy is sustained by the freedom to express ourselves through our vote. Our vote is our voice.

Requiring individuals to have a photo ID to vote is unconstitutional and should be banned. According to Democracy N.C., it is estimated that the associated costs of adhering to the photo ID requirement laws may be between \$104 to \$139. People of low socioeconomic status may have to choose between voting and buying food or paying rent. If we stand by and do nothing, people will again be required to pay a tax to vote.

There should be no opportunity cost

associated with voting when voting has the potential to advance opportunity and make life better for us all! Ironic! Let us make sure that we know our rights and fight to sustain our rights! Why else should you vote? If you care about affordable housing, climate change, campus safety, living wages, your work environment and mental health and wellbeing, then you should vote!

These are all issues that directly affect us as students, and we need to amplify our voices around these topics. I think the reason why so many students and community members may be apathetic towards voting is because they do not feel like their vote or the voices matter.

Too often we underestimate the power of our own voices and of our own stories. Through voting, you can have a huge impact on your campus, the community and the world. I would illustrate this last point with a personal story.

About six months later, I was extraordinarily pleased to hear that the U.S. Supreme Court did in fact reject this case in a historic 6-3 decision. This taught me that as a student, I can have a direct impact through grassroots efforts on society. If this case had been approved by the U.S. Supreme Court, it would have unleashed a tidal wave of other restrictive laws that would have made it increasingly harder for students to vote and have their voices heard during their time at East Carolina University and in the districts in which they live, and negatively impact the quality of their lives after graduation.

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CLASSIFIEDS

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Contact smaa@ecu.edu for more information.



HOROSCOPES



Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Make

domestic upgrades. Maintain systems flowing smoothly. Clean messes. Make repairs. Patiently resolve family disagreements. Don't push now or risk breakage. Lead by example.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Retreat from the

world for a while. Postpone travel. You can get especially productive behind closed doors. Expect delays and miscommunications. Rest and recharge.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Financial

delays could mess with your budget. Avoid arguments. Go for substance over symbolism. Replenish your reserves. Track accounts carefully. Simplify and relax.



Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Explore a

fascinating subject. Take notes. Keep file backups. Expect communication breakdowns or delays. Study and do the homework. Prepare for a test.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Venture

farther out. Your team's glad to provide a boost. Don't be intimidated. Push for greater rewards. Make new friends in the process.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Your

partner comes to the rescue. Support each other with a challenge. Avoid sensitive areas or risk an upset. Help everyone stay cool.



Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 9 — Untangle

a financial knot. Patiently resolve stuck areas. Stick to your budget. Exercise judgment. Define your needs and desires. Keep deadlines and promises.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Consider taking on

more authority. Cut through confusion. Take charge for the results you want. Efficiency is required. Patiently resolve misunderstandings. Listen more.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Relax. Think

things over before jumping to conclusions. Don't tease someone who isn't laughing. Blockages or delays could frustrate efforts. Slow for better conditions.



Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A

personal project occupies your thoughts. Envision perfection. Reality may not match your vision. Find a use for something you've stashed away. Patiently organize.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Travel entices although

your investigation may work fine remotely. Keep things practical. Study the situation. Consider your options carefully. Find a perfect solution.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Maintain your

sense of humor. Adapt around delays. Creative, romantic and passion projects could seem stuck. Relax with friends and family. Prioritize love.

