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MCIEAST implements Health Protection Condition Bravo

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Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) has implemented Health Protection Condition Bravo (HPCON-B) across all of its installations to maintain the readiness and protection of base personnel and families. HPCON-B means there are confirmed cases of a disease such as the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and there is no community spread of the disease in this area. MCIEAST military and medical leaders are taking the necessary precautions to prevent a potential outbreak. MCIEAST personnel along with Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune (NMCCCL) are working diligently to review best practices, hone plans and remain prepared should there be a need to increase to the next level of HPCON.

Personnel who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as a cough, fever and shortness of breath or have been exposed to the virus should remain home and contact their health care professional for guidance. In HPCON-B, personnel are advised to practice social distancing, avoid crowded areas and stay home as much as possible. Routinely clean surfaces, cough into your elbow, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

For additional guidance on COVID-19, please visit www.coronavirus.gov.

A message from MCIEAST CG on COVID-19



To our MCIEAST Bases and Stations:

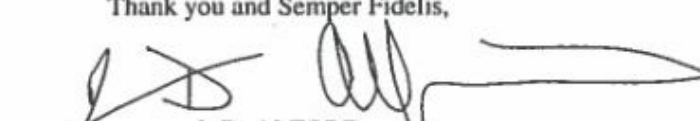
These are challenging times. The global spread of COVID-19 has ushered in a period of uncertainty on our installations and in our communities that is unlike anything we've experienced. A natural extension of that uncertainty is the tendency to believe rumors and make assumptions that may create an environment of confusion and mistrust. There is a lot we are learning about COVID-19. We are allowing our medical professionals to analyze and communicate the latest data. This information includes the risks to our military community and the preventative measures we must follow. As you are aware, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changed its guidance over the last 48 hours and we have seen states and cities across America take dramatic measures to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19. We are carefully adjusting our operations and services to balance the risk to our community with the requirement to support the critical missions of the bases and stations in our region. You can rest assured the command is working closely with our Federal, State and local community leaders to pass accurate and timely information.

With that in mind, our mission for the foreseeable future is very simple: Protect the force and protect our families. Our main effort at this moment is to safe guard our medical professionals' ability to respond to an exponential rise in health issues in our area. Social distancing, proper hygiene, and implementing Restriction of Movement (ROM) measures are all intended to allow the medical personnel to effectively care for the health of our Marines, Sailors, and Families of II MEF to be most ready when our Nation calls.

PLEASE NOTE: We have a number of military personnel who are being restricted (ROM) to their barracks or quarters out of an abundance of caution because they have returned from a high-risk area. No evidence exists that they came in contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, nor are they exhibiting any signs of illness. The number of people under a ROM will likely increase as we receive more Marines from CDC designated high-risk areas. As previously announced, we have only one patient who tested positive for COVID-19 at this time. This COVID-19 positive patient is in isolation along with their family.

We will re-evaluate and adjust our posture and services as required if CDC guidance evolves, the cases of COVID-19 rise in our local region, or this period of National Emergency extends beyond the next few weeks. If we have to cancel or modify services, then we will inform you through your chains of command and our various communication platforms. I ask for your patience, understanding and support as we deal with this challenge in the coming days.

Thank you and Semper Fidelis,



J. D. ALFORD
Commanding General
Marine Corps Installations East – Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune stands up COVID-19 screening sites, phone help line

NMCCCL
Marine Corps Installations
East

To support Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) in maintaining readiness and out of an abundance of caution, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune (NMCCCL) is standing up two COVID-19 screening sites as of March 18.

The first site is for active duty military only. Marines and Sailors will contact their unit medical first. After being evaluated, their unit medical will then determine if they need to be referred to the COVID-19 Active Duty Screening Site located at Building 4 on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. That site will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If active duty military have any questions, they should contact their unit medical for guidance before reporting to the screening site.

The second site will be for Department of Defense (DoD) beneficiaries such as family members and retirees. NMCCCL is not encouraging people to leave their homes. Please call ahead to the NMCCCL COVID-19 Help Line at (910) 450-2956 before driving to the screening site. The NMCCCL COVID-19 Help Line will be available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Callers speak with a nurse and will get symptoms checked before driving to the screening site or walking into any medical facility. Those who have been screened, and have significant symptoms of a fever of 100.4 or higher and respiratory symptoms like coughing and shortness of breath, will be asked to travel to the screening site. If your symptoms are mild, please stay home.

If you are directed to go to the COVID-19 Beneficiary Screening

Site, you will drive to the main entrance of the NH-200 Clinic Annex in front of the main Medical Center. Beneficiaries must have their DoD ID Card to show personnel when they drive up. Patients will be screened from their vehicle. From there, medical personnel will determine further testing. This site will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These hours are subject to change; updates will be posted to the NMCCCL Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NMCCLejeune. All other services normally conducted at NH-200 such as Pediatrics and Dermatology will use a temporary entrance away from the screening site. Signage and staff on site will direct beneficiaries where to go.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website at www.coronavirus.gov.

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Marine working dogs: The ultimate co-workers



“THESE DOGS WILL ALWAYS HAVE MY BACK, JUST AS I HAVE THEIRS. THERE IS NO BOND THAT QUITE COMPARES TO THE ONE I HAVE WITH THESE MWDS.”

- LANCE CPL. ANDREW GUIDOTTI



Photo by Cpl. Micha Pierce

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Andrew Guidotti, a Military Working Dog (MWD) handler assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, holds up Anita, his MWD, out in the yard to spend time and build rapport with her at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Jan. 30. Working side by side daily, MWD's and their handlers form a special bond forged through consistent military training, hard-won trust and close companionship. It is a carefully balanced relationship that is both professional and personal, in-between duty and friendship.

BY CPL. MICHA PIERCE
Marine Corps Air Station
Cherry Point

Known commonly as man's best friend, dogs also happen to be a Marine's best friend. Working side by side daily, Military Working Dogs (MWD) and their handlers at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, and many other installations, form a special bond forged through consistent military training, hard-won trust and close companionship. Many Marines are envious of the privilege handlers have to show up to work

with the MWDs every day, but most forget to consider that it is not all just belly rubs and playtime. It is a carefully balanced relationship that is both professional and personal, in-between duty and friendship.

"I know coming into work each day I will be greeted by two dogs that are ecstatic to see me and ready to work," said Lance Cpl. Andrew Guidotti, MWD handler for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. "I get to have the privilege and opportunity to work with partners that I know will always have my back."

Typically MWD handlers are assigned to one MWD at a time, but Guidotti is luckier than most as he is currently assigned two MWDs, Ddiaz and Anita. With double the dogs, Guidotti says he is grateful to have been given the opportunity and responsibility to train and work with both of his MWDs.

Guidotti feels in the end it is making him a better handler by teaching him twice as much as he normally would. Even though most of the work he does with both MWDs is similar, the way he goes about it with the individual MWD is vastly different, not just from

their personalities, but from their level of training as well. MWD Diaz is considered a veteran dog in the kennels and Anita is the newest dog to the kennels, so Guidotti has learned quickly you can't train and treat every dog exactly the same.

"There is a lot more work and commands that I give Anita to guide her than Ddiaz gets and needs," said Guidotti. "Handling both dogs teaches me a lot as a handler because not one thing that I do can be approached the same way with each dog."

Although the MWDs and their handler's relationship is entirely professional during work and training, once it's time to build rapport, it is most definitely one of the best jobs in the Marine Corps. But no matter how much fun it is, the purpose is still all for the job they do. They need the personal relationship that is built between handlers and their MWDs, building trust in each other to work more efficiently as a team. This coincides with their professional relationship where they know their handler is in charge and to take commands from them no matter the situation.

"Where these two relationships meet is the work itself," said Guidotti. "The bond builds. The obedience builds. Through it all you build a strong relationship and become a strong team." At the end of the day, no matter how envious some may be of the handler's duties, the MWD's they are in charge of training and caring for 24/7 are in no way pets of any sort. They are fellow officers and trusted partners at all times. MWDs are teammates that throughout the years have shown time and time again limitless fidelity to their fellow officers and those whose lives have depended on them.

