

COMMUNITY

Edgecombe Performance Series to feature Michael Jackson tribute show

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The Edgecombe Performance Series kicks off this evening in the Keihin Auditorium on the Tarboro campus of Edgecombe Community College, and a monumental show is already garnering interest.

“We are excited to serve the community through the 18th season, and we will be bringing a variety of shows,” says Dr. Doneva Chavis, cultural arts director for ECC. “The highlight is ‘Who’s Bad Michael Jackson Tribute Artist.’”

“Who’s Bad” was founded in 2003 as a tribute to Michael Jackson’s musical legacy. Now, as an umbrella organization, Who’s Bad Music boasts a stable of high-energy tribute shows.

The performance series season kicks off with a fan-favorite. “Somewhere Between” returns for a third year at 7 p.m. today. Tracy Farmer, W.C. Allen, Dennis Winstead, Brad Batchelor and Scott Hartness will bring their unique bluegrass sound to the Keihin Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

Chavis noted that last year’s “Elvis is in the Building” was almost a sell-out, so she expects this year’s season opener to be similarly well-attended.

Another highlight of the



performance series will bring the campus to life on Nov. 8.

Chavis says the free all-day event will feature the dance, music, art and history of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe as a part of Native American Heritage Month. The event is open to the public.

Other performances for the 18th season include:

■ “Frosty” on Nov. 15 at 5:45 p.m. A young orphan named Billy discovers magic in a stolen hat. When he places the hat on a snowman’s head, the snowman comes to life. But can Frosty the Snowman help Billy find his real family in time for Christmas? There will be a special performance for Edgecombe County Public Schools at 10:45 a.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

■ “North Carolina Symphony Holiday Pops” on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. An all-time traditional favorite for the Tarboro area, the performance will ring in the holiday season. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

■ “Black History through Gospel Music and Theater” on Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. Attendees can enjoy the spirit-filled and

powerful influence of gospel music. The evolution of African American culture and music will be explored through historical milestones. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

■ New York Theatre Ballet performing signature works by master choreographers for the public on March 13 at 7 p.m. Admission is free to the public, but tickets are still required.

■ “Who’s Bad” on April 19 at 7 p.m. Season ticket holders will be able to meet the artist. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for students.

The Tarboro Choral Society and Orchestra on May 2 and May 4 at 7 p.m. Tickets are required, but admission is free for this event.

Tickets for the Edgecombe Performance Series are available at the ECC Box Office on the Tarboro campus, by contacting tickets@edgecome.edu, or online at etix.com (keyword: edgecombe).

Season ticket holders can enjoy a reception in the Cummins Conference Room located next to the Keihin Auditorium for some of the shows. Prices for season tickets are \$90 for adults and \$80 for students.

For more information about the Edgecombe Performance Series, contact Chavis at (252) 618-6618 or chavisd@edgecombe.edu.



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The Edgecombe Performance Series at Edgecombe Community College, will feature a Show called ‘Who’s Bad’ with a Michael Jackson tribute artist on April 19.

A glimpse into the commitment to train our workforce

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My first day with Edgecombe Community College was Aug. 19. A little more than one month on the job, I can recall ECC President, Dr. Greg McLeod, asking, “What should we be telling the world about ECC?”

Let’s start with ECC’s growth and the potential for success for high school students. We are continuing to rebound in enrollment since the 2020-21 academic year when the coronavirus pandemic interrupted the educational progress of many current and potential students. However,



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enrollment is up approximately 4 percent for the fall semester compared to our enrollment at the same time last fall. More than 1,600 students are currently enrolled. Approximately one-third of those students (557) are high school students taking at least one college class this semester, representing our largest number of students taking advantage of dual enrollment.

ECC is not only preparing students through its diploma and degree credentialing programs,

the college also provides services to the public, helping students gain hands-on experience. For example, our esthetics students began taking appointments Sept. 17 for facials. Other services provided by the college’s cosmetic arts department range from barbering and natural hair care, to manicures and pedicures.

Preparation for those in our allied health programs, such as emergency medical services, nursing, respiratory therapy, surgical technology and radiology, is of the utmost significance for real-life crisis events. That’s why ECC is teaming up with external organizations to hold a mass casualty training exercise from

9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Rocky Mount Fire Training Grounds and the Lamm Building on the Rocky Mount campus. The event will require medical and fire assistance, all aimed at enhancing response and collaborative skills.

As a community training partner, ECC is in the process of working with Natron Energy, Edgecombe County and other colleges and universities to plan the training needed for the first sodium-ion battery gigafactory in the U.S., to be located at the Kingsboro megasite. ECC is excited to play a pivotal role in preparing the workforce for this company.

In Memory of Berry Anderson Sr. Presents the 38th Annual ECC Foundation Golf Tournament is Oct. 3 at the Maccriline Country Club in Pinetops. Thanks to sponsors, donors and players for their monetary contributions, as well as various organizations for their in-kind contributions.

There’s not enough space to tout all the positive aspects of ECC, but I hope this gives a glimpse into our commitment to enrich educational and training opportunities in the community.

Tameka Kenan-Norman is the executive director of public information and institutional advancement at Edgecombe Community College.

Today

High: 84 Low: 65
Pleasant with times of clouds and sun

Sunday

High: 83 Low: 64
Humid; a t-storm around in the p.m.

Monday

High: 80 Low: 60
Intervals of clouds and sunshine

Tuesday

High: 80 Low: 65
Some sun; thunderstorms at night

Wednesday

High: 82 Low: 63
Low clouds and humid

Thursday

High: 81 Low: 59
Partly sunny and humid

Friday

High: 80 Low: 62
Mostly sunny

The Region

Summary: Pleasant today with some sun. Winds east-southeast 3-6 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Winds southwest 3-6 mph. A thunderstorm in spots tomorrow.

	Today	Sunday
Sunrise.....	6:59 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Sunset.....	7:09 p.m.	7:08 p.m.
Moonrise.....	9:21 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
Moonset.....	11:09 a.m.	12:24 p.m.

Last

New

First

Full

Sep 24

Oct 2

Oct 10

Oct 17

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The Nation Saturday, September 21

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Shows

T-storms

Rain

Flurries

Snow

Ice

Cold

Warm

Stationary

	Today	Sunday
Boston	64 59 sh	63 55 pc
Dallas	97 76 s	95 68 s
Denver	68 41 t	53 46 r
Grand Forks	66 43 s	68 43 s
Honolulu	88 75 sh	89 74 sh
Houston	95 74 s	94 73 s
Las Vegas	90 69 s	94 70 s
Louisville	94 72 pc	87 70 t
Minneapolis	80/53	
New Orleans	94 75 s	91 75 s
Orlando	88 73 t	89 72 t
Philadelphia	82 63 pc	75 59 pc
Phoenix	92 73 s	99 76 s
Pittsburgh	84 59 pc	84 63 pc
St. Louis	86 72 t	84 67 t
San Diego	73 65 s	76 65 s
Tampa	92 74 t	92 74 t

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