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## Welcoming 2016!



The Oriental Town Dragon peeks just above the crowd gathered on Hodges Street for the annual New Year's Eve celebration.

Many of the revelers dressed for celebration,

with hats and festive clothing, while sporting noisemakers including traditional pots and pans.

The year 2016 is now officially underway in Oriental!

## One Dead, Second Victim Severely Burned in Maribel House Fire

Staff Reports

One person is dead and another seriously burned during a house fire Tuesday morning in Maribel.

Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis confirms the fatality and says the other victim was taken to CarolinaEast Medical center with severe burns. As of press time, the condition of the second victim was not available. Their identities are not being released at this time.

The 911 call was received at 9:24 am reporting a residential structure fire at 282 Swan Point Road. The caller also reported that a female was trapped inside the residence.

When first responders arrived, the structure was fully involved resulting in nine volunteer fire departments being dispatched to the home.

In addition to the sheriff's department, Davis says the Pamlico County Fire Marshall and the NC State Bureau of Investigation are investigating the cause of this deadly fire.



## Starting the New Year with a Dream

By Townley Cheek

Torrence Purdue is a full-time student, father, and employee, working 17 to 18 hours a day. While he wears different hats during the day, at night he wears only one-- a student with a dream to own a business.

Walking through the halls, Torrence Purdue always has a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He, however, will be the first to tell you that it was not all as easy as it appears. It took drive, dedication, and heart to get him to where he is now.

Purdue started school elsewhere, but for some reason felt something was missing from his education. "I just knew something was not right. I felt like I was not respected and did not belong." Because of that, it made it hard for him

to have the drive to continue with school, and he knew he needed a change.

That summer he was working at Camp Sea Gull & Seafarer. Each day he would drive by PCC, and he started to wonder if PCC might be the right place for him. "One day I started asking about PCC in the community. I kept hearing all the great things about the school, so I decided to give it a try," he says. "I wanted to find a place where I felt comfortable and respected as a serious student," and he found that place at Pamlico Community College.

For most working adults, one eight hour day is enough to feel exhausted. For Purdue, it's just half of his working day. Over the summer, he worked

during the day as a cook and at night as a security guard. "It was hard, but I did work when I could," he says. "Sometimes all I could do was five minutes of homework every couple of hours, but I did it."

When asked how he was able to manage being a full-time student with all that was going on, he replied, "When you know you want something, you will do anything to achieve it and succeed."

Purdue had a passion for business, but lacked the skills needed to be successful in the business world. He now has a firm financial background, as well as managerial training, which are the skills he needed to master for promotion at his job. With this degree, Purdue will get a promotion, a stepping stone on his path to success. He wants to continue his education and get an MBA. Later, he wants to open a business that specializes in food delicacies, but with a spa theme.

Torrence Purdue has only one class left and will graduate with an Associate in Applied Science this spring. He is well on his way to becoming one of many PCC successful alumni.

"I am not sure if I want to stay in the area forever, or go someplace else," he says. "Regardless, I know I will be able to succeed wherever I go because of the education I got from Pamlico Community College."

This sort of flexibility is one of the greatest things about the Business Administration program at PCC. "This program offers degrees and certificates that can open doors for students, whether they stay in Pamlico or leave the state," says Rebecca Pesko, Instructor of Business at PCC. "It is a unique program for many reasons, but mainly because of that flexibility."

If you would like to find your success at PCC like Torrence, come by spring registration today from 8:30am-7pm located at 5049 NC HWY 306 South, or you can call 252-249-1851 to learn more. Take it from Torrence, "Nobody can tell you that you cannot do something. You can if you believe you can."

Torrence Purdue is living proof of that statement, and you can be too at Pamlico Community College.



Torrence Purdue is a full-time student, father, and employee who dreams of owning his own business.

## Don't miss this opportunity!

The Board of Trustees invites the general public to provide input regarding the selection of a new president for Pamlico Community College on Monday, January 11, 4:30-5:30pm at the Ned Everett Delamar Center auditorium on the Pamlico Community College campus, 5049 Highway 306 South, Grantsboro. Or, you may send comments to [mnoevere@pamlico-ccc.edu](mailto:mnoevere@pamlico-ccc.edu) no later than 5:30pm, January 11. If you have questions regarding the forum, please contact Search Liaison Michelle Noevere at 252-249-1851, ext. 3084.



## In Remembrance 2015

January

- Sallie Frances Dixon Bennett, 81, of Grantsboro
- Eleanor Young Bunn, 68, of Grantsboro
- David Paul McKeon Sr., 72, of New Bern
- Shirley Ann Moore, 70, of Reelsboro
- Robert William Nobles, 75, of Bridgeton
- Francis Taylor "Pete" Parham, 89, of Oriental
- Bessie Lee Parsons, 100, of Grantsboro
- Lillian Hopkins Sadler, 91, of Sneads Ferry, formerly of Hobucken
- Paul Ellis Sheppard, 65, of New Bern
- Lorraine Hardison Woodard, 65, of Grantsboro
- Isla Lee Bennett, 102, of Reelsboro
- Jonah Allen Carawan, infant
- William T. "Bill" Gilgo, 75, of New Bern
- Margaret Agnes Bennett, 87, of Glen Allen, VA, formerly of Pamlico County
- Robert Buddy Thomas Jones, 49, of Goose Creek
- Frances Sadler Robinson, 76, of Hobucken
- Jack Dennis Russell, 63, of Merritt
- Gregory Thomas Jones
- Willis Bass, 72, of Bayboro
- Curtis "Scooter" Potter Lewis, Jr., 68, of Manteo
- Jimmy Derrell Watson, 67, of Whortonsville

February

- Winford "Wimpy" Errol Belangia, 71, of Arapahoe
- Edith Louise Ballance Kirk, 82, of Lowland
- Luther Paul Buckner, 73, of New Bern
- Barry Allen Beauchamp, 73, of Oriental
- Joseph "Joey" Connor Bennett, 37, of Stonewall
- Delma O'Neal White, 71, of Grantsboro
- Alene B. Cole, of Grantsboro
- Carol Kennedy Erwin, 66, of Oriental
- Mary Chandler, 89, of Oriental

March

- Eugene Erford Secord, Jr., age 64, of Winterstown, PA
- Jean Lois AhKao, 82, of Oriental
- Mae Bell Lewis Carawan, 89, of Aurora
- James Malcolm Flowers, 79, of Hobucken

April

- Patricia Ann Belangia, 70, of Arapahoe
- Lula Letchworth Johnson Cayton, 87, of Aurora
- Dorothy Overton Potter, 88, of Aurora
- Meritha Dowdle Purifoy, 72, of New Bern
- Waldon Earl Sawyer, 76, of Aurora
- Siegfried Scholl (Ziggy), 72, of Alliance
- Mary Young, 93, of Oriental
- Hazel Spain Williamson Tyndall, 87, of Alliance
- Glennie Gaskill Malone Flowers, 78, of Hobucken
- William Y. Bemis Jr., 70, of Arapahoe
- Susan Marie Keller, 65, of Minnesott Beach
- James Muse Rowe Jr., 71, of Alliance
- Julia Simpkins Brazelle, 98, of Greer, SC, formerly of Oriental

May

- Mary Agnes Smith Jackson, 79, of Minnesott Beach
- Rev. Charles Colbert Harrell Jr., 58, of New Bern
- Helga Rosemann Collier, 88, of Oriental
- Sampson "Sam" Bruce Cuthrell, 40, of Grantsboro
- Louise Spruill Miller, 90, of Bayboro
- Russell Willis Pegram, 87, of Maribel
- Harold Eugene Adams, 88, of Grantsboro
- Evelyn Ensley Beeman, 96, of Arapahoe
- Samuel M. "Sammy" Swindell III, 56, of Huntersville, NC, formerly of Alliance

June

- Judith "Judy" Wilkerson Avery, 53, of New Bern
- Patricia Galloway Jordan, 71, of Aurora
- William Troy Paul, 18, of Alliance
- Ellis Whitford Cowell Sr., 87, of Alliance
- Shirley Williamson Ireland, 80, of Mesic
- Iva Mae Ross Lange, 84, of Elizabeth City, formerly of Lowland
- Myrtle Bell Toler, 65, of Bayboro
- Frank Duffy Tyndall Jr., 81, of Havelock
- Ellis Charles Boudreaux, 68, of Oriental
- Paul "Shorty" George Florian, 70, of Reelsboro
- Robert Stephen Quick, 76, of Oriental

July

- Albert "Black Duck" Elton Roberts, 86, of Grantsboro
- Lewis James "Jamie" Rowe, 42, of Greenville, formerly of Pamlico County

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Terry & Art, Oriental



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## Oriental's Village Gallery Puts on a New Face for a New Year



For the month of January, the Village Gallery celebrates the works of its local member artists. During the first week of of this new year, the members have been busy removing art from the walls, repainting, cleaning, and rehanging the Gallery in readiness for an opening reception featuring their new and favorite works.

The reception will be held Saturday, January 9 from 2-5pm. Each artist will display additional and new works to start off the new year sharing space with guests artists from around North Carolina. The reception provides an opportunity to discuss their art and their creative processes with visitors to the Gallery.

Two dimensional art ranges in size from 2 inch by 3 inches to 3 feet by 4 feet in all paint mediums. Metal works have been enameled, fired, and welded. Wood works have been turned on a lathe, carved, and sculpted. Works have been created for both inside and outside display. Pine needles have been woven into baskets, and glass beads have been fused, gourds have been scrubbed and carved, all in readiness for the member artists displays.

Come celebrate the talents and dedication to the arts of members and volunteer of staff the Village Gallery located at 300 Hodges Street in Oriental. Winter hours are from 10:00 AM till 5:00 PM Thursday's through Sunday's. The Gallery is a not for profit organization of cooperative member artists. For more information, contact Judy Wayland and 252 249 1505 or visit the Gallery website at [villagegallerync.com](http://villagegallerync.com), or contact the Gallery during hours of operation at 252.249.0300.

### All About Climate Change

On January 14, there will be a documentary shown at Joslyn Hall, Carteret Community College, 3500 Arendell Street, Morehead City, called Merchants of Doubt. This film about climate change, examines the history of corporate-financed public relations efforts to confuse the public and sow skepticism about global warming.

There will be a "meet and greet" with refreshments at 6:30pm and the film will be shown from 7-8:30pm. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by The Croatian Group of the Sierra Club, Carteret Crossroads and North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light.

Refer to <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3675568/> for more information.

## New Safety Measures for Oriental Walkers



The organizers of the Ol'Front Porch Music Festival (the Osmuns and the Kellenbergers), after seeing the conflict between increased pedestrian traffic on our main streets, and vehicular traffic, acquired pedestrian signs for the town of Oriental. Below is a letter from Mr. Jim Kellenberger explaining the signs.

The Town Mayor and Commissioners would like to publicly thank the organizers for their effort and publicize the acquisition. The signs have already been used for the Bridge Run in coordination with the Spirit of Christmas as well as for the Dragon Runs at New Year's Eve and other large gatherings in the streets. A big thank you from the town of Oriental!

### Added Safety Measures for the Town of Oriental

Since arriving in the Town of Oriental in the Spring of 2003 (or mighty close to it), I have had the opportunity and pleasure of participating in and organizing many events in Town, both social and fundraising. Over the years, these events have grown both in number and size of attendees. Many people come to this paradise Community for it's quiet streets and gentle lifestyle and find them great for both walking and biking. These amenities help bring tourists to our Town and its reputation is known far and wide.

The first Old Porch Music Festival held in 2014 with its many hundreds of attendees roaming our streets and roads brought to my attention the need for a way to insure our guests and the motoring public could co-exist during this six hour festival as well as the many other events where people are in or near streets and roads. Having spent my adult life (nearly 50 years) in the Transportation Safety Industry, it was apparent to me some simple signage was in order. Using my contacts in this industry, we able to secure two "Watch for Pedestrian" signs with accompanying sign stands that meet all NCDOT and Federal standards. My friends Jim Babcock (Owner) and Tony Collings (Branch Manager) at Stay Alert Safety Services in Kernersville, NC are responsible for the donation of these signs (retail value about \$500) to the Old Front Porch Music Festival and now the festival organization is donating these to the Town of Oriental. These signs were first deployed at both ends of NC 55 for the 2015 Old Front Porch Music Festival last October which brought over 1200 attendees. We intend to use them for next year's Festival scheduled for October 15, 2016.