OFF-LIMITS

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Atheas Attics at 420 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington.
Bell Auto Salvage II at 136 Abbots Branch Rd., Hubert.
Best Exxon at 2945 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville.
Club Phoenix at 209 East 5th St., Greenville.
Dash-In at 1316 Hargett St., Jacksonville.
Drive Thru Mini Mart at 2729 Commerce Road, Jacksonville.
D's Drive Thru (AKA: Raul's Drive Thru) at 226 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
D's Quick Mart at 2840 Highway 258 West, Richlands.
Expressions at 419 South College Rd., #39, Wilmington.
Express Way at 1261 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.
Golden Dragon (AKA) Tokyo Asian House at 1850 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville.
Highlands Tobacco aka Piney Green Tobacco at 835 Piney Green Road, Jacksonville.
Highway 24 Tobacco at 1448 West Corbet Ave. Jacksonville.
Hubert Tobacco at 393 Hubert Blvd., Hubert.
J&N Grocery at 1142 Beulaville Highway, Richlands.
Karen Huffman's Cleaning Jacksonville.
King's Tobacco Drive Thru at 1796 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville.
Laird's Auto and Truck Repair (U-Haul Rental) at 1197 Piney Green Rd., Jacksonville.
MB Super Discount at 800 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington.
Moe's Mart at 2105 Belgrade-Swansboro Rd., Maysville.
Nash Market at 237 New River Drive, Jacksonville.
OJ's Tobacco and Vapor at 8900 Richlands Highway, Richlands.
One Stop Shop at 501 Corbin St., Jacksonville.
*Precision Motor Sports at 1321 Lake Cole Road, Jacksonville.
Price is Right Lawn Design in Jacksonville.
Reid's Mart at 461 Hubert Blvd., Hubert.
Sahara Hookah Lounge at 917 North Marine Blvd., Jacksonville.
Saint Thomas Custom Homes at 3560 McArthur Rd., Broadway.

Smart Buy at 375 Jacksonville Mall, Jacksonville. (currently not open, but has history of reappearing)
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Sun House Vapor and Tobacco at 2840 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville.
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Tobacco at 521 Yopp Rd., Unit 106, Jacksonville.
Tobacco Leaf at 343K Western Blvd., Jacksonville.
Triple C Diesel Performance and Mobile Repair 602 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville
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H&D Express (AKA: Citgo)
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Tobacco Town
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Twin Rivers (Not the mall)
White Sands Convenience Store

OFF-LIMITS ROADS:
Catfish Lake Road

* Identifies a new business added since the last update of the Bulletin.

Hotline numbers to report fraud, waste, abuse and corruption

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MCIEAST Hotline - 451-3928 www.mcieast.marines.mil/StaffOffices/CommandInspectorGeneral/CommandingGeneralsInspectionProgram.aspx
TECOM Hotline - (703) 432-1650 www.tecom.usmc.mil/pages/ig.aspx
Naval Hospital Hotlines - (910) 450-4240 NHCL-IGHotline@med.navy.mil
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New River Hotline - 449-6029.

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How mail reaches Marines, Sailors aboard USS Bataan

BY LANCE CPL. GARY JAYNE III
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

With almost 2,500 26th MEU Marines and Sailors across the USS Bataan Amphibious Readiness Group, one can imagine the logistical challenge it must be trying to get everyone's mail to them in a timely fashion. Parcels from home are sent to ports near the Bataan's current location or are sent to areas the ship will be headed to in the near future. According to Staff Sgt. Jerusa Argueta, the postal chief as-

signed to Combat Logistics Battalion 26, mail is transported to the ship in one of two ways. Packages can either be retrieved in port, or they can be sent to the ship through a replenishment-at-sea (RAS). Both ways sound simple enough, but both ways offer their own challenges.

"The United States Postal Service and Joint Military Postal Agency communicates to ensure that wherever we are, the mail gets shipped to the closest fleet mail center," said Argueta. "Once we are close to a fleet mail center, the mail gets placed on a RAS

ship, or we receive it pier side when we port."

If it is determined the mail must be picked up during a port visit, mail is forwarded to where the Bataan plans on porting. Once the mail arrives at the port through ground or air transportation, Marines and Sailors are flown from the Bataan to the port ahead of time in order to begin sorting the mail and taking the appropriate measures needed to ensure each package reaches its final destination. If it is decided mail will be delivered during a RAS, the mail is then load-

ed onto the appropriate RAS ship. The RAS ship will then meet the Bataan wherever it might be, and packages are cross-decked utilizing a U.S. Navy MH-60S Sea Hawk. While both methods of transfer are extremely different, both end in the mail clerks and mail orderlies sorting the mail for their respective work sections.

"We sort the mail by service first. Once the mail is split up between blue and green side, we then sort the packages by each major subordinate element (MSE)," said Cpl. Roland Royce, an administrative

clerk assigned to the 26th MEU. "After the mail has been sorted by MSE, we signal the mail orderlies assigned to each MSE to sort the mail by section to ensure that it gets distributed in the timeliest manner possible."

It is important to note not all mail is personal mail. Often times, packages contain vital pieces of equipment needed to repair or maintain the ship or aircraft aboard the ship. Some of the packages are not even packages. Equipment may also be sent in massive crates or containers, which are too large to be shipped

using the traditional methods. If equipment or parts fit into this category, members of the helicopter support team are called upon to coordinate the crate being lifted using a U.S. Marine Corps CH-53E Super Stallion to the location it is needed.

No matter what sort of mail is sent, the Marines and Sailors of the 26th MEU mail team know how to handle it. They give their best effort each and every day knowing they will be met with excitement and joy once the packages, equipment and letters reach their recipients.

2nd Marine Logistics Group observes 75th Anniversary of Battle of Iwo Jima with hike



Photos by Lance Cpl. Scott Jenkins
U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Kate Murray, commanding officer of 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, speaks to Marines on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, March, 11.



U.S. Marines conduct chemical biological radiological nuclear training during a hike.



U.S. Marines bow their heads during a moment of silence.



U.S. Marines participate in a hike. 2nd Maintenance Battalion held the hike in observance of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

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26th MEU conducts live-fire training in Kuwait

BY STAFF SGT. PABLO MORRISON
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

U.S. Marines and Sailors assigned to Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (BLT 2/8), 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), conducted routine sustainment training ashore at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

Marines with Golf Company's Weapons Platoon and Weapons Company's 81mm mortars platoon performed a series of live-fire exercises, which enhanced the MEU's ability to be a crisis-response force in the region at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, March 2.

"Live-fire training is essential to maintaining the BLT's proficiency in its principle purpose – warfighting," said 1st Lt. Zachary Byrd, platoon commander for 81mm mortars platoon.

The Marines were able to conduct live-fire training with Fire Support Team (FiST) incorporation, inherent to each rifle company. One of the FiST roles is to synchronize fires with maneuver.

"We were able to simulate this in Kuwait, allowing indirect fires to support what is and has always been the Marine Corps' bid for success, the rifleman closing with the enemy and destroying him," Byrd said.

Marines with Golf Company also conducted force-on-force training with Soldiers from Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at the Udairi Range Complex in Kuwait. The training exercise consisted of platoon attacks against a fortified defensive position in desert terrain leading to an urban environment.

"Both Marine and Army platoons conducted an offensive attack and a defensive block during the day and night to enhance their ability to fight a near peer threat," said 1st Lt. Nolan Connors, executive officer for Golf Company.

The exercise resulted in unmatched training value, and it forced decision making by small unit leaders – from both the Marines and Soldiers.

"The training objectives that were achieved would not have been possible without the help of the 'Soldiers of the Geronimo Battalion,'"Connors said.

Machine gun fire, riflemen rushing to the targets and rockets fired from shoulder-launched multi-purpose assault weapons culminated the BLT's training. Platoon commanders and platoon sergeants supervised the training closely to ensure the efficiency and safety of their personnel throughout the exercise.

"The training the Marines of Golf Company received in Kuwait is the reason why many of these Marines joined," said 1st. Sgt. Charles McAdams, Golf Company first sergeant. "We gave them exactly what they expected – tough, motivating and realistic training. It helps remind Marines their office is the field, their bed is the ground, and their weapon is not a computer – it's a rifle. If we are not striving to get better, we are progressively getting worse." This training provided an opportunity to enhance the capabilities and critical mission sets for the MEU within the U.S. Central Command, and it demonstrated the 26th MEU's capability to conduct operations across a full spectrum of conventional, unconventional and hybrid warfare.

Dutch Royal Marines visit New River, Camp Lejeune



Dutch Royal Marines board an MV-22 Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River, March 10. The Dutch Marines learned necessary safety procedures inside an aircraft. The Royal Marine Corps will be participating in the annual Dutch Bilateral Exercise throughout the month of March.

