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Shelton McNair races in his late-model stock car. McNair has been racing since he was 16-years-old and has won more than 200 races.

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## LIVING ON THE EDGE

Local racer shares legacy, passion for speed

Sean Finnerty  
TEC STAFF

Drivers fly around the race track, engines roaring in the sticky summer night air, reaching speeds up to 120 miles per hour. After going around the first bend, they work the brakes to make the second, a hairpin turn, before slamming on the accelerator to speed down the straight away. Two more turns come in quick succession before the first of many laps is completed. All this is done while the cars' fiberglass bodies swap paint due to the drivers bumping and jockeying each other for position, pushing their cars and themselves to the edge, as thousand of fans cheer them on.

This is a Saturday night at the East Carolina Motor Speedway, a 3/8 mile short track located in Robersonville, North Carolina. It is one of many local race tracks in the state, which has a rich race car driving tradition and culture and is considered the birthplace of the late model stock car, the premier class in North Carolina racing.

"North Carolina is the home of NASCAR," John Vick, the promoter for the East Carolina Motor Speedway said. "There are more drivers and more late model stock cars in North Carolina than just about anywhere in the country."

These racers may not know it, but they are driving under the legacy of local legends—including Shelton McNair. Born and raised in Plymouth, North Carolina, racing is a family tradition for McNair.

"My dad raced for 30-some years," the younger McNair said. "He ran at Daytona in 1959 but he had been a local short track dirt racer for quite a while in this area."

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## ECU Brody named most affordable

Hope Benton  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University was recently named the most affordable medical school in America, according to USA Today. The study was done by the student loan organization, Student Loan Hero.

The study took into account annual tuition costs, the average amount of debt that students graduated with and the amount of students receiving institutional aid.

According to the study, Brody's annual tuition is \$18,159 for in-state students and the average amount of debt is \$112,692.



Elizabeth Baxley

Associate dean for academic affairs at Brody, or BSOM, Dr. Elizabeth Baxley said the school strives to offer scholarships to lessen the financial burden on students.

"With the help of donors who are generous and dedicated to our institution, we are able to give nearly 80 percent of our students some kind of scholarship," Baxley said.

Baxley added another way Brody keeps tuition low is by only accepting in-state students, so no student pays the more expensive out-of-state tuition fees. She said support from the state of North Carolina is critical in the schools ability to accomplish their goals.

"When students consider Brody for a medical school, they can see what great value they are getting, a high quality education at an affordable cost, and this reinforces their values of giving back to North Carolina communities after their training," Baxley said.

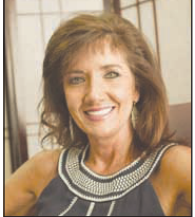
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## Summer classes come to a close for 2017 session

Mary Katherine Karcher  
TEC STAFF

As summer classes come to a close, many East Carolina University students are preparing to experience the freedom of summer after spending 11 weeks trying to get farther in their mission to earn a degree.

Summer classes at ECU, which began with first summer session on May 15, will end its second session Thursday with final grades due by noon on Monday.



Lynn Roeder, ECU associate vice chancellor from the Dean of Students office, said summer classes give students the opportunity to sharpen their skills, get ahead on classes and improve grade point averages.

Summer school provides ECU students several academic options for classes, including an 11-week course load with a minimum of 12 credit hours or two separate five-week sessions that require at least six credit hours. Classes were offered on campus as well as online.

Roeder said students who take summer classes can really benefit from the additional six to 12 credit hours they may pick up over summer break.

"Some students do much better with five weeks intense, it's kind of like high school because it was everyday they actually learned better and it was fresh

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A local building in Farmville, North Carolina was refurbished by East Carolina University students and professors in new initiative.

## Locals aim to beautify Farmville

Cookie Brower  
TEC STAFF

Greenville and Farmville, North Carolina locals are teaming up to rebuild the face of old business murals and to liven up the town of Farmville with hopes of drawing in new visitors and college students looking for their forever home.

Todd Edwards, a local contractor from Farmville, alongside ECU students, professors and other Farmville locals have decided to help bring back the city.

Edwards has been in Farmville for

more than 50 years. He and other business owners have grouped together to make the changes needed for the city to prosper.

"Our group is called the Farmville Group," Edwards said. "It is made of many well-known citizens of Greenville. I am a local contractor; Randy Walters is from the Farmville Furniture store, Burt Smith from Plankroad Steakhouse and Jamon Dixon, who is a local realtor. We have many projects, but the mural project is our focus right now because Linda Adele

Goodine brought so much talent to help develop and fix it."

Edwards said Linda Adele Goodine, ECU professor and creator of the Wonder Box gallery, brought together a plethora of smart, artistic students for the Wonder Box display of artistry. The Wonder Box is a display in the old Belk shopping center in Farmville showing a featured artists work. According to Edwards, the

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### ONLINE

» Miley Cyrus's new sound shows growth for artist

» Danielle's Discover Weekly remembers Chester Bennington

### SOCIAL MEDIA



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## BRIEFS

## Professor recognized by Society of Reproduction

Associate professor Dr. Christopher Geyer at East Carolina University was named a recipient of the 2017 New Investigator Award by the Society for the Study of Reproduction.

