

# The Pamlico News



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**NOTABLE**

**Pamlico/Jones Reunion Game April 23**

The Pamlico/Jones Reunion Basketball Game for men will take place April 23 and is open to anyone who played basketball at Pamlico High School. Contact Coach Sadler at earsadler@pamlicoschools.org for an application to take part in this fundraiser for the men's basketball program.

**Pamlico Choral to Perform April 23**

The Pamlico Choral will present a program "From Opera to Swing and Stuff In Between" on Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m. at The Old Theater in Oriental. Tickets are available at Nautical Wheelers, Marsha's Cottage and from Chorale Members. Donation \$7.50.

**Bargain Hunters Paradise**

Don't miss the 11th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale in Oriental NC on Saturday, April 30 from 7am to noon. Everyone within the town is welcome to participate, so there is always a great selection at great prices. Pick up a Yard Sale Map at the Oriental Town Hall on Broad Street the morning of the sale to find all the participants; then have a fun time hunting for treasures here on the Inner Banks.

**Time to Renew Beer & Wine Permits**

All Pamlico County businesses selling beer and wine either ON PREMISE or OFF PREMISE are hereby notified the County Beer and Wine License are to be renewed by May 1, 2016. County licenses are issued on May 1st and expire on April 30th of the following year. If you have any questions, please call the Register of Deeds office at 252-745-4421.

**Mad Hatter's Ball Tickets Available**

Pamlico Partnership for Children will hold its 4th Annual Mad Hatter's Ball with this year's theme of The Roaring 20s on June 18 at Pamlico Community College's Delamar Center. Tickets are on sale now at a discounted rate through March 31st for \$50 per person or table of 8 for \$360 then on April 1st the price goes up to \$60 per person or table of 8 for \$440. The evening includes dinner by Outback Steak House, music and dancing, a silent and live auction and lots of fun. Tickets are available at the Pamlico Partnership office located at 702-A Main Street Bayboro or e-mail michelle@pamlicopartnership.org.



**Croaker Festival Needs Volunteers**

"Embrace Your Volunteer Spirit" is the theme for the 2016 Croaker Festival to be held July 1-3. Embrace your spirit and volunteer to join the 2016 Croaker Crew. We are in need of a lot of volunteers so if you can give some time we need your help! Please call Cheryl @ 249-0510 or email cetsail23@aol.com We look forward to having another successful festival in 2016!

**State Launches Animal Cruelty Hotline**

North Carolinians now have a new tool to report animal cruelty. To file a report with the Animal Welfare Hotline: visit nccdoj.gov and complete the online animal welfare complaint form, call 1-855-290-6915 toll-free within, submit a complaint by mail to: P.O. Box 629, Attention: Animal Welfare Hotline, Raleigh, NC 27602.

**Mosquito Spraying Underway in Oriental**

The Town of Oriental is currently spraying for mosquitos Tuesdays and Thursdays just before and around sunrise. If you would like to be on the Do Not Spray list, call 249-0555 as soon as possible and ask to be added to the list.

**Cherry Point Demolition Scheduled**

The 2d Marine Aircraft Wing explosive ordnance disposal unit is scheduled to conduct demolition training on April 21 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Explosive detonations may be heard in the vicinity of the air station.

**OWC Hosts Una Notte in Italia Dinner**

Join in for a wonderful evening of wine tasting hosted by Nautical Wheelers accompanied by a delicious Italian dinner to support our OWC Scholarship fund at 6pm on May 6 at the OWC Clubhouse on Gilgo Street. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at Nautical Wheelers and First Citizens Bank.

**SOS Meeting on May 12**

The Pamlico Survivors of Suicide Group (SOS) will hold its first meeting at StillWaters, 205 Main Street, Bayboro on Thursday May 12 at 7:00PM. SOS is a support group for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide. The group will meet on the second Thursday of each month. There is no charge for this free support group. For questions please contact Branson Dunn at (304)-839-4131 or pageese@yahoo.com or Katherine Hudson at 252-745-4510.

**Heritage Center Holds Monthly Meeting**

Pamlico County Heritage and Visitor's Center will present its monthly program on Monday, April 25 at 7pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. Gary Moore of NC State University. The topic of discussion will be an overview of Eastern North Carolina Agriculture over the past 100 years. All are welcome.

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**OBITUARIES**

- Elsie Ruth Bates, Grantsboro
- Philip Meade Williamson, 65, of Lowland
- Marvin Earl Rouse, 62, of Oriental



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## Residents, Local Agencies Take Aim at Drug Problem

By Crystal Garrett  
Correspondent

People in Pamlico County are hoping to take care of a problem that judging from recent arrest records seems to be spiraling out of control.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, residents will gather at Pamlico County High School for a town hall meeting titled "When Love Is Not Enough."



During the recent Operation No Joke conducted by the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, 184 units of oxycodone were confiscated along with 162 dosage units of other prescription medications. According to a recent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services national survey, among people ages 12 to 17 prescription drugs are the second most abused drug behind marijuana. The survey also found that most people age 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs get them for free from a friend or family member.

(Photo by Crystal Garrett/Correspondent)

It's a collaborative effort to address underage drinking and substance abuse supported by the Pamlico County Schools Child & Family Support Team (CFST), N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement

(ALE), the Coastal Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention (CCASP) and the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office.

The town hall type meeting will discuss the importance of talking about underage drinking and substance abuse prevention in order to develop strategies that can be effective at the community level.

Special Agent Matt Knight with ALE developed the program, which promises to deliver real situations on ways to spot possible drug abuse among children and ways to educate them on making responsible decisions.

"Illegal drug use is threatening the future of our children" he said in a press release. "We must act now to educate them about the many, and sometimes deadly, consequences of early childhood and drug use."

It was just a few weeks ago that Sheriff Chris Davis and the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation hosted a press conference on Operation No Joke, which resulted in the arrest of 31 criminal suspects with more to come.

After conducting hundreds of interviews, numerous surveillance operations and controlled

*"When Love Is Not Enough"*

A town hall meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Pamlico County High School Auditorium focusing on the importance of talking about underage drinking and substance abuse prevention. Special Agent Matt Knight with the Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agency developed this program and promises to deliver real situations on ways to spot possible drug abuse among children.

For more information on the Coastal Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention (CCSAP) or its prevention programs, visit www.ccsap.org or call 252-649-1615.

purchases of illegal drugs, law enforcement seized drugs with an estimated street value of \$17,000. Drugs confiscated included 3.1 grams of heroin, known as the "drug of choice" in Pamlico County, due to its cheap cost, according to Davis. Another 156 grams of methamphetamine was seized along with more than 29 grams of cocaine and a staggering 194 dosage

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## Long-Awaited Opening of Oriental Market Just Weeks Away

Staff Reports

It's official - by mid-June the town of Oriental will, once again, have a grocery store and pharmacy. Thanks to Billy Flockhart, owner of the Grantsboro Piggly Wiggly, residents will not have to make the fifteen mile trek to Grantsboro to buy groceries. Flockhart purchased the building that once housed the Walmart Express in Oriental and settled on the property last Friday.

Flockhart says preparations are already underway to get the new Piggly Wiggly open as soon as possible. As a first step, Flockhart met with members of the Oriental Food Initiative as he has been each Monday morning to tour the building and discuss the changes he has planned for the new store. Some of those changes include widening the aisles, adding a full meat department, soup and salad bar, coffee bar, rotisserie cooker, seating and a walk-in cooler which will

be stocked with a large variety of wine and beer. The building itself will undergo some cosmetic changes as well to meet the "Piggly Wiggly" profile. Flockhart plans to incorporate a local feel to the store and the interior decor will feature photos from over the decades provided by the Pamlico Historical Society and works by local artists will be on display and available for purchase.

Customers will not have to wait until June to fuel up their cars, boats and mowers. Flockhart says he is planning on opening the self-service fuel center in 2-3 weeks. The center will be open 24-7 accepting debit or credit cards only.

In anticipation of the stores opening, Piggly Wiggly has been gathering input from the local community and county residents and frequent Oriental visitors on preferred products and brands that they should consider carrying in the

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Billy Flockhart prepares for the opening of his new Oriental store.

## Braxton Davis Tapped to Head Division of Marine Fisheries

RALEIGH – State environmental department Secretary Donald R. van der Vaart Tuesday named Davis replaces Dr. Louis Daniel who resigned from the position in February.

For the immediate future, the divisions will remain separate entities housed under the state's environmental agency, and Davis will lead both divisions as director. The department intends to examine ways in which the two divisions can achieve efficiencies in operations.

"Braxton's knowledge of state and national coastal issues, and his experience as director of our coastal management division, made him the perfect choice to lead both groups," said Secretary van der Vaart. "His extensive background in coastal science and management will allow him to bring these two groups together in an effective and exciting way, and enhance protection of our state's coastal and marine resources."

Davis began his tenure as director of the



Braxton Davis, director of the state Division of Coastal Management, has been named to lead the state's Division of Marine Fisheries effective immediately.

state's coastal agency in September 2011, after serving as policy director for the South Carolina coastal program. He holds a doctorate in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island, a master's degree in biological sciences from Florida International University, and a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia.

"I am honored by the trust placed in me to lead these two very important coastal divisions," Davis said. "Both divisions have a long history of working collaboratively in many areas, including regulatory, research, planning, conservation, and outreach activities, and I believe this move will only strengthen the

partnerships we've developed over the years. I look forward to continuing our collaboration, and bringing both teams together to find more ways that we can improve our work and services.

"I plan to listen to, and work closely with staff, commission members, and other interested groups – both internal and external – to identify opportunities for efficiencies and improvements," Davis continued. "I hope to develop draft recommendations for the future of both agencies later this year."