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6:00PM – 9:00PM Marine Corps Association & Foundation Dinner (Marston Pavilion) tickets required	5:00PM – 9:00PM Exhibitor Day 9:45AM – 10:00AM Opening Ceremony 10:00AM – 12:00PM Exhibit Area Open 12:00PM – 12:30PM NCO Competitions 12:30PM – 2:00PM SNCO Competitions 2:00PM – 4:30PM Marine for Life Semper Fi Mixer	6:00AM – 2:00PM Exhibit Area Open

For a full schedule of events and to register, please visit the Marine South website at marine.militaryexpos.com.

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WHAT

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WHERE

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SMALL UNIT LEADERSHIP DAY

Come out to see finalist proposals and award presentations for two incentivized unit based competitions for Marine NCOs and SNCOs – Small Unit Leader Perspectives On Distributed Logistics in 2030 & SNCO Insights on Expeditionary Efficiency Competitions. Details on how to participate are available on the Marine south website.

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Lejeune girls' soccer has hot start

LHS through three matches:

3-0 win vs. East Columbus, March 4
6-1 win at Southside, March 9
9-0 win at North Duplin, March 11

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The Lejeune High School girls' soccer team was off to a dominant start to the season prior to the closure of schools across the state this past week.

The Devil Pups topped East Columbus 3-0 at home in their season opener on March 4 before downing Southside 6-1 and North Duplin 9-0 in back-to-back non-conference road games.

Senior Georgia Lee scorched opposing goalkeepers, netting 12 goals through the first three matches including a double hat trick at North Duplin, March 11.

Freshman Madilyne Blanton found the back of the net in each of her first three matches with the Devil Pups, tallying four goals and four assists to lead the offensive charge alongside Lee.

Senior goalkeeper Kayla Lazaro also impressed early on, giving up just one goal as LHS outscored opponents by

a wide margin of 18-1.

The NCHSAA's March 12 decision to suspend athletic activities statewide through April 6 came a day after the NBA suspended its season due to a player testing positive for the coronavirus. Since then, nearly all major sporting associations and leagues in the United States and many worldwide have suspended activities that could put large numbers of people at risk.

The Devil Pups will miss at least nine matches due to the outbreak as the fate of their season is still very much uncertain. Following a state playoff appearance a year ago, Lejeune hopes to make a deep playoff run should the sports season resume in a timely manner.

According to an executive order signed by Gov. Roy Cooper on March 14, public schools statewide will be closed through at least March 30. Camp Lejeune Community Schools have been closed until further notice.



Photo by Mia Yanez

Lejeune High School senior Georgia Lee scored 12 goals in a three game stretch prior to the NCHSAA's decision to suspend all spring sports activities through April 6 due to growing concerns over the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, a respiratory illness.

Ali wins two bronze medals in two weeks

The U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal was one of three All-Marine wrestlers to medal in the Pan-American competitions.

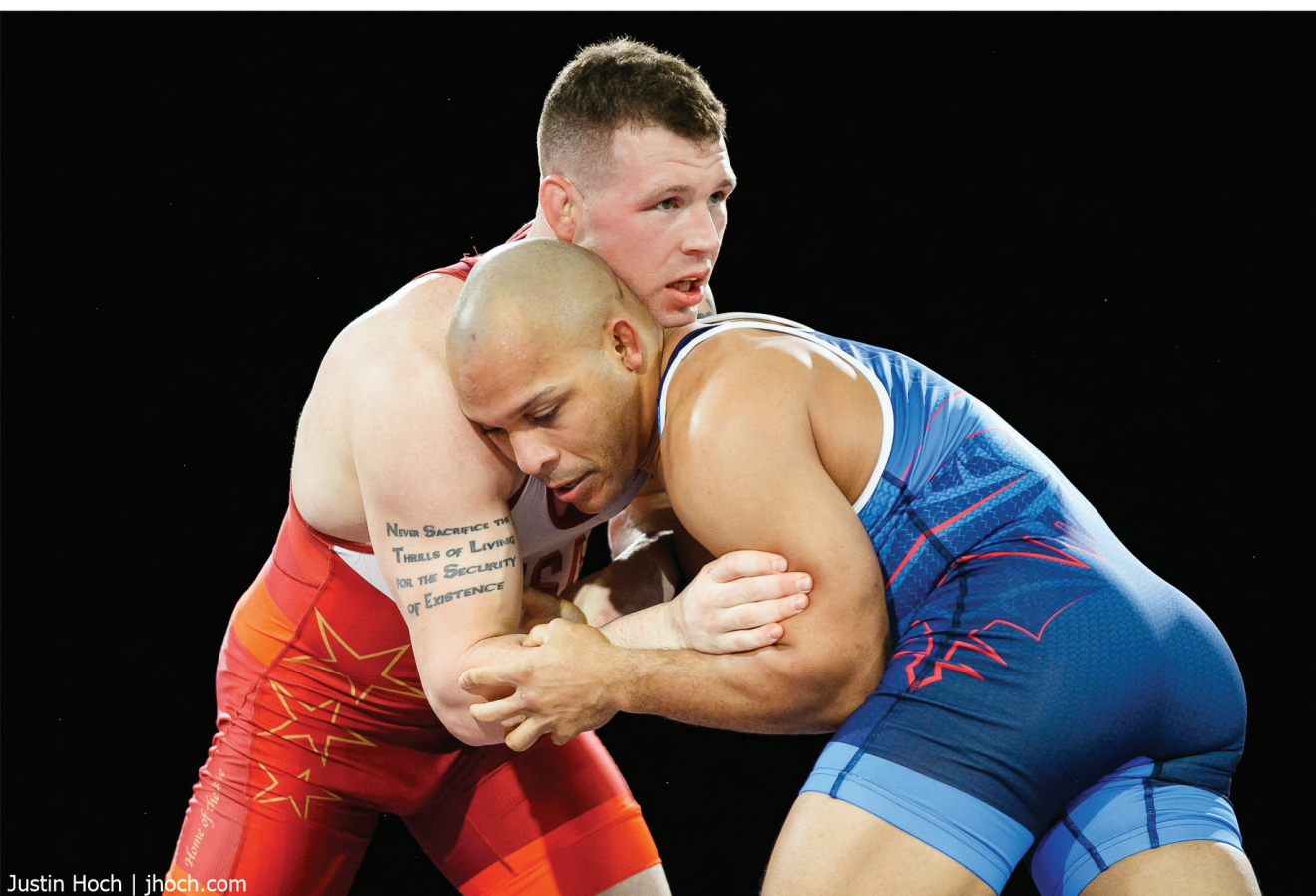


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All-Marine Wrestling Team teammates Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz, left, and Lance Cpl. Marciano Ali grapple in the Pan-American Championships that were held in Ottawa, Canada, March 6-9.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Marciano Ali won two bronze medals in back-to-back weekends at the Pan-American Championships and the Pan-American Olympic Qualifier in Ottawa, Canada this month.

Ali first took bronze in the 82 kg Greco-Roman competition at the Pan-American Championships that were held March 6-9. The following weekend, the All-Marine

wrestler from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune won another bronze medal, this time in the 77 kg Greco-Roman weight class of the Pan-American Olympic Games Qualifier. Only the top two finishers earned their spots in the Tokyo Olympics, which are scheduled for this summer.

Ali was one of three U.S. Marines representing Puerto Rico in Canada. Sgt. Josh Medina and Cpl. German Diaz also competed in at least one

of the two United World Wrestling events that brought in some of the best wrestlers from North and South America.

All-Marine wrestlers Staff Sgt. John Stefanowicz and Sgt. Raymond Bunker each claimed individual gold medals for Team USA in the Pan-American Championships, earning world ranking points that put Stefanowicz at No. 3 in the world and Bunker at No. 11 in each of their respective Greco-Roman weight classes.

The All-Marine Wrestling Team will be well represented in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, which were scheduled for April 4-5, but later postponed along with all USA Wrestling events through April 20. Among the postponed events is the Last Chance Olympic Trials Qualifier, where Marine wrestlers who haven't already qualified for the Olympic Team Trials will compete to earn a bid and keep their Olympic hopes alive.

Virus prompts cancellations across sporting world

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

The outbreak of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, has impacted the sports world to a degree rarely seen before.

Amateur and professional sports around the world have taken a major hit due to the pandemic, which prompted the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to recommend individuals and organizations cancel or postpone events consisting of 10 or more people.

Below is an overview of prominent sporting events that have been canceled or postponed locally, nationally and globally due to the crisis.

