

# The Civic



## Birthdays

Robert Marcus – Nov. 5  
 Woody Besser – Nov. 12  
 Charles Gilliken – Nov. 15  
 Mary Dougherty – Nov. 25  
 Fred Ohsol – Nov. 26

## Civitan Anniversaries

Judy Lopez – 15 Yrs  
 Gary Todd – 13 Yrs  
 Mary Traina – 5 Yrs  
 Susie Bare – 4 Yrs  
 Dennis Pymm – 3 Yrs  
 Randy Beltz – 3 Yrs  
 Terry Lubsen – 1 Yr



## PREPARING FOR **SANTA LAND 2024**

*Where will we be seeing the children this year?* This will be the third year that we will see the children at JT Barber Elementary School in a decorated trailer in the back of the school.

*What dates will the children be there?* Wednesday, December 4; Thursday, December 5; Monday, December 9; Wednesday, December 11; and Friday, December 13. All sessions will be in the morning – specific times will be announced in mid-November.

*How many children will be coming to Santa Land?* We expect about 280 four-year-olds in the program, plus some younger children in the Family Literacy Program.

We will again have the support of photographers from the Coastal Photography Club.

*What will we need to prepare?*

Christmas decorations.

Volunteers to decorate the trailer on December 2 and 3 – signups will be sent in mid-November.

Volunteers (8-10) daily to help run Santa Land smoothly – signups will be sent in mid-November.

So, Elves, Santa and Mrs. Claus hope you are as excited as we are to be with these kids in the Craven County Pre-K program.

We believe this is our 14th year to spread holiday joy to these wonderful youngsters.

We cannot do it without **YOU!**

# SUPPORTING ABUSED CHILDREN



Director and Forensic Interviewer, Casey Hoffman, of the Craven and Pamlico Counties Children's Advocacy Center has a tough job, but a necessary one. She has dedicated the last twelve years of her career to working with children and families. Throughout her career, she has held various positions, including serving as a therapist for high-risk families and children, a social worker with the Department of Social Services, and currently as the Director and Forensic Interviewer at Southmountain Children and Family Services.

Southmountain provides comprehensive care and support for children and families facing the trauma of child abuse. They have eleven different sites in North Carolina including the one in Craven/Pamlico counties. Their aim is to try to ensure that children receive the specialized attention and mental health services they need to heal and thrive. This organization receives referrals from DDS and law enforcement and has a mission to minimize continued trauma to child victims and their non-offending family members resulting from child physical or sexual abuse. A multidisciplinary team (investigating agencies and CAC staff) reviews active cases on at least a bi-weekly basis. In addition to gathering information to prosecute the perpetrator in the case, the team also works to ensure that the victims and their families get assistance with treatments and services as needed. Other services include forensic medical exams, mental health counseling and anything else the child and family members may need.

Casey says, "It's hard to talk about my job to others when I am not working. No one really wants to hear about child abuse. The success of the services in my Agency is hard to measure in terms of quantifiable outcomes. But, to the children and families who have found themselves caught up in the nightmare of child abuse, we are safe, friendly places where the nightmare ends and the road to successful recovery begins."

We thank Casey Hoffman, and her staff at the Children Advocacy Center for what they do to relieve the suffering of children in peril and their families. We can only hope that someday the services of this Agency will no longer be needed!

# AREA AGENCY ON AGING

We learned a lot about the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) from their representatives January Brown and Amanda Young at our meeting on October 11, 2024. The AAAs were established under the Older American Act (OAA) in 1973 to respond to the needs of Americans 60 and over in every local community. By offering a range of options that allow older adults to choose the home and community-based services and living arrangements that suit them best. AAAs make it possible for older adults to “age in place” in their homes and communities.



Roy with January Brown (left) and Amanda Young (right)

Their mission is to advocate, plan, develop, and support a comprehensive system of quality services designed to reach and preserve quality of life, health, and independence of older adults, individuals with disabilities and caregivers. Their vision is that older adults and their families will be valued and supported by their community. This Agency's programs are too many to list, but a sampling would be meal programs, Senior Centers, Caregiver Support groups, transportation, technology help, legal aide, health insurance, in-home health care aide, and more.

One of their newer programs is *Project Lifesaver – Bringing Loved Ones Home*. This is a rapid response rescue program for individuals who are at risk of wandering and becoming lost. Participants are fitted with a personalized Project LifeSaver wristband. This wristband is a one-ounce battery run transmitter that omits an automatic tracking signal. When needed, this signal can be tracked by specially trained personnel in the New Bern Police and Fire Departments. Search time can be reduced from hours and days down to minutes. The Project can provide comfort and peace of mind to caregivers without compromising the safety and dignity of their loved one.

