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## Birthday Edition!

--- BELHAVEN'S ACCIDENTAL NEWSPAPER CELEBRATES ONE FULL YEAEER ---

As March passes by, and that lamb-soft-ness of the season starts to wander through the shores and coves within our little gem of a spot, *we approach a major milestone.* I stand outside my shop, thinking of things past, and of those many things to come...

It's so strange to think of the future, in how and why and what to build. And I begin a quiet reflection, of Belhaven, of Spring, of the damp air and the spring flowers. I look around, watch the sun as it glitters on the ever-changing angles of the water...

The breeze hits my face and for a moment, the wind, the air in my ears, it sings - soft and lovely like Spring tends to

be... a little damp, like something just waking up from a long nap. The sound of the chimes comes through the air, with the soft

long hair. I can feel it *tugging*, telling me to pivot: 'look, Ninja... just look at all of the beauty.'

*The Chimes of Charm*  
... and waves of reflection ...

As I turn again, pivoting into that soft, salty breeze, *I realize*, it's the feeling... of Magic that only Belhaven holds.

Something you *can't easily see* with your eyes. Or, perhaps, you just see those sparkles as they reflect the ever-changing warm light off the water. And my ears again fill with the songs of the chimes. I close my eyes, *open that door*, and let my insides feel that Magic, let my fingers and my toes, and even those fluttering ends of the curls at the ends of the long hair really **FEEL**.

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**\* \* \* C O M M U N I T Y N O T E \* \* \***

**COOPERAGE SITE PROJECT - RFQ**  
The Town of Belhaven seeks a plan for the 32-acre Cooperage site at the entrance to our small town on Main St / Rt. 264. Everyone has noticed: the new boat launch right next to the Cooperage Site is looking so very close to finished, and

the weather has turned in our favor. Residents and visitors alike are eager to make use of the new facilities and that project is slated to be finishing up in the coming weeks. It won't be long before we'll have parking for trailers and trucks - perfect for the country's **250th 4th of July Celebration.** [Continued on page 8]

**HERMIT THE CRAB!!**

Hermit is our friendly, but very shy crab! He's hiding in this issue! Did you see him looking like a crab-star atop a tree on page 11 - perhaps he was trying to dance with the penguins! Do you think you might find him in this edition?



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- TEACH  
LOVE, SEE  
LOVE. --

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again, face to the sun, eyes still closed... I feel the warmth of its kisses on my face, light and happy.

whole thought makes my insides sing a bit, kind of like the songs of those chimes I hear in the wind.

That's the kind of receipt that

*Magic - and love -*  
leave.

**D**eepest breath now... **slow.** I let the Magic out, releasing it for another to enjoy. For that's the thing about the feeling of Belhaven -- it can't be kept... or housed, or really even shown. I believe there is a solemn truth in knowing it must be *found*. You see, this kind of Magic -- it's not the kind you can fully capture in a picture. Or a sentence. Not a sound, or even a specific spot where it all is housed, like the Magical Headquarters of Belhaven or something. Darn though, I think, perhaps you could imagine with me what a headquarters like that might look like -- that

**R**egardless of where it lives - here, there, or anywhere in between - I can promise you this: The only receipt left to find is the one in your mind, of the taste and smell, the softness or electricity in it. *That's the kind of receipt Magic - and love - leave.*

This issue marks **an important milestone** for **The Belhaven Bizarre**. I know many of you have been following me along the path that's unfolding, all entirely organically, before me. I am nothing short of [Continued on page 11 >>>>>>>]

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Life is heavy enough.  
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*Rose Anne Bynum*  
Rose Anne Bynum

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## NORTH CAROLINA & THE WAR AGAINST KING GEORGE III

**MAY 20, 1- 3:15 PM**  
**OLD TOWN HALL**  
**213 E MAIN ST**  
**BELHAVEN, NC**

Four historians share stories of North Carolina's important role in securing independence from Britain

**Guest Speaker:**  
Mike Goodwin, Belhaven  
Bill Barber, Roper  
Earl James, Wendell  
Chris Barber, Roper

Presented by The Belhaven History Project in honor of America's 250th Anniversary



All are welcome  
to this free event



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Did you know that you can sponsor a kid for any of our local Belhaven Library camps or events? Maybe you have a kiddo, or more, or maybe you don't. Know that there are children in our community who would greatly appreciate being able to attend any of our community events -- consider investing in our children! Ready or not, they WILL be our future!

<p>*12-4p</p> <p>TRAIN DAYS - Caboose Garden</p>	<p>*11a</p> <p>Tech Class - Library</p>	<p>*9,30a-12,30p</p> <p>Painting Tuesdays - Turnage</p> <p>Chair Exercises - Senior CTR</p> <p>Tech Class - Library</p> <p>Chair Yoga - RB</p> <p>Multi-Level Yoga - RB</p>	<p>*11,30a-1p</p> <p>Ripe for Rival - Farmer's Market</p> <p>Rotary Meeting - Fishhooks</p> <p>West Coast Swing - Washington CC</p>	<p>*10a</p> <p>Chair Exercises - Senior Ctr</p> <p>LEGO Club - Library</p> <p>Thirsty Thursday - RB</p> <p>Human Relations Commission</p> <p>Belhaven Vol Fire Dept - Fire DEPT</p> <p>Weekly Jams - Turnage</p>	<p>MOON 1</p> <p>Brew Fest - Battle of Bands - ICW</p> <p>MAY DAY</p>	<p>*10a-3p</p> <p>TRAIN DAYS - Caboose Garden</p> <p>Brew Fest - Battle of Bands - ICW</p> <p>Yarn Circle - RB</p> <p>Karaoke Night - El Mariachi</p> <p>Open Mic - RB</p>
<p>*10a</p> <p>64th Homecoming Riddick Church</p>	<p>*11a</p> <p>Tech Class - Library</p> <p>Town Council Meeting - 225 W Pantego</p>	<p>*9,30a-12,30p</p> <p>Painting Tuesdays - Turnage</p> <p>Chair Exercises - Senior CTR</p> <p>Tech Class - Library</p> <p>Chair Yoga - RB</p> <p>Multi-Level Yoga - RB</p>	<p>*10,30a</p> <p>Storytime - Library</p> <p>Ripe for Rival - Main St. Mkt</p> <p>Rotary Meeting - Fishhooks</p> <p>Trivia Night - RB</p>	<p>*10a</p> <p>Chair Exercises - Senior Ctr</p> <p>LEGO Club - Library</p> <p>Thirsty Thursday - RB</p> <p>Pickleball - RFM</p> <p>Weekly Jams - Turnage</p>	<p>64th Homecoming</p> <p>Annual Banquet - BCAC</p>	<p>*9,30a</p> <p>Multi-Level Yoga - RB</p> <p>Yarn Circle - RB</p> <p>Korokke Night - El Mariachi</p>
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- CHARM IS TIME-  
LESS IN A WORLD OF  
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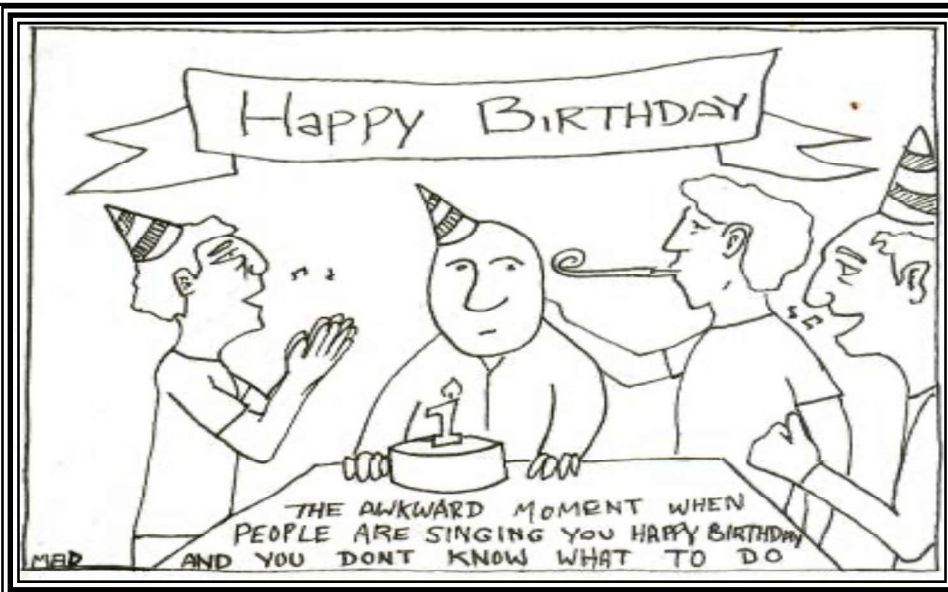
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## -- THANK YOU METAL --

This month, I'd like to offer a warm welcome to MAD Metal who will be contributing our comic art monthly. You know, it's pretty amazing when I look around our tiny town and see just how much pure talent there is. And, we should all take more time out of our day to appreciate what another has to offer the world with their talent and time.

A BIG THANK YOU, METAL!, for your time and your talent.

Do you have a talent? Or, perhaps you have time? Let's be more like Metal... Come on in and talk to me about what you might be willing to contribute to this here small.



## Free Small Business Counseling

**Jack Dugan, Director**  
**(252) 940-6306**



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## MORE INFO ON EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!



**Jesus is Lord!**

**PEACHTREE RV PARK**

246 West Pantego St · Belhaven, NC

For more Information  
**252-943-4227**  
or  
**252-702-9691**

### CONCERT SERIES

**2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAYS – Belhaven Harbor Park**  
*Waterfront*

**COST: --**

Starting on March 14<sup>th</sup> this month, the **Machapunga Music Series** is back in full swing. The **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month will have live music at our outdoor stage. Come by boat, come by bike, or even buggy, but you should come down and boogie at the best spot Belhaven has to enjoy our beautiful outdoor space.

### TECHNOLOGY CLASS

**11 AM – MONDAYS – Belhaven Library**  
*333 Main St. Belhaven, NC*

**COST: FREE**

Join the **Belhaven Library** as they host Technology Classes available to the community. Class is on Monday at 11am. Bring questions for help on things in the technology realm.

### –STORYTIME –

**10.30 AM – 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday – Belhaven Library**

*333 Main St. Belhaven, NC*

**COST: FREE**

Join the **Belhaven Library** as they host story time. These fun dates are available to the community at no cost. Class is on Monday at 11am. Bring questions Bring your child to experience wonder through reading every week, or just when you can!

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAYS @ 7PM**

**Belhaven Fire Station - 7PM – 245 Haslin St.**

The Belhaven Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking new volunteers. This is a great way to give back to your community and have a lasting impact on people's lives. The current

positions that they are looking to fill include:  
\* Interior Firefighter \* Exterior Firefighter \* Unit Drive / Operator \* CPR / First Aid \* Safety Officers \* Administrative Officers.

Please, if you have a skill that could benefit our community, go and talk to our local Fire Department. You can find applications at the Town Hall or at [www.townofbelhaven.com](http://www.townofbelhaven.com)

### CHAIR EXERCISES on TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

**Belhaven Senior Center - 10am**

*Located next to the Belhaven Memorial Museum – in the same building!*

**COST: Free – Donations accepted**

Get your day started out right. We all know that the doctors tell us “if we don't move it, we lose it!” So, come out and have a nice morning getting moving with chair exercises and some great company. Join the Senior Center Club were we can get moving in a fun and safe way!

### RIPE FOR REVIVAL - MARKET on WEDNESDAYS 11.30a-1p

**– Main St. Market –**

**COST: Pay What you Can**

Every Wednesday at the Main St. Market from 11.30am – 1pm Ripe for Revival offers fresh eggs, produce, and more. You can come and pay what you can. What's for Dinner??

If you need to use this service and you are unable to get there, please call Glitter & Grace (ahead of time is better) and we'll arrange transportation for you.

**WEST COAST SWING – W/ DEBBIE – Washington Yacht & Country Club – 7155 River Rd. Washington, NC**

**COST: \$10 per person – cash**

Join **Dancing with Debbie** on the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Classes are held at the **Washington Yacht & Country Club** on the

dance floor in the main dining room. Pay when you get there, arrive around 6 to eat first with the group, or have a drink. Class starts around 6.30pm. Bring a partner or come alone!

### – SATURDAY KARAOKE – EL MARIACHI

**Every Saturday is Karaoke Night at El Mariachi!**  
*Pamlico St.*

**COST: FREE**

Every Saturday night is Karaoke Night at El Mariachi. The bar is open late until 1AM, and there are different drink specials every weekend! There's no cost to participate so stop in for a great meal, a drink, and a fun time.

### THIRSTY THURSDAYS!!!!

**4 pm – 6 pm – Riverbend Art Center**  
*467 Pamlico St.*

*To Register Call 252.495.8671*

**COST:**

RiverBend Cultural Art Center is enacting **Thirsty Thursdays** starting on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Stop in and enjoy drink specials and a lovely social hour at **RiverBend** to ease into the weekend.