It is my intention that the Town make these signs available to any group holding an event. During events involving street closures such as parades these signs are very useful in reminding motorists, especially on NC 55, that pedestrians could be in or very close to the travelway. Our safe, gentle way of life in this Town is an asset we should all try to protect and enhance.

Jim Kellenberger  
Register Professional Engineer

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## JANUARY

### Oriental's First Citizens Bank Robbed at Gunpoint; Suspects Remain At Large

A seeming normal day turned out to be anything but at Oriental's First Citizens Bank Monday when two men burst into the bank pointing a gun and demanding cash. Pamlico County Sheriff Billy Sawyer reported the bank on Broad Street was held-up just after 4pm Monday afternoon. Inside were two tellers, the bank manager and a customer. No one was injured.

The search is on for the suspects reported to be two black men, one armed with a semi-automatic pistol as well as a third black man driving what is thought to be a silver PT Cruiser with New York tags. Sawyer said the men had covered their faces with their jackets upon entering the bank. After getting a yet undisclosed amount of cash, the two fled on foot, Sawyer said. It was an eye witness that reported seeing the small silver car following them as the pair headed towards the bridge.

Sawyer said the two bank robbers jumped into the car and the three headed toward Arapahoe. Sawyer said authorities believe the trio also attempted the robbery of the Aurora bank just hours earlier. Aurora Police Chief Michael Harmon said around 1:45pm Monday a man tried to get into the Southern Bank. The chief said the bank has double doors, and before employees buzzed the man inside a metal detector went off. The man turned around and left.

After comparing notes, Sawyer said there is little doubt the cases are connected. Harmon says that person attempting to enter the bank was a black male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black shoes, and appeared to be wearing gloves. He was around 6'0" tall and weighed between 170 and 175 pounds.



### New Sheriff Steps Up War On Drugs

By Deborah Dickinson  
Pamlico News Staff

Drug cartels tend to infiltrate rural areas with limited police force and according to Sheriff, Chris Davis, Pamlico County is no stranger to this type of activity. In 2010 a federal investigation into a Mexican Drug Cartel that had imbedded itself in the county was conducted. The investigation, named operation "No Quarter" was designed to attack the infrastructure of the Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO), operating not only in the Eastern District of North Carolina, but throughout North Carolina, the United States and Mexico. The investigation spanned ten years and five North Carolina counties. As part of the investigation, over one hundred individuals have been charged by indictment or criminal information in the Eastern District of North Carolina and state courts.



New Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis

Davis contends that this type of activity continues today, but, the newly elected sheriff is vowing to take a stance against these DTO's, responsible for the importation of large quantities of cocaine, marijuana, heroin, and methamphetamine into the United States, as well as the related remittance of illegal drug proceeds back into Mexico. In 2014 heroin arrests in Pamlico County soared to four hundred percent. Davis is credited with being the youngest sheriff in the United States, but with numerous drug arrests under his belt since taking office, he is making his mark against drug trafficking.

Davis has received unanimous support from the community and county commissioners in his request for the tools and manpower needed to ensure the safety of not only the citizens of Pamlico County, but the safety of law enforcement as well. His initial request included additional drug agents, vehicles and numerous safety-related equipment, estimating a total of \$160,000. A detailed list and firm costs will be presented at the next County Commissioners meeting which, according to Davis, is just a formality who expects no resistance. "Numerous grants have been applied for to offset the costs of the new equipment and officer's salaries," added Davis.

In light of recent events, there has been a mistrust and even hostility against police officers. Given this current climate, a main priority of Davis is the safety of his officers. He intends to better equip his officers to ensure their safety and enable them to better do their job which is protecting the citizens of Pamlico County. According to Davis, some of Pamlico's officers do not have bullet proof vests and investigators are using equipment that was issued to them in the 1990s.

"My goal and initiative is to provide these officers with the equipment necessary to fight crime in the 21st century," vowed Davis.

Numerous state and federal authorities have assisted in many of the most recent drug investigations and Davis sees that trend continuing in the future as these agencies work together to continue to fight drug related crime throughout the county. "As a small county, we need to rely on the assistance of state and federal agencies. We have reached out and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol Law Enforcement have been completely receptive and cooperative in combating these problems," said Davis.

In addition to fighting drug trafficking and the crime that accompanies it, Davis will be reopening some unresolved homicide investigations from over the last five years. "These cases have tasked investigators and because of loopholes, have been deemed unresolved," Davis said. Because of his renewed focus on these cold cases and the availability of better technology and investigative tools, Davis has already made some headway in bringing closure to some of these cases.

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease," says Davis and he implores the public to reach out to authorities and continue to report crime and suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. "If the citizens of Pamlico County continue to do their part, we can combat crime, establish trust and make our communities safer," he added.

### Trio Sentenced For Oriental Bank Heist

GREENVILLE - United States Attorney Thomas G. Walker announced that David McArthur King, age twenty-four, of New Bern, Thomas Lee Cuthbertson, Jr., age twenty-four, of Vanceboro, and Khiry Terrel Jones, age twenty-four, of Oriental, were each sentenced resulting from their earlier guilty pleas to bank robbery and firearms charges. The charges stem from the December 2, 2013 robbery of First Citizens Bank in Oriental, and the November 22, 2013 robbery of TD Bank in Easley, South Carolina.



Khiry Terrel Jones, 24

On December 10, 2014, Senior U.S. District Judge Malcolm J. Howard sentenced King to twenty years in prison for his plea to two counts of armed bank robbery and a single count of using or carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence or possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime, all for his role in both robberies. On January 13, 2015, Judge Howard sentenced Jones to eight years in prison for armed bank robbery and for his role as the getaway driver in the First Citizens robbery. On January 14, 2015, Judge Howard sentenced Cuthbertson to seventeen years in prison for armed bank robbery and a single count of using or carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, or possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime, all for his role in both robberies. King, Jones and Cuthbertson were each ordered to be supervised for five years following release. King was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$61,539.50, which includes \$3,000.00 from an additional robbery. Jones was ordered to pay \$33,797.00 in restitution. Cuthbertson was ordered to pay \$58,521.50 in restitution.

Investigation of this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New Bern Police Department, the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, the Oriental Police Department, and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney John Bennett is prosecuting the case.



David McArthur King, 24



Thomas Lee Cuthbertson Jr., 24



### 4th Annual Coastal Carolina Delta Waterfowl Banquet

Please join us for the 4th Annual Coastal Carolina Delta Waterfowl Banquet on Saturday, January 23rd and help us continue our work giving back to the community! Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 followed by games, raffles & a live auction with tons of guns & awesome gifts.

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# FEBRUARY

## Between the Cracks: County Healthcare

By Martha L. Hall  
Pamlico News Staff

BAYBORO – Despite the Affordable Health Care Act, many Pamlico County residents still need the free Hope Clinic.

Sheri Rettew, executive director of Hope Clinic, says that even after full implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act, or Obamacare, according to the Congressional Budget Office, there may be as many as 29 million people who are still without health care. This includes documented, undocumented and those who are eligible for Medicaid but reside in states that are not going to expand this program (North Carolina is one).

And, Rettew says this population of vulnerable indigent adults, have so many other needs as well and so many things they are at risk for.

“One is transportation,” said Rettew. “They have trouble getting to their appointments. They might have all the coverage in the world but what good does that do if they can’t get there. Also the other thing that is huge for indigent populations is medication. These people frequently have chronic disease and illness, in a lot of cases life-threatening. Just in the last year, I have probably lost 5 patients to strokes.

They are not compliant, not eating right. We have an advanced diabetes patient whose medicines cost \$2,600 a month. We get them (meds) for free but if we weren’t able to help him, Obamacare nor Medicaid will pick that up. They might pay for a portion of it but this patient can’t even afford gas to get to the doctor’s office.”

Rettew said Pamlico County is so rural and help is so far away.

“I remember when Obamacare was first talked about,” she said. “People said they wouldn’t need Hope Clinic anymore. People just aren’t aware.”

Rettew said the clinic is also a certified application center in the area. The first enrollment, they were the only one. For the second enrollment, Dr. Sue Lee and the Pamlico Community Center were there to help people. Now Brian Ellenberg from Farm Bureau is also trying to help.

“Ideally in North Carolina, anyone 100 percent over the federal poverty level, they may qualify for Obamacare,” Rettew said. “They may also qualify for tax subsidies. I use the word ‘may’ because there are other considerations like the number of people in their house. If they are under, making less than \$11,800 a year, which is the federal poverty level, they don’t qualify for anything. The very poorest of the poor can’t have health insurance.”

Rettew said there were a lot of rumors going around that the state of North Carolina was looking into a modified plan for Medicaid expansion.

“In some respects, I understand the implications of expanding Medicaid and accepting federal money,” she said. “Then you’re accountable for it. The state would have to have people in place that are trained and understand it.”

According to Rettew, Hope Clinic covers up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. And it goes up, depending on how many live in your house.

Many people, she said, who are eligible for Obamacare don’t get it because they can’t afford the co-pays, the premiums and their medications.

“We have patients coming to Hope Clinic who have zero premiums; with the tax subsidies they would have to pay nothing for their insurance,” Rettew said. “That works well if the patients are relatively healthy and don’t take a lot of expensive medications because there is a significant deductible. Most of the people who qualify can’t pay a \$2,500 deductible.

Hope Clinic offers medical care, pharmacy, dental, vision and behavioral health care to patients who can’t afford Obamacare or Medicaid.

“I think that the biggest misconception has been that the public doesn’t understand what Hope Clinic does,” said Rettew. “We are not just seeing people with headaches and wounds that need Band-aids. We’re seeing people, and I would say it is more than 75 percent of our patients, that have chronic disease or illness.”

Rettew said the board of Hope Clinic spends a great amount of time involving strategic planning, looking into the unmet needs in Pamlico County.

## Return of the Ferry Bill: No Tolls on Any

By Martha L. Hall  
Pamlico News Staff

RALEIGH – Republican state Rep. Michael Speciale is one of the lawmakers who has introduced a new ferry bill that would eliminate tolls on all of the 7 ferries in the state. The bill was passed by the House and now is in the Transportation Committee – a venue that has proven difficult in the past.

Speciale says tolls on the ferries would keep people from riding the ferries and for tourism purposes that is one of the one of the best reasons for no tolls.

There are people who won’t ride them because they have to pay. Better the tolls be dispensed with, tourism dollars go to the local folks providing tourism and the cost of maintaining the ferries goes to the state.

“Last session we gave the authority to sell naming rights, concessions and things like that so there is a way they can bring in some funding,” said Speciale.

“I’d like to put an end to this thing.”

The ferry issue is now in its fourth year since the Legislature ordered DOT to create new tolls and increase existing ones for millions in revenue in 2011.

Speciale and Rep. John Torbett, Gaston County, combined to author the bill.

In an email put out by Henri McClees, lobbyist for Pamlico County and other coastal counties, said this bill and the time it appeared may have been a boon.

“There was an internal movement to take \$800,000 from the ferry budget away from the ferry,” she said. “This bill appeared just in time to quash that move.”

The bill was filed on Feb. 16 and passed its first reading by the House on Feb. 18. It has been referred to the Committee on Transportation and if gets a favorable response, it will go to Appropriations and then the Senate.

Evidently the wording of the bill was cobbled together from an older bill and then the parts not applicable were lined through, leaving a page and a third of a 3-page document.

Asked if he thought this bill, which has no trouble passing in the House of Representatives, would pass the Senate’s scrutiny, Speciale had no idea.

“We just keep plugging away at this thing,” he said. “I believe the ferries should be free. We have suggested ways that the ferries could make money – by providing food, drinks, personal comfort items, Internet access and souvenirs of the ferry system.”

There are also sponsorships, including naming rights to ferry vessels, ferry routes or ferry facilities.

Advertising includes display advertising and advertising delivered through the use of video monitors, public address systems in the passenger areas and other electronic media.

Also offered is any receipt-generating activity not forbidden by public health or safety.