To find a more complete listing of this Agency's services, go to their website at [AgingCare.com](https://www.AgingCare.com). We thank January and Amanda for sharing information on the far-reaching services of the Area Agency on Aging.

# IT TAKES A VILLAGE



The women of the New Bern Yacht Club Knitting (and Crocheting) Circle have been donating hand-made hats and scarves for our Club's Santa Land project for many years. Without their help and the assistance of many other individuals and organizations, we would not be able to give the children who attend Santa Land these items.

Over the years, these women have supplied the program with hundreds of items – FREE of charge. We are grateful for their contributions, and we know that all their items are sent with love.

# CONGRATULATIONS, SUSIE BARE

At our October 11th meeting, a Civitan International Thirty-Year Pin and a Letter of Recognition was presented to Susie Bare by Club President, Roy Leonard. The bulk of Susie's service to Civitan took place in the Havelock Civitan Club. When that Club folded, Susie joined our Club...and we have been happy to have her with us.



At one time, Susie was the coordinator of the Junior Civitan Clubs in our district. Since joining our Club, she has served as a Board Member, co-chair of the annual picnic, and volunteered many times to donate food to the RCS Shelter Dinner. She has never missed an opportunity to help the Craven County Pre-School children with donations and help at Santa Land.

We are grateful that she has chosen to continue her long history as a Civitan and has done so with our Club.

Congratulations and thank you for the countless acts of kindness you have performed over the years. You take the Civitan Pledge seriously – "...to practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship."

# IMPORTANT TRAVEL ADVISORY

The New Bern Civitan Tree Lot Management (Gary Todd and Randy King) are offering worry-free holiday travel plans. Instead of standing in long lines at the airport with the potential of cancelled flights and numerous delays, and paying exorbitant fuel prices for traveling on a holiday weekend or accidents due to frantic inattentive drivers, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SOLUTION:

Travel one or two weeks prior to the holiday, saving with lower airfares, reduced waiting times and lower car fuel costs. You get to visit with family and friends and then you can help unload trees, make wreaths, and sell to satisfied customers.

It is a win-win proposition. You SAVE money, have LESS aggravation, and relax while we sell trees for charities. The trees sell themselves and we get the pleasure of knowing we are helping people in the community.

## WHAT COULD BE BETTER???

*(This has been a public service announcement on behalf of the New Bern Civitan Club)*

*(We are Gary and Randy, and we approve of this message)*



# NBCC EVENTS CALENDAR

**Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30:** Peanut sales at the Farmers Market from 8 am to 2 pm. *If you can help, contact Marie Leonard.*

**Friday, November 8:** NBCC Afternoon Meeting at Paula's Restaurant, 11:30 am Speaker – Mary Ann LeRay, Executive Director of THE FILLING STATION

**Monday, November 11: VETERANS DAY**

**Monday, November 11:** NBCC Board of Directors Meeting at Garber Church 1 pm Rm. 222. *Please try to attend this meeting. There will be NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER!*

**Monday, November 11:** RCS Shelter Dinner for Thanksgiving. 6 pm. We still need some donations, so if you can help, please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/dUenBpr>

**Monday, November 18:** Tree Lot set up. If you can help, please contact Gary Todd.

**Saturday, November 23:** Trees delivered to the lot at 9 am. If you can help, please contact Gary Todd.

**Sunday, November 24 thru Wednesday, November 27:** Wreath-making 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm (*subject to change*).

**Thursday, November 28: THANKSGIVING**

**Friday, November 29 thru Sunday, December 1:** Tree & Wreath Sales. Lot Open from 9 am to 5 pm. *If trees remain, 2 pm to 5 pm Weekdays starting December 2.*



## 2024-25 Officers

**President:** Roy Leonard  
**President-Elect:** Eileen Buscemi  
**Vice President:** Open  
**Secretary:** Maureen Comer  
**Assistant Secretary:** Open  
**Treasurer:** Van Allen Rice  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Amy Willis  
**Sergeant-at-Arm:** Ken McCain & Dev Lippitt  
**Education Officers:** Helen Shine & Maureen Comer  
**Chaplain:** Bill Baldree  
**Assistant Chaplain:** Jim Comer

## Current Board

	Term Expires
Alan Craig	2025
Ann Super	2025
Dave Super	2025
Joanne Tello	2025
Eileen Buscemi	2026
Buck Irvin	2026
Mary Dougherty	2026
Clark Saylor	2026

Webmaster, Civic Editor & Social Media: Cyndi Papia

# TREES & PEANUTS

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS LOCATED AT 3931 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD/US 17, at the corner of River Road and MLK, across from Paula's Pizza.