### YARN CIRCLE

**3 pm – 5 pm – Riverbend Art Center**  
*467 Pamlico St.*

**COST: --**

Bring your own knitting or crochet to join in on the yarn circle at RiverBend each Saturday afternoon. The group will meet from 3 pm to 5pm each Saturday. What a great way to learn some new skills, share your creations with others, get some new ideas, and perhaps even a few friend or two!

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### PAMLICO WRITERS GROUP TURNAGE THEATER

7 - 9 pm monthly

150 W Main St. Washington, NC

Please enter through the front doors.

Looking for inspiration? Join the Pamlico Writers Group for a fun and creative Prompt Writing Session!

Each month, participants take on a new writing challenge designed to spark ideas and stretch your imagination. Whether it's weaving together random words, responding to a thought-provoking phrase, or crafting a poem on the spot, no two sessions are ever the same.

This is a low-pressure, supportive space—perfect for writers of all levels to experiment, share, and grow their craft. Bring your notebook, laptop, or just your creativity, and see where the prompt takes you!

### TUESDAY PAINTERS TURNAGE THEATER

9:30 am - 12:30 pm every Tuesday

150 W Main St. Washington, NC

Please enter through the front doors.

Bring your art and join a welcoming community

of creatives! Whether you're just getting started or a seasoned artist, Tuesday Painters is your space to create, connect, and be inspired. All mediums welcome. Artists of all levels encouraged to join. Spend your Tuesday mornings in a beautiful, creative atmosphere at the Historical Turnage Theatre.

### THURSDAY JAMS TURNAGE THEATER WEEKLY JAMS W BCTMA

6 - 8 pm every Thursday

150 W Main St. Washington, NC

Please enter through the front doors.

This is a weekly jam session held every Thursday. No ticket or RSVP required. Just show up and join in!

Come jam with us! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned musician, the Beaufort County Traditional Music Association (BCTMA) welcomes all skill levels for these free, open jam sessions. Bring your instrument, your voice, or just your love of music! This is a laid-back, community-driven space to enjoy traditional music, meet fellow music lovers, and have a great time in the heart of our historic theatre.

Did you know? BCTMA also hosts open jams on Saturday mornings in the same space!

### April 10<sup>th</sup> BUNKO NIGHT

7 PM - Riverbend Art Center

467 Pamlico St.

To Register Call 252.495.8671

**COST:** \$5 pre-registration is required for this event!

RiverBend Cultural Art Center will be hosting BUNKO night. The fun begins at 7pm and you will need to pre-register to get in on the fun!

### April 11<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SEED TO SOW

Pitch Contest

ALL DAY - BCCC Building 8

The Beaufort County Community College and Duke Energy are hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seed to Sow Pitch Contest for small business start-up or small business expansion funding. Stay tuned, The Belhaven Bizarre will be one of the many presentations being pitched throughout the day! Winners will be announced in next month's edition.

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# Paradise on the Pungo!

## Locals know there's no place like Belhaven!

The water, the town, the people — it's all part of what makes our area special. Now you can share it with the people you love.

Paradise on the Pungo is a welcoming riverfront short-term rental just minutes from Belhaven.

Fishing, crabbing & paddle boarding right off the dock

- Mooring whips to tether a boat
- See dolphins, herons, stingrays — and maybe a bear!
- Covered pavilion for breezy dining and relaxing
- Close to Belhaven's shops, restaurants, brewery & marina



Scan  
to book  
or share!



CHARM IS THE INVISIBLE  
CROWN WE CAN ALL  
WEAR.

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April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Rise up 4 RECOVERY

2.30 pm – 8 pm Belhaven Harbor Stage

Come out for an afternoon and evening of fun with the entire family. Rise Up4 Recovery is hosting a springtime event featuring community, hope, and live music for everyone to enjoy. There will be many live performers and this is an event you can enjoy at any age. Come by boat, come by bike, golf cart – or even by buggy. However you come, come with a smile and an appetite!

April 15<sup>th</sup>

### TRIVIA NIGHT

7.30 pm – Riverbend Art Center

467 Pamlico St.

To Register Call 252.495.8671

**COST:** \$5 cover pre-registration is required RiverBend Cultural Art Center will be hosting TRIVIA night – a fan favorite! The battles begin at 7.30pm and you must pre-register your team!

April 17<sup>th</sup>

### GLOW – Wine Beauty Night

5.30 PM – Backroom Wine Shop

252 Pamlico St.

To Register Call 252.945.9957

[Dianaascosta.glossgenius.com](mailto:Dianaascosta.glossgenius.com)

**COST:** Please reach out for more information Esthetician **Diana Ascosta**, has paired with **The Backroom Wine Shop** to present a “Glow” Event. Enjoy a Wine Beauty Night complete with music, exclusive packages, special pricing, gifts — and of course, WINE!

Leave with a glow fit for Spring. See contact information above for more information or stop in at the Backroom!

April 18<sup>th</sup>

### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

#### Pre-Earth Day Community Clean Up

7 AM – 10 AM

Meet at the Multipurpose Building, Pantego St. Join your neighbors and community members and come out for our Community Pre-Earth Day Clean Up. Starting at 7am and going through the morning until about 10am, meet with allies at the Multipurpose Building on Pantego St. Get some fresh air, some morning activity, and let’s work together to clean up our outdoor space before the busy summer season. If we all do a little bit, it’ll be pristine in no time! Supplies are provided: vests, trash pickers, gloves, water, snacks, and trash bags.

(RAIN DATE: APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>)

### REMINDER – APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> is Tax DAY – YAY, ADULTS ONWARD!

April 24<sup>th</sup>

### NEW - GAME NIGHT – NEW

7 pm – Riverbend Art Center

467 Pamlico St.

To Register Call 252.495.8671

**COST:** \$5 cover pre-registration is required RiverBend Cultural Art Center will be adding GAME NIGHT! Start time is 7 PM.

April 25<sup>th</sup>

### RABIES VACCINE CLINIC

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Market on Main St.

**COST:** \$7 per animal

The annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held at the Farmer’s Market / Main St. Market at 9am on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bring your pet’s previous rabies certificate to receive a 3-year vaccine! If you are unable to make it out to the clinic on during this time, 1 year rabies vaccines are offered by Betsy Bailey Nelson Animal Shelter Monday – Friday each week. Protect your pet!

April 25<sup>th</sup>

### PARENT POWER WORKSHOP

1 PM – 3 PM – Grace Martin Hartwell Senior Cntr

310 W Main St., Washington – NC

For More Info: 252.947.1245

[www.EsteemConsultingInc.com](http://www.EsteemConsultingInc.com)

**COST:**

**Dr. Debra Windley**, founder of **ESTEEM Counseling Inc.**, will be hosting an informative workshop designed just for parents. Come to the Grace Martin Hartwell Senior Club to get information on how to manage and navigate today’s school systems. Information will lead into practice scenario examples for discussion and role playing activities as we learn how to best support our children. Some of the topics covered in this informative workshop include: Navigating school meetings effectively, retention concerns and how to handle them, Special Needs Services and how to best leverage them, and year end testing skills and tools to help your child not just succeed, but thrive.

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## \* \* \* COMMUNITY NOTE \* \* \*

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The Town of Belhaven is moving forward with plans to reimagine the historic 32-acre Cooperage site on Pantego Creek, and community input will play a central role in shaping its future.

### What’s Happening

The Town has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking a planning firm to develop a master plan for the former Interstate Cooperage Mill property — the waterfront site at the gateway into Belhaven best known for its iconic brick smokestack. The property includes a mix of wetlands, undeveloped trails, a cemetery, cleared high ground, and a newly developed NC Wildlife Resources Commission boating access area, all located less than a mile from downtown.

The goal is to create a mixed-use master plan that benefits the local economy while honoring the site’s historic and environmental character. The final plan will include proposed projects, site plans with imagery, a development timeline, and budget estimates.

### How Residents Can Get Involved

Public engagement is a required part of the planning process. At minimum, at least one public meeting will be held where citizens can share their opinions and ideas. Public surveys are also expected. The Town’s elected officials and administration will also have input throughout the process.

### Timeline

- May 1, 2026 — Deadline for planning firms to submit qualifications
- June 30, 2026 — Firm to be selected
- December 31, 2026 — Plan to be completed

### Budget

The project is funded by a \$20,000 technical assistance grant from the Brownfields Redevelopment Section of the NC Department of Environmental

### Quality.

### Questions?

Residents and interested parties can contact Town Manager Lynn Davis at 252-943-3055 or [ldavis@townofbelhaven.com](mailto:ldavis@townofbelhaven.com).

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--- I HAVE RECEIVED THAT SAME GRACE FROM YOU ALL, THE PATIENCE IN...

-- THANK YOU, FOR  
CHOOSING TO BE KIND  
TO ANOTHER. --

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## ADDITIONAL EVENT INFO CONTINUED

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**LIVE LOCAL MUSIC**

**7.30 PM - Riverbend Art Center**

*467 Pamlico St.*

**COST:** \$5

Come on out to RiverBend Cultural Arts Center at 7.30 PM to enjoy live local music and great company.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**MED-SOUTH Cooking Class**

**Mediterranean Cooking Experience**

**6 PM - 8:00 PM - Mt. Olive Church of Christ**

*39353 US-264, Belhaven, NC 27810*

Enroll in the Med-South Lifestyle Program. This is a Mediterranean Cooking Experience. This event will be held at the **Mt. Olive Church of Christ** in Belhaven. This is the fourth class in the Med-South Lifestyle Program and the program's schedule of activities will be released this month, or - join in on the fun and find out more in the class held on March 31<sup>st</sup>!

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NATIONAL TRAIN DAYS**

**TOY TRAINS OF BELHAVEN**

**10 AM - 3 PM SAT**

**12 PM - 4PM SUN**

**Caboose Garden - 125 W Main St.t**

*For More Information follow their FB Page*

**COST: FREE**

**The Toy Trains of Belhaven** invites you to join them in celebrating **National Train Days!** Explore the importance of railroads to the founding of our town and to the development of our nation. There will be caboose tours, historic train displays, memorabilia, and outdoor model electric trains - even some for young engineers to operate! Steam powered trains will be set up and running on a special track for this event, you really shouldn't miss this educational and fun expo!

**May 8<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**64<sup>th</sup> Annual HOMECOMING**

**Honoring 64 years of Service & Scholarship**

*Updates will be posted at:*

*www.belhavenhighschoolalumni.com*

**Parade - May 9<sup>th</sup> - 11 AM -**

Sponsor an entry - contact:

Peaches: 252-943-4227

Clyde: 252-702-9691

**Annual Banquet - May 9<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM - BCAC**

**Advance Tickets: \$55**

After April 15<sup>th</sup> - \$60

**Alumni Festival - May 10<sup>th</sup> 12 - 5 PM - BCAC**

**VENDORS -**

Classes: \$35

Non-Food: \$50

Food: \$100

**CONTACT:**

Clyde: 252-702-9691

Peaches: 252-943-4227

Al: 252-945-1272

**Alumni Warship - May 11<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM**

**Souvenir Book - Full page \$50 BW / \$100 color**

Half Page - \$40 BW / \$80 color

See any member or mail:

Belhaven Alumni Club

PO Box 121

Belhaven, NC 27810

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANT SALE**

**8.30 AM - 1 PM - Main St. Market**

*For More Information Call (252)944-5538*

**COST:** pre-registration is required for this event!

**Trinity Methodist Church** is hosting a **PLANT SALE** at the Main Street Market. This Spring event will be held from 8.30 AM until 1 PM. All proceeds from this event go towards the Church's missions. !

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**SPECIAL**

**BELHAVEN HISTORY PROJECT**

**PRESENTATION @ the old Town Hall**

**1 PM - 3:15 PM - 213 E Main St.**

**COST: FREE**

**The Belhaven History Project** presents an afternoon of learning! Four Historians will be presenting special stories and the history of **The War Against King Charles II**. Bring the whole family out for an interactive special event in honor of America's **250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

**THE CENTURIOUS SENATOR**

**TURNAGE THEATER**

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**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY**

**BELHAVEN STYLE**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**CAR SHOW**

Belhaven NC Independence Day Car and Truck show. Contact Wayne for more information: [thepenss257@gmail.com](mailto:thepenss257@gmail.com)

*For More Information Call (252)944-5538*

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-- CARNIVAL --

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- 'Dixie Twister' ride
- Huge Slide
- Contests
- Prizes
- Food Vendors
- Craft Vendors
- AND MORE BEING ADDED

(please send 4<sup>th</sup> of July schedule updates and additions to: [belhavenbizarre+4th@gmail.com](mailto:belhavenbizarre+4th@gmail.com))

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## EMPLOYMENT ADS

### TOWN OF BELHAVEN

#### Police Officer

Serve and protect the Belhaven community. Patrol duties include traffic enforcement, crime prevention, and emergency response. Full training provided at state academy. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plan, take-home vehicle, and paid holidays.