Geyer was honored because of his contributions to the field of reproductive sciences. He is currently an associate professor in the ECU Brody School of Medicine Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology.

Geyer is working on explaining the earliest stages of reproduction by investigating the mechanisms spermatogenic stem cells go through to become sperm cells. His lab was recently awarded a five year, \$1.45 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the response of stem cells to retinoic acid.

## ECU Student Health Services re-accredited

East Carolina University's Student Health Services was re-accredited yesterday through 2020 by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

SHS handles more than 30,000 visits each year between its two offices on the main and health sciences campus. SHS has been accredited by AAAHC since 2002 for its quality health care services.

AAAHC has recognized more than 5,000 ambulatory health care organizations across the country. The process to get accredited by AAAHC consists of a three year series on inspections and interviews.

## GPD arrests local man for shooting into car

The Greenville Police Department has arrested a man who allegedly shot into a vehicle in a neighborhood just outside of downtown Greenville.

Police arrested J'Brian Moore, 19, after he allegedly shot into a vehicle. Moore was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, discharging a weapon into property and possession of a stolen firearm. He was booked into the Pitt County Detention Center under a \$250,000 bond.

Moore told police he became enraged after seeing his girlfriend in a vehicle with her ex-boyfriend. Moore then reportedly shot several times into the car in the direction of the ex-boyfriend. No individuals were injured as a result of the shooting.

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

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## Community, GPD join forces to celebrate local camaraderie

Mary Katherine Karcher  
TEC STAFF

The city of Greenville and the Greenville Police Department will join thousands of communities across the country on Aug. 1 to celebrate National Night Out to promote community values and have some fun in the process.

Gabrielle Whitlock, a senior communication major at East Carolina University, is working as the public relations and planning intern with Uptown Greenville. Uptown helped to organize Greenville's local celebration of National Night Out.

"National Night Out is a night to celebrate police-community relationships," Whitlock said. "This is going to be a big one. It's going to feature live music, kids activities and food trucks. The police and fire department are going to be out there promoting neighborhood camaraderie and police-community partnerships."

Whitlock said Uptown Greenville is expecting around 20 food trucks, which is the most they have ever had.

"They can expect to see more trucks than last year," Whitlock said. "We're going to be pulling a lot of trucks from Raleigh this year, big names that attend their festivals there."

Whitlock said all the entertainment aside,

the real goal is to create an opportunity for interaction between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

"It brings everyone together," Whitlock said. "This is an event that only happens once a year, so it brings a big crowd out...getting those large numbers means they are reaching more people in our community."



Gabrielle Whitlock

According to Sergeant Dale Mills of GPD, every year the festival has a theme. This year's theme will be property protection, where law enforcement officers will be doing their part to spread information to the community.

"The police department picked that because this year they have had a lot of issues with property protection in Greenville," Mills said. "They're going to be out there handing out these forms residents of Greenville should fill out, so that way if (something) gets stolen, (we) can find it."

Mills is representing GPD as he coordinates 22 individual neighborhood events across Greenville. Mills said the department focuses on the same theme as the Uptown festival but on a more concentrated level.

"It's to bring communities closer together, particularly homeowners associations, where

you can come out to luncheons and socials to get to know each other and help talk about crime and making your community a better place," Mills said.

GPD funds these neighborhood events by providing \$250 to each neighborhood for food and entertainment, Mills said. Mills and others in charge also help to make sure each event also hosts fire resources and police resources to discuss important issues.

Each neighborhood event also complies with the festival theme.

"The theme this year is protect your property and each location's officer will be talking to the group, before they kick off the activities, about recording model and serial numbers on their electronics, jewelry, anything where in the unfortunate event where things are stolen then we can enter that information into our database and have a better chance of getting it back," Mills said.

Mills said as local law enforcement and the city of Greenville focus on property protection, the bigger focus is community involvement.

"It's just to bring neighbors closer together where we typically come home, shut the door and we never really get to know the person beside us," Mills said. "This is to bring you out and get you to know each other."

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An ECU community member walking by the Brody School of Medicine sign on the Health Sciences campus.

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Anthony Botros, a third year medical student at BSOM, said a ranking such as this is incredible for the school.

"Now that there is national attention on our school's affordability, I believe it puts more pressure on the administration to keep it affordable," Botros said. "There are unique efforts and efforts being discussed to get alumni involved to help blunt any possible increases in medical education costs."

Botros said Brody stood out to him in many ways aside from just the affordability.

"There are many professors here that are world renowned for their teaching abilities and research," Botros said. "There are also many faculty members who have had roles in Ivy League medical schools. The faculty and teaching positions here really care about their students, a feeling that was apparent here."

Baxley said BSOM provides tremendous return on investment to the state of North

Carolina by producing primary care doctors that are most needed to meet the health care needs of the state's population, and who locate at a higher rate than national averages in rural and underserved areas.

"In order to do this, we must recruit students who are most inclined to do this kind of work and we work hard to keep their debt load low, so that our graduates are able to choose a speciality and practice location from their heart, not their pocketbook," Baxley said.

Botros added Brody is starting a new, exciting chapter in the history of the medical school thanks to the leadership of ECU Chancellor Cecil Staton and new Dean Dr. Mark Stacy.