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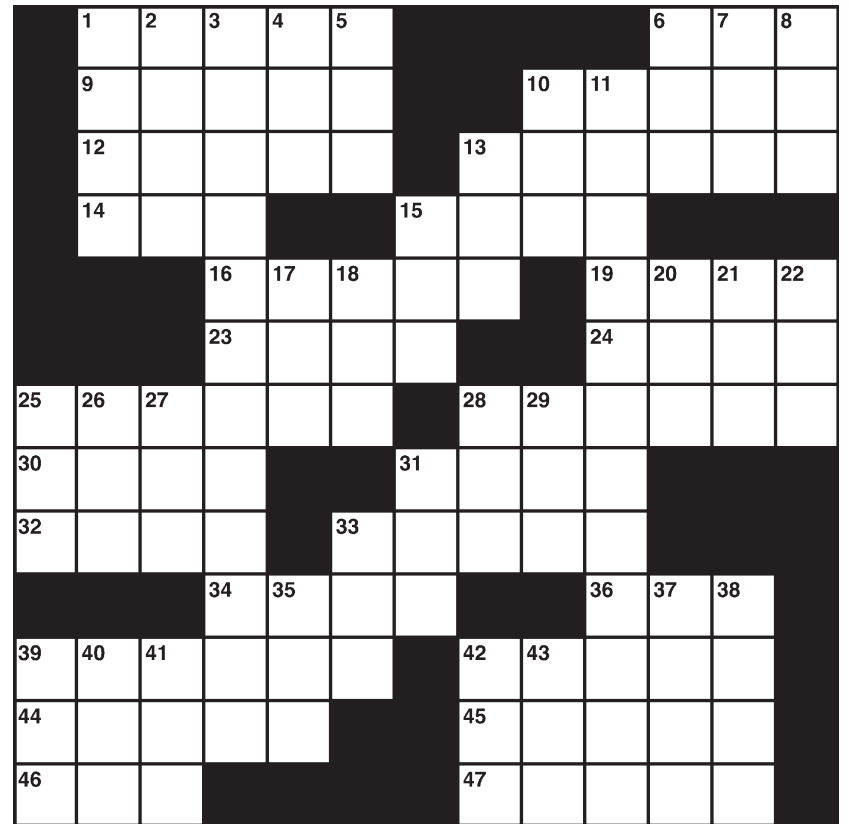
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THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- 1 Wallace & Farrell
- 6 Most famous 1969 bride
- 9 "___ Which Way but Loose"
- 10 "The Mod ___" (1968-73)
- 12 Number of seasons for "Family Ties"
- 13 "The ___ Identity"; Matt Damon film
- 14 "Just ___ suspected!"
- 15 Tim Daly's sis
- 16 Dorothy, to Em
- 19 Adams or Falco
- 23 Jeff Bridges' brother
- 24 Actress Campbell
- 25 ___ Downey Jr.
- 28 "Barney ___"
- 30 Robert ___ of "The Sopranos"
- 31 Actor Jon ___
- 32 Martin or Cain
- 33 Leader assassinated in 1981
- 34 ___ Ruzek; "Chicago P.D." role
- 36 Bachelor's last words
- 39 Stone or Osbourne

- 42 Morley of "60 Minutes"
- 44 Teeming crowd
- 45 "Melrose ___"
- 46 Flock femme
- 47 E-mail provider for millions

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- 1 Small plateau
- 2 Folk singer Burl
- 3 "Law & Order" role
- 4 Before
- 5 Thesaurus entry: abbr.
- 6 "Days of ___ Lives"
- 7 Fabray, to friends
- 8 "___ to Billie Joe"
- 10 "Sanford and ___"
- 11 Actress on "The Equalizer"
- 13 Short farewell
- 15 Univ. in Fort Worth
- 17 Suffix for boss or class
- 18 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- 20 Dover's state: abbr.
- 21 "___ Got a Secret"
- 22 Ending for puppet or command
- 25 Get ___ of; shed
- 26 "Grand ___ Opry"
- 27 Arthur, for one
- 28 "Chicago ___"
- 29 Ms. Lupino
- 31 Actor Elliott
- 33 Laura ___ Giacomo
- 35 Fawn's mother
- 37 Art ___; style for Erté
- 38 Nabisco snack
- 39 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 40 "___ I Met Your Mother"
- 41 "The Kids ___ Alright"
- 42 James Bond or Maxwell Smart
- 43 So. state

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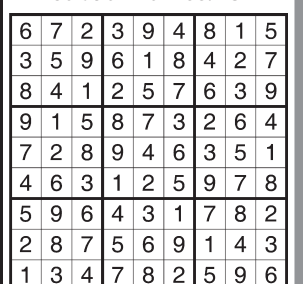
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TOMORROW

Dickinson Ave After Dark

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28513
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Historical Ghost Walk

Eastern Carolina Village
and Farm Museum
4570 County Home Rd,
Greenville, NC 27858
5:45 to 7:15 p.m.
(252) 531 - 2771

TRCSF makes return to Greenville



Attendees participate in a crafting activity at a booth during a past event of the Tar River Community Science Festival held at the park in the Town Common.