Notable MCCS Lejeune-New River sports cancellations:

- Intercollegiate Golf Championship
- SAPR 5k Run
- Red Bull Basketball Event at New River
- Marine Raiders Grand Prix Run

Notable impacts on local sports:

- MCCS Lejeune-New River Sports leagues paused
- High school sports across North Carolina suspended
- Run For the Warriors postponed
- Onslow County Parks & Rec youth baseball, softball and t-ball season postponed
- Jacksonville Recreation & Parks athletic pro-

grams postponed

- All-Marine basketball camps canceled
- Armed Forces Basketball Championships canceled

Notable impacts on sports in the United States:

- NBA regular season suspended
- NCAA winter and spring championships canceled
- MLB regular season postponed
- NHL regular season paused
- PGA Tour season suspended, Masters tournament postponed
- MLS season suspended
- NFL Draft closed to public April 23-25
- USA Wrestling events postponed
- Boston Marathon postponed
- Kentucky Derby postponed

Notable impacts on world sports:

- Champions League, Premier League, Europa League and La Liga among soccer leagues suspended
- U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team Trials postponed
- London Marathon postponed
- Professional tennis tournaments suspended

For updates regarding facility closures on base, visit www.lejeune.marines.mil or www.mccslejeune-newriver.com. For updates on COVID-19, visit www.coronavirus.gov.

Devil Pups drop openers to Monarchs

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Northside baseball uses big second inning, solid pitching to down Lejeune

The Lejeune High School baseball and softball teams lost their season openers at Northside-Jacksonville, March 11.

The LHS baseball team was unable to overcome an early deficit after falling behind 7-0 through three innings. The Devil Pups (0-1) gave up six runs in the bottom of the second inning as the Monarchs cruised to an 11-3 win. LHS sophomore Tyler Shelton and freshman Charles Streno were the only Devil Pups to record both a hit and a run scored as no Lejeune players had more than one base hit in their first outing of the year.

Evan Romero started the game on the mound for the Devil Pups, who got a solid relief effort from Jeykston Jones. Jones struck out three batters in his first half inning.

The Monarchs were led by Marseille Miller and Rion Ammerman, who each scored a pair of runs while pitching for Northside. Ammerman started the game on the mound as the Monarchs

had multiple relief pitchers make appearances prior to Miller closing the game out.

Senior Jackson Kirk went 1-2 at the plate with a run scored and two RBIs for Northside, who lost to Jones Senior 4-0 on March 13 to fall to 2-2 on the year.

LHS	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	-	3
Nside	0	6	1	3	0	1	x	-	11

Lady Monarchs have offensive explosion in blowout win

The LHS softball team lost its season opener to Northside-Jacksonville 25-10 in five innings. The Monarchs scored 10 runs in the bottom half of the first inning and went on to extend their lead in the second and third innings to put Lejeune away for good.

Holly Schmidt led the Devil Pups (0-1) with a pair of singles and three runs in four plate appearances. Autumn Bagley and Abigail Hall each contributed two runs for Lejeune.

Northside (1-2) fell to Jones Senior 14-4 on March 13 to close out the first portion of what has already been an odd spring season.

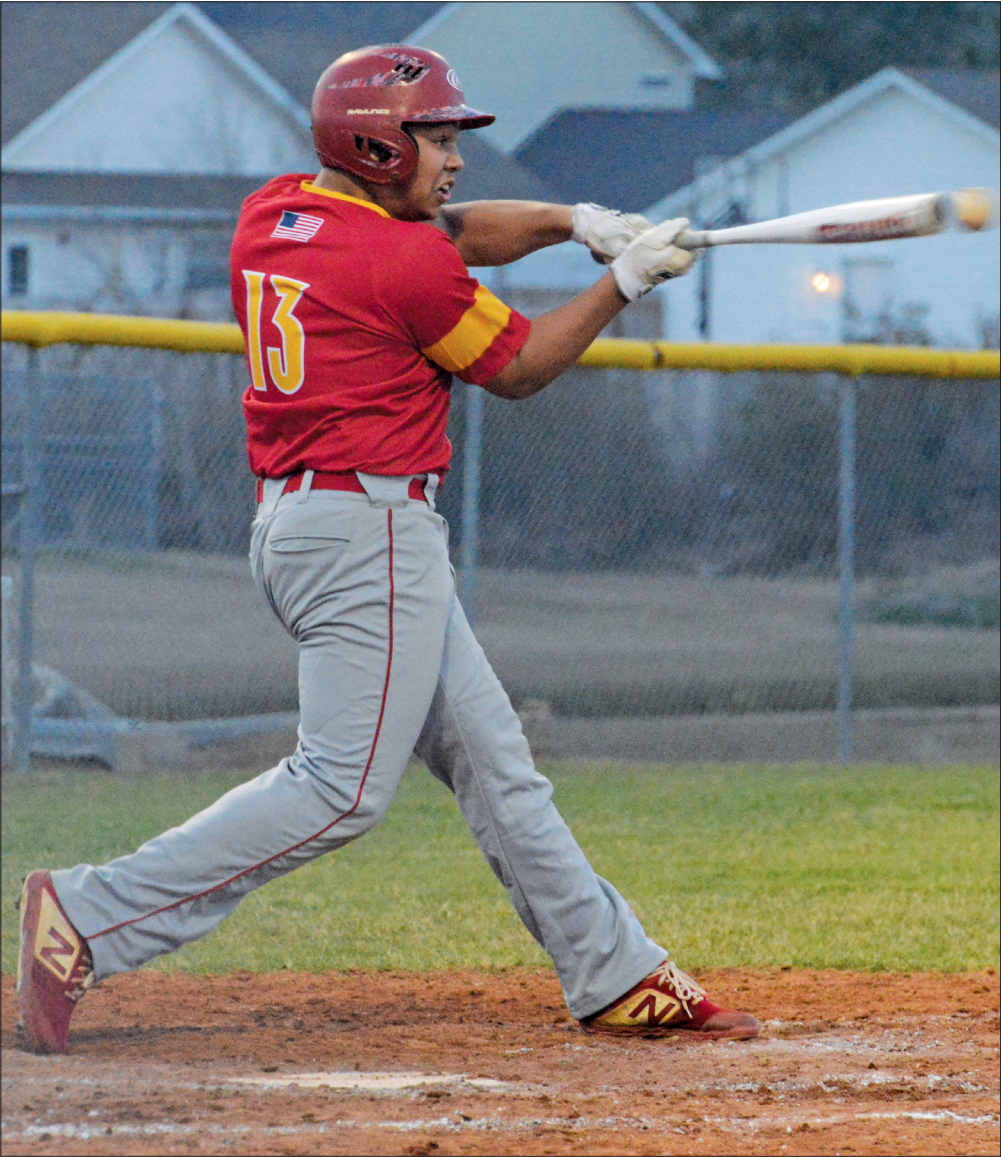
LHS	0	1	6	3	0	-	10
Nside	10	7	8	0	x	-	25



Northside-Jacksonville's Marseille Miller delivers a pitch in the top of the seventh inning at home against Lejeune, March 11.



Northside-Jacksonville's Rion Ammerman delivers a pitch.



Lejeune High School's Chris Quinones connects with a pitch against Northside-Jacksonville.



Lejeune's Jeykston Jones pitches against Northside-Jacksonville.



Lejeune's Alyssa Caldwell winds up to deliver a pitch.

Photos by Calvin Shomaker

LHS track & field season halted after two meets



Photos by Calvin Shomaker

Lejeune's Darnell Collins, left, takes the baton from Augustino Lopez in the 4x100-meter relay against Croatan, March 12.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

Like all high school athletic programs across the state, the Lejeune High School track & field team has stopped its season at the order of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Devil Pups were able to compete in two meets prior to the halt on activities. On March 10, both the boys and the girls' team placed second out of six schools in their opening meet at Trask. The only team to top Lejeune was Topsail High School, a Class 3A school.

The boys' team, which got a first-place finish from the 4x800-meter relay team of Karl Benson, Niklas Cooper, Nicholas Presley and Tyler Shelton,

were just 14 points shy of first overall.

On March 12, Lejeune hosted Croatan. The boys' team won 96 to 50 and the girls lost 81 to 65.

Kamrin Wisherd took first in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 400-meter runs to lead the boys' team. Kyle Baldwin won the pole vault and 110-meter hurdles, Benson placed first in the mile and half-mile runs and Tyler Gilman won the long jump.

The LHS girls' team was led by a trio of freshmen in Dyani Evans, Madilyn Blanton and Kilala Stone.

Evans won the long jump, triple jump and 200-meter dash as Blanton took first in the high jump and Stone finished first in the 100-meter dash.

The Lady Pups got second-place finishes from

Anna Perdue in the discus, Skyler Kuncik in the mile run and Elizabeth Schwend in the two-mile run.