The money from these ventures will go a reserve account in the Highway Fund and designated as the Ferry Capital Improvement Account. Funds from this account will be used for improvements to the ferries and the facilities of the North Carolina Ferry System.

Speciale said paid ferries, because of added personnel, would cost \$27 for every passenger.

Larry Summers, an Oriental Commissioner and staunch proponent of no ferry tolls, said he didn’t know if the bill had a chance.

“I think we need to push this thing a little bit. I think the best thing we can do for Eastern Carolina is bring more outside money in. Rep. Torbett believes that and I think some of the others who are staunch Republican leaders in leadership positions believe it too. I’m not sure if we need to fire it up a lot of ways. Sen. Norman Sanderson said he was going to put a bill in to find a way to replace the funding on the Senate side so we’ll see where that one goes.”

Summers said he was told that the Transportation Department had nothing to do with it. But he believes someone in the Senate Transportation Committee was continuing to push and try to get tolls on it.

“I think as a department, they’re not so much in there. Maybe I need to write to Secretary of the Transportation department, Tony Tata, and get people to write and apply a little pressure. Fifty or 100 emails or letters on this I think would be helpful.”

## your voice

The Pamlico Community College Board of Trustees is beginning the selection process to find a new president to lead the college. The Board feels it is important that the citizens in the college’s service area be heard regarding the traits and characteristics of the next president. The general public is invited to a forum to address the board for that purpose.

**WHAT:** Pamlico Community College Presidential Search Forum  
**DATE:** Monday, January 11, 2015  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Ned Everett Delamar Center Auditorium  
Pamlico Community College Campus  
5049 Highway 306 South, Grantsboro

Those unable to attend may send comments to  
[mnoevere@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:mnoevere@pamlicocc.edu)  
no later than 5:30 p.m. January 11.

If you have questions regarding the forum, please contact  
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## MARCH

### Joshua Gaskill Vying for Top Teacher



To his students, Pamlico High School history teacher Joshua Gaskill is already the top teacher in North Carolina. They are hoping it becomes official next month.

Gaskill is in the running for North Carolina Teacher of the Year and will head to Cary on March 20th for a round of interviews conducted by a committee made up of State leaders in education, and community and business leaders as a final step in the NC Teacher Of The Year. He and seven finalists representing their regions will face tough questions from the committee regarding pertinent education issues in the state. The NC Teacher of the year will be announced at a formal luncheon in Cary on April 7th.

The National Teacher of the Year Program has been in existence for over fifty years and North Carolina has participated in this program recognizing outstanding teachers since 1970. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, along with its sponsors, administers the program and chooses a candidate who is "dedicated and highly skilled, a candidate proven capable of inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn."

Gaskill is a 2003 graduate of Pamlico County High School with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences from NC State University and a Master of Arts in Teaching from East Carolina University. He was nominated for NC Southeast Region Teacher of the Year by his students and their parents, faculty and administration last year. During an assembly at the high school Josh was surprised to learn he had won in the region. His family was on hand to celebrate the wonderful news. Since graduating from Pamlico, Gaskill has seen many positive changes within the district.

"There are more opportunities for students. There are programs that help with college and career choices, more AP courses, virtual classes and innovative curriculum changes," said Gaskill. A newly instituted program at Pamlico is the "Canes Lunch" which provides one half hour each day set aside during which students can get extra help with their studies through tutorials, group study sessions and one-on-one tutoring.

Gaskill has only positive things to say about public education. His students praise his teaching techniques. He was chosen by his students, their parents and his peers because of his ability to inspire. "I

try to be very enthusiastic, its not about me, its about the needs of my students. Students learn in a variety of ways and I like to use hands-on activities and technology to assist with my lesson plans," added Gaskill. He gets his inspiration seeing students succeed and helping them to reach that success. "Celebrating the small successes key. Helping them to excel and meet their goals is what keeps me doing this," he added.

Gaskill comes from a long line of teachers and says that teaching is in his blood. He is a fourth generation Pamlico educator. He and his wife are expecting their first child, a boy in April. When asked if he will encourage his son to follow in his foot steps, Gaskill replied "Teaching is a rewarding profession. If it is what will make him happy, I will encourage it."

Gaskill advises his students to follow their dreams and do what makes you happy and love what you do. "Every day has its challenges and to teach is to touch lives forever," says Gaskill. As far as his advice to those going into education, he encourages teachers to be real with their students and to build relationships. "If you are excited about subject matter, they will be excited," he explained.

The State Teacher of the Year acts as an ambassador to education within the state. According to Gaskill, the winner is like a "teacher on loan" for the year. He or she will travel throughout the state working together with other regional finalists to form a collaborative network providing ongoing professional development and support throughout the state on critical issues facing public education. One issue Gaskill is concerned with is teacher retention. He believes that there are many reasons why teachers leave their district or profession. He feels there are high expectations of educators and they need ongoing support to make them want to stay and be successful in their career. Gaskill attributes his success to those who he works with on a daily basis, his students, family and colleagues. "I have so many people to thank whom have helped me get to this point, the community has been so supportive its a great place that fosters personal growth and success," he said with great appreciation.

### Lisa Jackson Tapped to Head Schools

The Pamlico County Board of Education elected Lisa Jackson as the next Superintendent of the Pamlico County Schools, upon Dr. Wanda Dawson's retirement, effective July 1. The appointment is for a four-year term.

"I am thrilled to be given this opportunity to continue serving the Pamlico County school community," said Jackson following her appointment. "I look forward to bringing the same passion and energy to this job as I have since starting here in 1989."

"I feel so blessed to work with an amazing group of students and staff."

In announcing the appointment, the Board thanked Dr. Dawson for "her tireless service and her enduring commitment to the Pamlico County Schools, not only during her successful tenure as Superintendent, but over her entire career in this school system. She has left an ever-lasting imprint, and we wish her the best in her retirement."

"Congratulations to Ms. Jackson on being appointed as the next superintendent. I am very proud of the work Ms. Jackson has done in her various roles in the district and I know she will do an outstanding job in her new role as superintendent of schools," said current Superintendent Dr. Wanda Dawson. "I wish her the best of luck."

Jackson has served the Pamlico County School System throughout her entire career. She graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education in 1989. She immediately began her professional career at Pamlico Middle School, teaching math, language arts, science and social studies. She earned career status as a teacher in 1992 and was the 1999 Pamlico County Middle School Teacher of the Year. During that time, she also earned her Master of Arts degree in reading education from East Carolina University in 1996.

From 2000 to 2006, Ms. Jackson served as department chair for education programs at Pamlico Community College. She returned to the Pamlico County School System in January 2006, as Director of School-Community Relations. From there, she became an Assistant Principal at Pamlico County High School in 2009, Principal of Pamlico County Middle School in 2010, and Principal at Pamlico County High School in July 2013.

#### IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NOTICE 2016 PROPERTY LISTING PERIOD

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 105-296(c), all persons owning property on January 1, 2015 that is subject to taxation must list such property within the listing period of January 1, 2016 through February 1, 2016. Property can be listed from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday in the Listing Office in the Pamlico County Courthouse.

A listing form is required if one or more of the following apply:

- You have made improvements to your real estate during the previous year. Maintenance such as painting/ wallpaper and landscaping is not considered an improvement and no listing is required.
- You own unregistered vehicles that do not have an active North Carolina Registration.
- You own other reportable personal property such as boats, boat motors, jet skis, aircraft, etc.
- You own a singlewide mobile home.
- You own business personal property.

If you received a listing form in the previous year for listing your property, a listing form will automatically be mailed to you at the address of record as of December 31, 2015. If you do not receive a listing form and you have property that is required to be listed, it is your responsibility to obtain a listing form from the Assessor's Office.

Real Estate in Pamlico County is permanently listed and does not require an annual listing.

Failure to list within the required period will result in a penalty of 10% of the total tax levied.

Initial Land Use Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2016 to February 1, 2016.

Listing by mail is optional. If listing by mail, return listing form to:

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P. O. Box 538  
Bayboro, NC 28515

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- You are 65 years or older or totally and permanently disabled.
- You have completed an application.

#### Income Requirements:

- If income equals \$0 to \$29,000, taxes are limited to 4% of income
- If income equals \$29,000 to \$43,500 taxes are limited to 5% of income
- If income equals over \$43,500 taxpayer does not qualify
- Taxpayer must apply for Circuit Breaker Exclusion every year. This includes taxpayers that qualified in the previous year.

If you received the exclusion in tax year 2015, you do not need to reapply unless you changed your permanent residence.

If you received the exclusion in tax year 2015 and your income in 2015 was in excess of \$29,000, you must notify the Assessor.

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# Kitchen Chatter

by Nancy Winfrey



## Great Dishes for Colder Weather

### POTATO CASSEROLE

2 pounds frozen hash-brown potatoes, thawed  
 3/4 cup melted butter or margarine, divided  
 1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted  
 1/2 cup chopped onions  
 1 pint sour cream  
 2 cups Cheddar cheese, grated  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 2 cups cornflakes, coarsely crushed

Combine the thawed hash browns, 1/2 cup of the melted butter or margarine, soup, onions, sour cream, cheese, salt and pepper and blend well. Place mixture in well buttered 9x13x2-inch baking dish. Combine the cornflakes and remaining melted butter or margarine and toss to coat then sprinkle evenly over the top of the casserole. Bake in 300 degree oven for 1 hour.

### QUICK AND EASY BEEF STROGANOFF

2 pounds ground beef  
 2/3 cup water  
 1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted  
 1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
 1-1/2 cups sour cream  
 2 tablespoons all purpose flour

In a large skillet, brown the ground beef, stirring to crumble, until browned. Add the water and chicken soup and onion soup mix, blend, and heat to boiling point - reduce heat. Blend the sour cream and flour together and add to the mixture. Cook and stir until mixture thickens. Heat until thoroughly heated through and through - do not boil. Serve over noodles or rice.

### COMPANY CASSEROLE

1 pound ground beef  
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon pepper  
 1 can (15-oz.) tomato sauce  
 1 package (8-oz.) egg noodles  
 1 carton (8-oz.) sour cream  
 1 carton (8-oz.) cottage cheese  
 1 package (8-oz.) cream cheese, softened  
 1 medium onion, finely chopped

In a large skillet, brown the ground beef, stirring to crumble, until done, adding the salt, pepper and garlic powder. Add the tomato sauce to the beef mixture and simmer-covered-for 30 minutes. Combine the sour cream, cream cheese, cottage cheese and chopped onions and blend well. Cook noodles according to directions on package. Drain well and add 2 tablespoons butter. In a baking dish, spread a little of the meat mixture in the bottom, layer with half the noodles and half of the cheese mixture. Repeat layers ending with meat sauce. Bake, uncovered, in 350 degree oven for about 45 minutes.

### DELUXE BAKED BEANS

1 pound ground beef  
 1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 cup catsup  
 2 tablespoons prepared mustard  
 2 teaspoons vinegar  
 1 can (32-oz.) pork and beans  
 1 can (16-oz.) kidney beans, well drained  
 4 slices bacon

Brown the ground beef in a large skillet, stirring to crumble beef. Stir in remaining ingredients and blend. Pour mixture into a baking dish and place slices of bacon across the top. Bake in 400 degree oven for about 40 minutes.

### MACARONI TACO BAKE

1 pound ground beef  
 1 small bottle taco sauce (or to taste)  
 1 cup frozen corn  
 Doritos, coarsely crushed  
 2 cups cooked shell macaroni  
 2 cups grated sharp or medium Cheddar cheese

In a skillet, cook the ground beef, stirring to crumble, until



browned. Drain off the fat and then add the taco sauce, corn and cooked macaroni. Cook for about 10 minutes and then place in buttered baking dish. Sprinkle the grated cheese over the top and then sprinkle with the crushed Doritos. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 or 35 minutes.

### EASY BAKED PIZZA

2 packages Pillsbury biscuits  
 1 cup sour cream  
 1 pound ground beef  
 1/2 cup finely chopped onions  
 Italian seasoning, to taste  
 Salt and pepper, to taste  
 1 can (15-oz.) tomato sauce  
 1-1/2 cups grated mozzarella cheese

Lay the biscuits in the bottom of a 9x13x2-inch baking dish. Spread with sour cream. In a skillet add the ground beef, onions, Italian seasoning and salt and pepper and cook and stir until ground beef is crumbled and done. Drain fat off and then pour mixture over the sour cream and biscuits. Add the tomato sauce and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Bake in 350 degree oven for 35 minutes.