Kristin Outland
TEC STAFF

The Tar River Community Science Festival, a celebration and involvement event for the community, will make its return on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Common in Greenville, North Carolina.

Professor and director of East Carolina University's Water Resources Center (WRC), Stephen Moysey, said the festival serves as an opportunity for the community to engage with the public about community science and the Tar River.

Moysey said a large goal of the festival revolves around making it a bigger event and getting more people engaged.

"We're really hoping to grow over time into a larger and larger festival engaging people throughout the region," Moysey said. "As I mentioned, it's a festival so there's a lot of fun things to do there but it's also really about helping people learn and understand different issues in the region."



Stephen Moysey

Although the event is focused on educating individuals about issues in the region related to the river, he said, there will also be a wide range of fun activities for attendees to participate in as well.

"There'll be, for example, speakers talking about water quality issues in our region, some speakers talking about environmental justice issues and community science and how people can get engaged as well as speakers talking about climate change and looking to the future and how we can become more resilient," Moysey said. "And so really we're looking for ways to get people involved and active participants in the community."

Most speakers will be discussing topics in the Willis Building, Moysey said, which is just a walk

away from the activities occurring outside on the Town Common.

"And so, if people are coming out, they should definitely experience to come out and enjoy the beautiful day but also come across the street into the Willis Building," Moysey said. "That's where some of the more talks will be happening."

Grace Gavigan, Community Program Coordinator of ECU's WRC, said the purpose of the festival is to bring the community close together to discuss the importance of Greenville's watershed, the Tar River.

The festival is perfect for children, Gavigan said, as there will be face painters, a DJ with music and fun learning activities which will teach children about issues such as soil erosion. A very popular activity during last year's event, The Chalk River, will also be making a return this year, she said.

"Basically we have an outline of the (Tar) River, and then children can, with chalk, draw in what they believe lives in the river or whatever they want to put in the river," Gavigan said. "Basically, it's a free art."

Gavigan said there will be a screening of the film 'We Can Do Better,' which discusses successes of environmental justice efforts in Kingsboro, North Carolina.

"This year is all about a positive approach to everything, as partners, to educate about what issues there are to worry about," Gavigan said. "Or to bring to the attention of the researchers and the scientists."

Associate Director of Coastal Science, Michael O'Driscoll, said the festival works with a large number of stakeholders in an effort to engage the community about topics such as water pollution.

The event will revolve around the importance of the Tar River and its significance in the Greenville community, he said. There are several items which are discussed, O'Driscoll said, in order to improve water quality and effective ways to

combat issues the community experiences.

The city has implemented different storm water infrastructures, O'Driscoll said, which utilizes vegetation and soils in order to provide treatment in contaminated water and reduce the possibility of flooding.

"One of the challenges that we have in Eastern North Carolina and the Tar River is nutrient pollution and also some flooding issues," O'Driscoll said. "And so one of the cool things that the city of Greenville has been doing is trying to modernize some of our storm water treatment."



People participating in last year's annual TRCSF event.

The festival will feature various organizations, O'Driscoll said, in which participants will be given the ability to interact with. He said there will be many hands-on activities, games and opportunities to use water monitoring equipment.

O'Driscoll said he encourages individuals to attend, as it will be a great learning opportunity for all individuals to engage with others with a similar interest.

"There'll be different food vendors and a lot of opportunities to learn about the Tar River," O'Driscoll said. "And also to engage with others that are interested in the Tar River."

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Haunted delights awaiting in Eastern N.C.