Contact: (252) 943-3055 Chief Wesley Waters, PO Box 220 Belhaven, NC or email [wwaters@townofbelhaven.com](mailto:wwaters@townofbelhaven.com)

#### Police Officer (Part-time) (NEW added 2/19/2025)

Part-time law enforcement position with the Town of Belhaven. Evening and weekend patrol duties. Perfect for supplemental income or students. Training provided. Competitive hourly wage.

Contact: (252) 943-3055 Chief Wesley Waters, PO Box 220 Belhaven, NC or email [wwaters@townofbelhaven.com](mailto:wwaters@townofbelhaven.com)

### BEAUFORT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

#### Deputy Sheriff – Bailiff -Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Applicants for this position must have the ability to remain focused under stressful situations. This position is held at the county courthouse and A Bailiff is responsible for courtroom security by maintaining order and security within the courtroom and related areas, ensuring the safety of judges, jurors, witnesses and the public. Responsible for opening and closing of the court, jury management by providing information and escort when needed. Applicant must demonstrate good communication skills in court, deliver legal papers such as warrants, subpoenas and court orders.

#### Deputy Sheriff – Patrol Division – Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

work rotating 12-hour shifts (day and night), medi-

ate disputes and advise citizens of rights and processes, demonstrate good communication skills. Work in the field daily and help keep the community safe while acting as a first line of defence in situations when the public's safety is at risk. Wide range of skills necessary for this position. Submit a completed Beaufort County Sheriff's Office employment packet to **Kathy Dickinson, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, 210 North Market Street, Washington, N.C., 27889.** Application packets can be found on the Sheriff's Office website at [www.beaufortcountysheriff.org](http://www.beaufortcountysheriff.org) OR in person at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

#### Detention Officer - Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

Work at Beaufort County Jail ensuring safety and security. Monitor inmates, conduct searches, maintain records. State certification required. Shift work with overtime opportunities. Full benefits package including health insurance and retirement. Submit a completed Beaufort County Sheriff's Office employment packet to **Kathy Dickinson, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, 210 North Market Street, Washington, N.C., 27889.** Application packets can be found on the Sheriff's Office website at [www.beaufortcountysheriff.org](http://www.beaufortcountysheriff.org) OR in person at the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

#### Advanced EMT or Paramedic – Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services

Performs appropriate level life support work in the Emergency Medical Services program. Work involves responding to the scene of emergency applying necessary medical treatment of sick or injured persons and transporting persons to a medical facility. Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/beaufortcounty>

#### Environmental Health Technician (Seasonal Mosquito Sprayer) - Beaufort County Health Department

This is a temporary seasonal mosquito control position at the Beaufort County Health Department. This position will conduct mosquito spraying at night in areas designated by mosquito control staff within the department. A Valid NC Driver's license is required. Work hours will vary dependent upon mosquito populations for the months of June through October. Applicant must be available 7 days a week if needed. Mail Application To: Beaufort County Health Department Attn: S Graham, 1436 Highland Dr. Washington, NC 27889 OR Fax (252) 946-8430. Applications must be submitted on the state PD107 form.

#### Telecommunicator - Beaufort County Sheriff's Office

The 911 Telecommunicator works in the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office enhanced 911 Communications Center. Answers incoming 911 calls, non-emergency administrative lines, and obtains and properly verifies the location where service is needed. Assists and instructs callers using Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and fire protocols. Gathers necessary information for responders. Utilizes the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for call processing and dispatching, mapping, monitoring and reporting.

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*continuously astounded* by Belhaven and the true **Grace** and just pure *love* that overflows boundlessly from our home into our community. Time and again I feel as though I've arrived; I've seen something so profound, so touching, so *magical* that I've reached the precipice of the thing that **is** Belhaven.

**No.** *It's never true.*

**A**nd, in thinking back on this last year of building and growing an accidental newspaper, as it were, you know what continues to come through all of the many, many racing thoughts and things that have truly **shaped** this "living resource"....

**Charm.**

**I**think the thing that makes a tiny town like Belhaven so truly itself



*ic*, and the manifestation of that charm from each of you.

**I**n the time I've sat here, *at this very spot*, writing things that I see and feel - from what makes me me - what's driven me to share all of that with you - and the courage to do it - **is you all**. That

very <sup>quietly loud</sup> intent in each of you. I'm not sure what **you all** see in me, I'm subject to *only those things you bring before me*, or outwardly make a point to show me about how you feel about me, the Bizarre, the writing...

**I**'ve had the chance to ponder that *very thought* often these last few weeks, or maybe it's just that I'm more conscious that I need **uphold what you all want this paper to be**. Somehow you all have bestowed such an important, and truthfully heavy task unto me. I find myself between **humbled beyond words** and **terrified even beyond measure**.

"I find myself somewhere between

*humbled beyond words,*

and

*terrified beyond measure."*

*is just that* - the inherent charm. That undeniable quietly loud thing that just simply sings -- *not just in your ears*. No, it sings the songs of a thousand different instruments, of all of the many **vast stories** that make this place *what it is*. The pure, unfiltered *charm* that exudes from the very seams of this place, it's simply unreal. You can *feel* the very vibrations of those thousand instruments working together in the Earth beneath us here.

**I**find myself pondering what the Bizarre would be if not for the charm we find *in every last spot* of this place... And what I've arrived at is this simple fact: The Belhaven Bizarre would not exist at all, if not for that *Grace*, the *Mag-*

**T**he Belhaven Bizarre is intended to *embody that charm* that I have only ever found in **Belhaven, NC**. It's supposed to *make you feel*. To invoke a sense of **pride** in you, from <sup>deep</sup> inside you. It's made that way because it comes from <sup>deep within me</sup> and I have trouble trying to help you feel what it *takes from me* to create it for you all.

**I**will be raw with you now and admit that I've yet to complete any of our three feature articles in a month's time and not been brought to tears *at least three times* in the process of drafting **each** of them. I'm not sure, except to say

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- IF YOU DID NOT KNOW, YOU SHOULD KNOW - I POUR MYSELF INTO THIS. -

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Required Minimum Training: Masters Degree from an accredited school of social work and one year of social work or counseling experience; bachelor's degree from an accredited school of social work and two years of social work or counseling experience; or a master's degree in a counseling field and two years of social work or counseling experience, or a master's degree in a human services field or related curriculum including at least 15 semester hours in courses related to social work or counseling and three years of social work or counseling experience; or graduation from a four year college or university and four years of experience in rehabilitation counseling, pastoral counseling, or a related human service field providing experience in the techniques or casework, group work, or community organization; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Degrees must be from an accredited institution. Additional Training/Experience: Prefer a Masters degree from accredited school of social work and one year of child welfare experience or Master Degree of Social Work and two years of experience in a related counseling, therapeutic, or human relations field. Preferred completion of the required CPS pre-service training required by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services. Completion of all mandated training is required within one year of hire by Beaufort County. Equivalent Training and Experience: BSW or MSW degrees are preferred. Other combinations of education and experience will be considered for "work-against" status. \*Directly related experience is defined as human services experience in the areas of case management, assessment and referral, supportive counseling, intervention, psycho-social therapy and treatment planning. Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/BeaufortCounty/beaufortcountydss>

### Social Worker- I/A & T - Department of Social Services - Children's Services

The primary purpose of this position in relation to Children's Services is as follows: To receive and document reports of alleged child neglect, abuse and or dependency. Complete a thorough investigation/assessment, documenting strengths and needs of the families involved. To make referrals

and recommendations for those needing continued services. Provide ongoing in home family services as needed once a case has been substantiated or found "in need of services" or "services recommended". Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/beaufortcounty/jobs/5262305/social-worker-i-at-two-positions>

### Social Worker III - Prevention Services - Department of Social Services

The primary role of the worker is to provide direct and preventive services to children and families in an effort to prevent child abuse, neglect and dependency. This position will explore and assess the family's strengths and needs to determine the level of intervention needed; locate and arrange for the provision of appropriate services and assist families in utilization of services and community resources. The Prevention Social Worker will also provide information, referrals and services to promote family's independence, self-sufficiency and problem solving skills. This position will also provide child welfare services. Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/beaufortcounty/jobs/5262287/social-worker-iii-prevention?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

### Public Health Nurse III - Beaufort County Health Department

The primary purpose of this position is to serve as the Communicable Disease and Tuberculosis (TB) Control Nurse. In addition to communicable disease responsibilities, this position delivers clinical services and support across Women's Health, Primary Care, and General Clinics as needed. A current license to practice as a Registered Nurse in North Carolina by the NC Board of Nursing; Current CPR certification; Valid driver's license. Apply: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/BeaufortCounty/beaufortcountyhealth>  
DOLLAR GENERAL-----

### LEAD SALES ASSOCIATE-FT in BELHAVEN, NC SD4727

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### ASSISTANT STORE-MANAGER in BELHAVEN, NC SD4727

The Assistant Store Manager helps maintain a clean, well-organized store with a customer-first focus. At the direction and delegation of the Store Manager, the Assistant Store Manager assists with supervision of store employees, management and presentation of merchandise, completion of paperwork, and preparation of deposits. The Assistant Store Manager also performs stocking and cashiering functions, and performs other duties as necessary to maximize profitability and customer satisfaction while protecting company assets and reducing losses. Apply online

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### LEADSALESASSOCIATE-PT/FTinBATH,NC S31317

Function as a Cashier and/or Stocker and act in a lead capacity in the absence of the Store Manager or Assistant Store Manager. Assist in setting and maintaining plan-o-grams and programs. Provide exemplary customer service. Perform other duties as necessary to maximize profitability, customer satisfaction, and teamwork, while protecting company assets and reducing losses. Apply online

### SALES ASSOCIATE-PT in BATH, NC S31317

Act as the point of contact for customers. Assist in setting

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### ASSISTANT STORE-MANAGER in BATH, NC S31317

The Assistant Store Manager helps maintain a clean, well-organized store with a customer-first focus. At the direction and delegation of the Store Manager, the Assistant Store Manager assists with supervision of store employees, management and presentation of merchandise, completion of paperwork, and preparation of deposits. The Assistant Store Manager also performs stocking and cashiering functions, and performs other duties as necessary to maximize profitability and customer satisfaction while protecting company assets and reducing losses. Apply online

### SALES ASSOCIATE in WASHINGTON, NC S23954

Join the team at Belhaven's Dollar General (403 US Highway 264 Bypass). Customer service, stocking, cashier duties. Flexible scheduling available. Employee discounts, advancement opportunities. Serve your neighbors and community. Apply online

### ASSISTANT STORE-MANAGER in WASHINGTON, NC S23954

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### HCES Assistant Manager Environmental Services

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### HCES Skid Operator Environmental Services

Helps ensure that all waste from the layer and pullet houses is removed in a timely and efficient manner. Responsible for manure removal from the houses. Must be capable of learning how to properly operate and maintain forklifts, skid loaders, crawler loaders, and other equipment in a safe and efficient manner.

### HC Labor Processing 2

Grader General Labor is responsible for removing eggs with checks, bloods, dirt and leakers as they pass through the handling booth, and properly packaging eggs on the back line. Keeping the grader area clean at all times (i.e., always keeping the floor and trash in their proper receptacles). All duties s n an exemplary and professional manner

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### RESIDENTIAL RENTALS:

1 Bed 1 bath - \$1,350

265 E Water St. Belhaven NC - 757-753-0452

Waterfront furnished studio at 265 E Water St. Belhaven offering a king bed, kitchenette, and in-unit washer/dryer. Rent is \$1,350/month and includes utilities, Wi-Fi, and Spectrum TV. Available month-to-month or long-term. Perfectly positioned along the Intracoastal Waterway, this quiet retreat is ideal for boaters, traveling professionals, and extended-stay guests. Located just minutes from Belhaven Marina, River Forest Manor Marina, and Dowry Creek Marina, with easy access to the Pungo River and Pamlico Sound. Enjoy a peaceful waterfront setting while being steps from Belhaven's best dining, including Spoon River Artworks & Market, Salty Crab, Mad Batter, and Bad Moms Cafe.

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## FROM THE MANOR KITCHEN RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BY: CHEF BOBBY LAFFERTY | RIVER FOREST MANOR

**W**hen you move to a new town, you never really know what you're stepping into. You *hope* for good people, good energy, *maybe a place where your kid can ride her bike without you worrying too much.* What I didn't expect (not in eight short weeks!) was to **feel like** I'd lived here much longer.

My daughter and I came to Belhaven from Charlotte, the city where she was born and where I spent years building a career in some of the country's **biggest restaurant markets.** I've cooked in kitchens from coast to coast... big cities, big teams, big expectations. But long before any of that, *I was simply a*

*chef. The kitchen was my first real home, the place where I learned discipline, curiosity, and **how to build something meaningful with my hands.***

And yet, for all the places I've lived and cooked, choosing Belhaven was different. *We didn't pick it off a map. We felt it.* The **charm** of this town, the way people look you in the eye, the way neighbors become friends before you even realize it, it's *a vibe you can't manufacture.* My daughter has found friends here. I have too. And every day, I'm reminded that the best move we could have made was choosing this small town with a **big heart.**

So while I may be new here, *I'm all*

*in.* And as the new **Executive Chef at River Forest Manor,** I want this column to be **more than a recipe.** I want it to be a conversation about **food, about experience,** and about the way **a community can shape the way you cook.**

Food, to me, *is honest work.* It's memory. **It's identity.** It's the story of where you come from and the story of *where you're going.* Each month, I'll share a dish that reflects that philosophy... something seasonal, something rooted in the Carolina coast, and something that *teaches just a little along the way.*

This month, we start with a plate that tastes like spring waking up on the water.