### OVEN FRIED PARMESAN CHICKEN

1 frying chicken, cut into pieces  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 2 teaspoons paprika  
 2 eggs, beaten  
 3 tablespoons milk  
 1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs  
 2/3 cup Parmesan cheese

In one bowl, combine the flour, pepper, salt and paprika. In another bowl, combine the beaten eggs and milk. In a shallow pie pan or other type, combine the bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Coat each piece of chicken in the flour mixture, then dip in the egg mixture and toss in bread crumb and cheese mixture. Place pieces with skin side down in a large baking pan. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven for 30 minutes, turn chicken over and bake 30 minutes longer.

### CHICKEN IN A CROCK POT

6 chicken breast halves  
 Salt  
 Pepper  
 Paprika  
 1/2 cup milk  
 1 can cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup, undiluted  
 1 can mushrooms, well drained  
 1 cup sour cream  
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

Sprinkle each breast with salt, pepper and paprika. Place chicken in crock pot. Combine the water, soup, sour cream and mushrooms

and blend well. Add the flour and mix thoroughly. Pour the liquid over the chicken. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Serves 6.

### FRUITED SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

1 can (18-oz.) apple slices  
 1 can (14-oz.) pineapple chunks  
 4 teaspoons cornstarch  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 2 cans (18-oz. each) sweet potatoes  
 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
 1/2 stick butter or margarine

Drain and combine the syrups from the apples and the pineapple. Blend cornstarch with 2 tablespoons of the syrup and then combine with remaining syrup in a saucepan. Add the salt and bring to a boil-stirring constantly. Cook and stir until mixture thickens and is clear. Slice the potatoes in half lengthwise. Layer half of the sweet potatoes, half the apples and half the pineapple chunks in a baking dish and sprinkle with half the brown sugar - dot with half the butter. Place remaining sweet potatoes on top. Pile remaining pineapple in the center and surround with remaining apple slices. Sprinkle with remaining brown sugar. Dot with remaining butter and pour the syrup mixture over the casserole. Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour. Serves 8.

### SPINACH SUPREME

2 packages (10-oz. each) frozen leaf spinach  
 1/2 cup boiling water  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
 1 cup sour cream

Place frozen spinach in boiling water and add the salt. Bring to a boil-cover-and reduce heat. Cook until tender, about 6 minutes, and drain well. Mix the soup mix and sour cream in a 2-quart casserole and then add the spinach. Cover and bake in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes. Serves 8.

NOTE: If desired, toss soft bread crumbs in olive oil and sprinkle over the top of the casserole before baking. Adds a nice touch!

### SPINACH, NOODLE & CHEESE BAKE

2 cups cooked noodles  
 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese  
 2 cups chopped cooked spinach  
 4 tablespoons shortening  
 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon pepper  
 Dash of paprika  
 1 cup milk

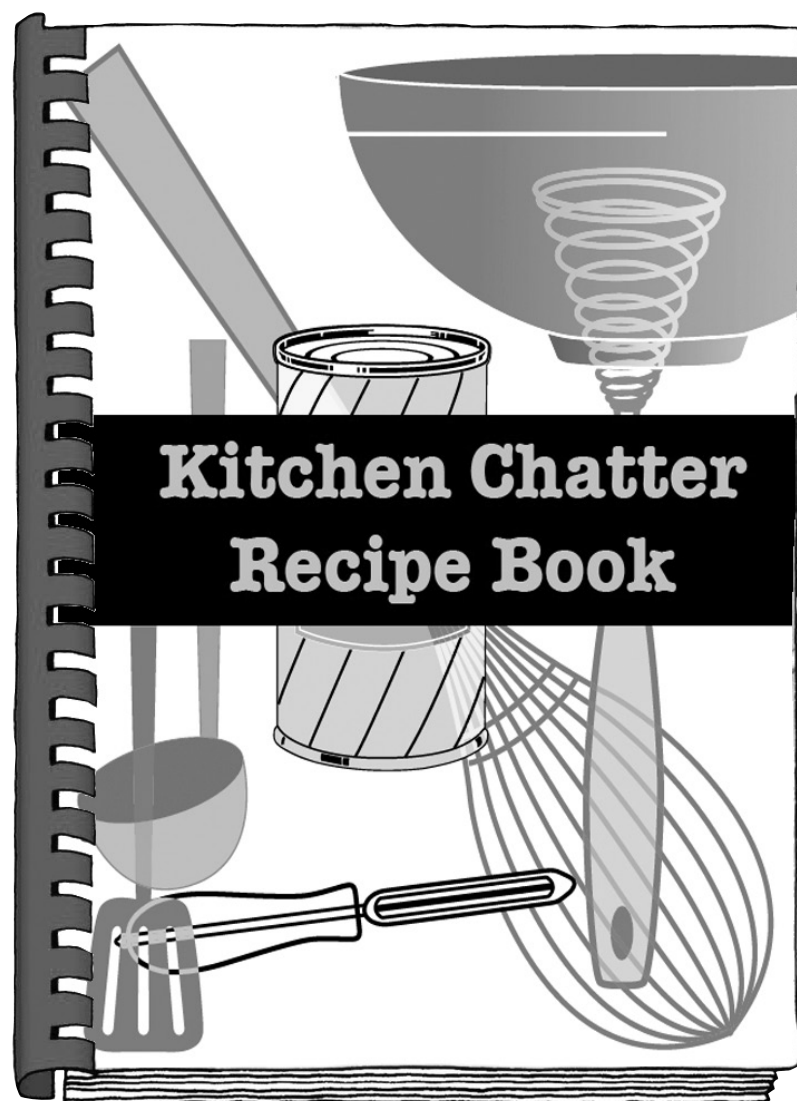
Place the noodles in a generously buttered baking dish and cover with half the cheese. Place the spinach over the cheese. In a saucepan, melt the shortening and then blend in flour and seasonings. Gradually add the milk and cook and stir until thickened. Pour over the spinach and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake in 450 degree oven for 10 minutes or so. Serves 6.

### CHEESE & SAUSAGE MUFFINS

Great to go along with a piping hot bowl of soup!

1/2 pound bulk pork sausage  
 1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper  
 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions  
 3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/2 cup plain cornmeal  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 1 egg, beaten  
 1 cup buttermilk  
 1/2 to 3/4 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese

Combine the sausage, green onions and green peppers in a large skillet and cook over medium heat, stirring to crumble sausage, until sausage is browned. Drain. Combine the flour, cornmeal, baking soda, salt and cayenne in a medium bowl and blend well. Combine the egg and buttermilk and stir well. Add the buttermilk mixture, sausage mixture and cheese to the flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Spoon into grease muffin pans, filling 2/3 full. Bake in 400 degree oven for 25 or 30 minutes or until golden. Makes 1 dozen.



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## **Goose Creek Island**



Annette Jones  
55 Plus Club  
Correspondent

Goose Creek Island 55 Plus met Thursday at the Community Center with Pres. Shelby Keech presiding. We discussed the coming year - 2016 - and suggestions for events and programs to present to VP Bob Johnson who was absent. The most immediate concern is a decline in attendance. We plan to have a membership drive and a special meeting to welcome new members. If you are over 50 years of age, or close to it, we need you. We need some younger people with new ideas!

Joshua Potter will be the Guest Speaker next week. His topic is "School Days, Good Ole Golden Rules Days." You won't want to miss this program. Josh is always an entertaining and charming speaker. As a retired teacher and Pamlico County High School Principal I'm sure he remembers when school was a little bit, shall we say, "different."

Prayer List: Rita Voliva Lupton was unable to attend the meeting. She was diagnosed with an ulcer and has been in the hospital. Martha Lewis, wife of Dale, hasn't been feeling well recently. Edna McKinney spent the Christmas holidays with daughter, Joanne Clark and family at their new home in Tennessee. She is now home, but unfortunately suffering from shingles. Phil Williamson has several broken vertebrae and is not doing well. Also, continue to remember Troy Potter, Jr. and Benjy Voliva. Garnett Leary is presently under the care of Hospice at his home in Reelsboro. Autumn Leary Hardison underwent surgery for appendicitis Saturday night at Carolina East Hospital and is presently doing well.

Please be in prayer for families who have lost loved one. Angel Caroon Woodard of Charlotte, passed away Dec 26 after a long battle with cancer. Memorial Services were held Saturday at Pineville. Bert Thomas Norman of Arapahoe, died Dec. 20. He was a graduate of Hobucken High School, Class of 1951

## **Pamlico**



Betty Jo  
Rodgers  
Correspondent

**HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Here is a Prayer for Strength and Wisdom by Edgar A. Guest:

Grant me the strength from day to day  
To bear what burdens come my way.  
Grant me throughout this bright New Year  
More to endure and less to fear.  
Help me live that I may be  
From spite and petty malice free.  
Let me not bitterly complain  
When cherished hopes of mine prove vain,  
Or spoil with deeds of hate and rage  
Some fair tomorrow's spotless page.  
Lord, as the days shall come and go  
In courage let me stronger grow.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today  
Help me to put my faults away.  
Let me be big in little things;  
Grant me the joy which friendship brings.  
Keep me from selfishness and spite;  
Let me be wise in what is right.  
A happy New Year! Grant that I  
May bring no tear to any eye.  
When this New Year in time shall end  
Let it be said I've played the friend,  
Have lived and loved and labored here,  
And made of it a happy year.

I was blessed in 2015 in many ways by family and friends lifting me up in prayers and I thank them all for the many prayers, cards, and calls. I was blessed to have Reverend Peg O. Witt fill the pulpit for me while I was recuperating, and I was especially blessed by Tillie and Zeffie Roberts who came to visit me after I got home from the hospital. Tillie brought me the best pecan pie I have ever tasted. She is a wonderful cook as well as a wonderful

## **Whortonsville**



Reba Tiller  
Correspondent

Preparations and holiday festivities came and went too fast! There were so many gatherings in our neighborhood. The Bryans hosted the traditional pizza party on Christmas Eve, the Santoros had a fabulous brunch on Christmas Day, the Tillers served fried turkey and ham dinner Christmas evening, then on Tuesday after Christmas we again joined the Bryans for the Low Country Shrimp Boil. It's always so much fun to have several families come together. Guests came from Chapel Hill, Durham and Virginia. In between all these happenings we had Oyster Roast and Scallop Dinners.

Some of the folks went over to the running of the Dragon on New Year's Eve, then had a bonfire and set off some fireworks. Eric Bryan's girlfriend Kelly came down from Charlotte for the New Year celebrations.

Mrs Winky had a lot of guests during the holidays who brought sweets and treats. Because of her health she has not been

Catherine Spain Potter of Newport recently passed. Catherine was the widow of Omer Potter and a graduate of Hobucken School, Class of 1944. Veronica Sue Malloy of Hubert died Dec 31. She was the niece of Tillman Ireland and Nancy Rhoden and daughter of the late Bertha Jean Ireland, formerly of Hobucken. Mary Clyde Truitt Dunn of Oriental passed away Jan 1 at Carolina East Medical Center. Mary Clyde was pianist for the Goose Creek Island Homecoming for many years. She was always ready to do all she could to help make the shows be successful. Her grandparents, Clyde and Gertie Alcock Styron were from Hobucken and Mary Clyde always felt a deep loyalty, as did her mama, Lucille, for Hobucken. Audrey Stevens Henries of Savannah, Georgia passed Dec 23 at Hospice Savannah. Audrey was an alumni of Hobucken School and graduated from Aurora High School. Our condolences to the families.

Happy Birthday Erma Lewis Lupton - Jan 8, Curtis Dale Lewis and Alma Louise Mayo Allen - Jan 9, Jack Sadler and Teresa Caroon Grubbs - Jan 10, Michael Leary and Linda Lewis Caroon - Jan 11, Herman Lee "Buster" Ireland, Jr. - Jan 12, Hiram Lupton, Jr., Janet Gail Jarvis and Ernest Lee Spain - Jan 13.