Kim Kassner
TEC STAFF

Spooky season arrives, unveiling Eastern North Carolina's haunted attractions for students, faculty and staff to explore this eerie October.

One of these scary places are the Extreme Fear Scaregrounds in Kinston, North Carolina. Co-owner Maurice Nix said he rented a building at the Lenior Fairgrounds to build the ultimate Halloween attraction, which took him and his team seven weeks to put together. He said the scaregrounds include different themes for the ultimate scare.

"We have three different themed attractions," Nix said. "Our main attraction is called Nixon Asylum, it's our biggest hall with about 6000 square feet. You start in that building and then you exit the asylum and you go outside into what is known as Insanity. It's a large cage maze with strobe lights. It's very disorienting with loud music. There's actors chasing you everywhere and you kind of have to find your way out."

After one has to find their way out of the corn maze, Nix said, the trail goes to their last attraction known as the Mayhem 3D.

He said this attraction is a clown house, but doesn't include the traditional "big red nose and big red shoes" kind of clowns.

"Mayhem 3D is our 3D Clown house," Nix said. "You do have the option to buy 3D glasses or you can just walk through it without it. Either way, it's a really cool experience and our clowns are definitely not what you would expect."

Nix said the Extreme Fear Scaregrounds are based on "originality," with him creating a personal story behind each character and attraction.

His affinity with psychology has helped Nix to get into the mindset of other people, he said. He tries to learn about what people are scared of to provide the best haunted experience they can have.

"This might sound bad, wanting to get to know a person's fears," Nix said. "But this is what gives them the over the edge type of experience. I went to school for psychology, so it also kind of helped me to understand that they are people who are afraid of the dark or of spiders. But I don't just do arachnophobia or anything, I kind of combine them (fears) all into one. So there is no escape. You have to conquer all of them."



Actors scaring people while they wait in line.

His love for fall, the month of October and Halloween has been something that has always been a part of him, Nix said. Around 15 years ago is when he first started getting into haunted attractions, allowing him to conquer a dream of his. For the past three years now, he said, he has been working hard with co-owner and fiance John Clarke to come up with new ideas for the Halloween season.

Today, he employs around 55 people, from which most of them are actors who are interacting with the visitors. The scaregrounds made their debut on Sept. 22 and will remain open through Oct. 29. Throughout that time,

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Nix said, different special events will be available.

"On Sunday, we will be having our Hero Night, inviting anybody with a valid military, fire emergency medical service or police batch to come by and receive free entry into the haunted house," Nix said. "Then, on Friday Oct. 13th, we'll be hosting our Blackout night where all of the lights in the house will be turned off. Visitors will get only glowsticks to find their way through the building."

On Oct. 21, there is going to be another event called Kids' Trick or Treat with free candy for children to collect.

New additions to the Extreme Fear Scaregrounds for 2023 include the Midway Madness and The Basement Escape Room, Nix said.

"We now have a midway that people can enjoy while they're waiting to go into the haunted house," Nix said. "We call it Midway Madness and it includes carnival games, a concession stand and on some nights we might even have some vendors. So when you get there and you buy your ticket, you don't get in line automatically anymore. You now can get your ticket, get some food and play some games. Once your ticket number is called, that is when you get in line so that way you're not waiting in line for hours."

The Basement Escape Room, on the other hand, can be purchased with an additional charge and has a time limit of five minutes to complete.

Nix said the scaregrounds are open throughout the weekend only, with opening times on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. On Sundays, he said, the haunted house is open from 8 to 11 p.m. Ticket prices can be found on their website and regular updates on their Facebook event page, Nix said.

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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this week's events

Nick Bailey
Sports Editor



ECU soccer vs. Temple
Score Prediction?
2-0 ECU
Why?

ECU is coming off a huge victory against South Florida, and they now play a Temple team that has yet to win a conference game this season. I anticipate the Pirates will score comfortably and continue their flawless home field control by earning another shutout against the Owls.