Davis named Mike Lopazanski, chief of the coastal division's policy and planning section, as acting assistant director of the Division of Coastal Management. Col. Jim Kelley will continue to serve as acting assistant director of Marine Fisheries, a role he has held since February. Lopazanski has worked for the coastal management division for 25 years, and has been head of its policy section since 2012.

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## Music and Memories: 70th Anniversary of the Old Theater

Part Two of a three-part series  
by Carol Small celebrating 70 years of  
Oriental's Old Theater

I left off at part one with the Old Theater Corporation coming into existence and volunteers working from 1992 to 1995 to restore and to reopen the Old Theater. But wait, wait, don't tell me...the building had to be purchased first before others were willing to contribute financial support to convert this old movie theater into a facility capable of presenting live plays and concerts! The building had been leased prior to fixing it up. So monies had to have been raised in order to purchase the building! Here is a quote from the president of Old Theater Corporation at that time, Eliz Valassis, upon transferring ownership from Hubert and Tom Smith of the Pamlico County Civic and Cultural Center to The Old Theater Corporation, "This transfer of ownership marks a major step towards making the Civic and Cultural Center a permanent fixture in Pamlico County." A picture showing volunteers who worked to make this possible shows Nancy and Will Huff, John and Alice O'Shaughnessy, Patti and Jim Higginbottom, John Burritt, Allen Propst, Linda Johnson, John and Eliz Valassis, Evelyn Stephenson, Judi Heit, Janet Stobie, Charlie Carpenter, Weldon Howe, Hubert and Norma Smith, and Gary Brinson.

Now the building was really theirs, but oh what

a job lay ahead. Remember no running water, no heat or cooling...

It was estimated that \$50,000 of work would need to be done before the theater could open including coming up to state building code, with dressing rooms added to the back of the building and a stage for plays. It was thought that the fold-up seats were in amazingly good condition and the balcony seats could replace any not in good condition. The balcony could not be saved for seating because of insurance liability. It was decided to utilize the balcony for lighting and sound. There was a projection room housing two carbon arc projectors of monstrous size. One can still be seen in the History Museum. A quote from that period is, "The theater will take a lot of work but it is a project that is worth undertaking. Walking inside the theater, on the right is the old ticket window. Currently, the ticket window has been boarded up but will hopefully be re-opened once more." One was directed to call Clem Paffe for adding labor, thoughts and ideas for restoring. Next time: we see the work progressing.

Please help us celebrate this 70th Anniversary by joining us at the Old Theater

All Old Theater members and non members will come to celebrate this 70th Anniversary of The Old Lady, our Theater. There will be two performances:

The Old Theater  
609 Broad Street, Oriental



May 13 & 14, 2016 / 7:00 PM  
Tickets \$20.00  
Tickets on sale at Nautical Wheelers or theater box office on performance nights.  
All proceeds go to the support of The Old Theater, a non-profit organization.  
Also Oriental's History Museum on Broad Street is honoring the anniversary of the theater with a month long exhibit in May displaying the Museum's collection of artifacts and memorabilia from the Old Theater. Please enjoy this exhibit.  
If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Carol Small at 252.249.0140 or email at smallkencarlo2@gmail.com.

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- there are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)
- the oldest word in the English language is 'town'
- cats can't move their jaw sideways grapes explode when you put them in the microwave
- its physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky
- your most sensitive finger is your index finger (closest to your thumb)
- 'Bookkeeper' and 'bookkeeping' are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters
- Venetian blinds were invented in Japan
- the average golf ball has 336 dimples
- the word 'Strengths' is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel
- the movie 'Wayne's World' was filmed in two weeks
- the Amazon rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply
- a group of frogs is called an army
- a group of rhinos is called a crash

QUICK REFERENCE

**Emergency:** Dial 911 for police, sheriff, fire departments, rescue squads, ambulance

**Animal Poison Control Center:** 1-888-426-4435

**Carteret General Hospital:** 808-6000

**Coastal Carolina Regional Airport:** 638-8591

**Emergency Pet Care:** 444-1399

**Highway Patrol:** 1-800-441-6127

**Medical Assistance (CarolinaEast Medical Center):** 633-8111

**Nova Urgent Care:** 745-7440

**Pamlico County Departments**

**Board of Elections:** 745-4821

**County Manager:** 745-3133

**Emergency Management:** 745-4131

**Health Dept.:** 745-5111

**Recycling Center:** 745-3283

**Senior Services:** 745-7196

**Sheriff's Dept. (non-emergency) –** 745-3101

**Social Services:** 745-4086

**Tax Collector:** 745-4125

**Water Dept.:** 745-5453

**Poison Control Center:** 1-800-222-1222

**US Coast Guard (Hobucken):** 745-3131

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**Wednesday**  
Sunny, with a high near 91.  
South wind 6 to 11 mph becoming west northwest in the afternoon.  
**Wednesday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 56.  
**Thursday**  
Sunny, with a high near 93.  
**Thursday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

**Friday**  
Sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy.  
**Friday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 57.  
**Saturday**  
Sunny, with a high near 84. Breezy.  
**Saturday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 54. Breezy.  
**Sunday**  
Sunny, with a high near 83.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
This week the Sun changes signs, which means you have a whole new perspective, namely - money, cash flow, earnings and a focus on your possessions. The bottom line is you want what you own to make your life work more smoothly. You want your wealth to work for you. Duh? This is a given! Therefore, take inventory of what you own. Make sure that things you like are in working order. Repair what you value. Consider what items you might like to own to enrich your life in a positive way. And finally, what can you do to boost your income? And in the same vein (different arm) how can you reduce squandering money?

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Money, cash flow and earnings are on your mind now and will continue to be for the next four weeks. That's because you're trying to sort out things in your life; you're making now and how much money you hope to make in the future. Some of that might also be predicated on - how much money you hope to save in the future. But it all comes down to cash flow, earnings and how you are handling your assets. This could entail serious discussions about inheritances, shared property, taxes and insurance issues, as well. (Sure, two can live as cheaply as one, but only half as long.)

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
For the next four weeks, the Sun will be in your sign. This is the only time all year this happens, which is why it's your birthday! However, this also means that the Sun will boost your energy and recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. It also has the power to attract favourable situations and important people to you that make your life easier. It's totally appropriate to put yourself first now and think about how you look, how you impact your world, what you want to do, what you want to be and where you want to go because it's all about you for the next month. Yes!

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
This week, the only Full Moon in your sign all year occurs on Thursday night. This is good to know because before every Full Moon, our problems tend to intensify. Then, after the Full Moon peaks, these same problems diminish or even disappear. Of course, you will focus on partners and close friends because this is also the only time of the year when the Sun is directly opposite your sign; and this polarization causes you to focus more on partnerships and close friendships. However, it also means that you will need more sleep, because symbolically, the Sun is now as far away from you as it can get all year. Respect your need for more rest. Go to bed. Don't be grumpy.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
At this time of year, it's best to be low-key. For one thing, your personal year is drawing to an end because your birthday is just a month away. Among other things, this means that the next four weeks are a perfect time to plan what you want your new year to be all about. Write down some goals and set deadlines with them. The deadline is the crucial thing. A deadline spurs action! Friendships are warm and affectionate now; however, with Mars opposite your sign, you must be patient with close friends and partners. This continues to be a wonderful time for you to make home improvements. In fact, some of your goals for your new year will include home and family.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
You're looking at a productive month ahead! For starters, both Mercury and the Sun motivate you to want to be better organized. Yes, you want to be efficient, productive and effective in all your actions! You want results for your efforts. That's because in the bigger picture, you feel the need to manage your life better. While you are focusing on physical efficiency, by extrapolation, you will focus more on your health. Time to buff that bod! Your chance to get outdoors excites you because all Sagittarians love to be outdoors. On top of this, fiery Mars is in your sign now and Mars rules your muscles and your blood - so you are pumped! "Look out world!"

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**  
In the next four weeks, your focus will be on groups, clubs and organizations. You will also give more thought to your friendships. Because friendships will be more important, you will examine the role they play in your life. Ideally, this will grow the question - what kind of friend am I? Yeah, would you like to have you as a friend? The people we hang out with are a reflection of who we are. Furthermore, the people we hang out with will influence us and our decisions, which mean they ultimately, influence our future. And of course, the old adage is true - the only way to have a friend is to be one.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
This is perhaps the most playful month of the year for you. You are a hard-working sign, but now you will take time for love, romance, vacations, parties, social get-togethers, the arts, movies, the theatre, musical performances, sports events and playful times with children. Plan to have fun! In addition, seek out ways that you can express your creative talents because this will please you so much. Don't let the Full Moon on Thursday create problems with romantic partners, which it could. Remember love is blond; and patience is the antidote to anger. It was ever so.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
For the next four weeks, the Sun is at high noon in your chart. This is the only time all year this happens; and it symbolizes that you are high viz. in the eyes of important people - bosses, VIPs, parents and the police. You are noticed! Not only that, this "spotlight" is flattering, which means others admire you more than usual even if you don't act differently. Hey, you can use this! Demand the advantage! Now is the time to make your pitch to the head honcho. This is also the perfect time to examine your life as a whole to see if you're going in the direction you want. You can still have a Five-Year Plan even if you don't know what you're going to have for dinner tonight.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Your attention will definitely turn to home, family and your personal life for the next month. In fact, many of you will tackle home repairs, as well as have family meetings and get-togethers. This week, Thursday's Full Moon could trigger tension between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career or public reputation. Naturally, you can't ignore home and family. However, at this time, Mars continues to rev your energy with groups and friends, and attracts a competitive situation with someone. Fortunately, fair Venus makes you extra diplomatic and charming, which is why everyone loves you. Victor Hugo said, "The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved."