Audra Cherbonnier of Easter Maryland, cousin of Karen Ireland and Sharon Leary visited with them last week. She spent several nights with Sharon and they enjoyed a fun trip to New Bern Thursday.

Shirley Mayo Ireland and daughters, Holly and Violet enjoyed a visit with Tiffany Alday in Mobile, Alabama, for a few days after Christmas. I believe Tiffany used to work at Shirley's Restaurant.

Charlie Lewis and family visited with his parents Brenda and Bobby Lewis last week.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my good friend Karen Ireland for helping me with my computer problems and helping gather news. Happy New Year to all our readers who say they enjoy reading the Island News and also to those who may not enjoy it so much. If you have a birthday, call me!

friend.

2016 brought sadness to me and all in the Pamlico Community. Our deep condolences go out to the family of my dear friend Mary Clyde Truitt Dunn who went home to be with the Lord too early this year. I could write a whole column just about her. Mary Clyde and I go way back, long before she married the love of her life, Dr. Ernest Dunn. He used to come by the Wit's End and play his fiddle before he would mosey over to the Ole Country Store to jam with other musicians. We used to go over there and sit on the porch and listen to the music into the wee hours of the night.

Mary Clyde, a good two named person, was down to earth and one of the finest Christian ladies you would ever want to meet. She played the organ at Oriental United Methodist Church and it was a real treat for her to play with the Pamlico Chorale when we sang the Hallelujah Chorus every Spirit of Christmas. Many times she played when she did not feel like it. She and her husband also performed each year at the Goose Creek Island Homecoming Play. Anyone who saw them knew how much in love they were and it was a real treat for the audience.

I would see her regularly at the Oriental Village Health and Fitness Club exercising or participating in the Zumba classes with her sister Sally. Speaking of Sally, no one was more proud of Sally becoming mayor of Oriental than Mary Clyde. These sisters were very close.

I most remember the private chats we had when we would pray together. She would often ask for prayer for her son or husband, but rarely for herself. She was such a loving giving person who will be missed by the whole community.

Celebrating birthdays in January are Reuben Phillips, Jeremiah Day, and Anne Watson (1/3), Kathy Tyndall (1/5), Kandy Broughton (1/6), Irene Muse (1/7), Elizabeth Farmer Tillman (1/15), Kelli Hinson and Ruth Ireland (1/16), Ned Ferris (1/21), Kate Moye and Jenny Lupton (1/22), and Shari Roberts Hale (1/31). A wonderful couple, Paul and Dora Brady will celebrate their anniversary on January 14. Best wishes to all of them.

Have a blessed week. Wondering what to do? Take Spiritual Vitamin W. "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)

able to attend church for a very long time. She is the spirit of the neighborhood and the church, so it is very hard not seeing her in the worship service.

There were twenty-two folks in church on Sunday for the first service in 2016. Patty Mills and Elizabeth Cuthrell were a little under the weather and we really miss their voices when we sing.

Speaking of singing, thanks to the Pamlico Chorale for a wonderful Spirit of Christmas concert. When the sad news came that Mary Clyde Dunn had died it was so hard to realize that she had played the organ for the Chorale at the Spirit of Christmas and seemed in such high spirits. Mary Clyde had started with the Chorale twenty seven years ago. Her daughter Holly had sung with us also.

Our prayers go out to the family. Mary Clyde was an important part of the Oriental United Methodist Church and she will be greatly missed there.

Thought for the week--When you toss out the Christmas tree, be careful you don't throw out the Christmas spirit with it.

Happy New Year!

## **Deaths**

• **Mary Clyde Dunn, 62**, of Oriental, passed away Friday, January 1, 2016 at CarolinaEast Medical Center. She was a native of Oriental, daughter of the late Lucille and Billy Truitt. She was a graduate of ECU with a degree in music and voice. Mary Clyde worked as a real estate broker and GRI. She was an active member of Oriental United Methodist Church, where she played piano and organ. She was also very active in theater. She leaves her loving family, husband, Dr. Ernest C. Dunn, Jr.; two sons, Ethan Wiley Dunn of Cary, and Jason Truitt Dunn of Greenville; two daughters, Summer Lee Dunn and Holly Jo Russell (Byron) both, of Oriental; one sister, Sally Truitt Belangia (Ken) of Oriental; two grandchildren, Jalyn Tru Dunn and Matthew Antonio Widales; and nieces

and nephews, Amber Belangia, Clint Belangia, Carey Chapin, Kaitlyn and Mollie Lu. A memorial service was held Monday at Oriental United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be directed to www.pollockbest.com In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Oriental United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 70, Oriental, NC 28571

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Mary Clyde Dunn in her role at the Old Theater's *Simply Divided*. She was a creative force within the local community frequently acting, singing and playing the piano in area events.

## **New Military Genealogy Tool Available at Pamlico County Library**

All ten member libraries of the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library now provide free public access to FOLD3, a resource of US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served from the Revolutionary War to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Fold3 name comes from the traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world.

FOLD3 provided Lydia Davis, Library Technician at the Carteret County Public Library (Beaufort) and her family with surprising news. "The very first time I used FOLD3," Ms. Davis says, "I found the name of the submarine my grandfather was on

in World War II. No one in the family knew this before."

Access to FOLD3 is available at any computer in the ten libraries; remote access is also available for patrons with library cards.

Funding for FOLD3 is made possible by the Friends of Carteret County Public Library, Craven County Genealogy Society, Friends of Pamlico County Library, Pamlico County Genealogy Club, Friends of Newport Public Library, and several donations from individuals. "We are grateful to these organizations and individuals for making this important resource available to the citizens of our three counties," says Susan Simpson, Regional Library Director.

For more information contact your local library in Bayboro (745-3515).

APRIL

Death Penalty Possible for Murder Suspect

By Deborah Dickinson  
Pamlico News Staff

A double homicide resulted in the arrest of Joe Thomas Jones III following the discovery of the bodies of his parents, Joe Thomas Jones, 82, and Geraldine Thompson Jones, 76.

At approximately 3:47 p.m. Saturday the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding the discovery of two deceased individuals located in the residence located at 1396 Janiero Road near Oriental in Pamlico County. Upon arrival, Deputies requested assistance from the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. Pamlico County Deputies and Agents with the NCSBI began collecting evidence and conducting interviews.



Responding officers found two bodies inside the home with apparent gun shot wounds. The deceased were identified as Joe Thomas Jones, born August 8, 1932 and Geraldine Thompson Jones, born December 12, 1938.

On Sunday, April 19th at approximately 11:30 p.m. Joe Thomas Jones III, of the same address as the deceased, was taken into custody and charged with two open counts of murder in connection to the deaths of his parents, as a result of the investigation.

Jones III, 54, went before Pamlico County District Judge, Clinton Rowe, on Wednesday, April, 22 shackled and wearing a bullet proof vest.

He is accused of shooting his eighty-two year old father, Joe Jones, and his seventy-six year old mother, Geraldine Jones. The two were found shot to death the afternoon of April 18th, in the home they shared with their son on Janiero Road, outside of Oriental.

Jones made the initial 911 call, reporting that he had found his parents dead in their beds. Following a brief investigation, Jones was arrested the following day.

The judge advised Jones of a potential sentence of life in prison without parole or the death penalty. When asked if he understood the charges against him, Jones replied "Yes, Sir, I do." The judge granted Jones' request for a court appointed attorney.

The case remains as an active investigation and deputies have not released a potential motive in Pamlico County's first double murder since 2003. According to District Attorney, Scott Thomas, the Pamlico County Sheriff Department along with the State Bureau of Investigation are working diligently to follow up on leads, talk with potential witnesses and gather evidence. Thomas praised the investigative work done by the two organizations thus far.

According to the NC Department Of Public Safety web site, Jones has a limited criminal history including DWI and possession of drug paraphernalia charges in 1990 and trespass and damage to property charges in 1987.

MAY

23 Arrested, Charged in Drug Bust

In a joint press conference Tuesday Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis and District Attorney Scott Thomas detailed a six month-long undercover drug bust titled "Operation Clean Slate."

According to Davis, "the operation targeted criminal suspects who have been engaged in the illegal sale and distribution of drugs in Pamlico County. Over the last several months investigators have made numerous controlled purchases of drugs from drug dealers operating."

The joint operation conducted on Monday, May 18, included the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, and North Carolina Probation and Parole resulting in the arrest and charging 23 suspects with drug violations. As of today (Tuesday), 5 suspects are still at large.

"I am pleased with the work of the men and women who work for this office. Over the last 6 months our deputies and investigators have worked countless hours investigating drug violations within Pamlico County and today we as a community begin to feel the results," Davis said. "As I have promised to the citizens of Pamlico County, this is only the beginning and we will not stop here. As we have in the last few months, we will continue to work with the District Attorney's Office to assure these criminals are receiving the appropriate sentence."

District Attorney Scott Thomas said, "I am proud of the work by Sheriff Chris Davis and his team. They have spent many hours working on these cases in Operation Clean Slate. Illegal drug activity is a major problem that will not go away on its own. A coordinated effort by law enforcement and prosecutors is required to address this activity. I will continue to work with Sheriff Davis to identify, investigate and prosecute drug dealers in Pamlico County. Assistant District Attorney Laura Bell and I will work to prepare these cases for court so that we can obtain the appropriate dispositions and sentences."

"At the conclusion of this operation and prosecutions, Pamlico County will be a safer place. I look forward to continuing to work with Sheriff Davis and his team in our ongoing efforts to hold criminals accountable for their conduct."

Lawmakers Move to Preserve State's Fishing Heritage

North Carolina legislators are making a case for preserving the state's heritage of commercial fishing by involving coastal colleges. The bill urging the addition of commercial fishing and aquaculture courses is getting a positive reaction through out the state.

The North Carolina Fisheries Association endorses the move citing greater need for awareness of the industry.

"While NCFCA did not push for the introduction of this bill, we support its passage. The bill simply encourages our coastal community colleges to offer courses in commercial fishing and aquaculture and take advantage of the assets and infrastructure that we already have in Carteret and Brunswick Counties," said Jerry Schill, president of the North Carolina Fisheries Association. "From an economic development standpoint, it highlights an industry that already exists and the need to offer courses for the labor pool to support and help it grow."

Currently Carteret Community College and Brunswick Community College offer aquaculture courses. Carteret Community College offers course credits that may be transferred to four-year marine-biology courses at East Carolina University or the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Brunswick Community College's aquaculture courses focus on freshwater aquaculture.

"It is very encouraging to see the legislature support the needs of North Carolina's commercial fishing industry," said Cleve Cox, president of Pamlico Community College. "We will certainly consider offering any course, certificate, or program that would do that."

Legals

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS  
OF DOROTHY H. ANDREWS**  
File No.: 14 E 99

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This the 9th day of December, 2015.