Trevon McGlone
TEC Staff



ECU soccer vs. Temple
Score Prediction?
1-0 ECU
Why?

Both sides can't break the deadlock before the first half ends. Time goes by in the second half, as both sides push to get a goal before the game ends. ECU scores a late goal to the home win.



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Sophomore forward Juliana Viera aims for the goal outside of the penalty box and strikes on the ball against Florida Atlantic University.

Soccer looks to stay undefeated at home

Diego Lerma
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University soccer team (7-2-3, 2-0-1 American Athletic Conference) is set to face Temple University (2-7-3, 0-3 AAC) on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Greenville, North Carolina, at Johnson Stadium.

The Pirates are undefeated in all the home and conference games this season, with a lone conference game tie against The University of Alabama at Birmingham (4-3-4, 0-0-3 AAC). They are looking to extend that streak by making it four straight wins. The last loss came almost a month ago when they faced Duke University (5-3-2, 1-1-2 AAC), losing the game 0-2.

In their most recent match, ECU beat the University of South Florida (5-5-1, 1-1-1 AAC) in a one-sided match 2-0. This was the first time the Pirates beat South Florida since the very first match they played against each other in 2004. The Pirates were on a 12-game losing streak, but ECU won this most recent game 2-1 here at home.

During the game that broke the nine year losing streak, the Pirates scored twice, with each goal coming in the first and second half. The first goal came late in the half, coming at

the 41 minute mark. Freshman defender Lucy Fazackerley from England scored the first goal with an assist from the redshirt senior midfielder Catherine Holbrook.



Abby Sowa

The Pirates also faced adversity in the game after the senior goalkeeper, Maeve English, was pulled from the game momentarily due to injury. Senior goalkeeper Maggie Leland covered for English and saved a goal attempt in the process.

Temple University has had a rough season, as can be seen by their record so far this season. Temple has won one game in their last three matches, with them winning 2-1 against the University of Pennsylvania (5-4-3, 0-1-1 Ivy League Conference).

Temple's most recent match up came against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (5-3-4, 1-0-2 AAC). In the losing effort, Charlotte managed to get by the keeper

three times. The first goal came in the first half at 14 minutes then the next two goals came in the second half at the 84 and 87 minute. Temple then showed they would not go down without putting up a fight.

Temple attempted multiple goals during the match, but they were all saved by Charlotte's senior goalkeeper, Emma Wakeman. Temple's freshman goalkeeper Tamsin Bynoe, also put up a good account for herself. Bynoe managed to save a total of four goals for her team.

In the program's history, ECU has managed a record of 5-2-2 against Temple University. The only two losses happened on enemy territory back in 2017 and 2021. The Pirates will attempt to make it three wins in a row and go unbeaten at home.

After the Pirates try to continue their home field dominance, they will stay at home for a matchup against the No. 1 seed in the AAC in the University of Memphis (9-1, 3-0 AAC) on Wednesday at 7 p.m. This game will be a part of Club Sports Night and the game can be streamed on ESPN+.

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The Pirates offense statistically has performed well when they have made an effort to establish the run. In their sole win of the year, ECU ran the ball over 40 times, the only time they've managed to do that this year. When they've gotten away from the run, the Pirates offense has statistically done worse, highlighting the presence Harris and the running back room have.

More specifically, ECU's offense has preferred to run the ball inside of their opponents red zone. In the 16 successful trips to the red zone that resulted in points for the Pirates, eight of those trips were rushing touchdowns. Of those eight rush touchdowns,



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Junior running back Rahjai Harris.

Harris has scored four of those touchdowns.

Harris also scored one of two passing touchdowns that

the Pirates have converted inside the redzone. The other touchdown was caught by ECU junior tight end Shane Calhoun. Southern Methodist University (SMU) (3-2, 1-0 AAC) can give Harris a chance to keep producing, as the Mustangs have given up 134 rushing yards per game to teams prior to the game against ECU.

Harris will look to add more touchdowns and yards to his statline, as his fourth season progresses. The Pirates' next game is against SMU on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, North Carolina.

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