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
You feel restless because it's starting to feel like you gotta get outta Dodge. You want to jet somewhere or watch those telephone poles going by on a road trip. Basically, this is because you're eager for adventure and a chance to expand your world. If you can't travel, you might be surprised at how thrilling it can be to be a tourist in your own city. I've tried it and it's fun. Another way you can expand your world is by learning something new. Sign up for a course. Attend a talk or a lecture. Enrich your life by meeting people from other backgrounds and different countries. Meanwhile, fair Venus continues to attract gifts, goodies and favours your way. People will buy you things or give you things. Romance will also be sweet and affectionate.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
You will notice that your daily tempo will accelerate in the coming month because you have a jam-packed schedule! Like, what's with these short trips, increased errands, much to-ing and fro-ing, as well as conversations with everyone will keep you off your heels. In addition, many of you will be reading, writing and studying more than usual. Yes, you're busy! But it will be fun busy. You are also ambitious to achieve a lot right now, which certainly adds to the mix. Fair Venus not only helps to boost your earnings now but wants you to spend money on beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Hmmm, yes -- new summer sandals.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



*Finally Spring*  
This happy-looking mouse by Tracey Baptiste definitely appreciates the warmer weather.

Wednesday, April 20  
• Pamlico Partnership Parent & Child class at Pamlico Primary School, 9 OR 10:30am when school is in session. Call Michelle Shields 252-745-7850 for information.  
• Crocheting & Knitting at Senior Center at 10am  
• Bible Study at Senior Center at 10am  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.  
• Drumming Dragons, Oriental Town Hall, 7pm

Thursday, April 21  
• Prayer Shawl Ministry, Oriental United Methodist Church, 10-11:30am. For all levels of knitting and crocheting. We can teach you how! Call Leigh Price for more info, 249-1361.  
• Health Screening - Blood Pressure & Weight Checks at Senior Center at 10am  
• Talk & Exercise with Beth at Senior Center at 10:30am  
• Alcohol Anonymous, Thursday at noon, Closed, Grapevine, at Free Will Baptist Church, Ragan Rd., Oriental.  
• Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Class at 1pm at Senior Center  
• Stained Glass class at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.

Friday, April 22  
• Fantastic Friday at Senior Center  
• Oriental Quilting Bee, 9am, 403 Mildred Street. No experience needed.  
• Preschool Story time at PC Library at 10am  
• Bingo at 10am at Senior Center  
• Card Games at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Young at Heart Crafts at Senior Center at 2pm

Saturday, April 23  
• Oriental Farmer's Market on Hodges St. from 8-11am

Monday, April 25  
• Acrylic Painting at Senior Center at 9am  
• Center volunteers paperwork at 9am at Senior Center  
• Bible Study at Alliance UMC at 9:30am. All are welcome  
• Grief Support Group meets every Monday at 10am at Oriental Methodist Church (Round Table Room) Call 249-2493 for more information  
• Arthritis Class at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Dementia Support Group meets at Senior Center from 2-3:30pm  
• Women's Living Sober Group, 7pm at Bayboro Methodist Church

Tuesday, April 26  
• Plein air painting is Tuesdays 9am. Different location each week. Artists paint outside. Call Susan Cheatham at 249-4925 for locations/info.  
• Line Dancing at Senior Center at 9:30am  
• Passages Support Group for ladies currently dealing with breast cancer diagnosis and treatment at Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center at 10am. Call 252-975-4308 to register.  
• Knitting at PC Library at 10am  
• Singing at Senior Center at 10:30am  
• 50+ Club at Senior Center at 11am  
• Wicker Basketry Class at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Cards at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.  
• Weight Watchers, weigh-in begins at 4:30pm, Snowden Elementary School (Aurora), music center, meeting at 5pm  
• TOPS Meeting at Senior Center at 5:30pm  
• MADD Chapter Meeting for Craven/Pamlico. Trinity United Methodist Church, 2311 Elizabeth Avenue, New Bern at 7pm  
• Grief support group at Alliance UMC at 7:30pm. Call Penny Dollar Farmer for info 670-7766  
• Alcohol Anonymous 8pm. Open, Discussion at Free Will Baptist Church, Ragan Rd., Oriental.  
• Al-anon Family Group, Tuesday 8pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church Annex, 403 Mildred St., Oriental.

Wednesday, April 27  
• Pamlico Partnership Parent & Child class at Pamlico Primary School, 9 OR 10:30am when school is in session. Call Michelle Shields 252-745-7850 for information.  
• Crocheting & Knitting at Senior Center at 10am  
• Bible Study at Senior Center at 10am  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.  
• Drumming Dragons, Oriental Town Hall, 7pm

Thursday, April 28  
• Prayer Shawl Ministry, Oriental United Methodist Church, 10-11:30am. For all levels of knitting and crocheting. We can teach you how! Call Leigh Price for more info, 249-1361.  
• Health Screening - Blood Pressure & Weight Checks at Senior Center at 10am  
• Talk & Exercise with Beth at Senior Center at 10:30am  
• Alcohol Anonymous, Thursday at noon, Closed, Grapevine, at Free Will Baptist Church, Ragan Rd., Oriental.

Friday, April 29  
• Fantastic Friday at Senior Center  
• Oriental Quilting Bee, 9am, 403 Mildred Street. No experience needed.  
• Preschool Story time at PC Library at 10am  
• Bingo at 10am at Senior Center  
• Card Games at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Young at Heart Crafts at Senior Center at 2pm

GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, April 20  
• Oriental Planning Board meets at Oriental Town Hall at 3pm

Monday, April 18  
• Pamlico County Commissioners Meeting at 7pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Commissioners Room

Tuesday, April 19  
• Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting at 7:30am at the Heritage Museum.  
• Oriental Tourism Board meets at Oriental Town hall at 5:30pm  
• Bayboro Town Hall Meeting - 208 North Street, Bayboro, 7pm

Wednesday, April 20  
• Oriental Planning Board meets at Oriental Town Hall at 3pm

Monday, April 25  
• Water Advisory Board Meeting at Oriental Town Hall at 1pm  
• Pamlico County Historical Association meets at the Heritage Museum at 7pm

Tuesday, April 26  
• Oriental Tree Board meets at Oriental Town Hall at 8am  
• Pamlico County Board of Elections, 10am in the Elections office (Pamlico County Courthouse)  
• Pamlico Human Services, 11am at the Human Services Building  
• Pamlico County Planning Board, 7pm in 2nd floor Commissioners room

Thursday, April 28  
• Pamlico Partnership for Children Board Meeting at 1pm at the Pamlico Partnership for Children office, 702-A Main St., Bayboro  
• Arapahoe Charter School Board of Directors meets at 6:30pm at the Arlington Place Clubhouse

Email your meeting to frontdesk@thepamlico-news.com no later than noon Friday.

Center in Grantsboro. Horse Lovers come on out, even if you don't own a horse, you can still be a part of the club and can help plan horse shows, trail rides, community fun days for kids and fun days at our arena in Arapahoe. For more information call Karen Gardner at 252-671-6945

Friday, May 6  
• Fantastic Friday at Senior Center  
• Oriental Quilting Bee, 9am 403 Mildred Street. No experience needed.  
• Preschool story time at PC Library at 10am  
• Bingo at 10am at Senior Center  
• Card Games at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Young at Heart Crafts at Senior Center at 2pm  
• YA Anime at PC Library at 3pm  
Saturday, May 7  
• Oriental Farmer's Market on Hodges St. from 8-11am

Monday, May 9  
• Acrylic Painting at Senior Center at 9am  
• Center volunteers paperwork at 9am at Senior Center  
• Bible Study at Alliance UMC at 9:30am. All are welcome  
• Grief Support Group meets every Monday at 10am at Oriental Methodist Church (Round Table Room) Call 249-2493 for more information  
• Arthritis Class at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Look good, feel better for adult, female cancer patients currently in treatment 2-4pm at Shepard Cancer Center. Pre-registration required at (252) 975-4308 ext. 109  
• Dementia Support Group meets at Senior Center from 2-3:30pm  
• NAACP of Pamlico County regular meeting at 6pm at Green Hill MB Church, 314 Water St., Bayboro. All welcome.  
• Women's Living Sober Group, 7pm at Bayboro Methodist Church  
• American Legion at Senior Center at 7pm

Tuesday, May 10  
• Plein air painting is Tuesdays 9am. Different location each week. Artists paint outside. Call Susan Cheatham at 249-4925 for locations/info.  
• Beach Book Breakfast Club at PC Library at 9am  
• Line Dancing at Senior Center at 9:30am  
• Knitting at PC Library at 10am  
• Singing at Senior Center at 10:30am  
• 50+ Club at Senior Center at 11am  
• Wicker Basketry Class at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Cards at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.

Wednesday, May 4  
• Pamlico Partnership Parent & Child class at Pamlico Primary School, 9:00 or 10:30am when school is in session. Call Michelle Shields 252-745-7850 for information.  
• Bible Study at 10am at Senior Center  
• Crocheting & Knitting at Senior Center at 10am  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.  
• Drumming Dragons, Oriental Town Hall, 7pm

Email your event to frontdesk@thepamlico-news.com by noon Friday.

Friday, April 29  
• Fantastic Friday at Senior Center  
• Oriental Quilting Bee, 9am, 403 Mildred Street. No experience needed.  
• Preschool Story time at PC Library at 10am  
• Bingo at 10am at Senior Center  
• Card Games at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Young at Heart Crafts at Senior Center at 2pm

Saturday, April 30  
• Oriental Farmer's Market on Hodges St. from 8-11am  
• The Pamlico Amateur Radio Society (PARS) meets at Brantley's Village Restaurant at 9am on the last Saturday of every month (except June) We invite all HAMS and anyone interested in amateur radio to attend. Call Bill Olah, KR4L.O at 252-249-0287 for information. Visit our website: www.N4PRS.org.