Jacqueline Stanley, Executrix  
Estate of Margaret L. Clary

Jacqueline Stanley, Executrix  
c/o Sara L. Delamar, Attorney  
Delamar & Delamar, PLLC  
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Missy Tenhet, Executrix  
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DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS  
PHYLLIS JOHNSON**

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Cindy Marsh  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS  
OF HUGH CURTIS FOREMAN**  
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against HUGH CURTIS FOREMAN, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SUSAN A. FOREMAN, Executor of the Estate, on or before APRIL 5, 2016, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

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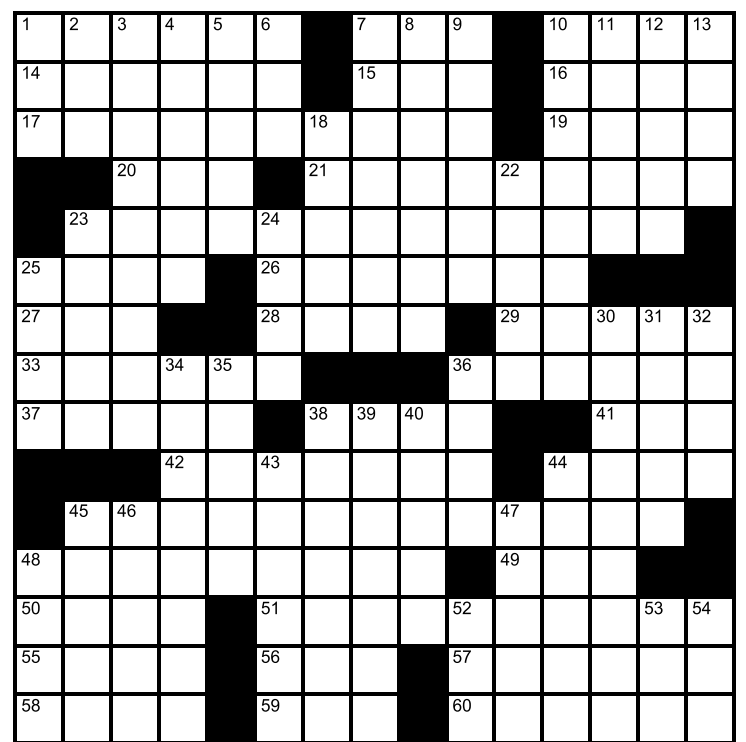
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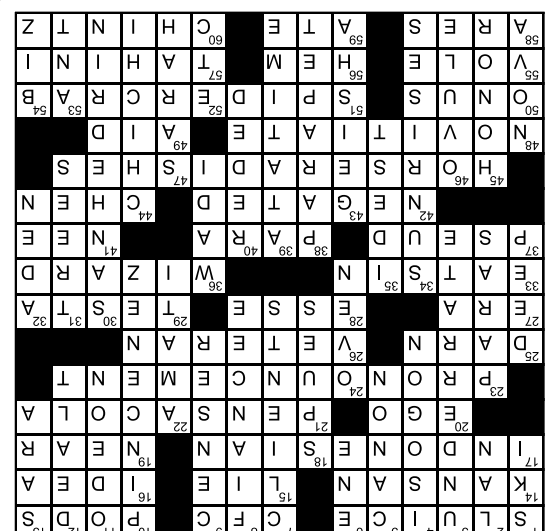
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  - "\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
  - Seed coat
  - Has a traditional meal (2 wds)
  - Sorcerer
  - Pretextuous sort
  - Legal prefix
  - Formerly known as
  - Made invalid
  - Julie \_\_\_, "Big Brother" host
  - Cocktail sauce ingredient (pl.)
  - Religious order probationer
  - A hand
  - \_\_\_ probandi
  - Marine decapod (2 wds)
  - Mouselike animal
  - Alter, in a way
  - Baba ghanouj ingredient
  - "Iliad" warrior
  - Absorbed, as a cost
  - Printed, glazed cotton fabric
- Down**
- Schuss, e.g.
  - PC linkup (acronym)
  - Review unfairly
  - Equiangular polygon
  - Religious law
  - Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
  - Business needs
  - Bride-to-be
  - Ceremonial burner
  - Spectacles with nose clip (hyphenated)
  - Ancient Greek theater
  - Gave out
  - "\_\_\_ Smile" (1976 hit)
  - Gushes out (var. spelling)
  - Cremona artisan
  - Orange crablike Pokemon character
  - Baking appliance
  - Abstruse
  - Supreme judicial council of ancient Jerusalem
  - Ashes, e.g.
  - Gulf of \_\_\_, off the coast of Yemen
  - First light of day (pl.)
  - That is, in Latin (2 wds)
  - Dry riverbed
  - Protective wall
  - Simultaneously (3 wds)
  - Counseled
  - Japanese \_\_\_ girl
  - Affected
  - Accept
  - Fertilization site
  - Fergie, formally
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  - Abbr. after a comma
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## JUNE



### Middle School Softball Team: Champs!

Pamlico County Middle School won both the CMSAC Conference Championship and Tournament Championship with an 9-1 record in regular season and 12-2 overall. The conference consists of West Craven, Havelock, HJ McDonald, Grover C Fields, Tucker Creek and Jones County.

The Pamlico Middle School team beat Havelock 18-3 in the first round of the tournament and went on to beat HJ McDonald in the tournament championship by a score of 12-2.

The statistics for the season show just how great these ladies played. Pitching records were: Jakiya Jones, 11-2 and Samantha Edmonds, 1-0.

Hitting Stats were: Kandice Stembridge, .531; Holley Brooks, .513; Haley Potter, .472; Paige Smith, .402; Maci Hardison, .400; Samantha Edmonds, .393; Jainaya Jones, .375; Jakiya Jones, .368; Kaylin Tanner, .363.

Defensively the team was lead by shortstop Tiffany Sawyer with outfielders Samantha Edmonds, Kaylin Tanner, Jayda Green and Jainaya Jones.

Team members include 8th graders Paige Smith, Kandice Stembridge, Samantha Edmonds, Jayda Green, Kaylin Tanner, Jainaya Jones, Abria Willis, Maci Hardison, Savannah Tribby and Shawna Rigby. 7th grade members are Holley Brooks, Tiffany Sawyer, Haley Potter, Jakiya Jones, Aleya Cox, Jenna Bustamante and Jania Moore.

Managers for the team are Brandi Rowe, Seena Bahhur, Layne Brinson and Aiden Smith and coaches are April Rose and Karen Cayton.

Congratulations on an outstanding season!

### Flounder Fishery Under Scrutiny

Big changes could soon impact both commercial fishermen and lovers of locally-caught flounder. The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission is currently considering six changes to the Southern Flounder Fisheries Management Plan ranging from status quo to prohibiting gill nets for the harvest of southern flounder. These restrictions could be in place by Sept. 1, 2015.

In addition to the required 30-day comment period the commission will hold one public meeting, date and location yet to be determined. Options under consideration include increasing the commercial size limit, reducing the recreational size limit, increasing minimum mesh size in gill nets and escape panels, setting a Total Allowable Catch for pound nets, imposing a moratorium on pound net permits, setting trip limits and limiting days for commercial gig fishermen, as well as season closures for both recreational and commercial fishermen.

It all leaves commercial fishermen wondering, "Why the rush for drastic restrictions now?" North Carolina Fisheries Association Chairman, Brent Fulcher, said, "I don't see a need for a rash decision in any sector or gear type. If there's a problem, we need to address it," Fulcher said.

"But, we don't need to move too quickly, especially in light of the seatrout and menhaden stock assessments that both recently found prior assessments underestimated the health of those stocks and led to unnecessary harvest reductions."

## JULY

### Duck Impoundment Issue Draws State Legislators

Staff Reports

N.C. Sen. Norman Sanderson and N.C. Rep. Michael Speciale will soon hear the long-standing concerns of Goose Creek Island resident about the increasing numbers of private waterfowl impoundments being constructed in their community.

The meeting will be held at the Goose Creek Island Community Center Friday, July 17 at 6pm.

According to residents, over the course of several years Pamlico County Commissioners have been contacted about their concerns of the construction and safety of these impoundments including their proximity to occupied dwellings, churches, cemeteries and to the residents overall well being.

In a press release, residents say "it's not a hunting or wildlife issue, but rather a lack of oversight on the construction and permitting process and the blatant disregard to safety of the residents who live near these impoundments. Falling birdshot on homes, cars, property, children and residents is a safety hazard. Also the unfenced berms that surround the impoundments can serve as an enticing opportunity for children to climb and possibly fall in and drown."

According to release, "the most recent constructed impoundment located on Lowland Road has an outside berm that is less than 30 feet away from an occupied dwelling that is home to two young children. Another project on Upper Springs Creek Rd. is built right up to the edge of a family cemetery. Other impoundments throughout the Island are built close to homes, churches and cemeteries as well."

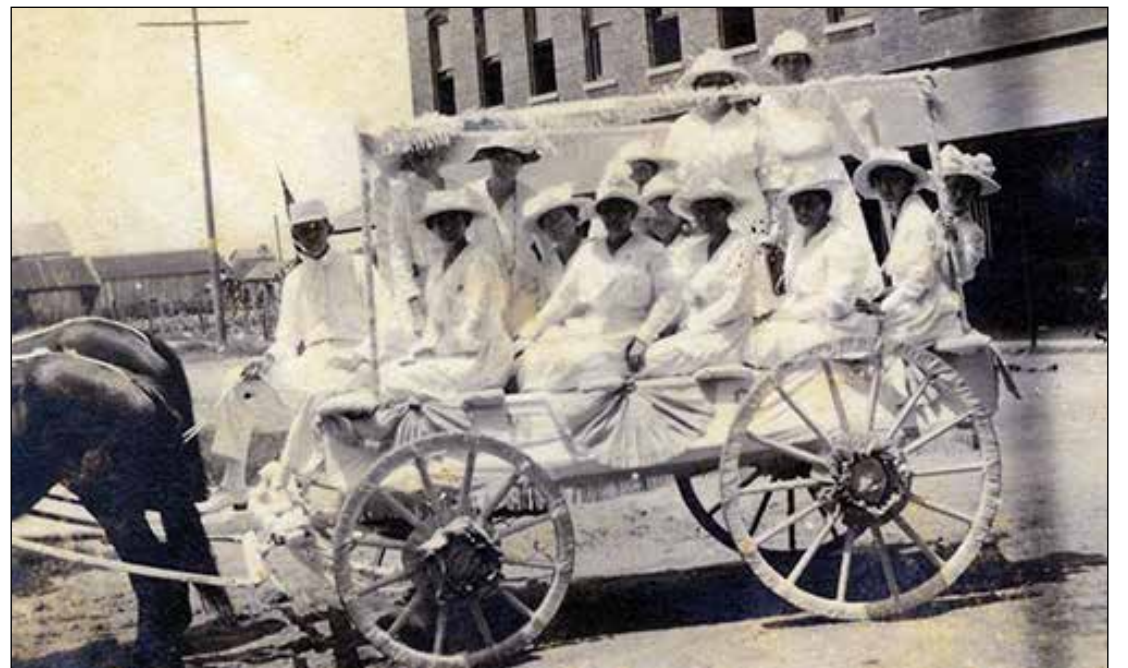
Residents insist they are not against waterfowl hunting and point out it has a long history and tradition on the Island.

"We don't want to stop impoundments from being built. All we ask is that the landowners be mindful and respectful to the residents, the churches, and our sacred cemeteries. Build them a respectful and safe distance away from these places," said Alexis Ireland, a resident of Goose Creek Island.

Residents are hoping county and state leaders will help establish some type of oversight plan for these impoundments where they do not encroach upon family homes, churches and cemeteries. They also encourage landowners to talk to the residents who live near these impoundments prior to constructing.

"All we ask is to be given the opportunity to be notified that this is going to be built in my backyard. Hopefully and respectfully we can reach an agreeable compromise," explained a resident.

### Oriental History Museum Celebrates 10 Years!



You're invited to the Birthday Party on Saturday, July 18, 2 - 4 pm. Join in for a slice of history and a slice of cake to celebrate ten successful years here at 802 Broad Street. Back in the summer of 2005 the doors opened with a little over 100 artifacts and now there is over 2,400 items in the collection depicting life in Oriental dating back to the mid 1800s. You can take a look at Museum history as well as town history with retrospective exhibits from the Museum's early days. Join in for ice cream and cake and help celebrate "History Day" in Oriental. Museum hours are: Friday 11-3, Saturday 1-4, Sunday 1-4. For more information visit [museum@dockline.net](mailto:museum@dockline.net).

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# AUGUST

## Confederate Flag Stolen, Reappears

It was last Wednesday morning that Rick Andrews, owner of Poppie's Picks in Oriental, found out his prized Confederate flag was missing. The flag hung in the front of the establishment along with several others including the Israeli, Palestinian, Peace and the Stars and Stripes flags.

According to Andrews, the flag was there at 3:30 that morning and it was spotted again at 5:45am, but by daybreak it had disappeared.

"My employee, Lee Hughes noticed the flag was missing when she opened the shop," Andrews said. "This is inexcusable on so many different levels. Who feels they have the right to remove anything from another person's property?"

Andrews headed to the Oriental Town Hall where he reported the theft and was told Oriental Chief of Police Dwaine Moore would meet with him to file a report.

"He (Moore) showed up and the resulting conversation was far from productive," Andrews said. "At that point, I decided to enlist the help of Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis."

Days passed with no news of Andrews' stolen flag and no leads as to who had removed it from the storefront.

Then it unexpectedly turned up.

"The flag was discovered in the dumpster behind my building," Andrews said. "And it hadn't been put there right after the theft. I had put out trash following the disappearance."