"Starting this fall, the medical school will be under the strong leadership of the new Dean Dr. Mark Stacy," Botros said. "Staton and Stacy have a vision of expanding and transforming Brody into one of the nation's power houses for medical research and innovation. There are many exciting improvements coming our way."

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all the time," Roeder said. "Sometimes students will take those really hard classes and not take them when they have three or four other classes like during a typical semester."

Kaelyn Sterling, a junior dance major at ECU, took classes during the second summer session.

"I kind of like it now, because I am getting good grades," Sterling said. "Sometimes it'd get me off track during the school year having class only twice a week and so it was nice to be doing the same thing every day."

Students chose their course load based on many factors, from academic standing to a desire to get ahead and graduate early.

"This is particularly important for those students who were on academic probation, who could not come back in the fall," Roeder said. "If they could change some of those previous grades, they might be able to improve their GPA so they can remain in school and continue on towards graduation."

Alnasia Daniels, a senior majoring in communication at ECU, opted to take courses during the first summer session and agrees that summer sessions, though they may be compact, can provide many benefits.

"I took summer courses to graduate on time," Daniels said. "It was my first time taking summer classes here at ECU. It was jam packed with a lot of stuff and it was every day. I like what it'll do to my GPA and what it will do in the long run."

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### Slider Throwdown at the Umbrella Market

Five Points Plaza  
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### YuGiOh! - Weekly Wednesday event

Blue Ox Games  
6 p.m.

### Sip. Savor. Create.

Emerge Gallery  
6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

### Bring on the Men

Pure Barre  
6:15 p.m.

### Guided Meditation for Creativity

Sage & Stone  
Restorative Health  
7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

### Partner Yoga

Purple Blossom Yoga  
Studio  
7 p.m.

### ECU LGBT Resource Office Fundraiser

Crave  
8 p.m.

### Spank Returns

AJ McMurphy's  
9 p.m.

### Summer Hoedown!

Crossbones Tavern  
10 p.m.

## SATURDAY

### Healing the Chakras with Crystals Workshop

The Sojourner  
3 p.m.

### GREAT BIG Live

AJ McMurphy's  
9 p.m.

### Threesound Live

Crossbones Tavern  
10 p.m.

### Bluegrass with a Bang!

Buccaneer Music Hall  
10 p.m.

## SUNDAY

### Reggae on the patio with DJ Natural Nate

Trollingwood Taproom  
5 p.m.

### Rickey Smiley Live

Convention Center  
6 p.m.

# New brewery to open Uptown

**Hope Benton**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pitt Street Brewing Company will open in August, bringing a new taste to the beer options of Uptown Greenville.

Managing partner Mike McCarty said they chose Uptown as the location for the brewery because they thought it was important to be integrated into the fabric of a walkable urban environment.



**Mike McCarty**

to the other craft breweries develops a culture of community and collaboration," McCarty said.

Guests who visit Pitt Street Brewing Company will be able to enjoy craft brews and a taproom featuring a dozen different varieties of craft beer. Pitt Street Brewing Company will be located in the same area as Smash Waffles and Luna Pizza.

McCarty said the goal in Greenville is to produce great beer in a historic building while providing a memorable experience for the community.

"We found a really great building there, a former Coca-Cola bottling plant from the 1920s," McCarty said.

He added he hopes the brewery



**Employees at the Pitt Street Brewing Company working on the equipment ahead of the opening next month in Uptown.**

will be beneficial to the community.

"More than beer, the business will be family friendly and become a gathering place for the community and a social center for a broad variety of groups and organizations," McCarty said.

McCarty added the market for craft beer in Greenville is largely underserved compared to other cities of familiar size within the state. He said per the Brewer's Association, the Greenville, North Carolina, metropolitan statistical area has only three microbreweries

in the market. He said other similar sized North Carolina cities have a far higher concentration of breweries per capita.

"Another demographic factor favorable to manufacturers of craft beers is that millennials continue to account for the majority of craft beer drinkers, followed by Gen-Xers," McCarty said. "This statistic is significant because Greenville has the lowest median age out of the 10 most populous cities in North Carolina at 26."

He said it is difficult to measure

how large a share Pitt Street Brewing will take of the Greenville craft beer market because it is largely unproven, but that key demographics form the foundation for a hidden market through positive national, state and local trends.

Once Pitt Street Brewing opens next month, it will join the growing lists of businesses in the Dickinson Avenue hoping to revitalize the area while entertaining local patrons.

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**COOKIE BROWER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN**

**Local business in Farmville, North Carolina after an ECU team painted the building.**

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Wonder Box features a new artist's work every month and hosts between 60-70 people at the showing each Wednesday afternoon at 5 p.m.

"The group of four works hard and usually at night because of the heat during the day," Goodine said. "I am also happy about the impact of the Wonder Box because students, artists and citizens get to interact with each other and learn about each other through conversation."

Edwards said the students are committed to getting the murals done.

"The arts are coming in and bringing the town back to life," Edwards said. "The interactions between the students and citizens help to rebuild and market the city."

Goodine said the community came together to raise money to pay the students during the summer while they completed the murals.

"They really enjoy the process," Goodine said. "They come out and talk to the students as they work."