### Recipe of the Month: Carolina Lemon-Herb Shrimp with Buttered Grits

Bright, coastal, and comforting (The kind of dish that reminds you why living near the water just feels right.)

#### Ingredients

For the shrimp

- 1 lb local shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- Salt and black pepper

For the grits

- 1 cup stone-ground grits
- 4 cups water or stock

- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup cream or whole milk
- Salt

#### Method

1. Cook the grits: Bring water or stock to a simmer. Whisk in the grits. Reduce heat and cook slowly until tender. Finish with butter, cream, and salt.
2. Sauté the shrimp: Heat butter and olive oil in a skillet. Add garlic until fragrant. Add shrimp, paprika, salt, and pepper. Cook 1 - 2 minutes per side.
3. Finish bright: Add lemon zest, lemon juice, parsley, and basil. Toss gently.
4. Serve: Spoon shrimp and pan sauce over warm grits. Garnish with herbs and a little extra zest.

-- Y'ALL HAVE MADE SURPRISES A PRETTY NORMAL THING IN MY LIFE. THANK YOU.

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- HOROSCOPES - FROM THE SLIGHTLY CONCERNED COSMOS - -

## Aries (March 21 – April 19)

You're a spark plug this month, Aries. Your charm is in your energy—the way you're the first one out on the water when the sun's barely up. Use that drive to help a neighbor mend a fence or clear some brush. People are drawn to your “get-it-done” spirit; just make sure you pause long enough to let them say thank you.

## Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

There's a quiet magic in your hands right now, Taurus. Whether you're tucking tomato starts into the dark earth or refinishing an old chair, your charm is in your patience. Folks are noticing the steady way you move through the world. Invite someone over for a glass of sweet tea and let the afternoon just happen.

## Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Your gift of gab is hitting its stride with the spring breeze, Gemini. You've got a way of making everyone feel like the most important person on the dock. Share those stories, but listen just as hard as you talk. There's a local secret or a piece of history heading your way if you keep your ears open.

## Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Home is where your heart is shining brightest, Cancer. Your charm this month is in the way you make a house feel like a sanctuary. Throw open the windows, let the river air in, and maybe bake a little something for the folks next door. Your kindness is a lighthouse for anyone feeling a bit adrift.

## Leo (July 23 – August 22)

You're glowing like the sunset over the Pungo, Leo. People can't help but look your way, but your true charm is how you share that light. Lift up a local artist or cheer on a friend's new venture. When you shine on others, you look twice as bright. Wear your Sunday best just because it's Tuesday.

## Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

There is such beauty in the way you care for the little things, Virgo. Your charm is in your precision—the perfectly knotted line, the clean porch, the thoughtful note. Don't be so hard on yourself if a little spring rain muddies the plan. Even a messy garden has its own kind of

## Libra (September 23 – October 22)

You're finding the sweet spot between the rising tide and the shore, Libra. Your charm is your balance. You're the peace-keeper at the town meeting and the one who knows exactly when to stop working and start watching the birds. Keep that harmony going; we all need a bit of your steady hand right now.

## Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

There's a depth to you this month that's as intriguing as the deep channel, Scorpio. Your charm is in your mystery and your intensity. You don't need to say much to make an impact. A knowing nod or a quiet “I've got you” goes a long way. Trust your gut when it comes to a new face in town.

## Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Your spirit is pulling toward the horizon, Sagittarius. Your charm is your sense of wonder. Whether you're exploring a back road or trying a new recipe from a far-off place, your excitement is catching. Bring a friend along for the ride—everything is better when it's shared under a wide-open sky.

## Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

You're the bedrock of this community, Capricorn, and there's a real charm in your reliability. People know they can count on you when the wind picks up. Take a moment to appreciate the history you're building here. Your strength doesn't have to be loud to be felt. Sit on the porch and survey your kingdom.

## Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

You've always marched to the beat of your own crab pot, Aquarius, and this month that quirkiness is your greatest charm. Don't be afraid to share your “wild” ideas for the community garden or that odd bit of art you've been working on. Your unique perspective is exactly what we need to keep things fresh.

## Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

You're moving through April like a dream on the water, Pisces. Your charm is your empathy—the way you feel the world so deeply. Spend some time near the marshes and let the tall grass whisper to you. Your intuition is sharp right now; if you feel a nudge to reach out to an old friend, follow it.

[End Horoscopes]

-- FOR THE RECORD  
SURPRISES ARE MY VERY  
FAVORITE!!! --

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## ~~Adopt a Belhaven Beauty~~

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<<<<<Fan Fan is named such because his tail is so fluffy it moves the air when he walks! You don't need AC this summer, just a Fan-Fan. He's a gray and white long hair purr-ing snuggle buddy. He is young, just 1.5 years old and he is fixed.  
> > > > > > > > > >  
Miss Tess is a 4 year old brown and orange tabby. She is fixed and currently resides with other feline friends indoors. She is very small, and shy at first, but she will become your best lap cuddle buddy as long as you don't pick her up.



Both have not been introduced to dogs and would need a slow intro.

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## JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

ANOTHER POORLY - NAMED INDIGENOUS PLANT

By: Michael Ackerson | President | Ackerson Labs

The Jerusalem artichoke is yet another piece of proof that the naming committee of history should *never* be allowed near a vegetable.

It is not from Jerusalem. It is not an artichoke. It is, in fact, a tuber native to North America: a scrappy, cheerful, sunflower-like perennial with rough stems, broad toothed leaves, bright yellow flowers, and a knobby underground crop of edible tubers.

The real magic, of course, is underground. Those tubers can be eaten raw, roasted, mashed, pickled, or sliced into soups. They're sweet, nutty, and a little earthy - like a potato that read a book.

Before Europeans ever got confused by it, Jerusalem artichoke - also called sunchoke or sunroot - was already being cultivated by Native Americans as a dependable food crop. One early written account dates back to 1605, when Samuel de Champlain described Native people growing it alongside corn and beans. Later it crossed the Atlantic, became popular in Europe, and somehow re-[continued on page 17>>>]



- I WANT TO  
GROW OLD  
WITH YOU-

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## BELHAVEN REMEMBERS SATURDAY NIGHT AT DR. PEPPER'S SHOP

-- A BELHAVEN HISTORY PROJECT CONTRIBUTION --

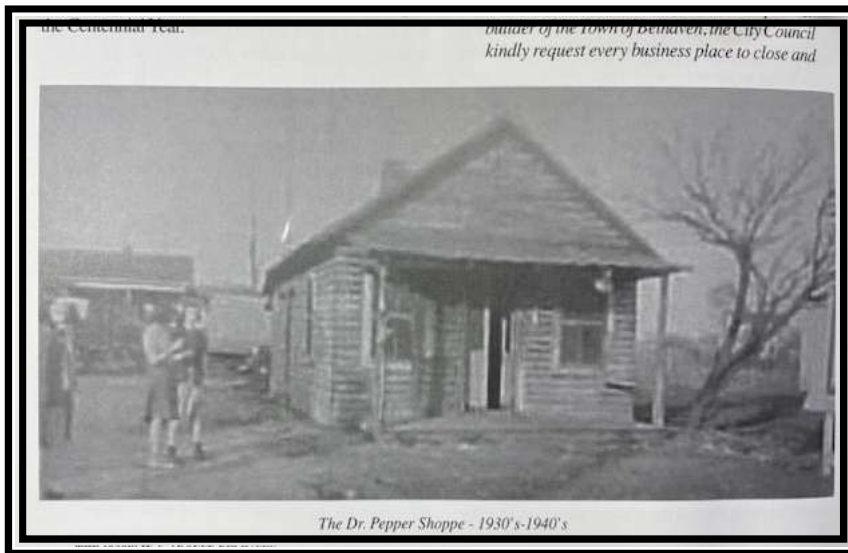
By Jean Lamkin

At the corner of Pamlico and Pungo Streets, in our little town of Belhaven nearly 100 years ago, young people parked their cars bumper-to-bumper on the pot-hole-filled dirt parking lot to begin their Saturday night of fun at the Dr. Pepper Shop.

The juke box played the latest tunes, including Glenn Miller, and dancers jammed the tiny floor. There were three booths, each usually filled by six teens, chatting over the latest gossip. Norman Brent Griffin presided over the shoppe while his wife Annie Marie served up delicious food curat-

ed from family recipes. Hamburgers cost 15 cents and a fried ham sandwich with lettuce and tomato was 20 cents.

"The D.P.", as it was called, attracted young people from far and near. Marines from their base at Camp Lejeune stopped in, hoping to meet our Belhaven girls. It was a place to meet friends, take a date, dance, and relax.



For nearly two decades the Dr. Pepper Shop was the place for excitement, entertainment, and socializing in town. The building is still there today, but the echoes of music and laughter remain only in the memories of our very senior citizens.

**The Belhaven History Project meets**

*regularly to share stories of Belhaven's history. Everyone is welcome. To learn more, contact the Belhaven Public Library at 252-943-2993.*

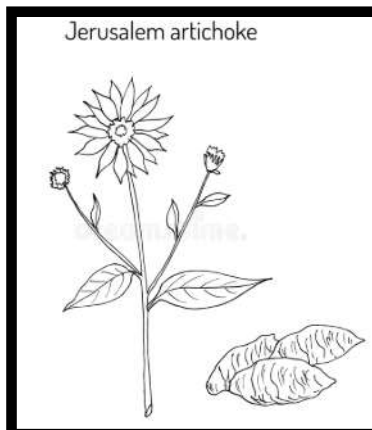
### JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

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turned to us with a name that sounds like it lost a bar fight.

Which is why, in some circles, it is known by the more honest and democratic name: **the fartichoke**.

The sunchoke has earned its less formal nickname honestly. It stores its carbohydrates as **inulin** (which is also what gives them their mildly sweet flavor), a fermentable fiber that some guts greet politely and others treat like a declaration of war. Some people can eat sunchoke



with barely a raised eyebrow; others will remember the experience *vividly*. If you are new to them, start small. A few slices are wiser than a heroic pile, and many people find they do better when they increase their intake gradually rather than charging in all at once. That said, the "fartichoke" reputation is not entirely avoidable: it is less of a character flaw and more of a chemical reality. Consider it part of the vegetable's personality, and perhaps plan your culinary (and seating) arrangements accordingly.

In the kitchen, Jerusalem artichokes are best treated with a little strategy: scrub them well, slice [continued on page 18>>>] them thin or into

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## JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

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chunks, and cook them until tender rather than leaving them too crisp. If you want to soften their notorious "artichoke" reputation, one of the more useful tricks is to **boil or braise them with an acid** - a squeeze of lemon juice or a splash of vinegar - because acid helps break down some of the inulin into simpler sugars.

Some cooks also swear by **double-cooking**, such as parboiling and then roasting, which can make them easier on sensitive stomachs. They're delicious roasted, mashed, added to soups, or pickled, but for first-timers, a modest serving is the diplomatic choice.

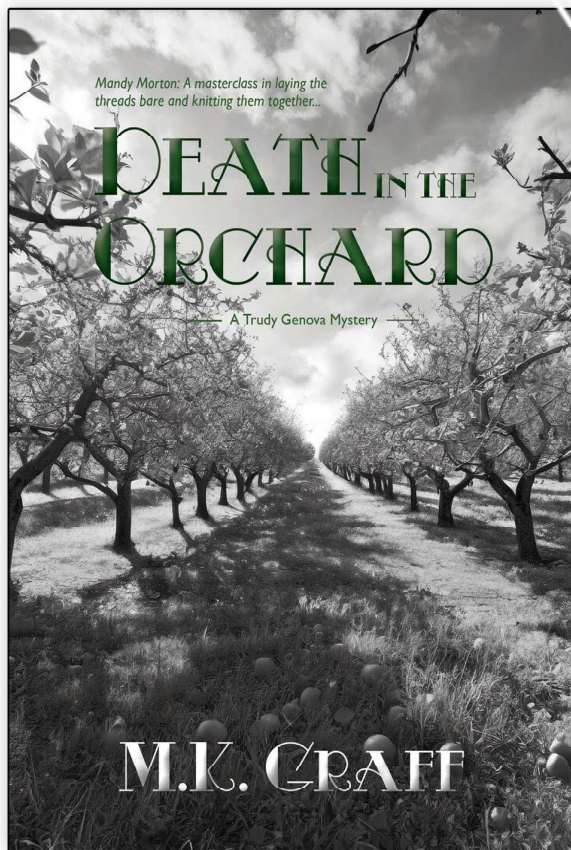
Now, the best part: they are wonderfully low-maintenance. Plant a few tubers once and you may have

them for years, whether you planned that carefully or not. They spread enthusiastically, return reliably, and ask very little in exchange for a surprising amount of



food. History gave them a ridiculous name. Hunger gave them purpose. The rest of us can give them butter, salt, and perhaps a little distance from polite company.