Monday, May 2  
• Center volunteers paperwork at 9am at Senior Center  
• Bible Study at Alliance UMC at 9:30am. All are welcome  
• Crystal Coast of the American Needlepoint Guild meets at the West New Bern Rec. and Parks Center at 10am. Open to all.  
• Grief Support Group meets every Monday at 10am, at Oriental Methodist Church (Round Table Room) Call 249-2493 for more information  
• Arthritis Class at Senior Center at 1pm  
• Dementia Support Group meets at Senior Center from 2-3:30pm  
• Women's Living Sober Group, 7pm at Bayboro Methodist Church  
• American Legion at Senior Center at 7pm

Tuesday, May 3  
• Plein air painting is Tuesdays 9am. Different location each week. Artists paint outside. Call Susan Cheatham at 249-4925 for locations/info.  
• Line Dancing at Senior Center at 9:30am  
• Conversations support group for people with any type of cancer. Shepard Center at 10am  
• Knitting at PC Library at 10am  
• Singing at Senior Center at 10:30am

Wednesday, May 4  
• Pamlico Partnership Parent & Child class at Pamlico Primary School, 9:00 or 10:30am when school is in session. Call Michelle Shields 252-745-7850 for information.  
• Bible Study at 10am at Senior Center  
• Crocheting & Knitting at Senior Center at 10am  
• Research genealogy and search online 1-4pm at the Pamlico County Family History Center in Grantsboro. Call 745-2239 for info.  
• Honor Guard at PC Senior Center at 6pm  
• Reelsboro Community Watch meeting at the Reelsboro Fire House on Holland Drive at 7pm  
• Pamlico County Horseman's Association meets at 7pm at the Pamlico County History

Pamlico Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)

**"NEW LEASH ON LIFE" Program - Everyone deserves a second chance"**  
PAWS rescues adoptable shelter dogs and pairs them with inmate trainers at the Pamlico Correctional Institution. The inmates learn patience, responsibility and teamwork along with new, marketable skills. The dogs are vetted, vaccinated and altered, house, crate and leash trained, and receive basic and advanced obedience, agility and rally training. These well-behaved companions graduate every eight weeks, ready to join new, forever families - maybe yours?



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If you're interested in adopting a NLOL dog contact Jackie Schmidt at 649-5504 or Penny Monell at 249-1453. You can also email PAWS at mail.pamlicopaws.net and download an adoption application at pamlicopaws.net on the individual dog's page.

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Our mission is to reduce the pet overpopulation problem in Pamlico County and surrounding areas by preventing hundreds of unwanted, innocent animals from being born. They are often neglected, abandoned or killed in shelters so altering your pets before they breed is the humane and common-sense solution.



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PAWS is an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that relies solely on donations. Find out more about us and how you can help at **PamlicoPAWS.net**

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## Prison Sentence in DWI Death

District Attorney Scott Thomas announced that, in Craven County Superior Court today, TONY BRENT SAWYER, JR., 35, of Vanceboro, pled guilty to charges arising out of his impaired-driving collision with a moped on September 4, 2014. Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Foster presided, and sentenced SAWYER to prison.



Tony Sawyer Jr., 35

At approximately 11:45 a.m. on that date, SAWYER was driving a Ford Explorer on Highway 55 near Bridgeton. He rear-ended a moped carrying two passengers – Justin Avery and Elizabeth Edwards. Evidence from the scene showed that SAWYER did not slow down or change lanes before hitting the moped, and struck the moped while traveling at approximately 55 miles per hour. The force of the impact lodged the moped in the front grill and bumper of SAWYER's SUV. Both passengers suffered serious injuries, and Elizabeth Edwards, who was 25 years old, died as a result of her injuries later that day. Justin Avery suffered cracked vertebrae, and although he is employed, he continues to have residual pain from the injuries. Blood tests performed on SAWYER showed the presence of marijuana and another substance which may have been Ritalin, an amphetamine. SAWYER also admitted using Xanax and Suboxone in the days prior to the collision.

SAWYER pled guilty to charges of Felony Death by Motor Vehicle, Felony Serious Injury by Motor Vehicle, and an unrelated charge of Obtaining Property by False Pretense. (SAWYER had previously cashed a stolen check for more than \$ 8,000, representing that the check was valid and that he was entitled to the cash.)

Judge Foster sentenced SAWYER to a total sentence of 84 to 113 months in prison. He ordered that SAWYER pay restitution to his victims, and that he undergo drug treatment and psychological counseling while in prison.

District Attorney Scott Thomas said, "Impaired driving kills and injures people, as we have seen in this case. The impairment here was from marijuana and prescription medications. The defendant has pled guilty and will now serve the next seven to nine years in prison. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured victim, Mr. Avery, and the Edwards family."

The motor vehicle cases were investigated by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, led by Trooper Richard Woods, and were prosecuted in court by Assistant District Attorney David Spence. The fraud case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christy Hawkins.

## Help Control County's Cat Population

Colonies of feral cats are springing up all over, and despite efforts of local groups and Craven/Pamlico Animal Control not much progress has been made to reduce their numbers.

To help curb this overpopulation of unwanted kittens and puppies all pet owners are strongly encouraged to have their furry friends altered. Low income Pamlico County pet-owners in need of financial assistance may apply to PAWS for vouchers to be used at local vets (252-745-PAWS) or take their pets to "Spay Today" in Greenville (252)321-8839.

Those wishing to support this effort may send donations to PAWS at P.O. Box 888, Oriental, NC 28571.



## A Word (or two) about TownDock.net Satire

Neither the Town nor its elected and appointed officials were notified of the impending publication of the satire posted on TownDock.net last Friday, April 15, 2016. Please understand that the property used in the skit is open to the public 24/7.

We want Oriental's citizens and visitors to be aware that TownDock.net is an independent entity and not associated with the Town, and as such, is entitled to publish its opinion on its website.

Sandy Winfrey  
Town of Oriental Commissioner



## Town of Oriental Recognizes OWC for 100 Years of Service

In recognition and celebration of the Oriental Woman's Club 100th Anniversary, Mayor Sally Belangia presented 2016 co-presidents, Carol McAdoo and Fay Bond, with a Resolution acknowledging the accomplishments of 100 years of service to the community of Oriental.

This year as part of the celebration, the OWC will be the Grand Marshall of the Croaker Festival. The current membership of over 65 members continues to support the community through education, home life, arts and other charitable activities. Interested in joining? Contact Paula James at 249-0336.

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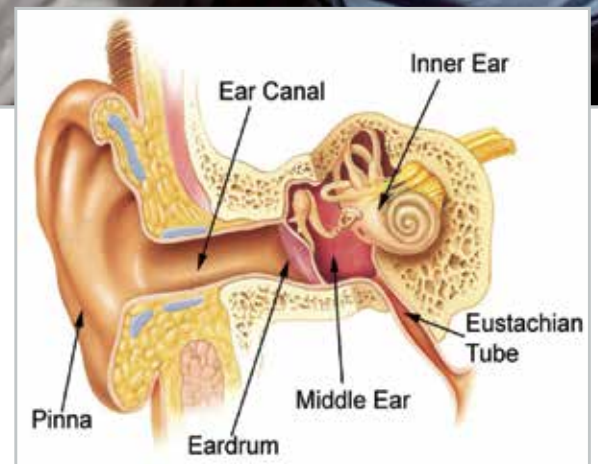
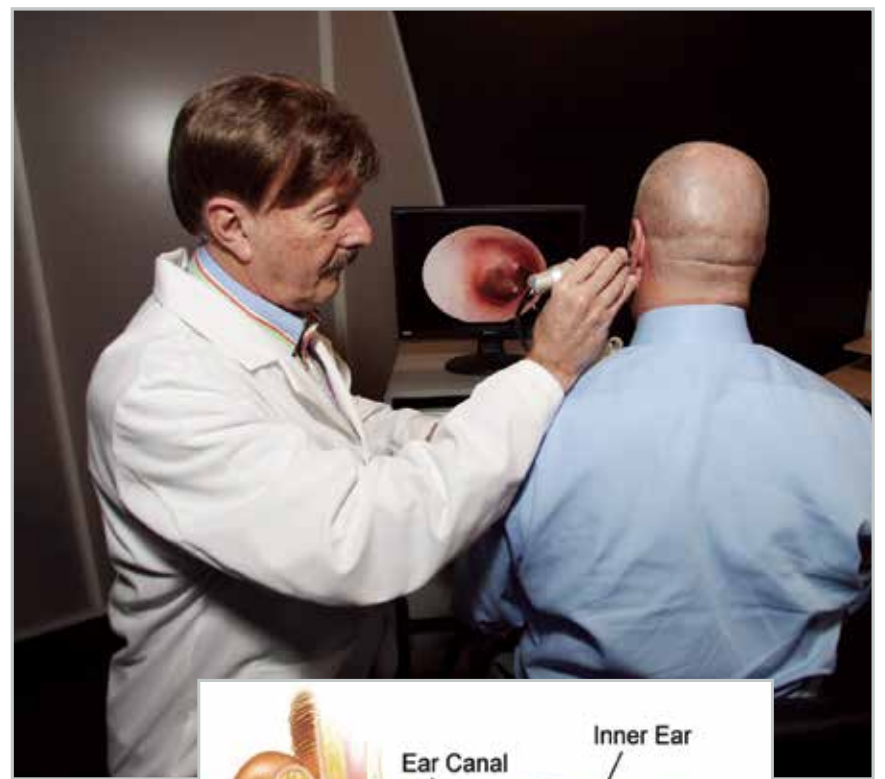
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## Bluegrass Comes to Pamlico Primary School

Last week, noted international bluegrass performer, Charles Petee of Chapel Hill, visited the Primary School for three days presenting his program "Hear the Sound", a lively history of Southern string music.