It is uncertain when exactly the season will resume, but if the current NCHSAA timeline holds up, Lejeune is expected to be back in action at Croatan on April 8.

Top 3 team scores (March 10):

Boys - Topsail 160, Lejeune 147, N. Brunswick 109
Girls - Topsail 234, Lejeune 123, Trask 75

Team scores (March 12):

Boys - Lejeune 96, Croatan 50
Girls - Croatan 81, Lejeune 65



Lejeune's Kyle Baldwin competes in and wins the 110-meter hurdles at home against Croatan on March 12.

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Stallions and Vikings split double header



White Oak's Chad White delivers a pitch to a Southwest Onslow batter, March 13.

Photos by Calvin Shomaker

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

On March 13, high schools across the state played what could be their final athletic contests of the spring season just weeks after it started.

A March 12 mandate from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) determined all sports activities would be suspended from March 14 through April 6 at the earliest, leaving many to wonder if sports will resume at all this season given how drastically the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted life around the world.

Despite the looming stress of the suspension, county rivals White Oak and Southwest Onslow faced off in two five-inning games on Friday night as

fans showed up to get one last look at live sports for at least several weeks.

In game one, the Stallions' bats were on fire. Southwest scored eight runs in the third inning and had nine different players score runs as they galloped to a 9-1 victory.

Game two was a battle between pitchers and defenses. Down one run in the final inning, Southwest brought two batters to the plate with the bases loaded and a chance to take the lead, but White Oak pitcher Chad White struck out both to seal the 2-1 win and the series split.

White finished with eight strikeouts, went 1-2 at the plate and scored a run to lead the Vikings in the final game.

Southwest's Jaden Gonzales went 3-6 at the plate

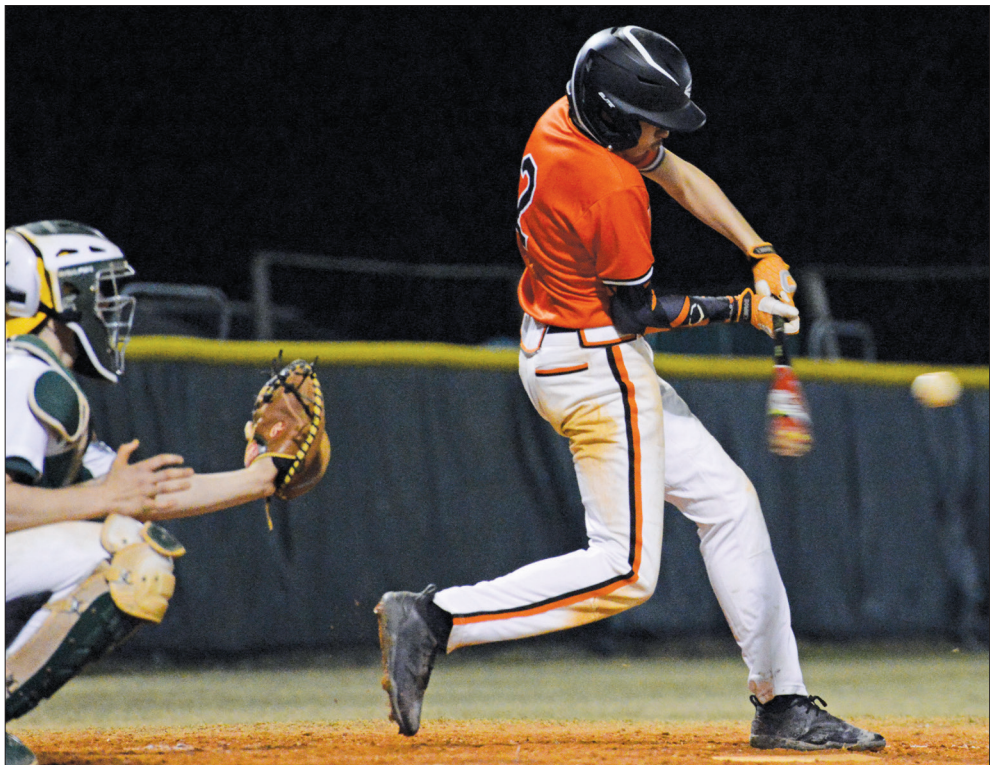
in the double header, driving in two runs and scoring once as catcher Dominic Szybka went 3-5 with three singles and a run to help lead the Stallions (2-2).

The Vikings (3-2) saw an efficient performance from Nate Davis and Quintrel Pearson in both games. The two sophomores went a combined 3-7 at the plate in the series. Pearson stole a pair of bases and Davis recorded two singles.

The latest news on the suspension of high school sports in North Carolina can be found at nchsaa.org.

Game One
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SWO 0 0 8 1 x - 9

Game Two
SWO 0 0 1 0 0 - 1
WOak 1 0 0 1 x - 2



Southwest Onslow's Kaden Foy connects with a pitch in game two of the Stallions' double header against White Oak.

What if the NCAA tournament wasn't canceled? *Picking the Midwest Region*

With the cancellation of the NCAA tournament, we can only speculate about who would have won it all.

BY CALVIN SHOMAKER
Sports Writer

In an effort to bolster the spirits of college basketball fans and egg on a friendly debate, I present week one of a five-week column series in which I make picks based on ESPN bracketologist Joe Lunardi's hypothetical bracket until a national champion is crowned.

The Midwest Region
With the top three

seeds in Lunardi's Midwest Region having blue blood reputations, this is the most difficult region to pick. Let's take a closer look at the favorites, an upset pick, a potential Cinderella, the tossups and my regional champion.

The virtual locks: No. 1 Kansas and No. 2 Kentucky.

Kansas is Lunardi's No. 1 overall seed for good reason. The Jayhawks had won 16

straight and were 28-3 overall. Udoka Azubuike was one of the best big men in the country and a major x-factor. For these reasons, I think Kansas would have advanced to the regional final to face No. 2 Kentucky.

An upset pick and a potential Cinderella: No. 11 East Tennessee State over No. 6 Iowa.

East Tennessee State would have been a tough draw for anyone. The

Bucs hit the 30-win mark for the first time in program history and went 16-2 in the Southern Conference. ETSU was riding as high as any team in the nation after claiming both a regular season and a conference tournament title. Though I didn't pick ETSU to beat Duke in the second round, the Bucs potentially could have been a major bracket buster.

The tossups: No. 8 Houston vs. No. 9 Marquette and No. 7 Providence vs. No. 10 Arizona State. The games between

these seeds are always hard to pick, but I like Providence and Houston. The Friars finished fourth in a strong Big East and were on a conference best six-game winning streak. Houston was a regular season co-champion of the American Conference and had more momentum than Marquette, who finished below .500 in the Big East despite having Markus Howard, the nation's top scorer at 27.8 points per game.