[END PLANT]



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- NEVER say never. -

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that I can't bring words with any hope of making you truly *feel* what I *feel* without a kind of passion that burns **that hot** inside of me. And often, those roller-coasters are enough to throw even the strongest among us for a real loopidy-do.

**A**nd maybe that's the truth of it.

type thing.

At least — that's what I had in **my** mind.

**T**urns out, that *was just the very beginning* of the charm that Belhaven proceeded to **continue to pour** over me, my shop, my keep, and **The Bizarre**. Slowly at first. And then, steady... and then it got quietly SO LOUD - that here, before you still, I

*To take part in making another's magic*

**more imporant**

*than our own."*

The thing I've been trying to name all this time.

Around here... the magic doesn't come from any one of us.

It comes from the quiet, *constant* way we choose to <sup>lift it up</sup> in each other.

**To notice it.**

*To make space for it.*

To take part in making another's magic more important than our own.

**Y**ou see, if I *think back* to that **first edition ever** of the Bizarre, in **April of last year**, it was a *tantrum*. Straight up. The Bizarre, the very first issue ever, was the result of a small tantrum I was having about the lack of an easy-to-access community calendar. And, **Mrs. Feather**, and her special way of knowing just exactly what I want upon entering her door, and how best to help me in that moment — I really blame her.

**H**ere's the thing. As she always does, she welcomed me with *Grace beyond many*. I think it falls off of her in scoops of joy *she pours over us all*. She **listened** to my frustrated *rantings*, really the ramblings of what you all know now to be absolutely truth: a small, crazy-lady.

At the end of my ranting, I proclaimed: "Heck, I'm gonna go do it myself." She handed me my temporary sanity, and said: "well, it sounds to me like you've got the right solution. And I'm sure it's gonna be **great** - *I can't wait to see it!*".

And off I went, *on a crazy-lady mission*. One I thought was a once and done

sit.

**I**n these last 12 months, *I've been through it all*. **Truly**. Highs, lows, ins, outs, *upside-downs*. Inside outs. All of them mixed up and then *redone again*. Hah. I have even, *many times over I think*, decided under no uncertain terms: **I'm done**, I just can't do this here thing. It's beyond me.

**A**nd just then, *just when I am overwhelmed beyond measure*, I hear it start to <sup>quietly whisper</sup> in my being. When things look *hard*, when I'm sitting **before a mountain** of the *stuff to overcome* in order to complete this next edition of the Bizarre for you all, *with no idea even how to start* because I've never done it... When I think that **defeat** might be *the thing I choose*, I turn and I'm hit right straight where it counts: *in the life bits*, with all that **charm** you all house — *and then CHOOSE to bestow to me*. Perhaps charm is nothing, if not fickle too.

It *hides* when you think you know right where to find it.

It **disguises itself** and sneaks into the very space you *thought you knew so well*.

It *morphs with the water*, and *changes with the moon*.

It *might speak* in the **colors** of that ever-moving coastal wind,

*It might flow over you in the sound of the sunset and the whispers of the clouds.*

*"Perhaps charm is nothing if not fickle too."*

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- POKER  
PLAYERS SEE  
NINJA-

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...*To another year ...*

*from the very heart of Belhaven...*

*to your spirit."*

**W**hile I may yet find myself chasing that charm all over hill and dale, I know, *certainly*, it's here, within each of you. And here's another truth I'll not let soon slip — *Belhaven, and the charm that we manifest here is capable of more than you might be willing to comprehend.* And, as such — you should stop and *enjoy it*, and make that Magic sort of receipt. The kind that lends the *twinkle* to the eye and the *smile lines* to the sides of the eyes with the water **reflecting off of our souls.**

**T**he chimes of the charm in our little spot are *beyond what we could ever consume, so share it with another.* Perhaps someone needing Magic, or Grace, or Peace... or a bit of all three. *Let us share* the charm we make here and **allow Grace to compound evermore.**

**B**ecause, after all, **The Belhaven Bizarre** *needs that Grace* if it is to continue to serve your interests, your spirit, and your **true love** of this little place. Look - nobody in a *million and one* would have thought that this silly tantrum would have manifested **Charm beyond Belhaven.** Even - I wonder.... *how far do you think we can grow this here small?*

If you *feel* it —  
that little pull, that warmth, *that quiet knowing* —  
don't keep it.

**Share it.**

**B**ecause that's how this works. That's how it grows. ' **Not by holding it close...** but by **reflecting that light outward**

**N**from us unto every last bit it could ever possibly touch, and then further still.

**I**magine, from a tiny town, *the first and only of its name* - and one (kinda stupid) tantrum, became something that

compounded Grace so audaciously

that it's reached **beyond** even our side of the Great Loop. I am mind blown.

Here's to another year of *bestowing Grace* -

through manifestation of charm -

straight from the very heart of Belhaven...

to your spirit.

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-- BREAK THE  
RULES.-- [M.  
TWIN]

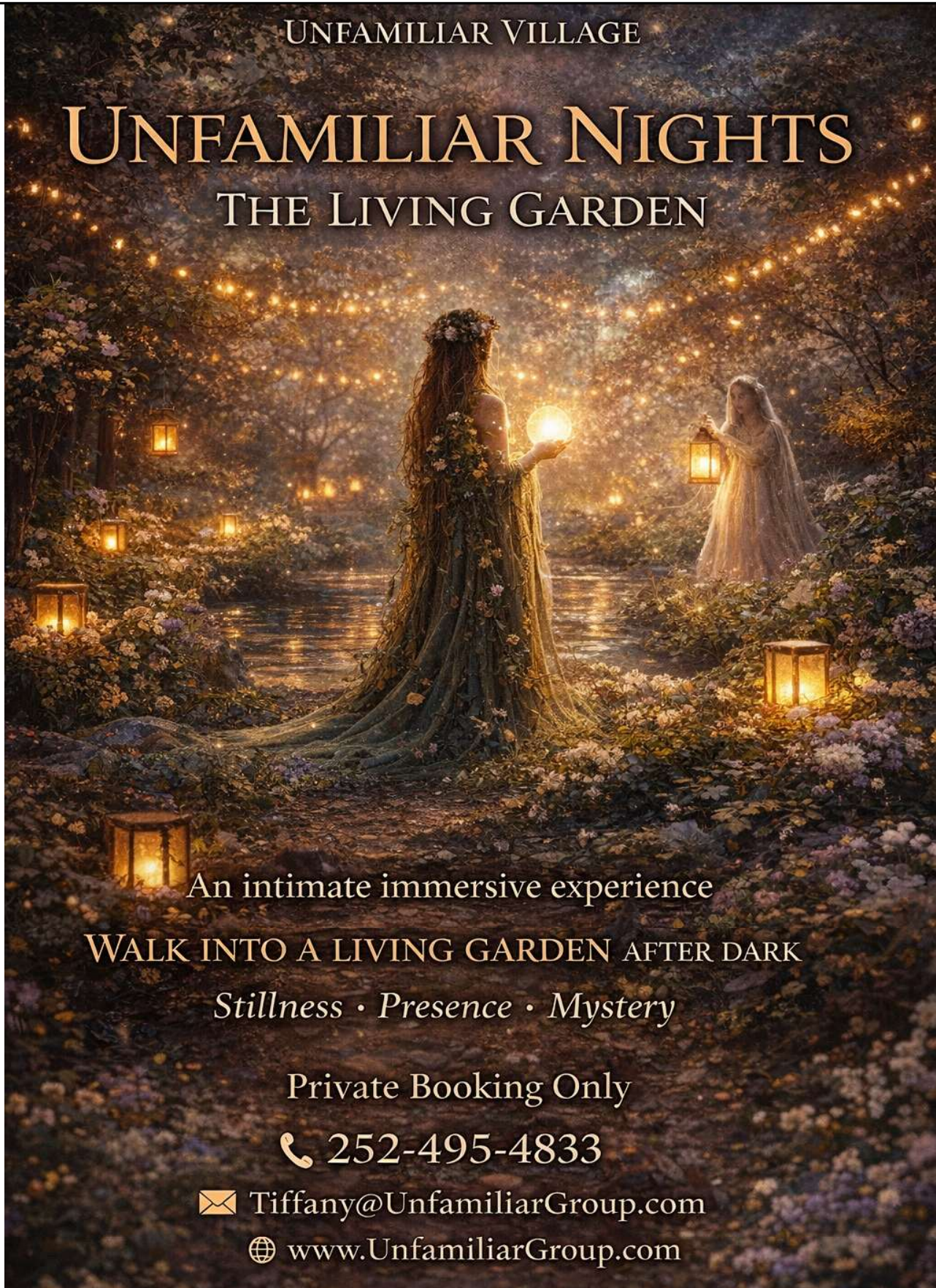
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-- WORRY IS LIKE  
PAYING A DEBT YOU  
DON'T OWE. -- [M  
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## \*\* WE'LL START AT THE END \*\*

ZAC SMALL: A QUIETLY LOUD PERSPECTIVE.

### There is a particular kind of courage

required to begin something by admitting it may never be finished...

**So let us be courageous**, you and I, right from the start.

This article, these squiggly black lines, the ones you are moving through right now, at whatever hour, in whatever light, *may be the last thing I ever write.*

Not because I plan to stop writing, but because plans are agreements we make with a future that are never once promised to show up. On the other side of that same thought is the fact that this may be the last thing you ever read.

I don't say that to vent my dark humor at readers; I say it because the room is already dark, and pretending otherwise *has cost us more than we know.*

What we lose when we stop looking at the edges of things is the center. We lose the ordinary Tuesday afternoon that was, without our realizing it, one of the **finest hours** of our lives. We lost the *conversation on the porch* that we half-listened to because we were somewhere else in our heads, often letting the news or social media take precedence, which brought us to a place that **didn't matter at all.**

We are arguing with a stranger on the internet, watching someone else's life unspool in curated photographs. We are half-present at our own dinner tables, our sporting events, etc.

Let me be clear: I say "we" to be kind and welcoming, but I do so because I am aware of how precious time is. I've almost died a few times, I've almost ruined my life a few times, I've almost but not quite reached the

*end of my days*, and that kind of awareness leaves a scar on your heart, soul, and mind.

I protect my peace, presence, and time because I know nothing is worth that which is mine, *the energy and attention I choose to give.*



This is not a knock against technology, it is something quieter and more unsettling than that; it is the observation that we have become, **most of us**, voluntary strangers to our own lives.

The tragedy is not that it happened; the tragedy is that it is happening right now, in this moment, and we will not fully understand what we lost *until we no longer have the time to get it back.*

People are mentally so detached that even in Belhaven, **they've lost the water**; that beautiful spread of the Pungo River or the sunset coating Pantego Creek... The water asks for nothing, offers everything, and still, people drive past its beauty every day without notice on their way to something urgent they won't remember in two weeks.

The "present" is not a theoretical concept, a bumper-sticker slogan, a meditation retreat, or something that requires a subscription... It is where you are, right now, this very moment, and it is all you will ever truly have in your life. The past is gone, and the future is a "maybe," but you're here, you're real, and your *now* is everything...

My name is **Zac Small**, I am new to physical pages but not the written word, and I will be bringing more of this to *your Bizarre Publication.*

Beginning with this issue, I will be contributing two columns to the *Belhaven Bizarre*, a publication I have

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-- I AM BLESSED BEYOND ANYTHING TO STAND AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

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## HUGS FOR HEROES

# This **Eva Blount Way**

month, as we celebrate a major milestone for The Belhaven Bizarre, it is only fitting that we look back... way back, at the woman who truly set the stage for our town's "accidental" legacy. Long before there were 38-page monthly newspapers or high-tech AI projects, there was a woman with a barn, a button collection, and a heart that simply could not stop collecting the "little things" that make not just a community whole, but give it a legacy that has reached far beyond her decades of collecting and near century of lived lifetime in our area.

Mary Eva Blount Way wasn't just a collector; she was a force of nature. She was born on December 26, 1869. If you think that I have a keen eye to beautiful things, you should have known Miss Eva. She was a woman who saw beauty where others saw dust. Her passion for collecting was ignited by a simple gift of antique buttons from her mother-in-law, a gift that ultimately bloomed into a collection of over 30,000 buttons. But she didn't stop there.