Many ECU students and alumni participate, however, one is at the front making sure all ideas are expressed and put into action.

"It shows that people care about the town, and it provides a historical background," ECU alumna, Abir Abu Mohsen said. "People get to see the new businesses and the old businesses and see how the town was built and ran back then."

Edwards explained the best part of the murals projects for him and other members of the community are the transformations.

"Before and after pictures are really neat because it brings back a memory for the citizens of Farmville," Edwards said.

According to Edwards, community is a huge part of what it takes to make the murals work.

"From my perspective, it is another

building block to bring the town together," Edwards said. "It is all about the attitude. I always say 'rising tide lifts all boats' because we all have to help each other. To take a town and flip it from 'the town is dying' to having new businesses open is a huge thing."

Edwards said times are changing and the city has to step up in order to economically survive.

"You're either on the right side or the wrong side, and you have to be able to show vitality and change the citizen's perspective so that they can make it their reality," he said.

Edwards said he and many others in the city want it to be an art capital and creative center for people to come see.

"Speaking for the people around my age, we don't want to see the town disappear, but as more people see the renovations and see that the students are not trying to change the businesses or turn the town into something else, they are simply just trying to help everyone old and new see what new history we can create with the old," Edwards said. "Even on an empty building, murals show life."

According to both Mohsen and Edwards, they are looking forward to a few new projects to make the city even more of an art capital.

"We are trying to open up studio space and gallery for graduating artists or artists stationed in Farmville so they can show off their work," Mohsen said. "It is a good space for a really cheap price. You can't find that many places."

According to Edwards, economic development is the main movement behind the mural project.

"We need to do enough here to really appeal to the eye and create an economic base for college graduates and other visitors to come and not only see things, but buy things as well; and we are close," Edwards said.

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# ECU to host media, gender conference

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East Carolina University will host the prestigious 2017 Console-ing Passions conference that focuses on issues such as sexuality and gender from this Thursday through Saturday.

Console-ing Passions, an international network, was founded in 1989 by a group of feminist media scholars and artists. They are looking to create a space to present work and foster scholarship on issues of television, culture and identity with an emphasis on gender and sexuality, according to the press release from Console-ing Passions.

Undergraduate intern for Console-ing Passions Madeline Daniel said this conference is important to Greenville and the ECU community because it will allow the city to support the LGBTQ community.



**Madeline Daniel**

"The main mission of Console-ing Passions is to rally the larger Greenville community towards a more productive dialogue about gender identity and representation, civil rights and public policy," Daniel said.

According to the press release, holding the 2017 CP conference in North Carolina, a state that has been in the national spotlight for its hostility to transgender citizens, was a conscious decision. The Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act, or HB2, was passed in April of 2016 requiring individuals to use the public restroom that coordinated with the gender on their birth certificate.

Console-ing Passions promotes the discussion and awareness of issues of gender identity expressions, among other topics. More than 200 people including undergraduate students, graduate students, professors, independent scholars and artists will be presenting scholarly and creative work at the conference, including some ECU students.

"They have all worked really hard on their panels and they will proudly represent ECU's undergraduate students," Daniel said.

Daniel said ECU students can attend the conference for free and sit in on any panel that seems interesting to them. She added this conference allows for the topical discussion of HB2 and other issues of gender and sexuality in the media today.

"For a lot of students, especially undergraduates, this could be their first academic conference," Daniel said. "This conference covers a wide breadth of subjects, so I feel like a lot of students can learn a variety of subjects during the conference."

The conference keynote will begin at 6 p.m. in Fletcher Hall on Thursday. After a welcome by ECU Provost Ron Mitchelson, keynote speaker Michelle Lanier, the director of North Carolina African American Heritage Commission will deliver a talk named, "Pine Straw, Tobacco fund and the Secret/Sacred 'Beading Bees': Making Place and Meaning on these Afro-Carolina Landscapes. More information on the event can be found at <http://www.console-ingpassions.org>.

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## OUR VIEW

### Consent loophole immoral

North Carolina Democratic state Senator Jeff Jackson is fighting to allow individuals to revoke consent during sexual intercourse.

Though this issue has only recently been brought to the public's attention, a North Carolina Supreme Court case created the law in 1979. It ruled that an individual cannot revoke consent during sexual intercourse. North Carolina is the only state in the United States that doesn't legally stand behind those who revoke consent during sex.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe individuals should be able to change their minds, revoke consent and say "no" at any given point before or during sexual intercourse.

As consent, or permission, is required to engage in any sexual activity through clear actions, words or writings from all parties involved, according to East Carolina University policy, consent should be able to be revoked during sex as well.

According to ECU and the Greenville Police Department, they are approaching the busiest time of year for sexual violence cases. Reporting sexual assault is already an incredibly difficult act for victims, and one that becomes even more difficult when laws are in effect that inhibit them from being able to do so comfortably.

It is the first duty of our government to protect its citizens, and by allowing this loophole to exist, we are putting men and women at risk in the most vulnerable way.



### Free speech shouldn't protect hate



#### Don't Mind Matt

The ignorant, racist and insane have an easier platform to spread their message thanks to today's technology and social media. This toxic radical information that's marketed as patriotism is the farthest thing from what America should protect as free speech.