The New Bern Civitan Club's Christmas Tree and Wreath sale begins **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.**

The freshly cut North Carolina Premium Grade Fraser Firs are priced starting at \$95 to \$175, depending on size. They range in height from 6 feet to 9 feet. Wreaths, decorated and undecorated, are also available. We will trim and load your tree upon request.

**HOURS OF SALE: 9 AM TO 5 PM**

FRIDAY, Nov 29 Through SUNDAY, Dec 1

If trees remain, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Weekdays starting Dec. 2

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

~We also have Hubs Peanuts~

Email us at [NewBernCivitanTrees@gmail.com](mailto:NewBernCivitanTrees@gmail.com) to be added to our Email Customer List.

All proceeds from the Christmas tree sale support Civitan charities. In the last year the New Bern Civitan Club raised and donated more than \$30,000 to benefit local groups such as MERCI Clinic, Religious Community Services, Habitat for Humanity, RHA Howell Center, and scholarship programs at Craven Community College and New Bern High School.

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE**

**HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED**





# THANKSGIVING HUMOR

Did you hear about the Turkey Prom? It's a Butterball

What do you call a turkey that's been in the sun for too long? A roasted turkey.

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside!

What's blue and covered in feathers? A turkey holding its breath.

How does a turkey travel? By gravy train.

What did the leftover turkey say? "Make me a sandwich!"

What's the difference between a turkey and a chicken? Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving.

What does grandma say when you burn the holiday meal? Oh, good gravy!

Why did the cranberries turn red? Because they saw the turkey dressing.

What side dish do you bring for Thanksgiving dinner when you accidentally sat on the sweet potatoes? Squash casserole.

What is a turkey's favorite dessert? Peach gobbler!

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots.

How did the salt and pepper welcome all the guests? By saying, "Seasoning's greetings!"

What vegetables would you like with your Thanksgiving dinner? Beets me!

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? The turkey trot.

What did the turkey say to the computer? Google, google, google

What do you call a running turkey? Fast food.

Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off.

What is the best way to stuff a turkey? Feed him lots of pizza and ice cream.

What was the turkey suspected of? Fowl play.

What smells the best on Thanksgiving? Your nose.

How do the little pumpkins cross the road? With a crossing gourd.

What did the Pilgrims use to make cookies on Thanksgiving? May flour.

What do you call a sad cranberry? A blueberry.

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth rock.

What's the best way to fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.

What did one turkey say to another? Let's get basted!

Why should you not tell secrets in a cornfield? Because corn has ears.

Why does a pilgrim's pants always fall down? Because he wears his belt buckle on his hat.

How do Pilgrims kick a bad habit? They stop cold turkey.

Did you hear about the scarecrow who won first prize? It was outstanding in its field. And FINALLY...

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? **Pilgrims**...of course!

# COOL FACTS ABOUT NOVEMBER



Do you know why the presidential election is in November? It comes down to the farmers. Not wanting to disturb the planting, growing or harvest seasons, the month of November was chosen as the most logical month for everybody to be able to vote.

The official flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. Meaning 'golden flower' the chrysanthemum represents honesty, joy and optimism.

The official birthstone of November is the topaz. This orange-yellow gemstone is said to represent friendship.

The two zodiac signs represented in the month of November are Scorpio and Sagittarius.

November is the only month that Shakespeare never mentioned in all of his plays and sonnets.

The first-ever American football game was played on November 6, 1869, between Princeton and Rutgers.

November 2nd is All Saints' Day. November 3 at 2 A.M. is the end of Daylight Saving Time. The 3rd is also Sandwich Day. November 6th is Nacho Day. The 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. The 14th is Pickle Day. And the 28th is French Toast Day. And the most random of all, November 29th is Lemon Cream Pie Day.

The first-ever American crossword puzzle was published on November 2, 1913, in the New York World newspaper.

The first-ever Sesame Street episode aired on November 10, 1969.

## CIVITAN CREED

**I AM CIVITAN:** as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

**MY HANDS** do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

**MY EARS** hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.

**MY EYES** search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

**MY MOUTH** utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

**MY MIND** teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.

**MY HEART** beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.

**MY SOUL** knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

**MY HOPE** is for a better world through Civitan.

**MY MOTTO:** builders of good citizenship.

**MY BELIEF:** do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**MY PLEDGE:** to practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.