Miss Eva acquired a vast array of items - everything from Christmas memorabilia, toys and dolls, china, natural specimens from our shores, and even old farm tools that whispered of the work our ancestors did on this land. Friends and neighbors, seeing her dedication, began to bring their own treasures to her door. Her reputation grew until her collection surpassed 10,000 items and spilled from her home into the family barn. Having walked through the very aisles of her collection myself, I can attest to the simply impressive amount of stuff that she has - and this, coming from a lady

someone has to be brave enough to keep them. Perhaps miss Eva Blount Way was in her own way, the first of our kind of people, that special kind of brave that uplifts the best in others. Or perhaps it was only that she was one of the first to show us just how to do it in our own kind of way.



***Miss Eva at Spoon River!***  
*(with me)*

## UNEXPECTED HEROES MAKE EVERYONE FEEL GOOD

who owns more stuff than most.

She understood a fundamental truth about Belhaven, maybe before even we did: that we aren't just a "tiny town" on a map. We are a collection of memories - and

Whatever her special gift was, there is no doubt that she was certainly a special kind of lady.

If you were in attendance at the recent fundraising event

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--WHEN IN DOUBT,  
TELL THE TRUTH.  
-- [M. TWAIN]

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hosted by Spoon River and Belhaven136, Dawson Tyler of Down East Preservation showed fun and interesting items to guests that have been uncovered during his recent work of restoring the Belhaven Memorial Museum - the very place we still keep the entirety of Miss Eva's collection. On display was a huge ball of twine, rolled by Miss Eva herself, taken from bails of hay - and it was indeed the largest, tidiest ball of twine I have yet seen. In addition Dawson showed us all a piece of a space capsule, a collection of mystery pickled items, and talked about restoring the museum all the way to the very tallest point in all of Belhaven, the steeple atop the building.



we know about in the museum. Miss Eva, and her life-like voice, will respond and give you the story and the answers behind the piece of her collection you're asking about. She'll even offer you new things in her collection to discover or hear about, if you're unsure where to start or where to begin, or just stunned at the idea of talking to the memories we all have collected of Miss Eva's collection. A member of the Museum Board, Eric, noted "you have created something incredible - truly, Belhaven could have the first virtually hosted museum in the world\*\*.\* He went on to dream about all of the many vast applications the thing we have built could conjure up - truly an incredible thought project.

"...BELHAVEN COULD HAVE THE FIRST VIRTUALLY HOSTED MUSEUM ... IN THE WORLD." -  
- ERIC, MUSEUM BOARD MEMBER

I was honored to be asked to bring the holographic rendition of Miss Eva that lives inside the magic mirror we have here at the Glitter & Grace shop to the fundraiser. Miss Eva has never been outside of the shop, other than the last special museum event held at the Down East Preservation property 6 months ago at the start of the restoration project. During the short presentation, guests learned about the digital card-catalog of information that I am working to collect and give to the real-life-like version of Miss Eva created here in Belhaven with the help of Michael Ackerson, our lead software engineer and AI Director.

Guests were given a special access pass to be able to interact and talk to this digital version of Miss Eva, and ask her questions about this special project, about Belhaven, Dawson, me -- and of course, about anything

Throughout her lifetime, Miss Eva's legacy grew with her collection. Around 1940, in the midst of World War II, Miss Eva opened her home to the public for a small fee. She didn't do it for herself, she did it to raise money for the Red Cross. She saw how the charm in her collection to lead to in a chance to contribute to a cause important to her, and her country. I have found myself wondering, do you think her collection was her version of a tantrum? A quiet, persistent refusal to let the history of our town, and stories of things found or bestowed to her to from those who traveled from near and far, be lost to the tides of time?

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-- AND WHEN I LOOK AROUND, I SEE IT IS POSSIBLE. --

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Interestingly, of the many stories and tales and things related to Miss Eva that have been brought before me in the months that I've been working on our virtual Miss Eva, the truly touching personal stories and recollections of just moments, are those that stand out... Those moments of when you were young and you used to stop at the Museum every day on your way home from school, or, someone recently shared a story of a days long bicycle adventure as a child to go visit Miss Eva at her house. Just the laughter in those stories, it really has begun to shape a personality that I see coming through. And while, I could never know just who or how she was, you can all help me get to know her better. Just this week I was told a story about how much she enjoyed coins - inspired by a dress I considered wearing to the fundraiser.

After her death in 1962 at the age of 92, the residents of Belhaven rallied

together to preserve her unique collection. As we work tirelessly toward the reopening of the museum, we find ourselves leaning into Miss Eva's legacy more than ever. We are working to restore her vision, to make sure those 30,000 buttons and the stories they



Today, we are in the 62nd year since Miss Eva's passing. It's been more than a half a decade since the Museum has been open. I'm seeing that those of you who have stories to tell, memories of time spent with Miss Eva, they are fleeting from us, in the first person, faster than I care to think. If we are to preserve the personality, the true love of the stories she had of her things, I need you to bring them to me. Tell me of them.

I will be putting a form up at the location of the QR code at the end of this article. Please, if you have a story to tell, about any item in the museum, or any story, please go there, enter your basic information so that I, or a member of my team, can contact you with any questions I may have, and let's build this database of information and knowledge left to us, and with us, and in you all. Share it, let it from you, and let it help to make this museum and this project with the hologram actually capable of hosting our museum - with Grace and class no less, a thing that is real.

**Help give Miss Eva the heart and soul you carry with you..'**

**of her spirit**

**those quiet,**

*Magic memories.*

together to preserve her unique collection. They raised over \$6,000 to purchase her treasures, and the Town offered the second floor of the historic Town Hall as their new home. On April 1, 1965, the Belhaven Memorial Museum officially opened its doors—a living testament to one woman's vision of what Belhaven could be. Fast forward to today, when we find ourselves standing at a similar preci-

hold are preserved for the next hundred years of Belhaven families. And the stories of the other 10,000 items in her collection... Not to mention the unimaginable number of things that we have yet to discover in Miss Eva's collection, just literally waiting to be found, saved and preserved first by her, and then by the many loving volunteers who have cared for her things since her physical departure.

Let me help to make it so that Miss Eva can truly live beyond her passing, beyond her collection, and give herself ever-more to those who care to come and see her. Let us make Miss Eva the true Belle of Belhaven that she deserves to be.

If ever there was a time to take it upon ourselves, to take a real and mean-

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- Be the person everyone talks about being. -

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## HUGS FOR HEROES

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ingful part in making the magic that is at the very core of what makes Belhaven so special, it's now. Belhaven is growing, and changing, and morphing into a more and more incredible spot every day. I am so humbled to be witness to the incredible that just bursts from every last corner of this place. Let us together, take Miss

we will happily pass it along to Dawson for you.

Follow the QR Code below. Tell me about Miss Eva, about a story, a memory, what you remember about each piece of history in that collection. Take your time, make one entry for each memory, one for each piece of the col-

## HERE'S HOW



**Help me reflect the light from this tiny gem of ours back at the world... Help me uplift Miss Eva, in our own special kind of way.**

Eva, and the true legacy that she's left to all of us, and make it something worthy of words like fairytale, whimsy, wonder, community, and history.

For, if nothing, Miss Eva and her legacy is just that - one of wit and whimsy and every little magical thing that makes Belhaven so special. The wonder in the history that we have before us, and the chance to be an example of how we can take the old, the new, the odd and the unknown and make it something timeless and truly unforgettable.

So, this month, join me in recognizing perhaps the very first Queen of Quandry, Miss Eva Blount Way. And, there are two very specific ways in which you can do just that --

Donate to the Belhaven Memorial Museum, to Belhaven136, and to the cause. Follow this QR code to donate directly or stop in at the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce during normal business hours. If you have no other way, come in to Glitter & Grace with a check payable to Belhaven Museum and

lection. Please try not to mix things up - remember, we are creating a digital card catalog where every item, every story, every memory is kept on it's own separate card. Then, each time we look back to that card, and open the file or files it links to, we can actually hear all that there is to know about it, and we can combine the different parts of the same stories that you each have. Just wait until you see what you can make!

Help me reflect the light from this tiny gem of ours back at the world. With your help, we can uplift Miss Eva, and take part in making her magic bigger than she might have ever imagined it could be -- forever.

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP????**

- Scan the code above
- pw: eva2025
- Hover over the top left hand corner of the screen until an 'admin' menu appears.
- Click the blue button to 'start a conversation'.
- Do not close the admin panel.
- Ask Miss Eva questions about the museum or things in Belhaven.
- Be patient, it may take Miss Eva a second or two to reply. She will be easier to work with if you keep the background noise low!
- Please let me know if you have any feedback, we are trying to expand Miss Eva's knowledge base and give her all that she needs to truly make Belhaven, and her collection, shine.

MORE IMPORTANT >>>> SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW

**If you have a memory, a story, a bit of history to share, scan that QR code, fill in the basic info, and, TELL ME MORE!!**

[End: Hero]

-- THE TRUE CARE  
IN SHARING YOUR  
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## --- FARMER'S ALMANAC -- FARMER'S ALMANAC ---

### LIGHT & TIME

**Apr 6: Sunrise** ~ 6:47 AM, sunset ~ 7:31 PM – about 12 hours 44 minutes of daylight.

**Mar 31: Sunrise** ~ 6:44 AM, sunset ~ 7:32 PM – about 12 hours 48 minutes of daylight.

•As we gain several minutes of light every few days, the spring afternoons are finally holding their own!

### COSMIC MOMENTS

**April 10:** Third Quarter Moon — Good viewing for morning planets like Mars and Saturn.

**April 10-30** - The Lyrids Shower - PEAK DAWN APRIL 22 - This is the Northern Hemisphere's best spring show. In 2026, the moon will set early, providing nice dark skies for the peak. Keep an eye out for "fireballs" - the Lyrids are known for bright, glowing dust trails that can last several seconds.

**April 15 - 28** - The Pi Puppids Shower - PEAK NIGHT 21st - DAWN 22nd - Usually

a quiet shower, and better seen further south, but worth a look if you're out late on the 23rd anyway!

**April 17:** New Moon — The darkest night of the month. A perfect time to head out to the marshes or the dock to see the Milky Way without any moonlight interference.

**April 19 - May 28** - The Eta Aquarids Shower - PEAK May 5th NIGHT - DAWN May 6th - These are "fast" meteors, known for leaving persistent glowing trails (trains) that can last for several minutes. They are actually dust particles left behind by Halley's Comet!

**April 22-23:** Lyrid Meteor Peak — The best nights to catch the meteors. Expect 15-20 per hour in the pre-dawn hours.

**April 23:** First Quarter Moon — The "Half Moon" returns to the evening sky.

### SEASONAL NOTE:

April in eastern North Carolina is a month of unfolding. The "waking up" of March has turned into a steady green rush. The azaleas are in their glory, the wisteria is draping

the woods in purple, and the air is thick with the scent of pine and salt.

Gardeners are in the thick of it now. With the risk of frost fading, it's time to get those tomato and pepper starts into the soil. Be sure to mulch well to keep the moisture in—the spring sun can be surprisingly thirsty once it gets its teeth into the dark earth.

Along the riverbanks, the dogwoods are the stars of the understory, their white blossoms floating like ghosts in the maritime woods. It's a time of rapid growth and vibrant life; the crabs are starting to stir in the shallows, and the ospreys are busy mending their high nests.

The almanac's gentle nudge: Get your hands in the dirt, keep a light jacket by the door for those sudden front shifts, and take a long breath of that spring air—life is blooming all around you.

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## ---WEATHER -- WEATHER -- WEATHER -- -- WEATHER -- WEATHER ---

**Vibe:** April arrives with classic coastal spring whiplash—warm sunshine flirting with the 70s one day, then a sharp cold front rolling through with gusty winds and a quick return to jacket weather.

### 10-Day Forecast

**Mon Apr 6:** Partly sunny and mild — 72° / 54°

**Tue Apr 7:** Mostly sunny; a beautiful spring day — 74° / 56°

**Wed Apr 8:** Mix of sun and clouds; warm — 75° / 58°

**Thu Apr 9:** Increasing clouds; breezy — 73° / 60°

**Fri Apr 10:** Mostly sunny and pleasant — 69° / 48°

**Sat Apr 11:** Warm with sunshine and some clouds — 72° / 54°

**Sun Apr 12:** Partly sunny; mild with a stray shower possible — 73° / 57°

**Mon Apr 13:** Cloudy with rain and thunderstorms; windy late — 70° / 44°

**Tue Apr 14:** Breezy and cooler; clearing skies — 58° / 38°

**Wed Apr 15:** Mostly sunny and cool — 60° / 41°

### Marine Forecast Pamlico Sound (AMZ135) — NWS

#### April's marine mood:

Pamlico Sound spends the week bouncing between gentle spring cruising and classic post-front bluster. The early stretch offers manageable winds (10-15 kt) and modest chop (1-2 ft). A strong front on Monday brings gusty SW winds (20-25 kt) before flipping northerly and choppy. Boating strategy: take the calm windows and respect the wind shifts.

**Mon Apr 6:**  
S 10–15 kt | 1–2 ft. Smooth cruising ahead of the midweek warm-up.

**Tue Apr 7:**  
S 10–15 kt | 1–2 ft. Light chop; excellent conditions for working the river.

**Wed Apr 8:**  
SW 15 kt | 2 ft. Afternoon breeze building; manageable chop.

**Thu Apr 9:**  
SW 15–20 kt | 2–3 ft. Increasing winds;

keep an eye on the gusts.