From the beginning, this nation has symbolized the home of free speech. It is one of the core values of this country.

Free speech allows newspapers to criticize the government and groups to protest inequality, but it shouldn't protect a person using it to incite violence or discriminate against minorities.

Yet, fear-mongering, false information and propaganda used by the ignorant few of this country has instilled fear into the masses. This country has been taught through these incorrect uses of free speech to fear marijuana, African Americans, immigrants, homosexuals, Muslims and the opposing political party.

On a cold January evening in early 1989, President Ronald Reagan spoke of a city on a hill filled with people of all backgrounds who lived peacefully. However, almost 30 years after that final address, it appears the beacon of hope Reagan spoke of may be burning out in today's America.

"A city with free ports that hum with commerce and creativity, and if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were opened to anyone with the will and the heart to get here," Reagan said referencing the literary work of John Winthrop, an early pilgrim. "She's still a beacon. Still a magnet for all who must have freedom. For all the pilgrims from all the lost places who are hurtling through the darkness to home."

Fear is a powerful emotion in many humans. Created to help us survive, it can sometimes blind people to the true facts of a situation. Free speech is crucial to the success of democracy, but



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President Ronald Reagan addressing the nation from the Oval Office on the Iran-Contra scandal.

it can't protect racist, homophobic or ignorant people in this country.

Some may interpret a stronger sensor filter for fear mongering, false information or propaganda as the government getting too big or an ultra politically correct society cracking down, but neither is the case.

It's the government's duty to uphold the Constitution, and the propaganda from Breitbart News, the Drudge Report, InfoWars and other forms of alternative "news" masquerading as free speech is an abomination to what this nation should protect.

What Breitbart News or the Drudge Report call free speech, is just propaganda sprinkled with fear mongering and false information then pushed into the oven of the internet to bake. The propaganda spread by Breitbart News shouldn't be considered information protected by free speech.

It should be clear to the people of North Carolina just how dangerous these alternative "news" organizations are. "Pizzagate," or better known as a North Carolinian man brainwashed, armed and storming into a D.C. pizza restaurant with an assault rifle, should

serve as a pretty strong example of why free speech shouldn't protect alternative "news" organizations.

A man, otherwise peaceful, God loving and patriotic, became brainwashed by the propaganda, false information and fear mongering spread by websites such as Breitbart News, InfoWars or the Drudge Report.

This nation's free speech should protect minorities protesting the cruelty they face by the ignorant people who frequent Breitbart News or the Drudge Report. It should protect actual news organizations working to expose real corruption. It should, in no way, ever give lying, crazy organizations a legal platform to spit out their propaganda to the masses.

It is clear to me the America Breitbart News or the Drudge Report wish for is far from Reagan's vision. Reagan's beacon of hope is still possible, but only if we as a nation stand up to the ignorant, crazy, racist, homophobic few and demand better coherence to the true meaning of free speech.

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### Boys face sexual assault double standard



#### Andy Candid-Li

East Carolina University student Taylor Moseley was charged with the statutory rape of a 14-year-old boy on Monday, June 17.

The public response to her arrest was mixed, to say the least. On social media, people said anything from "the parents should be charged" to saying the child should've "enjoyed the rape."

In a similar case, ECU student Stephen Duncan was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with multiple counts of statutory rape and kidnapping of a 14-year-old girl. The reaction to this case was remarkably different. For starters, fewer people reported on it. And on those few posts I could find, the comments were much different. Hoping Duncan suffers

in the worst possible ways was commented on almost every post.

So what do these two cases show about rape culture? Well, the double standard for men and women is clear. Even when she is, by law, raping a boy, a woman somehow cannot be predatory in the same way a man can be viewed. Even worse, people will go on to blame the victim, claiming he should've liked the rape, he tricked her or even laughing, saying they wished it had happened to them as children. People will go out of their way to place the blame on anyone other than the rapist— the parents, the bar, the boy, the society. Anyone, but the perpetrator.

It shocks me how unwilling some people are to let children be children. If we view a 14-year-old girl as an innocent violated by a predator, why is a 14-year-old boy so different? The double standard is a cycle that feeds into itself— we encourage men to be

predatory and women to be prey. Then, when a man and a woman commit almost identical crimes, the man is somehow seen as more culpable and the woman— well, maybe she was tricked.

In a meta-analytical review from Kenyon College, researchers found a link between sexual aggression and violence and masculine ideology, or, teaching boys to aspire to be an unrealistically hyper masculine brute.

Both of these perpetrators were ECU students, and this contradictory concept of sexuality and assault lives on campus as much as it does anywhere else. We must remember that women are fully functional adults, capable of all of the honor and depravity that a man is. And boys are children, deserving of our protection and compassion as much as any girl.

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**Aries**  
(March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Push your agenda with your work. Grow physical energy by working it out. Exercise strengthens heart, body and mind. Creativity sparks when least expected.

**Taurus**  
(April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Things may not go as planned. Stay on solid ground. Family comes first. Listen to someone you love and respect. Share feelings. All ends well.

**Gemini**  
(May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Exotic details beautify your home. Goodness comes from afar. Something you try doesn't work; don't force it, or risk breakage. Go for long-lasting quality.