Mr. Petee, who is a virtuoso on guitar, mandolin, banjo and harmonica, has performed over 5,000 shows in more than 20 countries over the past thirty-two years. Along with the Shady Grove Band of Chapel Hill he has been a fixture at MerleFest in Wilkesboro. The local program was part of the "Arts in the Schools" series presented by the Pamlico County Arts Council.

On Wednesday night Mr. Petee, who is originally from Asheville, took to the stage at the Silos in Oriental during open mic night.



## OWC Clubwomen, Students Bring Home Awards from State Arts Festival

The OWC clubwomen and sponsored Pamlico County students brought home many awards from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of NC State Arts Festival that was on March 5th at Campbell University, Buies Creek. Hundreds of contestants vied for top honors in the state wide competition.

Congratulations to all of our local student winners and a special thanks to their teachers who supported and coached them. All winners received certificates and some of the top placing pieces received monetary recognition.

Winners in Student Literature were

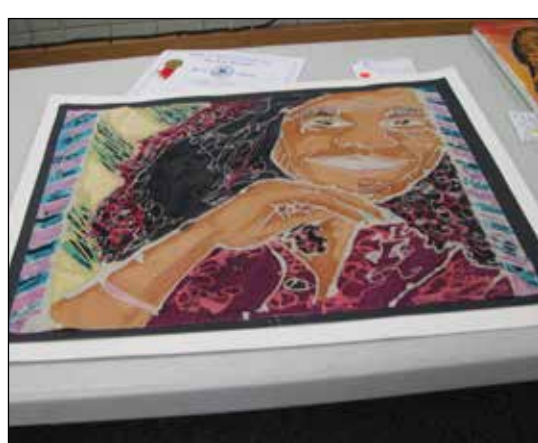
- Lance Lumas, Short Story, grade 6-8, 3rd
- Hannah Sherman, Poetry, grade 6-8, 3rd

Winners in Student Crafts were

- Emma Baker, Ceramics, grade 6-8, 3rd
- Dayln Nimmo, Ceramics, grade 9-12, 2nd
- Dayln Nimmo, Dye Craft, grade 9-12, 2nd
- Dayln Nimmo, Weaving, grade 9-12, 2nd

Winners of Student Visual Arts

- Ethan Bell, Sculpture, grade 6-8, 1st
- Seena Bahur, Pastel with Brush, grade 9-12, 2nd
- Nick Phillips, Computer Graphics, grade 9-12, 2nd



Dayln Nimmo second place winning entry in Dye Craft category.

Winners of Student Photography

- Liam McCarthy, Color Photography, grade 6-8, 3rd

Winners of Clubwoman Crafts

- Rosalyn Kutchins, Macrame & Knotting, 1st
- Sharon Breittling, Decoupage, 1st
- Rosalyn Kutchins, Glass Craft, 2nd
- Colleen Barton, Jewelry, 2nd
- Jean Chastang, Crochet, Large, 3rd
- Sharon Breittling, Paper Craft, 3rd

## Free BoCO Music Festival Set for April 30

WASHINGTON - The Eighth Annual BoCO Traditional Music Festival will be held in Downtown Washington on April 30 rain or shine. This Free festival runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Beaufort County Traditional Music Association and the Arts of the Pamlico. The event is FREE.

The evening performance begins at 7:00 and features the Virginia band "After Jack", an energetic Americana trio. Throughout the day, music is provided by Music Association members and invited musicians. There are two music venues to enjoy during the day, the Turnage Theater Gallery, the Main Street Outdoor Jam. Interested musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join the jams.

On April 30, Downtown Washington will be full of the sounds of Traditional music. Come enjoy Bluegrass, Country and Blues, Ole Time music, Folk songs, and a special guitar pull for original songs and some fine picking. For more information, visit [www.bctma.org](http://www.bctma.org) or [www.artsofthepamlico.org](http://www.artsofthepamlico.org) or call 252-946-2504.

The BCTMA Variety Show also provides some fine music during April. This free and fun show takes place on Friday night, April 8, beginning at 7:00 PM. The show is free and is held at the Turnage Theater Gallery. Come and enjoy the mellow blues and country sounds from the Skinner Family, as well as chart topping country favorites by Wendy Wallace. The show also features a tribute to Elvis by Sidney Moore.

BCTMA showcase is held on the last Tuesday of the month, April 26, at the Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center in Washington from 2:00-4:00. This free showcase features guest



BoCO features the Virginia band "After Jack", an energetic Americana trio.

musicians playing country, classic rock, and traditional music. The center is located at 103 W. Main Street in Washington, and everyone over 55 years of age is invited to attend and enjoy the free music.

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association also sponsors fun informal "jam sessions" for traditional musicians regardless of skill level on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30, and Saturday mornings 10:00-1:00 at the Turnage Theater Gallery in downtown Washington. Admission is free. Traditional music fans and musicians are invited to come and play and enjoy the music. Visitors, newcomers and young folks are especially welcome to join the fun. Please visit the website for location information or call 252-946-2504.

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association is a non-profit grassroots organization formed in 2008 to promote the performance and enjoyment of traditional music in Eastern North Carolina. They are dedicated to the nurturing and sharing of their love of traditional music.

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- Participants will each receive a kit including shears, comb and styling mannequin included in the price
- For questions about the camp, call Ms. Fulcher at (252)745-5537

**DATES:** May 23-26: Adult Cosmo Camp For Ages 19 & up  
June 13-16: Cosmo Camp For Ages 9 To 17

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Pamlico Community College's Cosmetology Building 703 Main Street Bayboro, NC 28515

**COST:** \$65.00 (No Refunds Available)  
Register and pay at Pamlico Community College Bookstore 5049 Highway 306 South, Grantsboro.

*If paying with a credit card, you may register at (252) 249-1851 Ext. 3006*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 6, 2016**  
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**Calling All Golfers: Get Set for PCC's 16th Annual Pepsi Cup Golf Tourney**

By Townley Cheek

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the Pamlico Community College Foundation's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pepsi Cup Golf Tournament. It's a casual, fun event with good golf and good food for a great cause.

For the past 15 years, this event has been a way for people in the community to come together to play golf, have fun, and win prizes. While enjoyed by all that attend, Pamlico Community College students are the true reason for the event.

The Pamlico Community College Foundation knows that the cost of college can be a burdensome expense, especially for those with families, or those who are just starting out. Over the years, the PCC Foundation has seen, interacted, and listened to PCC students and their needs. One of the largest reasons for concern they have seen is that the cost of college can deter people from even applying. It is for this reason the PCC Foundation exists.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, Pamlico Community College gave out over 40 internal scholarships, totaling over \$50,000. The PCC Foundation was a large contributor to that overall number.

It is supporters like you who attend events like the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pepsi Cup Golf Tournament that enable PCC students to reach for their dreams. The proceeds from this event will benefit students with great potential that may have never dreamed of being able to attend college because of the cost.

The individual player fee is \$70, covering a continental breakfast, lunch, cart, a mulligan and tee, and chances to win different prizes. Registration begins at 8:30am, with a shotgun start at 9:30am. The event is offering corporate sponsorship opportunities, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Hole, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$125 respectively.

Not interested in golf? No problem. There will also be a raffle and silent auction of donated items. This part of the event is a festive event open to the public, which the Foundation hopes will be enjoyed by more than just the golfers. It begins at approximately 1:30pm.

Since 2010, the Pamlico Community College Foundation has partnered with over 300 individuals and businesses to help give PCC students the gift of education. To continue to support our students, we need your help to increase that number, and you can help by signing up to play, volunteer, or sponsor PCC's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pepsi Cup Golf Tournament.

Whitney Griffin, PCC student, who received a Foundation scholarship this year hopes this opportunity remains for other students. "To be awarded a scholarship because someone who you do not know believes in your potential and believes in your future makes the biggest difference," Griffin says.

With the continued support of the PCC Foundation and the community's participation and contributions at events like the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pepsi Cup Golf Tournament, PCC students will continue to be given life changing opportunities.

If you would like to play, volunteer, or sponsor the PCC golf tournament on Saturday, May 21, please contact Brandi McCullough at 252-249-1851 x 3010 or visit [www.pamlicocc.edu/foundation](http://www.pamlicocc.edu/foundation). The entry deadline is May 16. The event is being held at the Minnesott Golf and Country Club.



PCC's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pepsi Cup Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Minnesott Golf and Country Club.

**Goose Creek State Park Calendar of Events**

• Saturday, April 23, 2:00 p.m. - Swamp Life Discoveries

Have you ever wondered what's lurking through our beautiful swamps in eastern North Carolina? Goose Creek State Park is the perfect place to explore and discover the amazing wildlife that calls these swamps their home. Join a ranger at the visitor center for a guided ¾ mile hike. There will be plenty of stops along the way in hopes of observing and handling some of the swamp's most mysterious and hidden creatures. Please dress for the weather.

• Sunday, May 1, 2:00 p.m. - Ticks, Chiggers and Mosquitos

Learn about everyone's least favorite critters, how to avoid them, get rid of them and what diseases they can potentially carry. Meet at the visitor center.

• Saturday, May 14, 8:30 p.m. - Star Gazing and Constellations

Let's celebrate National Astronomy Day by enjoying the beautiful night sky. We will spend the evening identifying constellations and discussing some of the stories behind them. Please meet at the park's visitor center. After arriving the ranger will lead you to Flicker Field adjacent from the center. Remember to dress for the weather and feel free to bring a flashlight.

• Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. - Palmetto Boardwalk Hike

Take a one-mile walking tour of the boardwalk and view a freshwater swamp that is transitioning to a brackish water marsh all without getting your feet wet. Meet at the visitor center.



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**Forum**

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units of oxycodone. In addition to those illegal substances, another 162 dosage units of other prescription medications and 127 grams of marijuana was taken off the street.