**Fri Apr 10:**  
SW 10–15 kt | 1–2 ft. Pleasant conditions with moderate chop.

**Sat Apr 11:**  
SW 10–15 kt | 1–2 ft. Fair weather window continues.

**Sun Apr 12:**  
SW 15–20 kt | 2–3 ft. Breezier afternoon; chop building slightly.

**Mon Apr 13:**  
SW 20–25 kt, gusty | 3 ft. Thunderstorms possible; reduced visibility.

**Tue Apr 14:**  
NW 20–25 kt | 3 ft. Choppy and brisk behind the front.

**Wed Apr 15:**  
N 15–20 kt | 2–3 ft. Gradual calming. N 15–20 kt NW 10–15 kt 2–3 ft. Gradual calming as high pressure noses back in. (NOAA FTP)

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[END Weather]

--NEVER TELL THE TRUTH TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT WORTHY OF IT.-- [M. TWAIN]

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## -- WE'LL START AT THE END --

“I HAVE FOUND THAT BEAUTY TENDS TO LIVE IN THE PLACES WE STOP LOOKING, SO I INTEND TO SPEND SOME TIME THERE, AND I WELCOME YOUR COMPANY EACH MONTH.

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come to believe is doing something genuinely rare:

### Paying attention to a place that deserves it.

The first column is the one you are reading here, a series with no fixed destination, only a fixed intention. I am interested in the aspects of life that slip past us, not because they are hidden, but because they are so close, so constant, so quietly present that we have learned, through the long habit of living, to look straight through them.

I want to look *at* them instead; I want to hold them up to whatever light we have and see what they are made of.

The second column is a *Photo of the Month*, a single image, and the words that belong to it.

I do not come to you with all of the answers, mostly because I like talking about the questions, but I will deliver an idea around the same questions most of us carry, and a belief that there is something worth doing in asking them out loud together, in a small town that sits at the edge of the water and knows, the way such places always do, that time moves differently here.

I've deployed twice, I've lived up and down the East Coast, and Belhaven has done something to time; it's made it much slower, a little heavier, and far more honest.

I have found that beauty tends to live in the places we stop looking, so I intend to spend some time there, and I welcome your company each month.

Until next time (I hope),

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We are actively searching for fosters, help with transports and volunteers! If you can help, please contact us!

-- YOUR TRUTH IS  
YOUR POWER. -- [K.  
PALMER]

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## - Manor Bistro -

*now serving lunch*

### LUNCH MENU

#### SMALL BITES

**Southern Fried Green Tomatoes - 13**

Cornmeal crust, smoked tomato jam, ranch

**Pimento Cheese & Pita Chips - 11**

House pimento cheese, crisp pita

**Beef Tallow Fries - 12**

Handcut tallow fried potatoes, smoked Old Bay, dill aioli

**No Filler Killer Crab Cakes - 16**

Trio of mini crab cakes, 6oz locally caught blue crab, lemon chive butter

**Mozzarella Triangles - 12**

Crispy fried mozzarella, smoked tomato jam

**Onion Loaf - 12**

Crispy stacked onions, comeback sauce

**Squealing Shrimp - 14**

Pickled Carolina shrimp, crispy pork rinds, herbs

**Cowboy Caviar Bruschetta - 14**

Black-eyed peas, corn, tomato, herbs, toasted bread

### SOUPS & SALADS

**Soup of the Day - 8**

Chef's daily selection

**Manor House Salad - 8 / 12**

Mixed greens, pickled onion, cheddar, cucumber, house made croutons, choice of dressing

**Soundside Shrimp & Citrus Salad - 18**

Seared shrimp, citrus, avocado, cucumber, herbs.

**Coastal Caesar - 13**

Romaine, parmesan, cornbread croutons, citrus Caesar dressing.

**Lowcountry Chicken Chop - 16**

Fried or grilled chicken thigh, chopped greens, roasted sweet potatoes, pickled vegetables, smoked chili ranch

**Make it a "Manor Caesar" +2**

**Add to any salad: chicken +5 | shrimp +6 | mahi +8 | steak +11**

### FLATBREADS

**Blackened Shrimp & Chorizo - 16**

Local shrimp, chorizo, roasted corn salsa, avocadolime crema

**Lowcountry Seafood - 16**

Old Bay cream, shrimp, andouille sausage, roasted corn

**Peach & Prosciutto - 16**

NC peaches, prosciutto, whipped ricotta, spicy honey bourbon drizzle

**Old World Pepperoni - 15**

Tomato gravy, whole milk mozzarella, old world pepperoni, parmesan, basil

**Coastal Caprese - 15**

Basil, tomato, garlic, olive oil, fresh mozzarella

\*CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEATS, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH, OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

-- BE BRAVE,  
NOT PERFECT. --  
[R. SAUJANI]

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- Manor Bistro - *now serving lunch - & delivery!*

## HANDHELDS

*Served with Hand Cut Fries, Sweet Potato Fries Cowboy Caviar, Onion Loaf, House slaw, or Chef's Vegetable*

### London Broil Sandwich - 18

Marinated London broil, lettuce, tomato, horseradish cream.

### Crab Cake Sandwich - 19

7oz locally caught crab, no filler, lettuce, tomato, pickled onion, remoulade, toasted roll, house slaw.

### Southern Chicken Sandwich - 16

Nashville hot, blackened, or classic fried. Lettuce, tomato, pickles, charred lemon aioli.

### Fresh Catch Po'Boy - 16

Mahi, shrimp, or oysters - blackened or fried. Lettuce, tomato, pickled onion, remoulade or charred lemon aioli.

### Fried Green Tomato Po'Boy - 15

Cornmeal tomatoes, pimento cheese, iceberg, pickled okra.  
Add bacon +3

## BURGERS

*Served with Hand Cut Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Cowboy Caviar, Onion Loaf, House slaw or Chef's Vegetable.*

### The Manor Burger - 15

1/2 lb chuck, lettuce, tomato, cheese, smoked tomato jam, pickle spear.

Add cheese +1 • bacon +2

### Southern Gentleman's Burger - 18

Pimento cheese, crispy onions, smoked chili brown butter

Add bacon +2

### Pungo Black & Blue Burger - 17

Blackened patty, blue cheese, roasted garlic mayo.

## FRIED SEAFOOD

*Served with House slaw, and your choice of Hand Cut Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Cowboy Caviar, Onion Loaf, or Chef's Vegetable*

*Seafood is breaded in Southern Breeze Seafood Co. gluten free seafood breader (Pamlico County, NC)*

### Shrimp Basket - 15

Local shrimp, Old Bay, citrus chili oil, cocktail sauce

### Oyster Basket - 16

Lemon Old Bay aioli, Smoked tomato jam.

### Fish Basket - 17

Mahi, lemon dill aioli.

### Combo Platter - 22 / 27

Choose any two or three  
Lemon-Old Bay aioli, cocktail sauce,  
lemon dill aioli.

## SIDES

### Hand Cut Fries - 5

Crisp, golden, fried in corn oil

### Sweet Potato Fries - 6

House cut, NC sweet potatoes, cinnamon & sugar

### Cowboy Caviar - 4

Black-eyed peas, corn, tomato, herbs

### Onion Loaf - 5

Crispy stacked onions, comeback sauce

### Chef's Vegetable - 5

Seasonal preparation

### House Slaw - 4

Creamy, Crisp, Carolina style

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--KEEP AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO TRY TO BELITTLE YOUR AMBITIONS.-- [M. TWAIN]

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## MARCH'S PUZZLE KEY

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## Learning Through Nature

-- Turning Over Rocks --

By: Lauren Daniel | NC Division of Water Resources Water Education Program Coordinator

As we find ourselves outside enjoying the weather, April is a great time to take your child outdoors and explore the natural world. We celebrate our Earth this month during Earth Day on April 22! Whether it's outdoor festivals, environmental programs, or finding activity suggestions, we are always excited to find new ways to connect with the environment! After all, how can we expect our children to protect our planet if they don't connect with it first?

### Connecting Culture with Nature:

Eastern North Carolina features several outdoor festivals during April. These festivals usually feature a culturally important icon that is unique to the area. To turn a festival into an educational opportunity, break out a fresh set of markers or colored pencils ahead of your festival excursion and have your child do some journaling while you drive! Your child can draw pictures and write about things they see, learn, and experience.

The Daniel Davenport Festival is in Creswell on April 25.

The Oriental In-Water Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market is April 10-12.

The Farmville Dogwood Festival is on April 23-26.

The NC Pickle Festival is located in Mount Olive and will take place on April 25.



### Environmental Education Lessons and Activities:

There are several organizations that support outdoor learning with lesson plans and other activity databases. Type the following queries into your search engine of choice to explore (usually) free lessons and activity suggestions for you to do with your child.

#### NC Sea Grant:

Coastwatch Classroom- These resources can offer structured lessons to complete with your child or a group of children. You can choose a topic that interests you and modify the activity to be age appropriate.

#### UNC Coastal Eco Explorer (UNCW):

This website has several videos that teach about specific aspects of North Carolina's coastal

environment. You can even explore specific trails featured in our NC State Parks!

#### The North Carolina Office of Environmental Education:

Explore resources offered throughout the state, including a calendar of events to support Environmental Education efforts. If you're interested, you can even pursue an Environmental Education Certificate through the state's NC DEQ.

**NC Wildlife Education Plans:** The NC Wildlife Federation is another great place to explore resources about specific North Carolina ecosystems and wildlife.

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IMPOSSIBLE IS NOT MORE THAN A WORD SPOKEN BY SMALL MINDS

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- the footer on page 36 is a cut off.
- page 29 - November is not right. The keys are correct, but the title is no good.
- Pg. 8 - the date was not updated in the header.
- Pg. 8 the top header quote box is cut off on the upper left corner.
- Page 18 - the dividers between columns are too short.
- Page 28 the header quote box on the upper left is cut off.
- Pg. 28 - the crossword puzzle key was updated but the sudoku key is the key for November -- how the heck??
- Page 31 - I cut off the poster to the right of this very column... You couldn't call cause you couldn't see the number. I've fixed that, sorry Tiff!
- Page 36 is missing it's text column dividers.

It does seem as though as we move on, the mistakes are fewer. I can promise you that the time it takes to build each page has improved and with that, the errors have reduced.

This little corner is left blank, so in it I will share with you some big news... a little surprise for those of you thorough enough to find it (for I also think you may perhaps be just the folks to be most excited for this, too). This edition will complete the Belhaven Bizarre's first Yearbook - look for it on our shelves before July 4th!

Onward - to Belhaven & Beyond!

## NINJA THINGS

This is the corner of the paper where you get to grab last month's copy of the Bizarre and sit down with your highlighter. I often feel a little '6th -grade teacher-ish' when I sit and red line the articles I've managed to put together. As the paper continues, the mistakes will also...

# UNFAMILIAR VILLAGE

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--TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR PRIORITIES. -- [M. TWAIN]

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### erwatch Educa- tor Resources:

This is a great website that not only shares about the great programs offered to support watershed stewardship, but also lesson plans to help you teach about spe-



cific aspects of watershed management.

NC Climate Education from the NC State Climate Office: Take environmental education to the next level as you learn about how long term climate data informs how we make plans for the future.

[END Nature]>>>>>

--- INTRODUCING ---

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

WHAT THE CAT KNEW

BY: ZAC SMALL | A.Z. PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA CONTRIBUTION

I want to tell you about the moment I became a photographer.

It did not happen in a classroom, there was no certificate, no mentor laying hands on my shoulders, no formal passage from one identity into another...

There was only a cat, this cat; meet Jingle, the feline you're looking at right now, who was napping with a blanket of light on my couch.

I had my camera in hand, walked by her, and saw the paws folded beneath her chin with the effortless composure that cats always have, and humans have always appreciated.

I saw the photograph before I took it. That is the part I want you to under-

stand, **because it matters the most**

I saw **all of it** in my mind, the way you see something in a dream and wake up certain it was real, that was me and I picked up my camera, which I was still trying to figure out how to make work, while in auto mode (*I haven't turned my switch off of (M)anual for years, for the record*), and I half captured half created the image that was already there, so I could share with others when the moment had passed, and the moment *always* passes.



### in this article.

I saw this picture in my head; the way the darkness gathered at the edges of the frame like a curtain being drawn, the soft paws in the foreground, what it would look like if I really focused on her nose...

When I looked at what I had made, *something shifted*.

It was the **quietest** possible revolution, almost like a software upgrade on the phone. Your phone installs the software, turns off, resets itself back on, and boom - new features and

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new possibilities...

Except this happened instantly in my mind, and a voice somewhere beneath the noise of every doubt I had ever carried said, without apology and full of total irrational self-confidence, *I can do this, I am a photographer.*

And so I decided in that moment, ***I'm a photographer now.***

I suspect some of you reading this have had a moment like that, when something you made, be it a sentence, a painting, a garden, a meal, a photograph, a song played badly on an instrument you were still learning, looked back at you with more honesty than you expected.