**Cancer**  
(June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- New expenses and income take focus. Don't rely on an unstable financial source. Investigate options and possibilities. Money saved is money earned.

**Leo**  
(July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Make profitable connections. Social interactions lead to business buzz and new income. Adapt as you go. Pay attention to avoid errors that require retraction. Use a gentle touch.

**Virgo**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Creative expression flowers. Things may not end up as envisioned; flow with changes, and the results may surprise you. Have patience. Use a gentle touch.

**Libra**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Contemplate long-term plans. Obstacles block the road, and force only makes it worse. Wait for better conditions. Rituals and comforts soothe your spirit.

**Scorpio**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Family matters need attention. Do what you promised first, or change your agreements. Focus on what's needed. Get a second opinion. Work together.

**Sagittarius**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Envision your target, and let people know what you're aiming for. Advance your career through your networks and connections. Discuss possibilities.

**Capricorn**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Travel and explore, either through personal experience or another's view. Discuss options and possible routes. Others have interesting perspectives. Reconnect with distant friends.

**Aquarius**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Advance your plans for shared finances. Save for an investment or purchase. Discuss insurance or legal matters. Consider economic impacts to your family.

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(Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Talk things over with your partner. Together, you can navigate tricky waters. You can see what wasn't working. Invent a new possibility together.

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## SUDOKU

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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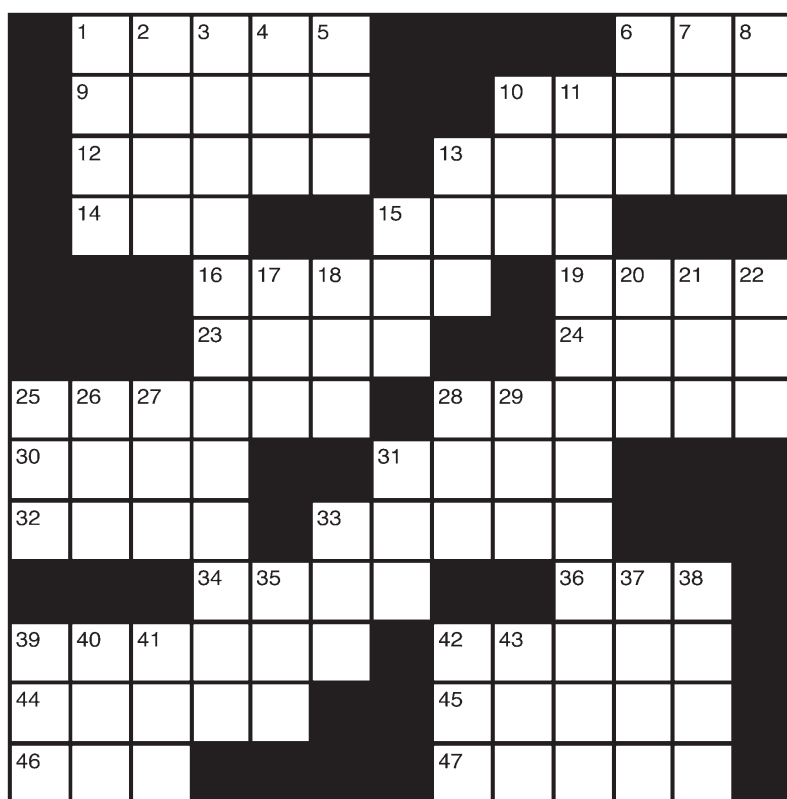
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## CROSSWORD

# THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



### ACROSS

- 1 "\_\_\_ in Toyland"
- 6 "Norma \_\_\_"; Sally Field movie
- 9 Lead character in "The Little Mermaid"
- 10 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
- 12 Actress Meg
- 13 Lauren \_\_\_ of "Parenthood"
- 14 Actor \_\_\_ Mineo
- 15 Wharf; pier
- 16 \_\_\_ for; desire intensely
- 19 \_\_\_-back; relaxed
- 23 "Buffalo \_\_\_, won't you come out tonight..."
- 24 "\_\_\_ Upon a Time"
- 25 "My Name \_\_\_"; sitcom for Jason Lee
- 28 Fred Flintstone's neighbor
- 30 Jamie of "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 31 "\_\_\_ & Mindy"
- 32 Apple tablet
- 33 Wynonna's mom
- 34 \_\_\_ Sher of "The Middle"
- 36 Capture
- 39 "\_\_\_ Submarine"; Beatles movie
- 42 Actress Elfman

### DOWN

- 1 Flying mammals
- 2 Opera solo
- 3 Actor on "Mike & Molly"
- 4 Snake-like fish
- 5 Stallone, to friends
- 6 Cheerleader's cry
- 7 \_\_\_ moment; instant of sudden realization
- 8 "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"; film for Johnny Depp
- 10 Mme. in Madrid
- 11 Actor on "Chicago Fire"
- 13 "Top \_\_\_"; Tom Cruise movie
- 15 P-T connection
- 17 Cochlea's place
- 18 "\_\_\_ in the Family"
- 20 Actress \_\_\_-Margret
- 21 "\_\_\_ Age: Continental Drift"; animated film sequel
- 22 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 25 "\_\_\_ Had a Hammer"; Pete Seeger song
- 26 Maple tree secretion
- 27 Historical period
- 28 Yogi's little buddy, for short
- 29 "The Man with the Golden \_\_\_"; Frank Sinatra movie
- 31 "\_\_\_ with a Plan"
- 33 "Orange Is the \_\_\_ Black"
- 35 Female deer
- 37 Meara or Heche
- 38 Jethro Bodine's portrayal
- 39 Sweet potato
- 40 Letter from Greece
- 41 Boy
- 42 "According to \_\_\_"
- 43 Prior to

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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The Down East Wood Ducks' logo emblazoned on a water tower in Kinston. With the Wood Ducks, minor league baseball returns to Kinston after the Indians, now the Mudcats, left town five years ago. CONTRIBUTED BY ROB GOLDBERG JR.