During the press conference, Sheriff Davis said his focus wasn't solely on large scale drug dealers but also the "mom and pop" type dealers selling their prescription medications.

"Anybody selling drugs is a drug dealer, whether they're selling cocaine or pills," Davis said. "And we've made it very clear that we are going to continue arresting them."

But the war on drugs can't be fought solely by law enforcement. It takes an entire community to combat the problem. And that's just what many people have been doing, as Davis said he responds continuously to complaints about certain areas.

In fact, during the last drug bust one suspect was arrested for selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of the very school where the town hall meeting is scheduled to take place, according to

police reports.

According to recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, teens in North Carolina are dabbling in alcohol and substance use at an alarming rate, considering the following statistics.

Eighteen percent of high school students drank alcohol for the first time before the age of 13;

Thirty-four percent of high school students usually obtained the alcohol they drank by someone giving it to them;

In North Carolina, nearly half – 48 percent – of all high school age males admitted to using marijuana at least once; and

Non-medical use of pain relievers among adolescents ages 12 to 17 was ranked at seven percent in 2010, higher than the national average.

These statistics and more show the need for a discussion to address underage drinking and substance abuse, and that's just what the town hall meeting hopes to accomplish.

**Market**

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new store through an on-line survey. The survey which should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PigglyWigglyONC> For a printed version of the survey you can contact the Piggly Wiggly at 252.745.3231 to have a copy mailed to you.

So far, over 423 people have responded to the survey. According to Flockhart six out of ten people go to New Bern to buy their groceries. He wants this to change.

"We will do our best to provide the products

and services that our customers want but we need your support," said Flockhart.

The Oriental Food Initiative is holding another public meeting to discuss options and suggestions for the new grocery store. Flockhart along with his store's managers will be in attendance. Flockhart describes the open forum as a question and answer session. This event takes place at the Old Theater on Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is free. Seating at the Old Theater is limited to 159 people so organizers advise attendees to arrive early.

**DMF**

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Kelley has been with the N.C. Marine Patrol for nearly 27 years and has served as its leader since February 2014.

The state's coastal agency regulates development in the 20 coastal counties, balancing coastal development needs with the protection of North Carolina's coastal and marine resources, navigation, recreation and property rights.

The agency also helps local governments establish accessways for the public to reach

coastal waters, assists with local land use planning, and administers the Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve Program, which sets aside coastal lands for research, education and stewardship. The state's marine fisheries division is responsible for the stewardship of the state's marine and estuarine resources, and is dedicated to ensuring sustainable marine and estuarine fisheries and habitats for the benefit and health of the people of North Carolina.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District had a discharge of treated wastewater from one of our treatment system components of approximately 13,000 gallons. The discharge occurred on April 16, 2016 for approximately 1 hour. The treated wastewater entered the surface waters of the Bay River. This notice was required by North Carolina General Statutes Article 21 Chapter 143.215.C. For more information contact Bay River MSD at 252-745-4812.

**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE**

Pamlico County will hold a Public Auction for the sale of surplus vehicles and other miscellaneous county property. Auction will be May 7, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. located at North Street, Bayboro across from the Pamlico County Health Department.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ATTENTION**

Title I Annual Spring Parents' and Stakeholders' Meeting

The Pamlico County Schools Title I Annual Spring Parents' and Stakeholders' meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria of Fred A. Anderson Elementary School for stakeholders and parents of both Pamlico County Primary and Fred A. Anderson Elementary School students. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these parties to receive information and give input on the Title I Plans for the 2016-17 school year. The current 2015-16 Title I plan can be reviewed on the district website at www.pamlicoschools.org on the Federal Programs page and both Fred A. Anderson and the Pamlico County Primary Schools plans are on their respective websites. It will also be available in the office of Sherry Meador located at the Pamlico County Schools Board of Education, 507 Anderson Drive, Bayboro, North Carolina; in the main office of Fred A. Anderson Elementary School at 515 Anderson Drive, Bayboro; and in the main office of Pamlico County Primary School at 323 Neal Creek Road, Bayboro.

Please contact Sherry Meador at 252-745-4171, ext. 636, if additional information is needed.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO ALL WATER CUSTOMERS**

Beginning Wednesday, April 20, 2016, through Friday, May 20th, 2016, the Town of Oriental Water Department will not be using ammonia as part of the disinfection process in its drinking water.

The change is recommended by the federal and state regulations governing the Town's water system.

Using ammonia in the treatment process helps reduce the amount of Trihalomethanes, a disinfection by-product that forms when water is disinfected with chlorine. The one-month return to chlorine-only disinfecting is not expected to cause any significant increase in Trihalomethanes.

The Town of Oriental will also conduct flushing of the distribution system in order to expedite this event. Customers should be aware that there may be a slight discoloration and/or slight chlorine odor of their drinking water.

Please plan to take the steps necessary to insure that our month long change to chlorine only disinfection during this period does not detrimentally affect your uses of the water we provide.

We regret any inconvenience or problem this may cause. Please visit our website, www.Townoforiental.com for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town at 252-249-0555.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
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**ALL PARENTS OF PAMLIKO COUNTY  
PRIVATE/HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Fred A. Anderson Elementary School for representatives of private schools and home schools concerning students with disabilities and Title I programs. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these parties an opportunity to consult with a Pamlico County Schools representative about the proportionate share of federal funds that are available for special education and Title I services for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please contact Debbie Sewell at 252-745-4171, ext. 632, or Sherry Meador at ext. 636, if additional information is needed.

**Public Notice IDEA**

The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA-Part B(611), Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being developed. The Project describes the special education programs that Arapahoe Charter School proposes for Federal funding for the 2016-2017 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review the development of the project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under the Federal program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the developed project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, NC. The IDEA-Part B (611) project is open to the public for review and comments between May 2-13, 2016, in the office of Dr. Dennis Sawyer, located at the school, 9005 Hwy 306 South, Arapahoe, NC.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ATTENTION  
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT  
(IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) PROJECT**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that the Pamlico County School System proposes for Federal funding for the 2016-2017 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments May 18 - 25, 2016. Please contact Mrs. Debbie Sewell, Exceptional Children Director of Pamlico County Schools, at 745-4171 ext. 632, located at 507 Anderson Drive, Bayboro, NC to schedule an appointment for review.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF HELEN JANE OWENBY**  
File No.: 16 E 53

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against HELEN JANE OWENBY, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to TISH C. SILMAN, ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate, on or before JUNE 29TH, 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.

This 30th day of MARCH, 2016.

Tish C. Silman, Administrator  
105 Julia St.  
Prattville, AL 36066

Publish March 30, April 6, 13, and 20.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ROBERT CURTIS HUNT**  
File No.: 16 E 59

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against ROBERT CURTIS HUNT, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to TERESA H. HARDISON, ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate, on or before JULY 8TH, 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.

This 6th day of APRIL, 2016.

Teresa H. Hardison, Administrator  
11 Creek Side Drive  
Arapahoe, NC 28510

Publish April 6, 13, 20 and 27.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SARA T. GASKINS**  
File No.: 16 E 63

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against SARA T. GASKINS, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to FRANK M. SAWYER, III, EXECUTOR of the Estate, on or before JULY 14TH, 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.

This 13th day of APRIL, 2016.

Frank M. Sawyer, III, Executor  
1451 NC 306 S  
Grantsboro, NC 28529

Publish April 13, 20, 27 and May 4.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF FLORENCE HANCOCK LENNOP**  
File No.: 16 E 64

All persons, firms and corporations having claims

against FLORENCE HANCOCK LENNOP, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ELWOOD EUGENE BANKS, JR., EXECUTOR of the Estate, on or before JULY 14TH, 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.

This 13th day of APRIL, 2016.

Elwood Eugene Banks, Jr., Executor  
5508 Eckerson Road  
Greensboro, NC 27405

Publish April 13, 20, 27 and May 4.

**NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR CAMA MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby gives public notice as required by NCGS 113A-119(b) that application for a development permit in an Area of Environmental Concern as designated under the CAMA was received on April 11, 2016. According to said application, Charlie and Brenda Stillely propose to perform to fill in an existing man-made basin and construct a rip rap revetment adjacent to Tempe Gut, at 517 Harper Road, Pamlico County. A copy of the entire application may be examined or copied at the office of Brad Connell, NC Division of Coastal Management, located at 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, NC, (252) 808-2808 during normal business hours.

Comments mailed to Braxton C. Davis, Director, Division of Coastal Management, 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, N.C. 28557, prior to May 15, 2016, will be considered in making the permit decision. Later comments will be accepted and considered up to the time of permit decision. Project modification may occur based on review and comment by the public and state and federal agencies. Notice of the permit decision in this matter will be provided upon written request.

PUBLISHED ON: April 20, 2016

**NOTICE OF CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
PAMLICO COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

A congressional primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in PAMLICO COUNTY to vote in the following contests: US House of Representatives District 3, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice

Most voters will be asked to present acceptable photo identification when presenting to vote in person, with exceptions for voters who are unable to obtain acceptable photo identification, have a religious objection to being photographed, or are victims of a natural disaster. Acceptable forms of photo identification are a NC Driver License or DMV-issued identification card (expired up to four years), US Passport or Passport card (unexpired), Military ID card or Veterans Affairs ID card (unexpired, if there is an expiration date), and certain tribal enrollment cards. Voters who are unable to obtain one of these forms of identification may still vote if the inability to obtain such identification is due to a reasonable impediment such as a lost or stolen ID, lack of transportation, illness or disability, a lack of proper documents, work schedule. These voters may vote a provisional ballot after completing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and providing an alternate form of identification, or the last four digits of their Social Security Number and their date of birth. Alternate forms of identification for voters who complete a Reasonable Impediment Declaration include their voter registration card or a current utility bill, paycheck, government check, bank statement, or other government document bearing the voter's name and current address.