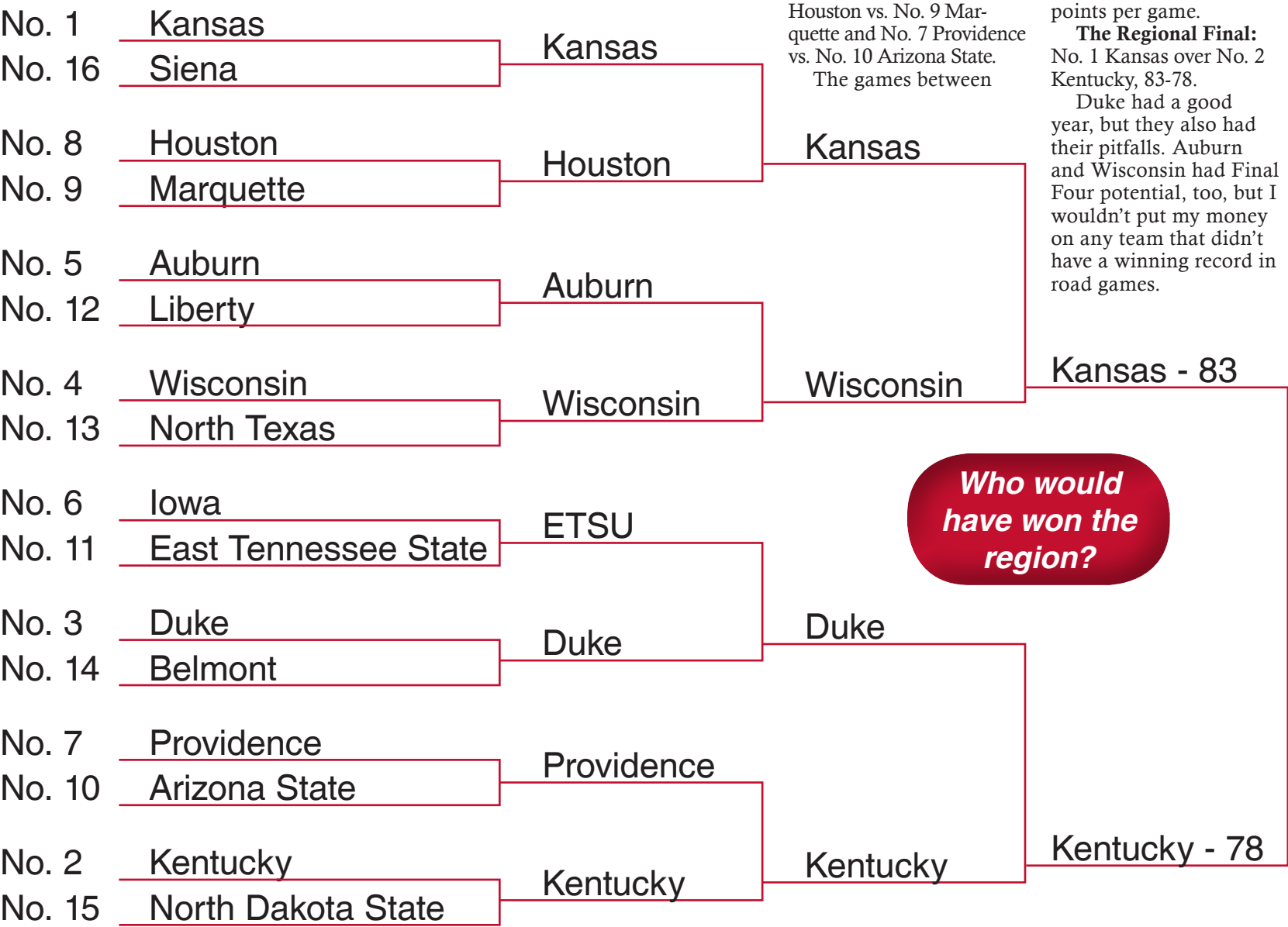
The Regional Final: No. 1 Kansas over No. 2 Kentucky, 83-78.

Duke had a good year, but they also had their pitfalls. Auburn and Wisconsin had Final Four potential, too, but I wouldn't put my money on any team that didn't have a winning record in road games.

Kentucky was strong, but I don't think they were national championship caliber, either. I also don't think the Wildcats could counter the inside presence of Azubuike, who averaged 13.7 points and 10.5 rebounds a game while leading the nation in field goal percentage at just under 75 percent.

Even if Azubuike had a below average game, Devon Dotson and company could pick up the slack. I believe the Jayhawks would have advanced to the national semifinals, edging Kentucky by a pair of field goals in what would have been an epic matchup.

Editor's Note: The preceding are the opinions of the writer and do not reflect the views of the U.S. Marine Corps or Department of Defense.



Kansas
University
Jayhawks

Bridal expo gives Jacksonville betrothed options



More on 5B

Bridal gowns on display at the Engaged Onslow bridal expo at the Commons Recreation Center in Jacksonville, March 14. Vendors from across the county were in attendance to help brides-to-be plan their upcoming nuptials. The event was organized by the Jacksonville - Onslow Chamber of Commerce.

Photos by Pat Gruner

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

The stress of planning a wedding can feel overwhelming between caterers, florists and dresses. In the military community especially, upcoming changes of station or deployments can make the process that much harder. For those

looking to find options in the Onslow County area, the Jacksonville - Onslow Chamber of Commerce held Engaged Onslow at the Commons Recreation Center in Jacksonville, March 14. The bridal expo intended to help allay some of the worry that comes when planning for the big day.

Vendors from across the area showcased their skills and wares while a fashion show gave brides and bridesmaids a chance to see what dresses looked like in motion. Latoya Scott, who was the recipient of Armed Forces Insurance's Military Spouse of the Year award for Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune,

handled the modeling.

"We have one show for wedding gowns and a second for bridesmaids, flower girls and all the other pieces in a wedding," said Leshea Cavers, membership manager for the chamber.

Additionally, series of raffles helped to give brides some financial flexibility while also benefit-

ing local businesses.

"One of the big ones is a \$2,000 prize which will allow brides, if they need a limo service, catering or some other service, they can come to us and we'll cut the check," said Kelsey Stiglitz, business services manager for the chamber. "That is good for these businesses too since the

money goes directly to local businesses."

Above all, the goal was providing peace of mind.

"We try to bring relaxation to the bride," Cavers said. "You are already stressed out enough trying to plan a wedding so if we can make it easier for her by having everything in one spot that's what we aim for."



(From left) Mariah Goodson, Dani Horne and Michelle Johnson check out the amenities in a limousine at the expo. Brides-to-be were given a chance to sample catering, jewelry and other wedding related services.



Becky Locke (left) and Jennifer Batchelor (middle) have a chat with Leshea Cavers, membership manager for the Jacksonville - Onslow Chamber of Commerce.



A crafted cake made by vendors from Art and Soul was one of made by many samples of decor on display.

Retiree Health Care Town Hall postponed



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THE MEDICAL CENTER OF THE MARINE CORPS

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

The Retiree Health Care Town Hall scheduled for March 19 at Naval Medical Center Camp Le-

jeune has been postponed indefinitely.

Town halls provide updates to military retirees on NMCCCL and Department of Defense care facilities.

This ‘Call of the Wild’ is just too mild

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It's time for yet another new film adaptation of Jack London's 1903 novel "The Call of the Wild." There was a silent version in 1923, which focused on the life of Buck, the pet dog-turned-sled puller. Then came a 1935 version, with Clark Gable and Loretta Young, that was more concerned with the star actors than the dog. And there followed two more films, both forgettable, but at least concentrating on the dog, in 1972 and, made for TV, in 1997. But let's take a trivia break. The 1935 "Call of the Wild" was the last film to be released under the banner of Twentieth Century Pictures, before it became Twentieth Century Fox. The 2020 edition is the first film to be released under Twentieth Century Studios, after the word Fox was dropped from the name. Armed with that information, you will be a hit at your next cocktail party. But unless you're planning to chaperone a young child to see the new film - which is a decent kid-centric adventure movie - there's no need to check it out on your own, especially if you're a discerning viewer who recalls the London book. Yes, the film remains focused on the dog, even though no dog is actually seen in the film, as big Buck is a 100% digital creation with a very expressive face who might

as well be wearing a big "F for Fake" sign on its forehead. In fact, all of the dogs, and all of the other animals in the film don't really exist. And, surprisingly, the folks at Disney, the parent company of Twentieth Century, have not used the same creative flourishes and believability that was on display in the all-digital "The Lion King." But the visual glitches are small potatoes when considering the problems with this film. Screenwriter Michael Green ("Logan" and "Blade Runner 2049") comes up short here, and his use of the celebrated London novel as merely a jumping off point rather than a blueprint for the film is an egregious error. Yes, it's still about Buck, enjoying a happy, relaxed life of comfort in a California household in the 1890s. And it's still about his travails after he's dognapped and sold off in the Yukon territory where, during the Gold Rush days, a dog of his size and strength is just what was needed to pull sleds across long, snow-covered distances. And it even has another main - but secondary to the dog - character named John Thornton (Harrison Ford) who helps turn things around for Buck. But Green has taken absurd liberties with London's often rugged story. He's cleaned things up, taken the edge off. He's even - and this is the worst part - removed a



The real Harrison Ford poses with the digital Buck.

Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Studios

large, important group of characters - there are no Canadian Indians to be seen - all in the name of what weak-minded people are passing off as political correctness. The mayhem that's now done in the story is committed by a fancy-dressing, money-hungry, hot-tempered white fellow named Hal (Dan Stevens, overacting). The character does appear in the book, and he's not a good man, but there he was Bruce Banner, and

now he's a raging Hulk. That Green has also imbued the film with some effective comedy is a good thing, even though most of it is of the cheap-laugh variety and is based on big Buck's ineptitude and clumsiness. Green also inserts a couple of scenes of great peril, though everything is settled before too much concern can be spent on them. One of the script's biggest annoyances is the overuse of narration, all of it by Ford, none of

which makes any sense when you think about his character's circumstances at the end of the film. The most mystifying component here is that right after John Thornton tries to warn Hal of the dangers he's facing, the film jumps forward in time, with no explanation, as if a reel has been skipped. At least there's still a romantic side story for Buck, but it's accompanied by a poorly written (cleaned up) ending that will leave

young viewers asking their parents what happened.