# SEPTEMBER

## Shooting Likely Targeted, No Suspects

### Staff Reports

A man remains in critical condition after being shot multiple times aboard his sailboat in the early morning hours Saturday. The shooter remains at large and the case shrouded in mystery.

Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis doesn't believe the shooting of Robert Miller, 63, was random.

"All signs point to a targeted shooting at this time," Davis said. "And while the shooter remains at large, there doesn't seem to be a threat to the public."

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office and the State Bureau of Investigation are working together to identify a suspect in the shooting that occurred over the weekend at Clancy's Marina around 2:40 a.m. Saturday morning.

When deputies arrived they found Miller of Burlington on the deck of his sailboat suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the head and body. Miller was taken to Vidant Medical Center where he remains in critical condition, but stable condition, following several surgeries. According to Davis, Miller is expected to regain consciousness in the days ahead and is hopeful that he will provide authorities further details about incident.

Despite his condition, Miller was able to provide authorities with a brief description of the suspect before being taken to the hospital.

"While we're hoping for more details from Mr. Miller, we're not waiting," Davis said. "We've interviewed over 50 individuals and are following numerous leads. There's a lot of uncertainty surrounding this case."

Details such as why the boat was partially untied and power unplugged are being taken into consideration, but Davis resists drawing any conclusions at this point in the investigation.

"Each and every detail we come across is being taken into consideration, but it's simply too early to know what's important and what's not."

Miller had been residing on his sailboat, a 26-foot 1977 Islander, at Clancy's Marina for approximately six months. The port of call on the vessel is listed as Burlington, NC. According to records, Miller, a 1976 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, was disbarred in 2006 for embezzling \$9,250 and prior, in 1990, was ordered by the Bar to pay \$3,816.52 in restitution to settle a dispute.

Anyone with information about this shooting is asked to contact the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office at (252) 745-3101.



Robert Miller, 63, was shot multiple times aboard his sailboat, Witchin, while docked at Clancy's Marina in Oriental.

# OCTOBER

## Flooding Remains Hazardous in Parts of County

The flood waters in Pamlico County have receded, but not without incident. According to the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department there were a total of 17 people that were rescued from high water situations on Monday in the county.



Kerry Thompson (left) and Scott Dickinson gave new meaning to waterfront dining at Paradise Cove Marina during the flooding.

According to Lt. Scott Houston with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department, Pamlico County Emergency Management and the Sheriff's office rescued a woman in the Whortonsville Road area. She was evacuated after her home flooded, but was not injured. She was taken to the hurricane evacuation shelter set up by Emergency Management Officials at Pamlico Community College for those hoping to escape the storm flooding. Around the same time, Houston says an individual called for medical assistance in the Fork Point Road area of Oriental. The area was impassible due to tidal flooding and the National Guard assisted. The patient was transported from the scene to a waiting EMS unit.

Earlier Monday, the National Guard rescued a family of seven from their home in Lowland. The seven, including a four year old, a six year old and a seventy-five year old, were rescued from their home on Lowland Road in Lowland. One of those rescued, Michelle Day, called the fire department because the family was running low on food and medication. The family and their dog were brought to safety in a National Guard five-ton truck. They will be staying with friends until flood waters recede.

Six people in Hobucken were evacuated from a home as flood waters were rising. In Bayboro a man was rescued after his vehicle hydroplaned into a five-foot deep canal. The Sheriff's Office and EMS responded to the scene and were able to assist the driver, who was not injured, after escaping from his sinking car. In Merritt a law enforcement officer was rescued after his vehicle became trapped by rising flood waters.

## Home Invasion Leaves One Dead, Three at Large

New developments have surfaced as local and state authorities continue searching for a trio of suspects who took part in an early Saturday morning home invasion that left an accomplice dead at the scene and three on the loose.

According to Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis, all four suspects involved in the invasion have been identified, but as of press time warrants have only been issued for one.

"We have identified everyone, but are waiting for enough evidence to secure warrants," Davis said. "I have no doubt that will happen shortly."

The home invasion was called in through the 911 system at approximately 3 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. When deputies with the Pamlico County's Sheriff's Office responded to a residence at the 3000 block of North Trent Road in Merritt they found Moses Ellis Tolvert III, age 35 of Havelock, dead from gunshot wounds.

On Monday one of the three remaining suspects was identified and warrants issued for Kareen Ramel Elliot, 37, of Frazier Town Road, Harlowe NC for his involvement in the crime. Authorities say Elliot has an active warrant for 1<sup>st</sup> degree burglary and should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone that knows his whereabouts is asked to contact the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office at (252)745-3101.

Based on the evidence found at the crime scene on Saturday and the homeowner's account of what happened, it was determined that three masked individuals entered the residence all brandishing weapons demanding money and drugs. A fourth individual remained in the vehicle used to transport the perpetrators. One of the homeowners shot Tolvert, killing him. The other two intruders fled on foot.

"This crime was specifically a drug dealer robbing a drug dealer," Davis said. "These individuals knew what they were looking for and where to find it."

According to the Sheriff's Department, a 2012-2015 Chrysler 200, dark blue in color, was seen leaving the area at the time of the home invasion. Reportedly, there were five people in the home at the time of the break-in, none of which knew the intruders.

Tolvert is no stranger to crime and was convicted of felony burglary in 1997 and sentenced to one year and four months in the Craven County Prison.

According to Davis, the department will not release any further information on the case at this time. "We hope to send the case to the District Attorney's office in the next few days when specific charges will be determined," said Davis.

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate the incident and asks that anyone with information about the home invasion contact the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department at 252.745.3101.

The Sheriff's Office is offering a reward for information resulting in the arrest of the two suspects that remain at large.

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NOVEMBER

Hardison Conviction Overturned, State Mulls Next Move

By Maureen Donald  
The Pamlico News

Despite the North Carolina Court of Appeals ruling overturning all counts of Judy Hardison's conviction, she remains in prison serving a 10-14 year sentence.

The Court issued the order Nov. 3 overturning Hardison's April, 2014 conviction of contaminating the public water supply and for acting in concert with Rodney Brame who admitted to physically damaging water lines.

However, District Attorney Scott Thomas said the case may not be over. "The facts of the case stand, and remain the same," Thomas states in a press release dated Nov. 4. "The Court of Appeals merely spoke on the jury instruction about the legal theory of the case, known as 'acting in concert', and not on the underlying, proven facts."

"To be sure, the evidence in this record easily would have supported Hardison's conviction as an accessory before the fact," the judges wrote. "But the jury was not instructed on that theory of criminal liability, nor was Hardison charged with other related offenses, such as conspiracy, that apply to those who help plan a criminal act."

"Because the state relied entirely on a flawed theory of acting in concert, we must reverse Hardison's convictions."

According to Thomas, Assistant District Attorney Laura Bell who prosecuted the case, believed the facts presented to the jury at trial supported Hardison's constructive presence under the 'acting in concert' legal theory.

"The trial judge affirmed this position during the trial by denying the defendant's motion to dismiss, states the release. "We agree with the trial judge."

"The Court of Appeals agreed that other legal approaches to the case could have been upheld, saying: "To be sure, the evidence in this record easily would have supported Hardison's convictions as an accessory before the fact." The Court also noted that she could have been charged under the theory of conspiracy. However, the Court concluded that she was not actually or constructively present at the instances when the crimes were completed, so she could not be convicted under a legal theory of 'acting in concert'."

"We will review the Court of Appeals' decision and consult with the Attorney General's office, who represented the State on appeal," Thomas said.

"After a full review, we will make a decision as to how we will proceed in this case."

According to Attorney John Carella of the state Appellate Defenders Office, "prosecutors can't charge Hardison now under a new theory of the crime". It wasn't immediately clear if or when Hardison would be released from prison.

Another twist in the case involves a separate court case - an appeal bond heard in Craven County Superior Court August 19th of this year before Judge Kenneth Crow, the presiding judge at the original 2014 trial when Hardison was convicted and sentenced to 10-14 years in prison. At this earlier appeal Greenville attorney Keith Williams requested bond be set for Hardison citing both her medical condition and challenging the charge of "constructively present."

Also present at the proceedings, Assistant D.A. Bell addressed the issue of appropriate charges. "A different legal theory doesn't change the guilty decision in this case," Bell said.

But Williams responded, "close enough isn't good enough" and again questioned whether the prosecution had employed the correct theory.

Judge Crow voiced agreement with the defense, saying the charges "should perhaps have been obtaining property by false pretenses - her goal was gaining money."

Further Judge Crow forecast that he likely would "allow the appeal bond in this case" and would sign the document in about a week.

As of press time, we have been unable to determine if the aforementioned appeal bond has been signed.

In reference to the Nov. 3 court order overturning Hardison's conviction, if the state elects to appeal, there is no guarantee it will make it to court.

"Because the decision was unanimous, the state Supreme Court doesn't have to take the case on appeal," reads the order.

The state Attorney General's Office didn't respond to a message about whether prosecutors would appeal.

The full opinion of the Court of Appeals in State v. Judy Hardison may be found at: <http://appellate.nccourts.org/opinions/?c=2&pdf=33139>.

DECEMBER

Giving Back to The Future



PCI Inmate Service Club members present a check to Julie Rahm, Program Coordinator for Communities In Schools.

The Inmate Service Club at the Pamlico Correctional Institution is giving back to the future by supporting Communities In Schools of Pamlico County. Communities In Schools is a top 100 national non-profit organization and the nation's leader in dropout prevention and on-time graduation. The organization in Pamlico County serves approximately 259 students at Fred A. Anderson Elementary School.

This year, with assistance from the prison staff, service club members sold pizzas and lunch plates to other staff members. The club gave the proceeds to Communities In Schools knowing the organization will use 100% of the funds to help students in need. The service club raised and donated \$300 dollars to help fulfill basic needs like weekend food, school clothes, and school supplies for students. The club also provided Thanksgiving meal vouchers for Communities In Schools families.

The Inmate Service Club's partnership with Communities In Schools of Pamlico County helps students stay in school and achieve in life. Inmates recall, "We were all raised without our basic needs being met. We remember how good it felt when someone helped us, especially with food. We want to give that same feeling of hope to other children."

Julie Rahm, Communities In Schools Program Coordinator, adds, "When children lose hope and their dreams fade, that's when they make destructive decisions. When students are just trying to survive another day, it's hard to care about learning. The future of Pamlico County depends on our kids learning to read and do math."

New Bridge on Highway 304 Open for Business

Drivers will no longer have to take the one and a half mile detour to avoid the bridge closure on NC Highway 304 in Bayboro. The bridge that spans over the North Prong of the Bay River is open.

According to the NCDOT web site, the S.T. Wooten Corporation was awarded a contract in the amount of \$2,104,470.80 to replace the .219 mile stretch of the 61-year-old bridge. Construction began on the two-lane bridge on March 16, 2015 with an estimated completion date of March 15, 2016. The bridge was built in 1954 and was classified as functionally obsolete. This means it has remained safe for use, but is in deteriorating condition and needs to be replaced and was built to design standards that are no longer in use.

The new design of the main thoroughfare from Bayboro to Goose Creek Island consists of a lighted concrete structure with one 60' span and one 50' span. It will accommodate all traffic, including trucks and emergency vehicles and will not be subject to the load restrictions of the old bridge. The entire project is now 87.3 percent complete as the roadway improvements including widening, milling, resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction of the 15.2 mile stretch of road are still underway.

