

The Civic



Birthdays

Bob Husson - June 4
 Roy Leonard - June 6
 Joanne Tello - June 10
 Randy Beltz - June 15
 Robert Brock - June 17
 Betty Todd - June 17
 Kenneth McCain - June 27

Civitan Anniversaries

Tom Braaten - 21 yrs
 John Klecker - 15 yrs
 Karen Crump - 14 yrs
 Susan Husson - 13 yrs
 Lovay Singleton - 11 yrs
 Pam Kubik - 7 yrs
 Charles Gilliken - 6 yrs



4th of July BBQ Rib Sale

Are you wondering why you put a BIG, RED CIRCLE around Friday, July 4th on your calendar? Well, it's because you are reminding yourself about the upcoming New Bern Civitan Club **4th of July BBQ Rib Sale**, right?

A large part of the success has to do with you, our members, who buy and encourage family, neighbors, and friends to buy ribs. Chairperson Randy King continues to do an outstanding job of coordinating these sales. Here are the particulars of this sale, which was moved from Memorial Day to July 4th:

Pre-orders ONLY – order deadline Tuesday, July 2nd!

- Full rack - \$25 (the price of pork has gone UP)
- Slow-cooked ribs with or without BBQ sauce
- Cash or check payable to New Bern Civitan Club
- Pick up **reserved** orders via drive-thru lane in Piggly Wiggly parking lot, 1208 Simmons St., between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Order by e-mail to CivitanRibs@gmail.com or by calling or texting Randy King at 252 670-9912.

Members will be needed to help put rub on the ribs on July 2nd. More volunteers will be needed on Friday, July 4, to help sell the ribs. If you can help, contact Randy.

Civitan Support Craven County Hospice Fundraiser



On May 14, our Civitan Club proudly took part in the Craven County Hospice Fundraiser held at the Riverfront Convention Center. We reserved a table for the event – \$150 well spent to support such an important cause – and quickly filled all ten seats with Civitans and friends ready to show their support.

Our very own Dennis Pymm served as our table's "server" for the morning, and in true Civitan spirit, he also happens to be a dedicated Hospice volunteer. Each of us pitched in with a donation (or "tip") in his honor. It was a fun and meaningful way to contribute to the fundraiser and recognize Dennis for all he does.

The breakfast buffet was catered by The Flame, and it was delicious! With over 550 guests in attendance, the room was full of good food, good company, and good will.

Hospice representatives took the stage to speak about their work, and one exciting announcement stood out – Craven County will soon have its own "Hospice House." This new facility will offer a comforting space for terminally ill patients who don't have caregivers at home. It's a project driven by generous community support and local business partnerships.

In the photo (above) from the event, you'll spot Server Dennis front and center. Going around the table from the left are Judy Lopez, Marie Leonard, Roy Leonard, Mary Kay Dyer, Cathy Welles, Ken Welles, Wendy Fleming, Wendy's guest, Jim Comer, and Maureen Comer. A great turnout for a great cause!

We're proud to support Hospice and the vital work they do. Thank you to everyone who participated!

ANNUAL PICNIC AT LAWSON CREEK 2025

We had another fun and successful Club picnic on May 9th at beautiful Lawson Creek Park! The delicious food was catered by Fat Fellas of Havelock and included BBQ, fried chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, hush puppies, rolls, and iced tea.

Thanks to Judy Lopez and Renee Salvatore for baking the desserts, and to Judy and Eileen Buscemi for organizing the event. President Roy Leonard led a brief (and unofficial!) “non-meeting,” while the Snyders kept the tunes going with their trusty boombox.

Around 30 members came out to enjoy the sunshine, the food, and each other’s company.

Full bellies and big smiles all around!



A VERY BUSY MAY DINNER MEETING

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our meeting on May 22, 2025, was a busy one. Our 2025 New Bern High School Scholarship winners Christopher Behrendt, Diamond Dade, Makenzie Richardson and their families attended the meeting and shared with our members their gratitude for the scholarship and what their future college plans are.

Christopher will be attending the University of Mount Olive, majoring in Veterinary Bioscience and Biology. Diamond is headed to NC Agricultural and Technical State University, majoring in Criminal Psychology and Makenzie is headed for Campbell University working towards a degree in Special Education.

Each Senior received \$1,000 to use toward their further education. Thank you to our scholarship committee chair Amy Willis, and Jim Comer, for screening the applicants and making an extremely hard decision on selecting these recipients among the very qualified other applicants.



Amy Willis, NBCC Scholarship Committee Chair; Scholarship Recipients: Christopher Behrendt, Diamond Dade, and MaKensie Richardson; NBCC President, Roy Leonard.

Vanceboro Christian Help Center

Representing the Center was Christie Arrington, who had spoken to us once before in 2023, outlining the work of this charity. Since that time, the need has continued to increase for those who are helped in this outreach program. The Center addresses the needs of low-income individuals and families that lack reliable access to affordable and nutritious food and may experience hunger on a regular basis.



In addition to food, VCHC also offers thrift shopping of slightly used clothing and household items, providing clothing to job seekers and those experiencing critical needs, i.e., storms, fire, job loss, illness, etc.

Christie has resided in Vanceboro for most of her adult life. A graduate of Craven Community College, she cites the book “A Purpose-Driven Life” as the impetus for this charity. After hurricane Florence, the impact of that storm still leaves its toll on the community. She accepted a check from the Club’s Charity Budget to continue the work of this organization.