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April to mark Sexual Assault Prevention month

national sexual assault awareness & prevention month

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

Residents of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and the surrounding area are called upon to stand against sexual assault and support victims this April. “At some point in our lives, most of us have

been silent when we were unsure about what to do or say in a situation,” said Pamela Alberti, installation sexual assault response coordinator for MCB Camp Lejeune. “Most know what it feels like to miss an opportunity to help someone and what it feels like to safely say or do something that has a positive impact on

someone else. When you are put in that situation, the question will be, ‘what message do you want your behavior to say about your values?’” The #BeTheChange campaign is being invoked throughout the month across social media to increase awareness of sexual assault. Through the campaign,

individuals are asked to take responsibility for breaking down barriers to reporting violence and creating a culture that supports victims. “It is up to all of us to break down the barriers for survivors,” Alberti said. “Today, you can take steps to break down the barriers and to be the change that will increase

knowledge, understanding and commitment to behavior change that will result in positive culture for all survivors. The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program can’t do it alone.” More information on the campaign and other programs can be found at <http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/sapr/bethechange/>.

“Whether you are taking the first step or continuing your course great things happen when there is a gathering of people who are working together to support change,” Alberti said. “Together we can break down the barriers and affect change. Together we will be the change.”

N.C. Maritime Museum at Southport named first Certified Autism Center in state



Katy Menne, education curator, N.C. Maritime Museum at Southport, reads to children during an event at the museum. The museum is the first Certified Autism Center in North Carolina following certification from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards.

BY PAT GRUNER
Managing Editor

An Eastern North Carolina institution has made a big leap in ensuring the state’s commitment to inclusive education. The N.C. Maritime Museum at Southport is the state’s first Certified Autism Center (CAC). Staff and volunteers were certified through the International Board of

Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) to earn the site’s designation. “It’s important organizations utilize programs that incorporate information not only from experts or even parents of individuals with special needs, but programs that incorporate the experiences and perspectives of individuals on the spectrum themselves,” said Meredith Tekin,

IBCCES president. “Being friendly means something different to everyone, so certification and communication are key.” The distinction is closely tied to the museum’s work with patrons with autism and other sensory disorders. In addition to close work with the Able Buddies program, the museum also sits on the Brunswick County Interagency Coordinating Council for Chil-

dren with Special Needs. “We’ve done a lot of work with the special needs population in our part of North Carolina,” said Katy Menne, the museum’s education curator. “We strive for the utmost inclusivity. At most museums, people think they can not touch anything. We encourage our guests to touch and play with almost everything.” Part of that comes from what the museum calls

Sensory Saturdays, allotted times where music is turned off and lights are dimmed to accommodate visitors with sensory disorders. The museum also has allotted spaces for visitors who might need to calm down from overstimulation. “It strengthens why you should visit North Carolina,” Menne said. “It is a wonderful way to show that, from the community up, we stand for acces-

sibility. We want to help families who might feel a little different know there is always somewhere to actively learn.” For more information on Sensory Saturday or other museum programming, call 910-477-5151 or visit <https://ncmaritimemuseumssouthport.com>. For more information on IBCCES or becoming a Certified Autism Center, visit ibcces.org.

Women's History Month

Lieutenant General Carol A. Mutter

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Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Carol Mutter was born in 1945 in Greeley, Colorado, and later graduated from officer candidate school in 1967 at the University of Northern Colorado as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. She went on to have a number of firsts during her 32-year career, including:

- First woman to qualify as Command Center Crew Commander/Space Director at U.S. Space Command
- First woman of flag rank to command a major deployable tactical command
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To read more about Lt. Gen. Mutter's distinguished career, visit <https://www.marines.mil/News/News-Display/Article/1787199/first-female-lt-gen-in-us-armed-forces/>.

Is Your Dance Card Full?

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

BY LT. CHARLES NOLES
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How is your walk with God? Do you find yourself “praying without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17), or has it been a while? Do you spend time with Him daily, or is worship just a “duty” that you (grudgingly) perform?

The poem, “Footprints,” shares a very poetic picture of how our journey with God can develop. Mark Littleton’s book, “Escaping the Time Crunch,” offers an additional insight for our consideration:

“Imagine you and God walking down the road together. For much of the way, the Lord’s footprints go along steadily, consistently, rarely varying the pace. But your prints are a disorganized stream of zigzags, starts, stops, turn-arounds, circles, departures and returns. For much of the way it seems to go like this. But gradually, your footprints come more in line with the Lord’s, soon paralleling His consistently. You and He are walking as true friends.

This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens: your footprints that once etched the sand next to the Lord’s are now walking precisely in His steps. Inside His larger footprints is the small ‘sand print’, safely enclosed. You and God are becoming one.

This goes on for many miles. But gradually you notice another change. The footprint inside the larger footprint seems to grow larger. Eventually it disappears altogether. There is only one set of footprints. They have become one.

Again, this goes on for a long time. But then something awful happens. The second set of footprints is back. And this time it seems even worse. Zigzags all over the place. Stops. Starts. Deep gashes in the sand. A veritable mess of prints. You’re amazed and shocked. But this is the end of your dream.

Now you speak: “Lord, I understand the first scene with the zigzags and fits and starts and so on. I was a new believer, just learning. But you walked on through the storm and helped me learn to walk with you.”

“That is correct.”

“Yes, and when the smaller footprints were inside of yours, I was actually learning to walk in your steps. I followed you very closely.”

“Very good. You have understood everything so far.”

“Then the smaller footprints grew and eventually filled in with yours. I suppose that I was actually growing so much that I was becoming like you in every way.”

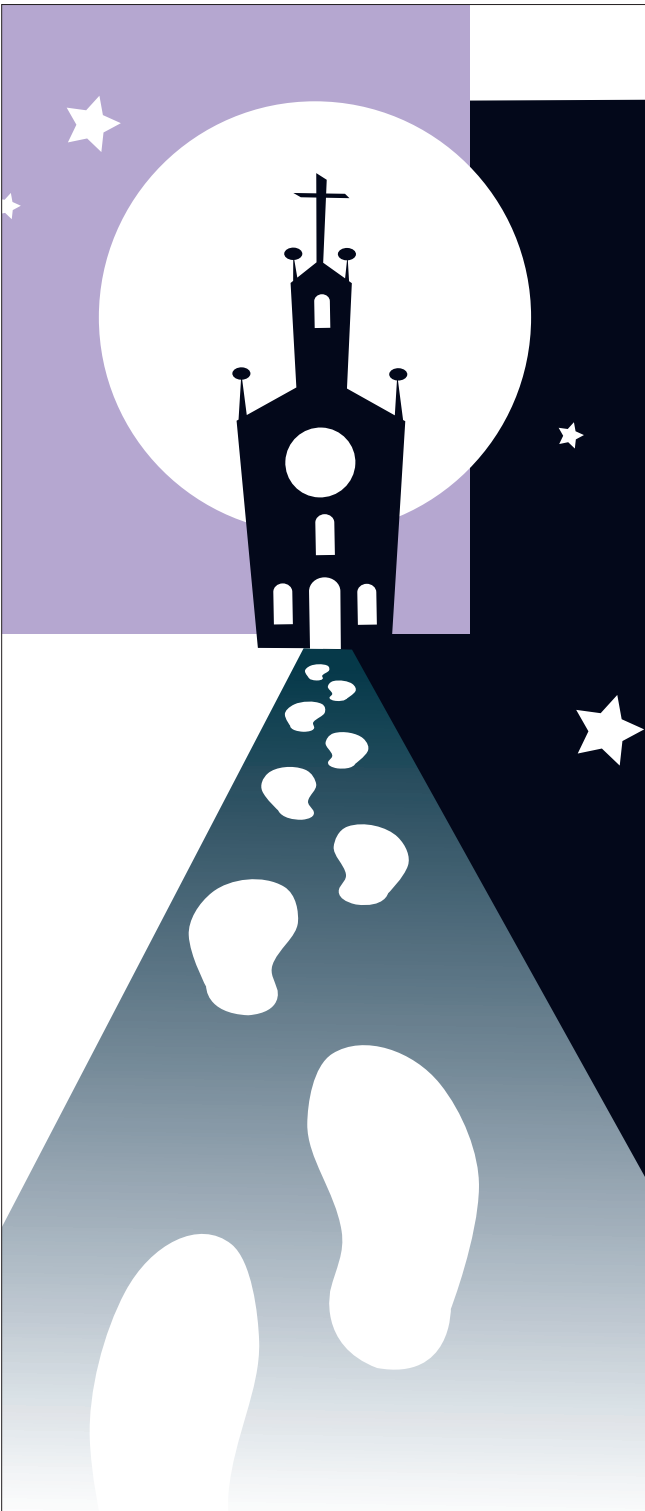
“Precisely.”