Voters who use curbside voting may also present one of the alternative forms of identification described in the last sentence. Photo identification for voting is available from the DMV at no cost. For assistance with obtaining acceptable photo identification or for more information on exceptions and alternative voting options, please contact the State Board of Elections outreach team toll-free at 1-866-522-4723 or visit www.VoterID.nc.gov.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the primary, Tuesday, June 7. One-stop early voting will be held at the Pamlico County Board of Elections office. One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, May 26 until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. The One-Stop Voting Schedule can be found on the Board of Elections page at www.pamlicocounty.org. Canvass will be held in the Pamlico County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an Absentee Request form (available on the State Board of Elections website, at the county board of elections office and where one-stop early voting is offered), and must be received in the Pamlico County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31. All voters who voted by mail for the March 15 primary will receive an absentee ballot in the mail. Absentee voting requires completing an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Pamlico County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked as of Election Day). Voters may receive assistance in voting a mail-in absentee ballot may receive assistance from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

All persons who are registered to vote with the Pamlico County Board of Elections may vote in this primary. Unaffiliated voters will be given a choice of ballot. Affiliated voters may vote a nonpartisan ballot if the party of their affiliation does not have any contests scheduled for this primary. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, May 13 to be eligible to vote in this primary. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Registration and voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter voting sites.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the Pamlico County Board of Elections Office at 252-745-4821.

Jennifer G. Roe, Chairman  
Pamlico County Board of Elections

RUN DATES: April 20, 2016, April 27, 2016, May 4, 2016

Letters to the Editor

A Plea to Beaufort County Commissioners

I have recently learned that the Beaufort County EMS Director has issued a new policy that prohibits Aurora Rescue Squad from transporting Aurora and Richland Township residents to CarolinaEast Medical Center when they call 911, effective April 15, 2016. I am also aware that Aurora Rescue Squad has strongly voiced its opposition to this policy, which takes away the freedom of residents to choose which hospital provides medical treatment to them.

Also of immense concern are reports that Beaufort County Commissioners are strongly considering implementing a county-wide tax for rescue services, rather than allowing each district to maintain funding from its own residents.

It has been an honor to work closely with the Aurora/Richland Fire Department and Rescue Squad as Town Clerk/Finance Officer for the Town of Aurora since 1982 when the Township tax was voted on and approved by our residents. Fire Department and Rescue Squad members worked diligently and successfully in 1981 and 1982 to gain support from our residents for the tax. The leadership and personnel of both departments have always provided the highest quality of service, a deep compassion for patients and victims and the utmost respect for other's property. Their fiscal accountability and the foresight to research, secure and maintain the manpower, equipment and supplies required to keep the departments functioning at an outstanding level has been unquestionable.

I am aware that it is the responsibility of county officials to ensure that rescue services are provided to County residents, but are not required to provide those services with county personnel. Aurora/Richland Township Fire Department, Aurora Rescue Squad and the Aurora/Richland Township Tax Advisory Board have made this so easy for you. Annually, they have provided county officials with a fair and reasonable budget, based on a tax rate that Township residents were willing to pay, that fulfills the needs of each department. Research of Beaufort County Board meeting minutes reveals that the Aurora/Richland Township tax is the only district tax in the county that was voted on and approved by

The Pantego / Belhaven EMS Board will meet Thursday, April 21, 2016 10:00 am at the Charlie Smith Center, 914 E Main Street, Belhaven, NC 27810. The public is invited and comments are welcome.

its residents, which is unique in comparison with other districts. As a result of the vote, verified by the Board of Elections abstract of votes dated June 29, 1982, it would seem that Aurora Rescue Squad (and Fire Department) are legally exempt from modification of its approved tax law and thus cannot be absorbed by Beaufort County unless voted on and approved by Richland Township residents.

Personally, I am currently under the care of four doctors in New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina and five doctors in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina. I have also received care at CarolinaEast in New Bern, North Carolina, as well as Vidant in Greenville, North Carolina. My medical treatments have not and currently do not require the involvement of medical professionals practicing in Beaufort County. This is primarily due to the specialized care that I require to sustain my quality of life as well as the extensive treatment history and doctor/patient relationships that have been established and built during many years of treatment. I do not think it is fair or medically ethical for decisions pertaining to the personal medical treatment and emergency care of a tax paying citizen to be determined by a nonaffiliated third party.

In closing, I urge you to seriously consider and take into account the repercussions these actions are going to have on the residents of Aurora, Richland Township and Beaufort County. It is evident that money is the motivating factor for these changes, whereas quality of life and the wellbeing of the tax paying citizens of Aurora and Richland Township should be the primary focus. It is the lives of the people in our area that you need to support by permitting the fire and rescue providers of Aurora/Richland Township to continue their successful thirty-year operation.

Sincerely,  
Sandra S. Sartin

Health Insurance? Some May Qualify to Enroll in Coverage Now

The Affordable Care Act's third open-enrollment period ended Jan. 31, but some uninsured North Carolinians can still get coverage before enrollment reopens in November. Any uninsured consumer who experiences a qualifying life event can enroll in health coverage – right away – through the Health Insurance Marketplace through a "special enrollment period."

Any of the following events could qualify an uninsured consumer to enroll in coverage through a special enrollment period: Moving outside of your coverage area; Loss of current health coverage (for example, due to turning 26 years old or losing job-based coverage); Marriage or divorce;

The birth or adoption of a child; A change in immigration status; Problems or interruptions with your Marketplace coverage; Other life-changing events.

North Carolinians who have experienced a qualifying life event should report the change right away to the Marketplace by visiting healthcare.gov or calling 1-800-318-2596.

Anyone with questions can also sit down with a free, in-person enrollment assister that can walk them through the enrollment process and make sure they're selecting the best plan for their needs and budget. To schedule an appointment, North Carolinians should call 1-855-733-3711 (toll-free) or visit gcaconnector.org.

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## What's In a Name?

Maureen Donald  
The Editor's Desk

Yes - I've managed another column that has nothing to do with the primaries. I'll admit it's difficult with the continuing barrage of coverage being thrown at us - but I'm turning a deaf ear to

the circus.

Rather I'm back to news of the truly absurd - synonymous with what is our government up to these days? My first nominee in this column-rich, government overstepping category is all about milk - or as our government would call it - imitation milk.

Not familiar with the term? Let me explain.

Panhandle dairy farmer Mary Wesselhoeft had been selling milk at nearby farmers markets and health food stores in an effort to keep her dairy farm afloat. The last thing she was trying to do was to dupe customers who went out of their way to score a cold bottle of her Ocheesee Creamery pasteurized skim milk.

Did you get that? Folks liked it and were going out of their way to buy the product.

Enter the FDA who saw it differently, it decided Mary's "milk" was against the law. Why you might ask?

The answer (for lack of a better word) is because Wesselhoeft doesn't add vitamins back in once the fat is removed. Because of this, "officials" say her skim milk is considered an "imitation milk product" and insisted that she begin labeling it "Non-Grade 'A' Milk Product, Natural Milk Vitamins Removed" - what?

In other words, the government decided that despite the fact that the milk came from a cow (doesn't that say it all?), it shouldn't be called milk because after the fat is removed, Wesselhoeft doesn't add anything to it. Whoa, no wonder the government is upset. Everyone knows you can't just leave things alone.

Well the skimming is still going on - the fat and vitamins that go with it are used to make butter, ice cream and whole milk products she sells. But, with the exception of a small amount that she is allowed to use in yogurt, she's been forced to dump hundreds of gallons of her skim milk ever since. Now there's a novel approach to solving the issue - but that's another issue.

As far as adding back vitamins to this pure skim milk - I didn't realize I wasn't supposed to be drinking milk without them.

It must really be bad for you because it looks like the dumping will continue.

A federal judge ruled that state officials are perfectly within their

rights to require added vitamins as part of nutritional standards for milk. I thought the cow determined the standards for milk. Yes, I know that was a cheap shot but really . . .

For Wesselhoeft and her attorney, Justin Pearson at the Institute for Justice, a libertarian public interest law firm, the fight over Ocheesee Creamery's skim milk isn't just a labeling issue. They're framing it as First Amendment challenge and are planning to appeal the ruling.

"Nowhere in the Constitution does it give the government the right to dictate what Americans can buy or eat. That's why this is a First Amendment argument. No governor or president has the authority to say you cannot buy milk without vitamins," says Wesselhoeft. Amen.

Pearson says Wesselhoeft tried to resolve the issue, approaching officials with a number of labeling alternatives for her skim milk. All were denied.

"They said she could change the label as long as she doesn't call it skim. . . . Mary Lou would have to call it imitation skim milk. It violates her principles," he says. Mine too, for that matter.

It seems to me, it's not imitation - it's milk without any additives which our government has deemed against the law.

The government has decided "milk cannot be nutritionally inferior and still be called milk." Key words here: "government has decided."



## Making Sense of Investing

Dan M. Roberts, IV  
Financial Advisor

On April 22, we observe Earth Day. Like many people, you might participate in some activities to help the

health of our planet. But you can also do some things to improve your personal investment environment.

In fact, you might want to follow a key environmental theme: *reduce, reuse, recycle*. How can these elements be applied to investing? Here are some ideas:

- **Reduce** - You don't want to waste time, effort and money on investment decisions that will ultimately not benefit you much, if at all. For example, if you are constantly buying and selling investments, you may be hurting yourself in a few different ways. First, by not holding investments for at least a year before selling them, you may have to pay taxes on short-term capital gains at a rate that's probably going to be higher than the long-term rate, which would apply if you held the investments at least a year before selling. Second, by always buying and selling, you could

pay more in trading costs. Third, some investments simply need to be held for the long term before they will show positive results. And finally, excessive buying and selling can make it hard for you to follow a consistent, long-term investment strategy. So if you do trade frequently, consider reducing your activity.