My Big Dream

Shawna Baker, CEO of My Big Dream (MBD) spoke next. She assumed this role from one of our former members, and MBD founder, Elizabeth Walker in June 2023. MBD meets once a week at Two Rivers Church. Meetings are open to those sixteen and older. Its mission is to bring care and understanding to those with developmental and intellectual disabilities such as autism, Down Syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and fetal alcohol syndrome. To accomplish their mission, the MBD team creates beautiful hand-crafted items with hope, love, and inclusion.



Shawna is a native of Whittier, California and moved to this area in 2016. Her vision includes establishing a My Big Dream Café where members can perform hands-on work, as well as establishing a workshop, giftshop and in the future – housing for its members. She, too, accepted a check from the Club’s Charity Budget to continue the work of this organization.

VETERANS PROJECT UPDATE

Jan Snyder, Chairperson of the Veterans Project, shared some great news: her neighbor, Doug Foster, has picked up our latest donations for delivery to the Kinston Veterans Home next week. Thanks to the generous efforts of our members, we've collected 25 activity books and 110 cards and notes for the residents. Well done, everyone — and thank you for spreading kindness!

Jan is also working on the next phase of the project. She's looking into purchasing service-related hats (Army, Marine Corps, etc.) for new residents at the Home, as well as for any current residents who don't yet have one. The estimated cost for the hats is around \$300.

If you'd like to help fund this special gesture, please reach out to Jan directly.

We're also grateful to ***Tony's Troops***, a fund created in memory of Carmine Buscemi's brother Tony, who was killed in Vietnam. The fund, overseen by Eileen Buscemi and her family, is committed to honoring and supporting veterans and will be contributing toward the cost of these caps.

Thank you to everyone involved in this meaningful effort!

REALLY BAD DAD JOKES

To help you celebrate Father's Day (June 15th)

What kind of shoes do frogs wear?

What happened when two slices of bread went on a date? It was loaf at first sight.

Why do crabs never volunteer? Because they are shell-fish.

I had a quiet game of tennis today. There was no racket.

What's a shark's favorite saying? "Man overboard!"

Why did the electric car feel discriminated against? Because the rules weren't current, I'm such a good navigator, a self-driving car asked me for directions.

Why do melons have weddings? They cantaloupe

What did the bison say to his son when he left the ranch? Bi-son

Watch what you say around the egg whites. They can't take a yolk.

Where did the pumpkins have a meeting? In the gourdroom.

What's the best place to save your dad jokes? In a dadda-base.

I got a new pen that can write under water. It can write other words, too.

My boss said, "dress for the job that you want, not the job that you have." So, I went in as Batman.

What do you call a sheep who can sing and dance? Lady Ba Ba.

Why can't dinosaurs clap their hands? Because they are extinct.

I gave my handyman a to-do list, but he only did jobs 1, 3, and 5. Turns out he only does odd jobs.

Who won the neck decorating contest? It was a tie.

Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? To prism, they have time to reflect on what they've done.

Dogs can't operate MRI machines, but CATscan.

What do mermaids use to wash their fins? Tide.

I went to a silent auction. I won a dog whistle, and two mimes.

How is my wallet like an onion? Every time I open it, I cry.

What do you call a dog who meditates? Aware wolf.

Which vegetable has the best kung fu? Broc-lee.

I was going to try an all-almond diet, but that's just nuts.

What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? Prime mates.

How do you get in touch with a Roman architect? You column.

Why did the coffee call the police? It got mugged.

My dream job would be to clean mirrors. I could really see myself doing that.

Are you feeling cold? Go sit in the corner, it is 90 degrees.

This one you will have to think about:

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon...I'll let you know

NBCC EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 3: Game Day/Picnic at Creekside Park 9 AM to 1 PM. Various special needs groups are invited. *Rescheduled from May.*

Monday, June 9: Board of Directors Meeting at Garber Church 1 pm, Rm. 222. Officers and Directors are asked to please make every effort to attend. *There will be NO Board Meeting in July.* Next meeting after this one is August 11.

Monday, June 9: RCS Shelter Dinner @ 5:45 pm. Some items are still needed for dinner. If you can help, please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/dUenBpr>

Friday, June 13: NBCC Afternoon Meeting at Paula's 11:30 am. Speaker: Gayle Midette (Volunteer Coordinator Oaks Grove Coordinator)

Saturday, June 14: Flag Day

Sunday, June 15: Happy Father's Day

Thursday, June 19: Juneteenth

Friday, June 20: Summer Solstice

Thursday, June 26: NBCC Evening Meeting at Paula's 5:30 pm. Speaker: Jessica Rhue (Planning Division and Building Inspection Division).

Sign up for the Rib Sale before July 2, 2025!



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FACTS ABOUT JUNE



- June has its own beetle named after it. Though you may not have made the connection, the June bug (or June beetle) is named for the month itself. They're only found between May and June in the USA and survive on a mixed diet of plants and shrubbery.
- June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle. Both symbolize all things related to love, desire, generosity, and affection.
- June begins on a different day to every other month of the year.
- June is recognized as National Dairy Month.
- June is National Great Outdoors Month in the United States, encouraging outdoor activities.
- June 6th commemorates the anniversary of D-Day.
- June 8th is World Oceans Day, raises awareness about the importance of our oceans and the need for their conservation.
- June 14th is National Flag Day. A day to honor the Stars and Stripes and reflect on the nation's history and values.
- June 15th is Father's Day. In 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday.
- The Geminid meteor shower, one of the most spectacular meteor showers of the year, occurs in mid-June.
- June is the start of the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs until November.

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.



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