## Return of baseball makes mark on town

**Robbie Milton III**  
TEC STAFF

Eastern North Carolina started a new chapter this year by bringing back minor league baseball to the city of Kinston with the founding of the Down East Wood Ducks.

Being the team's inaugural season, the Down East Wood Ducks had high expectations but got off to a rough start, losing 45 of their first 69 games. Although the team started a bit slower than they wanted to, according to pitcher Wes Benjamin, the team has turned itself around after the first half of the season.

"We had a rough first half," Benjamin said. "It gave us a lot to build off of and I think we came out pretty strong this second half so far."

The Wood Ducks aren't just a new team for the city to support, but they're also making economic and cultural impacts. The team helped generate a new source of income in Kinston by creating jobs and being a place for people to spend their money to watch and enjoy some baseball. And with the team name not being centralized to Kinston, it has given the team more of regional representation, accord-

ing to the team's director of media relations, Dominic Controneo.

"Now you say 'Down East' and it refers to this eastern North Carolina community," Controneo said. "Sure, North Carolina has so many baseball teams, especially minor league teams, but eastern North Carolina was left out, especially in the full season circuit. Now that Kinston has it back, it's been tremendous that the community, not just in Kinston, but surrounding communities as well, have embraced the Wood Ducks."

The players have also seen the same affection from the surrounding community.

"We've been received well by the town of Kinston and the fans. It's incredible, especially in terms of hospitality," Benjamin said. "It's crazy to be able to think that around the area, it's not just Kinston but in that entire Down East area of North Carolina, that there are so many fans."

Kinston is no stranger to baseball. Its last team, the Kinston Indians, now the Carolina Mudcats, moved to Zebulon, North Carolina in 2012. Kinston went without baseball for five years before the birth of the Wood Ducks. Now, with the Texas Rangers affiliated High-A

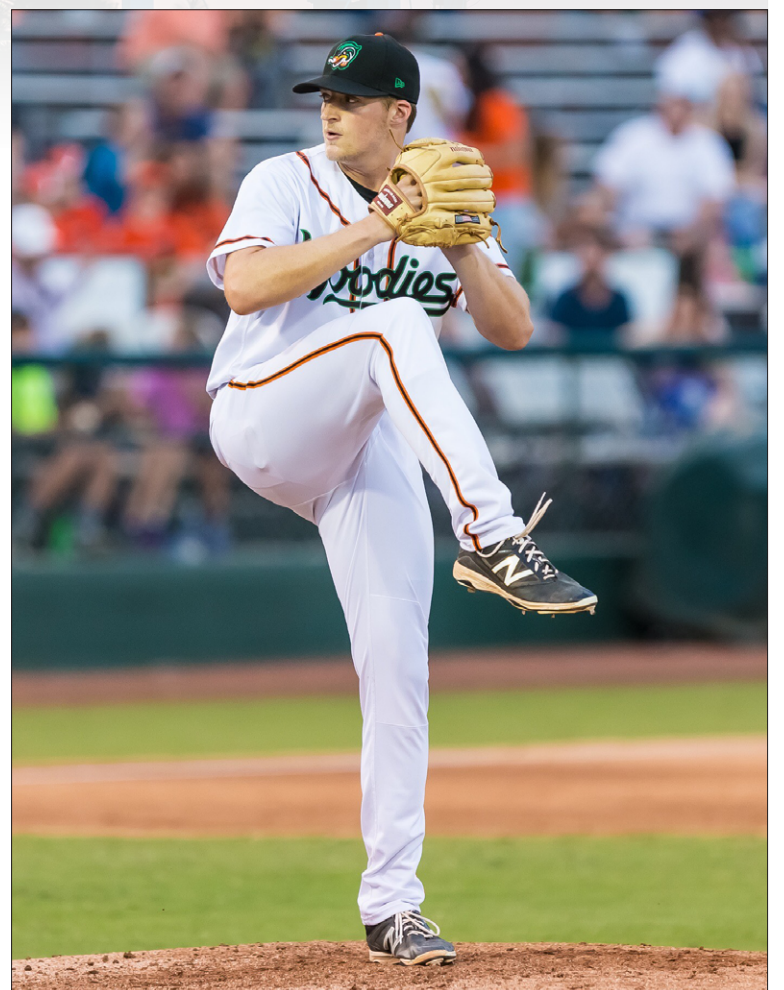
Carolina League baseball team, the town of Kinston will have baseball for years to come.

