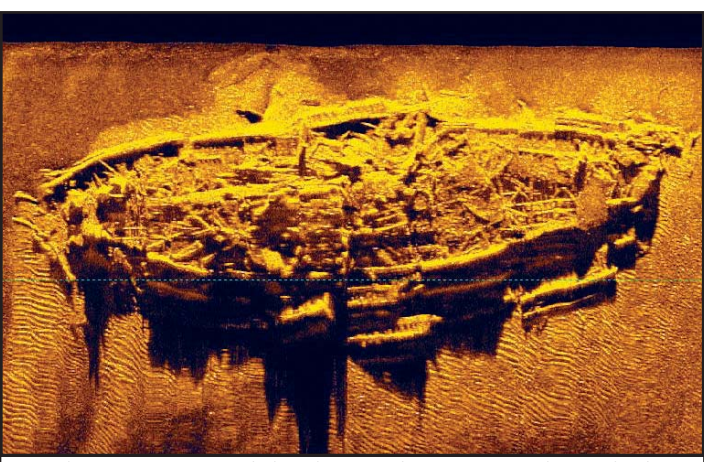


The Pee Dee WALL (Water, Air, Land and Lives) organization will meet on Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. The meeting agenda will include updates on coal ash and gas fracking. The meetings are free and open to the public. For more information contact Denise Lee at 704-826-6324 or visit www.peedeewall.org.



This is an image of the shipwreck resting on the seabed.

Significant Civil War-Era Shipwreck Discovered Near Oak Island, NC

Another pearl in the form of a large iron-hulled Civil War era steamer has been discovered in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of NC near Oak Island. Researchers and archaeologists from the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology and the Institute of International Maritime Research made the discovery Saturday, February 27 during sonar operations.

The vessel is believed to possibly be the remains of one of three blockade runners used to penetrate the wall of Union naval vessels blocking the port of Wilmington during the Civil War. The goal of the Union blockade was to keep supplies from reaching the Confederacy through one of its most important ports and to prevent the export of cotton and other marketable items by the Southerners. The wreck is located 27 miles downstream from Wilmington near Fort Caswell at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, and is the first Civil War-era vessel discovered in the area in decades.

"A new runner is a really big deal," said Billy Ray Morris, Deputy State Archaeologist-Underwater and Director of the Underwater Archaeology Branch. "The state of preservation on this wreck is among the best we've ever had."

Researchers will continue working to positively identify the vessel. Three blockade runners are known to have been lost in the area, the Agnes E. Fry, Spunkie and Georgianna McCaw. These operations are part of a major project funded by the National Park Service through the American Battlefield Protection Program.

Historical, cartographic and archaeological resources have been examined for the past two years to better understand the maritime components of the Fort Fisher campaign. Fortifications protected both entrances to the Cape Fear River from the Atlantic and were critical in keeping open a lifeline to the Confederacy until Fort Fisher fell in January 1865.

Researchers aboard the Research Vessel Atlantic Surveyor recorded the complete hull of the vessel. Students from the East Carolina University Maritime Studies Program will join the team as they continue gathering data on the new site as the weather permits.

The Underwater Archaeology Branch within the Office of State Archaeology is part of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration 2016-2017

Pre-Kindergarten Registration will be held this year at the Elementary School in the attendance area where the child lives. Please check the dates and times below for the school your child will be attending. You must register in your residing district.

Ansonville Elementary School March 24, 9 to 11 a.m.

Wadesboro Primary School March 24, 9 to 11 a.m.

Lilesville Elementary School April 8, 9 to 11 a.m.

Morven Elementary School April 14, 9 to 11 a.m.

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School April 22, 9 to 11 a.m.

To attend Kindergarten your child has to be 5 on or before August 31, 2016. North Carolina Law requires a CERTIFIED birth certificate (hospital/mother's copy birth certificates will not be accepted). Prior to the Pre-kindergarten registration clinics, forms can be picked up at the elementary school or on the Anson County Schools website under the Parent and Student Resources link.

Anson County also requires at least 2 proofs of residence (911 address on Driver's License, address on a bill, etc.) to place the child in the proper attendance area.

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING:

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2. Shot Record
3. Social Security Card for the student
4. Health Assessment (if already completed)
5. At least two (2) proofs of residence showing your 911 address

We look forward to seeing you as you register your child for Pre-kindergarten. If you have questions, please call the school in your attendance area and speak to the school nurse.

North Carolina Zoo Welcomes New Polar Bear



The North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro is hosting a celebration welcoming North Carolina Zoo's brand new polar bear, Nikita, this Thursday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz, N.C. Zoo Director Pat Simmons and other local dignitaries will be on hand for the ceremony. Nikita, who is 9 years old, arrived at the N.C. Zoo earlier last month from the Kansas

City Zoo to join female, Anana, in the N.C. Zoo's Rocky Coast Polar Exhibit.

"I am delighted to welcome Nikita to North Carolina," said Secretary Kluttz. "After quarantine, Nikita and Anana appear to be getting along very well. Our hope is to welcome a new polar bear cub one day soon." Nikita's move was recommended by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan Program, which manages animal populations in zoos.

Less than 20 percent of AZA accredited zoos have polar bears, and only 60 polar bears are on exhibit in the United States. This means that all polar bears in zoos are genetically important for the species. Nikita was born at the Toledo Zoo. He arrived in Kansas City in 2010 when he was 3 years old. Anana, whose name means "beautiful" in Inuit, was born at the Seneca Park Zoo (Rochester, N.Y.) in November 1999. She arrived at the Lincoln Park Zoo in 2001 and was moved to the North Carolina Zoo in September 2014.

About the North Carolina Zoo The North Carolina Zoo provides an experience like no other zoo anywhere. With five miles of exhibits, nearly 2,000 animals and 52,000 plants it is the largest natural habitat zoo in the world and an international leader in wildlife conservation.

Find yourself surrounded by some of Africa's giants including elephants, rhinos, and giraffes; share the love of gorillas with Mosuba and his six-member troop; welcome polar bear Nikita as he joins Anana in polar plunges every day at their Rocky Coast Exhibit; or join in the fun at the mud café in the Kidzone.

Located in center of the state in Asheboro, it is convenient to visit from anywhere in North Carolina. From Wadesboro it is only about an hour drive. The North Carolina Zoo welcomes nearly 750,000 guests each year. Plan your adventure at www.nczoo.org.



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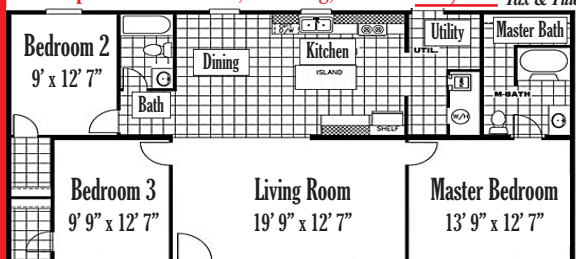
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