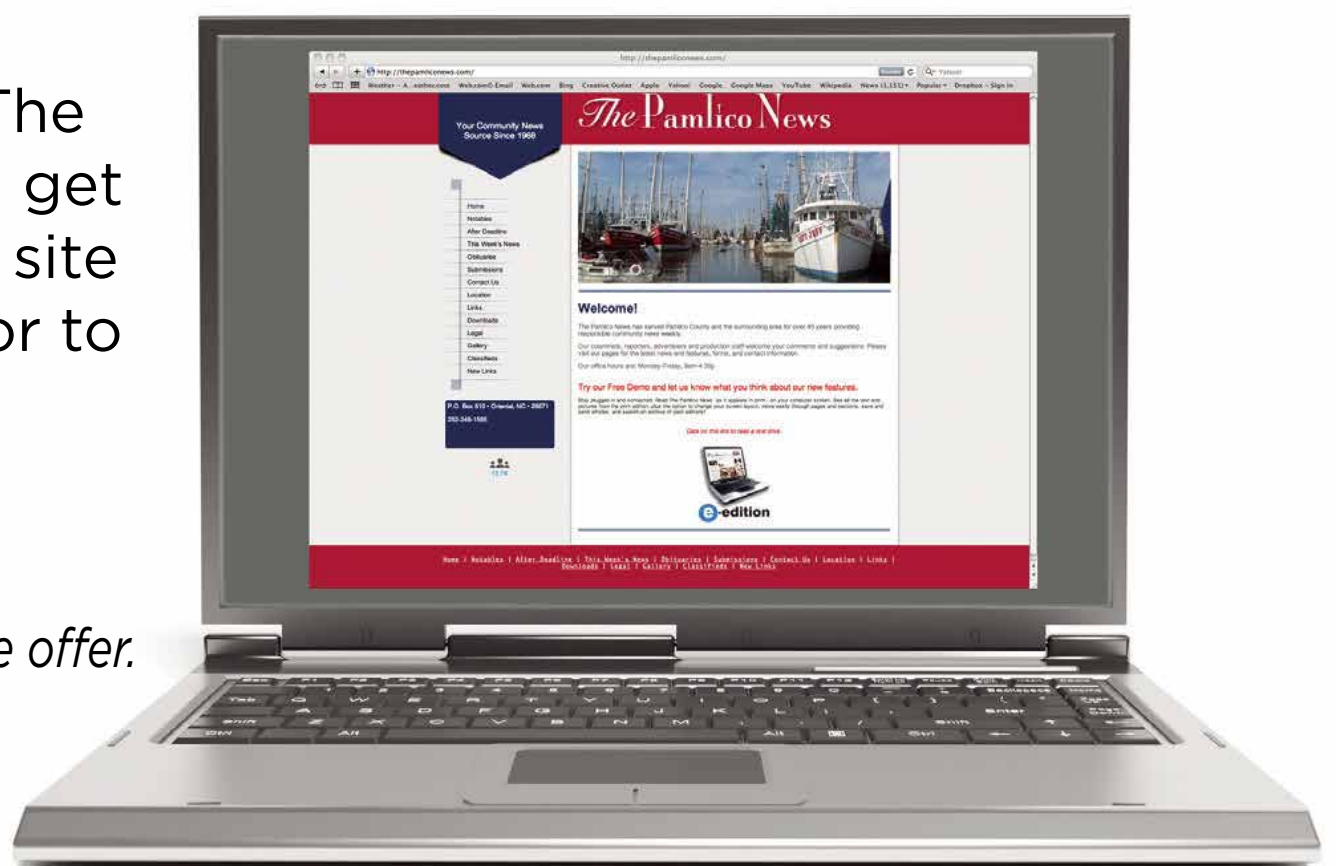
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- Paradise Shores Seafood
- Partners in Health
- Partnership Property Management
- Pat Webster, Ph.D., R.N.
- PAWS
- Peacock's Plume
- Pigments of Imagination
- Pinedale Food Mart
- Pollock-Best Funeral Home
- Poppie's Picks
- Potash Corp Aurora
- Reelsboro Community Watch
- River Dunes
- Riverside Chrysler
- Robinson & Stith Insurance
- Jennifer Roe
- Rose & Rose, DDS
- Rosebuds Massage & Aromatherapy
- Safe Shooters
- Sail Loft Realty - Century 21
- Save-One-Seat
- Scott Plumbing and Heating
- Shane Harris Construction
- Shoe Boutique
- Silver Line
- Smith Foundation Non-Profit
- Snap Dragon Way Cool Toys
- South Front
- Southeastern Elevator
- Steven E. Lacy, Attorney at Law
- St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church
- Stonewall United Methodist Church
- Studio 55
- Surf, Wind and Fire
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- Terry Scott Rentals
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- Village Realty
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- John Franklin O'Shaughnessy, 93, of Oriental
- Paul Arthur Wehrly, 81, of New Bern, formerly of Oriental
- Frankie P. Barnes, age 79, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Cash Corner
- Robert Scott Caroon, age 89, of Currituck, NC, formerly of Oriental
- Danny Charles Day, 66, of Jacksonville, formerly of Florence
- Judy Christine Mills Maness, 76, of Oriental
- Mary Prevatte Paul, 89, formerly of Bayboro
- Glen Roy Wayne, 73, of Olympia

August

- Willa Dean "Dee" Benton, 87, of Bayboro
- Wanda Lewis Harper, 60, of Grantsboro
- Charles R. Mason, 62, of Arapahoe
- Mary Dunn Bennett, 82, of Stonewall
- Mildred Sawyer Phillips, 85, of Dover
- Peter A. Stewart, 75
- Roy Lynmore Watson, 97, of Hobucken
- Rodney Ray Holder, 60, of Bayboro
- Frances Gayle White, 81, of Grantsboro
- Brent James Foreman, 43, of Sylvania, Ohio
- Sidney Henderson Purvis, 77, of New Bern

September

- Leonard Walter Anderson, 84, of Beaufort
- Viola Bright Hill, 80, of New Bern
- Robert Glenn Johnston Jr., 87, of Bayboro
- William R. (Bill) Waters, 89, of New Bern
- Hilda Ireland Holton, 88, of Grantsboro
- Iris Lee Koonce Moore, 85, of Cove City
- Maurice Yates Shaw, Sr., 78, of Grantsboro
- George Stern Slaymaker, Jr., 82, of Minnesott Beach
- Clinton Rawls Murray, 80, of Arapahoe
- John David Willis, 47, of Oriental
- Sarah Frances Gray Mills, 85, Oriental
- Gilford (Gil) Mayo Rice, Jr., 71, of Wichita Falls, TX
- Darren Keith Day, 47, of Grantsboro
- Richard Paul Drexler, 75, of Merritt

October

- Thomas Linwood Dixon, Sr., 80, of Oriental
- Huey Dock Pender, Jr., 77, of Stonewall
- Troy D. Potter, Sr., 98, of Raleigh, former resident of Mesic
- James Ward Morris, 81, of Oriental, NC, formerly of Newtown, CT
- Henry Gerald Nethercutt, 75, of Reelsboro
- Lois Ireland Calderaro, 87, of Minnesott Beach
- Cleve H. Cox, 61, of Arapahoe
- Carl Wayne Johnson, 89, of Oriental
- Gary Paul Caton, 78, of Reelsboro
- Bennie Evan Jones, 86, of Hobucken

November

- Dora Adeline Williams Beavers, 81, of Oriental
- Joyce Hickman Carawan, 75, of Rotonda West, Florida, formerly of Pamlico County
- Pauline Marie Carawan Henries, 83, of Pollocksville
- Margaret Laverne Long Clary, 76, of Stonewall
- Kathleen Miller Robinson of Bayboro

December

- Martha Lynn Hall, 69, of New Bern
- Harold Earl Hicks, 85, of Aurora
- John Edward Huber Sr., 70, of Reelsboro
- Ramona Kipp King, 63, of Mesic, formerly of Bristol, Virginia
- Gloria Rice Lupton, 75, of Arapahoe
- Christina Beth Leary Suarez, 43, of Reelsboro
- Nita Joyce Hardy Mills, 85, of Aurora
- Peggy Leary Edwards, 71, of Oriental
- Hugh Curtis Foreman, 65, of Reelsboro
- Edna Hopkins Johnston, 82, of Oriental
- Richard Harold Laughinghouse, 77, of Reelsboro
- Lt. Jerry Mitchell, U.S. Navy (Ret), 66, of Florida
- James Edward Newton, 83, of Vandemere
- Bert Thomas Norman, 83, of Arapahoe
- Florence Elizabeth (Betty) Rush, 104, of Grantsboro
- Barry Richard Snyder, 66, of Grantsboro

January, 2016

- Mary Clyde Dunn, 62, of Oriental
- Rowene Mary Helmke, 87, of Oriental, formerly of Angola, Indiana
- Marilyn Krieger Ryen, 81, of Oriental
- Angel Caroon Woodard, 44 of Matthews, NC, formerly of Lowland
- Edward Stephen Zamonski, 90, passed away in Oriental, NC

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7th: Beer Army and Community Artist Will unite to bring Arts to the Underprivileged at Beer Army Burger Company. Call 252-571-8566.

7th: Making Resolutions for You and the Planet, 6:30pm at Trent River Coffee Company. Call 252-626-5100.

8th: Voci Allegre sings International Christmas Carols, 6:00pm, sponsored jointly by Craven Arts Council and First Baptist Church. Call 252-638-2577.

8th: First Annual Potters Throwdown for Empty Bowls during Downtown ArtWalk, 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the Bank of the Arts. Call 252-638-2577.

8th: ArtCrawl presented by the Community Artist Will, 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the Center for the Arts, Isaac Taylor House and Gardens, and numerous locations in Downtown New Bern. Call 252-649-1712

8th: Jeff Talmadge in Concert, doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm. Presented by Down East Folk Arts Society at Trent River Coffee Company. Call 252-646-4657.

8th - 10th: Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller Musical, Fri - Sat: 7:30pm; Sun: 2pm at the New Bern Civic Theatre. Call 252-633-0567.

9th: "Fabric and Fiber Day", 8:00am - 2:00pm at the New Bern Farmers Market. Call 252-633-0043.

12th: Unlocking the Secret of Seeds, 6:30pm at the River Bend Town Hall. Presented by The River Bend Community Organic Garden and Education Center. Call 252-634-3192.

13th: Major John Daves Legacy: His Family Narratives Lunch and Learn, 11:30am at the Chelsea Restaurant. Call 252-638-8558.

15th: Lunch and Learn: Meet the Gastons, 12:00pm, Cannon Gateway, North Carolina History Center. Call 252-639-3500.

15th: BBQ in Blue Jeans 2016 benefiting the New Bern Fireman's Museum at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. Call 252-638-5994.

15th - 17th: Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller Musical, Fri - Sat: 7:30pm; Sun: 2pm at the New Bern Civic Theatre. Call 252-633-0567.

16th: Local Homegrown Winter Vegetables and much more, 8:00am - 2:00pm at the New Bern Farmers Market. Call 252-633-0043.

16th: Tryon Palace Gardens Lecture Series, 10:00am, Cullman Performance Hall, North Carolina History Center. Call 252-639-3500.

17th: 2016 Bridal Expo, 9:00am - 5:00pm at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. Call 252-635-5622.

19th: Behind the Scenes: Winter in the Gardens, 2:00pm at Tryon Palace's Waystation. Call 252-639-3500.

21st: 'Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten', 7:00pm, Cullman Performance Hall, North Carolina History Center. Call 252-639-3500.

22nd - 23rd: Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller Musical, 7:30pm at the New Bern Civic Theatre. Call 252-633-0567.

23rd: "Harvest Bear Birthday Cupcake War", 8:00am - 2:00pm at the New Bern Farmers Market. Call 252-633-0043.

23rd: Sudan Shriners Winter Ceremonial Parade, starts at 12:00pm; Route: George St. - Broad St. - Middle St. - ends on S. Front St. Call 252-637-5197.

23rd: 6th Annual Jolly Skull Beer and Wine Festival at the Greenville Convention Center. Presented by Beer Army Foundation. Call 252-631-2421.

26th: Behind the Scenes: Costume Shop, 2:00pm at Tryon Palace's Waystation. Call 252-639-3500.

29th: Winterfest: Oysters, Breads, and Comfort Foods, 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Bate Commons, Mattocks Hall, North Carolina History Center. Call 252-639-3500.

29th: Explorations in The Arts: David Holt and Josh Goforth, 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the Orringer Auditorium at Craven Community College. Call 252-638-7351.

30th: Ninth Annual Local Authors Luncheon, 11:30am at the Chelsea Restaurant. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Call 252-637-9499.

30th: At the Gallery: Harry Warren, 7pm, Bank of the Arts. Call 252-638-2577

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- UNLIMITED PUBLIC PARKING (Green circle)
- LIMITED PUBLIC PARKING (Blue circle)
- CONVENTION & VISITOR CENTER PARKING (Green circle)