"I think what the future holds is what I think that the fans need to embrace," Controneo said. "The Rangers signed this lease for 12 years. This isn't just a two years or four years and leave, they really want to be a part of this again and want to be the organization that says we brought baseball back to Kinston and made it thrive."

After finishing the first half of the season in fourth place (24-45) in the southern division of the Carolina League, the Wood Ducks currently stand in third place, seven games behind the first place holder, Blue Creek Astros (21-9). To make the playoffs, the Wood Ducks need to finish the second half of the season with the best record. They have a positive outlook for the future, which includes getting some athletes to the next level in their careers.

"I wish the best for all these guys," Benjamin said. "Everyone is pulling for one another, everyone wants each other to succeed."

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Wes Benjamin winds up to throw a pitch during the Wood Ducks' first season.

>> TRACK AND FIELD

## Silent athlete makes noise with success

**Robbie Milton III**  
TEC STAFF

On and off the field, East Carolina University track and field athlete Ryan Davis isn't the most vocal person in the world. He doesn't put himself in the spotlight, he doesn't beg for attention. But he has made his voice heard through support for his teammates and his skill on the track.

Davis' successful year included placing second in the 2017 American Athletic Conference Championships in the weight throw during the indoor track and field season. Davis consistently improved throughout the season, increasing his throws by a meter almost every meet according to the Fayetteville, North Carolina native. However, even with being one of the better throwers on the team, Davis stays under the radar, due to his low-key personality.

"I'm not too much of a bragger or a booster anything like that. I've always been



Ryan Davis

a more quiet person, even in regular life, not just track and field," Davis said. "I prefer to let my performances speak for me."

Davis enjoys being supportive of his fellow teammates and friends in subtle ways. Davis said the throwers, as a unit, are a very determined and hard-working group. He added not only are the throwers supported by Coach David Price, but they also support each other while competing and in practice.

"We are a very determined bunch and hard workers in general," Davis said. "We are very focused on where we want to be and what we want to do as far as conference, regionals and nationals levels and we are backed by a very great coach."

Davis' desire to help others is what helped him decide to major in psychology and minor in sports studies. He wants to earn his Ph.D in psychology and eventually become a sports psychiatrist.

"Ideally, I would want to work with professional athletes but college is definitely a close second," Davis said. "I want to be able to help as effectively as possible with any problem I come across."

His interest in psychology came from the conversations he had with his father, which could get deep, according to Davis.

"I'm really good with helping people out," Davis said. "And I figure I'm pretty good with talking to people one-on-one even though I don't say much. When I have the opportunity, I do have a lot to say."

In the throwing circle, Davis' main challenge is knee injuries, including the absence of the anterior cruciate ligament

in his left knee. He lost it from a hit while playing football in middle school. Davis didn't discover the absence of his ACL until his freshman year at ECU and has been strong competing since opting not to have surgery.

"I deal with it through knowing that I serve a healing God," Davis said. "And I pray for continued strength and thankfully it hardly ever flares up in pain."

Even though Davis is a quiet figure, his hard work and determination has not gone unnoticed by his coaching staff.

"He is very passionate about what he does," Head Coach Curt Kraft said. "He has worked extremely hard to get where he is both athletically and academically. I could not be prouder of Ryan Davis."

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## RACING

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McNair began racing competitively in 1978, at the age of 16, but had been racing go-karts for several years prior. McNair's father first introduced him to speed at an even younger age.

"He made sure I wasn't going to be afraid of speed so he started out drag racing and had a drag car he made me sit in while he launched off," McNair said. "I was probably six or seven years old."

Throughout his 39-year racing career, the 55-year-old has won many races and point championships. Too many to count but McNair puts his victory total somewhere in the 200 range. While he can't remember all of his wins, there is one that is special to him.

"I won a big race in Concord in 1996. It was one of the longest

races they've ever run," McNair said. "I ended up winning that race and it was close to Father's Day and my dad was there, so that was big."



Shelton McNair

Naturally, M c N a i r developed a fan base and some rivalries as well. He said people would come out to support him at his races and some female fans requested autographs on their bodies. Older, more established drivers didn't appreciate the young McNair winning in his self-described "aggressive" racing style and took it out on him on the track, bumping him and occasionally causing him to crash. This ignited physical altercations between pit crews and fan bases, which lead

to occasional arrests for those involved, according to McNair.

Over his long career competing in the racing hotbed of North Carolina, McNair has raced against many big-name drivers who competed at the highest levels. He faced off against guys such as Denny Hamlin, Ernie Irvan and Kyle Busch, but there's one opponent who sticks out in McNair's memory.

"I actually ran against Dale Earnhardt Sr.," he said. "He was driving a dirt car at Concord back in 1980."

McNair says while he doesn't race as much as he used to, his passion for racing still burns.

"There's nothing more fun than driving a car that handles decent and you're able to compete and pass. That's what I miss the most," McNair said. "I still race occasionally but just driving a car you can win with is what I



CONTRIBUTED BY SHELTON MCNAIR

Racer Shelton McNair talks with one of his pit crew members before a race.

really enjoy."

For the North Carolina native raised to race stock cars, racing is about knowing your car pushing it to its limits.

"Racing is all about taking

the car to the edge and knowing where the edge is," he said. "Getting the full potential out of the car is being able to do that and

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