One of those rare, yet frequent enough to be common between many of us, moments when the thing you created **told you something**

ied longer, has the credentials + equipment, and has the years and the audience that they do not.

*Has that been you?*

Have you ever decided, quietly and without ceremony, that the moment was a fluke? And that you were not the kind of person who gets to call themselves that thing?

I want to tell you something about that door, *it doesn't exist.*

***It never did.***

You do not need permission to enter the room of people who make things.

You do not need a degree, or a following, or expensive equipment, or the approval of people who have appointed themselves the *gatekeepers* of whatever art form has been living inside you, unpracticed, because you were afraid of what they might say. You need only this, *the willingness to*

\$\$\$\$ into equipment

*And you know what?*

I will know more still a year from now, and more the year after that.

That is how it works; it's how life and artistry have always worked, for every photographer, every painter, every writer who ever put a word on a page and felt simultaneously certain it was terrible and yet unable to stop sharing their works.

You begin where you are, with what you have, and with the cat in the light, and the vision already forming between your ears, and then you listen when that quiet revolutionary voice says, *"I can do this."*

You can, and you must, because you're the only one who can share your view the way only you can, and the world needs that.

- Zac



The trying **IS** the art;  
the reaching  
*is the permission*

**about yourself** that you had not yet had the courage to say out loud, or had never fully accepted was even a truth to begin with.

Unfortunately, I suspect that many, in the aftermath of that moment, did what most do. talk yourself back from the ledge, keeping you from jumping into the unknown.

When people are close to declaring themselves a new craftmaster, their insecurity reminds them of everyone who does it better, has stud-

*see something, really see it, the way I saw Jingle in this light on this ordinary afternoon, and then the willingness to reach toward it, catch it, **and make it real...***

The trying *is* the art; the reaching *is* the permission.

I did not know much about my camera the afternoon I took this photograph; I know a lot more now, having logged well over my required 10,000 hours, 200,000+ photos, and

PS: I will be writing an article for my "Photo of the Month" starting with this, as my introductory post to who I am, **Zac Small**, Owner and Photographer at Z Photography and Media.

*Nobody gave me permission* to do any of this, but I've now granted you permission to start whatever your art is, so stop reading and go create something unique. If you do, be sure to let me know, I love connecting with people who've given themselves permission to be free.

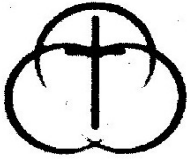
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STOP LETTING THE WORLD SET YOUR GOALS AND STANDARDS. SET YOUR OWN.

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**TRINITY WOMEN**  
**TRINITY CHURCH OF BELHAVEN**  
Proceeds go to Church Missions



## Plant Sale

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. Genesis 1:11

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Welcome to your waterfront oasis in the desirable Dallas Paul Neighborhood! This stunning brick house offers 3 large bedrooms, 2 full baths with tiled walk-in showers, and 1 half bath. The open concept layout features spacious rooms, a custom kitchen with

stainless steel appliances, gas cooktop, and water views from every angle. The home also boasts a spacious laundry room, a 3 car attached garage with a 9'x10' climate-controlled workroom/office, and plenty of closet space throughout. Step outside to the large screened porch and sun deck, perfect for entertaining and enjoying the beautiful waterfront views.

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-LOVE ALL,  
TRUST A FEW, DO  
WRONG TO NONE  
- [SHAKESPEARE] -

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Across

- 4. 1999: Long trench coats, bullet dodging, flip phones, silly sunglasses (3,6)
- 5. 2006: Our mutual friendship with this lovely lady proves vitally important (5)
- 7. 2023: Coastal path you did with our boy in Norn Iron (7)
- 9. 1989: This wall fell this

## 1985-2025

year (6)

- 13. 1985: Massive festival, opened by Status Quo (4,3)
- 18. 2022: The theme for the world's greatest 4th birthday party (7)
- 20. 2010: Our second house is on this fragrant

close (11)

- 21. 1990: John became Prime Minister this year
- 22. 2009: We visit Across the subject of our favourite Christmas

- bauble this year (11)
- 25. 2017: MJ not as impressed with this HP castle as we

were (7)

- 26. 2016: We visit this county for our first family summer holiday (7)
- 27. 2019: Joe gets this done; life is no longer quite the same

IT'S A 40TH (PLUS ONE, LIKE THE EXTRA CANDLE) BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PUZZLE. GOOD LUCK

DOWN

- 1. 2014: We visit Malaysia and try this disgrace of a fruit (6)
- 2. 1996: This 'Zoo' were a one-hit wonder at number 1 this year (7)
- 3. 2000: Denise warmed up for her Couch-to-5k gig with a gold in Sydney (5)
- 6. 2018: Here comes the biggest heart, along with the biggest eyes (5-3)
- 8. 2011: This Point is just the place for a modest proposal this year (5)
- 9. 1997: Tony entered No.10 this year (5)
- 10. 2001: Daniel entered our lives as

- The Boy Who Lived on screen this year (9)
- 11. 1994: Elected South Africa President on my 10th birthday (7)
- 12. 2020: Elected this horrible, horrible year to rid us of Trump (5)
- 14. 2024: Canals and Stroopwafels in this lovely city (9)
- 15. 2004: Social media site founded; has not yet ruined the entire world
- 16. 1998: Mezzanine is album of the year by this band (7,6)
- 17. 2003: Two literary geniuses unwittingly set off a chain of events at this university (9)

- 18. 2002: This currency debuted this year (4)
- 19. 1987: Famous Rick who will never (ever) give you up (6)
- 23. 2021: The subject of a very popular 3rd birthday cake (9)
- 24. 2015: Welcome, first born! (7)
- 29. 2025: The bravest little duckling that ever did live (11)
- 32. 2008: Yes we can!
- 33. 1988: A favourite sport of Mikey's that debuted at the 1988 Olympics
- 35. 1986: Argentine who used the Hand of God to knock England out of the World Cup

-MUSIC TO MY HEART, THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE - [GOMEZI]

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# THE BACKROOM WINE SHOP CLUB

This isn't just any wine club  
... its **THE CLUB**  
The one everyone is talking about. The one-of-a-kind, sip-and-socialize experience you **NEED** in your life

As a member, you'll get:

- Personalized recommendations (we know what you'll love before you do!)
- Wine tastings, special offers, and surprise perks just for our members!
- Up to two bottles of wine a month (because one is never enough!)
- Exclusive invites to Social Saturday (wine tastes better with friends!)

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- YOU CAN'T  
BLAME GRAVITY  
FOR FALLING IN  
LOVE -

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## Letter from Lady Ninja

It's early in the evening on a Sunday this time, a couple of weeks before the next issue - the **one year anniversary** edition, is slated to publish. In thinking on the matter, I find I'm just beyond words. Just in the last two months, I have had more Grace compounded onto me than I can really tell you. I am speechless guys. Humbled doesn't really begin to touch the thing I feel inside of me, and I'm struggling really, to bring it before you, and try to share it with you...

As the tears just decide to intrude rudely into my life at the thought of all of this overwhelming, I'm gonna try and collect myself and calm my spirit some, and really give you the time and the attention that you all so deserve in my month.

I'm starting to look forward, to what we have before us now.

A chance.

The charm in chance, huh? What a thing. Funny, perhaps it is, that *charm* has been the thing in my mind for this entire issue. Chance and charm. Fitting things in the mist of the leaving of March, and the beginning of a new Season.

You may have noticed some changes outside of the Glitter & Grace store front this month. I have added a vending machine and the new "Marketing Department" for the Belhaven Bizarre, a fancy title for another who has taken over promotion initiatives for the Bizarre because I'm embarrassed and therefore terrible at it... A round of applause is appropriate because we all know, there is no unhappy female on this planet who is a fun time to handle... least of all me. They have also added a very noticeable label to the side of our building letting everyone know about the Bizarre.

When I committed to you all in the February issue that I was going to pivot, lean in it... to STOP, and *really listen* to y'all... I meant it. I hope you find in time, the things I bring before you, those things I commit to - I will always do my darndest to execute them for you, to try to open my eyes and remember the resources offered to me, the volunteers, the talent, and the true love that surrounds the Bizarre.

How Belhaven is built on leaning into the Magic we see all around us, in helping uplift others in their dreams and in their true gifts. To nurture

the shy, and grow the little to be big and bold. To have the confidence in themselves and the power they have to **change the world** - not by chance. No, by the very light that we all reflect back at the world, the showing that in every thing, there is something beautiful. In knowing that when we lift up the others, our lives are better together and we **all thrive**.

How what we have here, this magical charm and manifestation of true wonder... It's built from exactly the same recipe that made this paper. You all.

And then it hit me - the **brave** in it.

For to have this piece of wonder -- it takes a brave kind of people. To look to your left, and then to your right, to *look before you* and rather than lock your doors so thieves won't take your things, you hope that if another needs it, they'll bring it back before you need it next. And, while that may be an exaggeration, I believe it is *only just*.

I'm not quite sure yet how this happens, the coming together of such a profoundly brave community of people... or how this place of less than

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# Letter from Lady Ninja

2,000 people could somehow be capable of being an example to the world... But, here we are. And, if I am to do this, I intend to shout about it from this here paper to every last corner of the Earth that light can touch...

I've been asked a few key questions this month:

- What **drives** you?
- Aren't you afraid of being known?
- What will you do when...?

And, I have come to see that the answers to those things, I am unsure about them. LOL. Fickle, there it is again.

What drives me?

This one, there is not a drop of fickle in: You all, and that magical charm you manifest from you. The ability you have to see the best in others, **and defend it**. And fight for it. 100 % facts.

Aren't you afraid of being known?

Yes. 100%. The most terrifying thing in the Bizarre is how seen I feel. I am uncomfortable for it, and I will continue to work on it. I will have some bad days, and I'll have some better days. I'm starting to put

some teachers, mentors, and resources in place to help guide and coach me on that path because I know I'm bad at it. I'm doing some new things and trying to practice; it's a weird thing to practice.

But, when I think of being afraid of being known, I also think of that line from above... "...and defend it."

The thing that I'll commit to you all here today, and I hope the world looking inward sees: I'll defend you all until my last breath. And, I somehow know that's true of me. That no matter what you may believe about my words, about what I may share, the perspective I take, or the way in which I let my love, you will hold me close. That you will defend me, my keep, and my private life, as I do yours. That you will not share with another beyond our community things you would not have shared of you. That even when we disagree, we can do so with Grace and class, and be that example to the world of how we protect one another and respect one another.

What will you do when....?

Fill in the blank. A million and one questions, 990K I hadn't thought of because here's the thing: it's kinda a bit of blind faith guys. I won't lie. I have no idea. I have not a clue what I'm doing. I know business. I have grown a great many of them. I know marketing, I ran a huge call center. I know my gut, my instinct. And, I know I committed to listening. To stopping, and thinking, and **listening**. I will continue to focus and remind myself of these things I committed to y'all... And endeavour to do my best to learn how to do this here thing.

I have had a few other things repeated to me, time and again, since we've spoken last. I'm struggling with them as well, but, by sharing them here with you all, I *somehow know* that you will only help me with them. I've heard, more times than I can count this month:

- "How can we help? We want to help, tell us how."
- "Come, step into the light you made."
- "Stand up and own this impossible thing you did. Let

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**"That even when we disagree, we can do so with Grace and class and be that example... of how we protect one another and respect one another."**

- BE THE SMALL -

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us see you."

You can help me by sharing this here small. Tell another about The Belhaven Bizarre, share our story of where it came from, and let it from you. Ask for them to help support us: I need advertisers. Please, encourage those around us to contribute to this small. Let it grow, help it grow. Let it become whatever it's meant to be - and let us discover that together.

When you notice the many new contributors we have added each month as we grow, stop them. Thank them. See them, recognize them. Without the letting of their love and their sharing of it with you all, I could not grow this. This last month we have 3 additional contributors. Wow guys, floored. Keep it coming. I need you all to share your love of our tiny gem. Even if you only have just one story to share, and can't commit to something regular - please send it. Let me borrow time from you all so that I can lean into this with you and focus to **grow it**.



As to stepping into that Light, and your love, and your support: I will continue to try. I will fail epically along the way from time to time, but my expectation is that those moments will diminish and I will grow better used to carrying this thing for you all, and **with you all**. I'll excuse myself now, and ask a moment to please collect myself and be given just a

small bit of Grace as you allow me the opportunity to try again. Please be kind with me, some days are easier than others. I in turn, will do everything to give everything I have to you all, and to protect that **chance** we have before us: to be the example.

For, after all, if you all are brave enough to stand beside me, and before me, and behind me, and surround me... Than I can be brave enough to try again until I've got it.

Let us together be worthy of being called King and Queen, not by bestowed or inherited title...

but rather,

by how we live

and

how we love.

All of my Grace, unto you, I give.

*Lady Ninja*