“But this is my question, Lord...Was there a regression or something? The footprints went back to two, and this time it was worse than the first.”

The Lord smiles, then laughs. “You didn’t know?”

He says. “That was when we danced.”

When was the last time that you had joy in your walk with God? Not a superficial “experience” every once in a while, but genuine, meaningful fellowship with Him in your day-to-day life. If it’s been a while, give your Chaplain a call; we would love to help you discover – or re-discover – that joy that can be yours just for the asking!



Irish / American Heritage Month

• Four signatories of the Declaration of Independence were Irish born, and 9 others were of Irish decent.

• Dan Daly, who was of Irish heritage, fought in the Boxer Rebellion and World War I, ultimately awarded two Medals of Honor for his actions.

• Over 200 Irish Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor (MOH).

• The first St. Patrick's Day Parade was held March 17, 1762 in New York City, featuring Irish soldiers in the English Army.

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What's Cooking?



Featured Chef » LCpl. Peaches Coleman

“What’s Cooking?” is a monthly series that profiles an area food service specialist and one of their favorite recipes.

It will appear in The Globe on the third Thursday of each month.



Unit: 2nd Marine Logistics Group
Length of Service: 1 year
Hometown: Brunswick, GA

What do you enjoy most about cooking?

I enjoy being able to satisfy the people I serve. Working with Sodexo staff, it is nice to hear people say things like “That’s the best I have ever seen that dish prepared.” They usually have more experience in food service so their appreciation is really cool.

What influenced you to become a cook?

My mother cooked a lot of soul food growing up and my dad was always cooking Jamaican food. ... He’d make oxtails, curry chicken and a whole bunch of other dishes. I also took culinary arts classes in high school.

What’s your favorite type of dish?

I love Jamaican curry. The spices and the way the onion and peppers show up in the pan give it a visual appeal which I am big on. We eat with our eyes and it is a very colorful dish. I really like playing around with different sauces and seeing how I can make them my own.

What’s one thing people should have in their kitchens?

Onions, peppers and seasoning. Find colors that add to your product. I also really enjoy garnishes so make sure you grab some fresh parsley and other visual parts for the dishes.

Do you have any advice for amateur chefs?

Do not be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone and try a new cultural dish. Also be willing to mix things up and make it your own.

What do you like most about the recipe you’re providing?

The color. The spices. The flavor. It is kind of a sweet and heat type of taste. I love the way the yellow curry works with the greens and the reds of the peppers.

Jamaican Chicken Curry

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 2 tablespoons Jamaican-style curry powder
- 2 slices habanero pepper (optional)
- ¼ teaspoon ground thyme
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup water
- ½ teaspoon salt, or to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat vegetable oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.
2. Cook and stir onion, tomato, garlic, curry powder, habanero pepper, and thyme until onion is golden, about 7 minutes.
3. Stir in chicken and cook until chicken is lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
4. Pour water into the skillet and reduce heat to low.
5. Cover and simmer until chicken is no longer pink at the center, about 30 minutes.
6. Season with salt.

Yields 4 servings

From 1B



Sarah Hart of Class Act Catering pours a bowl of punch for attendees to sample as they perused the expo.



Jewelry from Hair-N-Motion was available to purchase or try on.

Photos by Pat Gruner

Marine South Expo cancelled

BY PAT GRÜNER
Managing Editor

In the wake of COVID-19 concerns, the Marine South Expo 2020 has been cancelled according to a statement from Marine Military Expos.

“The health and safety of Camp Lejeune service members and their families, our exhibitors and staff and the entire Marine Corps Community of Interest is of the utmost importance to us,” the statement read. “After closely monitoring the risk and impact of COVID-19 on a daily basis, as well

as consistently consulting with Marine Corps authorities, the Marine South Expo has officially been cancelled on the authority of the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations Command East, Maj. Gen. Julian D. Alford.”

Recent developments across the nation made cancelling the expo, “an essential step in the interest of both personal and public safety,” according to the release.

The statement also made note that more information for contractors will be available in the coming future.

“We understand the financial implications that this situation is causing for our exhibitors, sponsors and partners,” the statement read. “You can expect a full FAQ in the next several days on our website, which will help address questions moving forward, to include a(n) ... action plan as soon as it is in place. We are grateful for every member of the Marine Military Expos constituency and thank you for your understanding and patience. Our team is committed to each of you and we will be in touch. Stay safe, stay healthy and Semper Fidelis.”

County board of education approves redistricting plan for new elementary school



PAT GRÜNER
Managing Editor

The Onslow County Board of Education approved a redistricting plan for the new Coastal Elementary School, which will open to students in the southern part of the county next year.

The board was presented with two scenarios. The agreed upon plan, Scenario 1(A), splits the existing Dixon Elementary district in half and does not include pulling any students from Southwest Elementary

to Coastal Elementary. Scenario 2 would have split the Dixon Elementary district in half the same way as Scenario 1(A), but it would have included pulling 18 students from Southwest Elementary to attend the new school.

When the new redistricting plan goes into effect for the 2021-2022 school year, fifth grade will be moved back into the elementary schools from Dixon Middle School, the population of Dixon Elementary will reduce to 635 students,

and Coastal Elementary School will open with a student population of approximately 658.

The redistricting plan was approved with a 6-1 vote. Board member Jeff Hudson was the dissenting vote, citing concerns about the new district's line near the Southwest community and travel times for families in that area.

Coastal Elementary School, formerly referred to as the Southern Elementary School Project, is under construction and projected to open in August, 2021.

Onslow County Schools to offer student nutrition hubs

COURTESY STORY
Onslow County Schools

Free lunch for children ages 1-18 years is available for pick-up at nine schools as of March 17. All sites are drive-through or walk-up only.

Lunch will be provided beginning on Tuesday, March 17 for pick-up from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following schools:

- Clyde Erwin Elementary Magnet
- Dixon Elementary School
- Hunters Creek Elementary School
- Jacksonville High School
- Northside High School
- Northwoods Elementary School
- Richlands Elementary School
- Southwest High School
- Swansboro High School

No space will be provided for eating on site and multiple meals may be picked up by parents and caregivers. Recipients should be prepared to drive up or walk up to the designated area and let staff know how many meals are needed.

For the most accurate and up-to-date school-related COVID-19 school closure information, please visit the OCS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Info & Updates link under OCS in the News at <https://www.onslow.k12.nc.us/>.

Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery applies operational changes

BY PAT GRÜNER
Managing Editor

Changes are taking place for the time being at the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville.

“Due to the Coronavirus concerns, we will be implementing operational changes,” said Judy B. Sanderson, cemetery superintendent, in a press release. “These changes

will help to curb proximity contact and, in doing so, help to protect our families, friends and staff.”

As of March 18, state veterans’ cemeteries will no longer conduct public committal services for the foreseeable future. However some services will still be available.

“Immediate family members may have a small gathering at the cemetery, to include mil-

itary honors, if desired,” Sanderson said.

Those making arrangements are also asked to make burial arrangements via digital avenues. Pre-eligibility determination will also take place remotely.

“Please do not send families to the office location without first discussing with us,” Sanderson said. “We appreciate your cooperation during this time.”

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1 APRIL 2020 Stand Up for Military Kids	2 Play Simon Says	3 Plant pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention Month	4 Play catch outside	5 Go for a walk together	6 Learn a song and sing it together	7 Read a book together at the Library
8 Finger paint together	9 Jump rope together	10 Make a paper airplane and fly it	11 Go to Onslow Beach and look for shark's teeth	12 Make a scavenger hunt	13 Go to Onslow Pines Park and play	14 Cook something together
15 Build an indoor fort with sheets	16 Make salt dough figures and bake	17 Create vision boards out of old magazines	18 Bake cookies together	19 Read the newspaper together	20 Teach a child to fish	21 Blow bubbles together
22 Watch a child's show together and talk about it	23 Let your child pick an arts-n-crafts project	24 Play memory games	25 Have a dance party, just the family	26 Volunteer in the community together	27 Plant flowers or vegetables in your garden	28 Go for a bike ride
29 Play a board game	30 Visit an area children's museum	31 Create a calendar of activities for next month!				

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