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The Skyline Center, shown on July 30, is part of Wilmington's Northern Riverfront Development District.

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Remembering 25 important moments from past 25 years

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Twenty-five years is a long time. Certainly, Wilmington has changed a lot over the past quarter-century. With that in mind, we thought we'd look back at 25 memorable Wilmington moments and events from each of the past 25 years.

Spanning the arts, sports, politics and business, the point is to look back at both transformative and unusual moments in the evolution of the Port City, with an emphasis on nostalgia and local pride.

Naturally, we can't include every single important Wilmington event here. Rather, we aim to provide an overview of what we've lost and gained, and things worth remembering.

2025: Skyline

The city of Wilmington holds a grand opening to celebrate the opening of its new City Hall at the Skyline Center. It marks the first time all city departments are consolidated into one building.

2024: Michael Jordan

Wilmington's favorite son, basketball star Michael Jordan, appears with his mother, Deloris, for a ribbon-cutting to



Michael Jordan and his mother, Deloris Jordan, talk to the crowd outside of the Michael Jordan Family Medical Clinic led by Novant Health May 7, 2024, in Wilmington. KEN BLEVINS/STARNEWS FILE

celebrate the opening of the first Wilmington-area Novant Health clinic to bear his name.

2023: 1898

Wilmington marks the 125th anniversary of the Wilmington coup and massacre of 1898 two years after a "funeral procession" for Joshua Halsey.

Halsey was one of perhaps dozens of Wilmington Blacks killed during a White supremacist uprising in 1898.

2022: New Hanover High School celebrates 100

New Hanover High School on

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Highway proposed in Brunswick

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A new U.S. 17 connection is on the way for northern Brunswick County.

As Brunswick officials weigh transportation priorities for the N.C. Department of Transportation's next State Transportation Improvement Program, a long-discussed connector road between U.S. 17 and N.C. 133 will likely be surfaced by a developer first.

N.C. 133, also called River Road, extends from Belville to Oak Island, serving as a major thoroughfare and evacuation route. Though a majority of the route remains untouched by development, a golf course, convenience store, and school are located along the route, as well as several homes, neighborhoods and parks.

The proposed route, known in regional planning documents as the U.S. 17/N.C. 133 Connection, shows a new roadway linking the two highways. The NCDOT P8 Prioritization Map

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Mom faces charges in 2-year-old son's death

Prosecutors: Woman 'very invested' in Clancy case

Mike Snider
USA TODAY

A mother in suburban Illinois has been charged with murder in the killing of her 2-year-old son after she reportedly developed a fascination with the Lindsay Clancy case.

Corie A. Walsh, 40, of Frankfort, Illinois, has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder, the Frankfort Police Department said in a Sept. 4 news release. Prosecutors say a neighbor found Barrett Walsh, 2, on Sept. 1, hanging from a rafter in the family's basement.

When police arrived at about 4 p.m. local time, the neighbor had taken the toddler down and was performing

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