- **Reuse** - You don't have to look hard to find all sorts of investment techniques being promoted by someone. Many of these strategies have exotic-sounding names, such as "Dogs of the Dow" or "Range Trading." These techniques may have some validity, but, unfortunately, some investors zigzag from one to another, hoping to eventually find that "sure ticket" to investment success. You need to develop, and reuse year after year, an investment strategy created just for you, based on your individual needs, goals, comfort with risk and investing time horizon. Of course, you may well need to adjust this strategy over time to reflect changes in your life - but "adjusting" isn't the same as "abandoning." Sticking with a long-term, personalized strategy is an effective - and less stressful - way of pursuing your financial objectives.

- **Recycle** - When you put money in some investments, you

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: A Theme for Investors?

don't just make a one-time payment and then hope to eventually make a profit when you sell - you can actually "recycle" your investment earnings and put them to good use. To illustrate: If you invest in dividend-paying stocks, you can typically sign up for a dividend-reinvestment plan and, as the name suggests, reinvest the dividends back into the stock. This is an easy and efficient way to increase your share ownership - and increasing ownership in any investment can be an important ingredient for successful investing. You can recycle investment dollars in other ways, too. If you own bonds or other fixed-income vehicles that provide you with regular interest payments, you can place this money in a different investment - perhaps one that can help you fill any gaps that may exist in your portfolio.

Reduce, reuse, recycle - it's a theme that has resonated in the environmental movement, and it can serve as a useful guideline for evaluating your investments.

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## Top Ten Consumer Complaints for 2015

Attorney General  
Roy Cooper

Complaints about telemarketing fraud, unwanted sales calls and lending lead the list of consumer complaints to the Attorney

General's Consumer Protection Division, Attorney General Roy Cooper announced today.

"Learning about common sources of consumer complaints can help you avoid pitfalls and save money, Cooper said. "My office is here to help North Carolina consumers when you need us, but we'd rather prevent these problems from happening in the first place."

Cooper and his consumer protection experts have helped consumers get hundreds of millions of dollars of their money back. Last year, 19,088 consumers filed written complaints with the Consumer Protection Division of Cooper's office, down from 21,305 complaints in 2015.

The top ten list is based on written complaints filed with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Tens of thousands of North Carolina consumers also get help from consumer protection experts from the office over the phone and by email, from tips available online at [ncdoj.gov](http://ncdoj.gov), and at educational events across the state.

### Number 1: Telemarketing fraud

Complaints about telemarketing fraud come in at number one, up from second place the previous year. In 2014, Cooper's office received 5,819 complaints about fraudulent phone calls seeking money or personal information. Criminals and con artists usually located in other countries make the calls and pose as IRS agents, law enforcement, tech support and utility companies to try to rob victims. Other common telemarketing scams include sweepstakes, lotteries, sweetheart scams and grandparent scams.

Cooper's office partners with other states as well as local, federal and international law enforcement to try to locate and stop telemarketing fraud rings, and experts with Cooper's office work with victims to try to reduce their losses and prevent follow up scams.

### To avoid telemarketing scams:

Never pay money to or share personal financial information with someone you don't know who calls you on the phone, no matter who they claim to be.

Don't rely on Caller ID to decide if a caller is legitimate because scammers can use technology to make it look like their

calls are coming from a legitimate business, a local phone number, or even the IRS or police.

### Number 2: Do Not Call violations

Complaints about Do Not Call violations by telemarketers were second on the list with 3,492 complaints. These include complaints from consumers who get unwanted telemarketing sales calls even after placing their number on the Do Not Call Registry as well as complaints about illegal prerecorded calls (robocalls). Common robocalls include pitches for lower interest rates on credit cards, medical alert systems, and home alarm systems.

The Consumer Protection Division has been able to use consumers' complaints to identify the culprits behind some illegal calls and take action against them. For example, Cooper recently partnered with the Federal Trade Commission and other states to go to trial against DISH Network over millions of telemarketing calls made on the satellite TV company's behalf.

### To cut down on unwanted sales calls:

List your home and mobile telephone numbers on the Do Not Call Registry and then report violators to our office by calling 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or filing a consumer complaint online at [ncdoj.gov](http://ncdoj.gov).

Hang up on robocalls and don't press a number when prompted to. Pressing a number to get more information or try to stop the calls confirms your phone number is valid and is likely to result in more calls.

Ask your telephone company about technology to block robocalls.

### Number 3: Lending

Complaints about lending were number three on the list for 2015, with 2,526 complaints total. Common problems include high interest rates, charges for late or missed payments, foreclosure relief and loan modification scams, adjustable rate mortgages, prepayment penalties and loan fees.

Expensive online loans are another source of lending complaints. Payday loans are illegal in North Carolina, and Cooper and the NC Commissioner of Banks forced the last storefront payday lenders out of the state in 2006. But lenders outside the state continue to try to reach North Carolina consumers through the Internet. For example, consumers complained that Western Sky/CashCall charged them interest rates of more than 300 percent, and Cooper won a court order to stop the online fast cash lender from making or collecting on loans in North Carolina.

### To avoid problems with loans:

Shop around with several lenders before you take out any kind of loan, and be sure to compare all costs and fees. In particular, look at the annual percentage rate (APR) and the monthly payment.

Beware offers of help from anyone who tells you to stop paying your mortgage and pay them instead. It's against North Carolina law to charge an upfront fee for foreclosure or loan modification assistance.

For free help dealing with foreclosure, homeowners can contact the State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project by calling 1-888-442-8188 or 1-888-623-8631.

### Other top sources of complaints

Complaints about motor vehicles, home repair, credit and collections, health care, Internet and computers, furniture, and telecommunications round out the list of top ten consumer complaints for 2015. The complete list of top ten consumer complaints of 2015 is available at [ncdoj.gov](http://ncdoj.gov) along with our top ten consumer tips.

"If you think you've been ripped off or spotted a scam, let my office know about it," Cooper urged consumers. "We'll work to resolve your problem, and the information you share will also help us warn and educate other consumers."

North Carolina consumers who want to check out a business, get tips or file a complaint can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM toll-free within North Carolina or submit a complaint online. Once a consumer files a written complaint, our office can try to help resolve the situation. In cases where there is a pattern of illegal business practices, the Attorney General may also take action to enforce the law on behalf of all North Carolina consumers.



## Opinion

When will we ever learn? If the answer is blowing in the wind, one would think it would get trapped in trees, power lines, or something so it could be retrieved.

The City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, according to an AP story, has officially apologized for the scandalous treatment dealt to Jackie Robinson when the Brooklyn Dodgers visited the Phillies. The Dodgers made history when Robinson, a black man, first played on April 15, 1947. The Phillies coach yelled from the dugout that Robinson should go back to the cotton fields down South. Phillies players yelled racial slurs every time Robinson came to bat, and segregated Philadelphia hotels would not allow him to stay with his team.

Watching the PBS series, Jackie, one can feel nothing but shame and embarrassment about how an American could be treated so badly simply because he wanted to be a major league baseball player. And, watching this series, one can't help but wonder if 75 years from now, will a new version of Ken Burns produce a series on how badly the American public behaved when a competent black man became the first president?

Will future generations feel shame and embarrassment about all the bad cartoons, jokes, and made-up stories that have circulated on the internet? When it comes to just plain common sense, will future generations of North Carolinians feel shame and embarrassment about the recently passed bathroom law? Will future citizens see the motivation behind this law more readily than current residents? DG Martin, host of UNC-TV's, Bookwatch, nailed it. The governor and his legislators who created this absurdity don't really give a rat's rear end about Charlotte's ordinances.

But the governor and his legislators were slick enough to see a button they could push that would galvanize part of the electorate to help them be re-elected this November. These are the elected officials who praise family values and yet operate a statewide gambling system, a scourge on society while having the gall to make competition from private gambling enterprises illegal.

Susan Werner, who performed in Oriental, NC on the anniversary of Jackie Robinson's first game in the majors in 1947, closed her performance with a song she recently penned. Originally from Iowa, she is now a professional singer calling Chicago home. She ended

her encore performance with lyrics that gave all who heard a cause to pause.

<i>Carolina</i> Always thought you were a friend of mine Heard that song since I was 8 or 9 And I'd sing along each time <i>Carolina</i> All you've ever been to me is kind  But seems here lately like you've lost your mind. Don't understand it, but I'm tryin' <i>Carolina</i>  I've been all the way from Asheville to the beaches And I know from east to west how far your reach is Rocky Mount to Forest City All your winding roads so pretty Why're you acting so much less pretty now  Cause I've seen the sunrise over the Smoky Mountains I even tried the moonshine in Johnston County I'd like to think I know you well I know you well enough to tell you All this hating's such a crazy thing to do And I believe down in my	<i>soul</i> This isn't you This isn't you  <i>Carolina</i> Fear of change is leaving you behind Take my hand, friend It'll be just fine Might be frightening But do the right thing <i>Carolina</i>  <i>Carolina</i> Always thought you were a friend of mine Heard that song since I was 8 or 9 And I'd sing along each time <i>Carolina</i>  All you've ever been to me is kind But seems here lately like you've lost your mind. Don't understand it, but I'm tryin' <i>Carolina</i>  <i>Carolina</i> Fear of change is leaving you behind Take my hand, friend It'll be just fine Might be frightening But do the right thing <i>Carolina</i>
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**Goose Creek Island**




Annette Jones,  
55 Plus Club  
Correspondent

Goose Creek Island 55 Plus Club met Thursday at the Community Center. Guest speaker was Kyle Stevenson, Program Coordinator at Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe. The camp is located in a beautiful setting beside the Neuse River and serves as a Retreat Center sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Camping is available for all age groups as well as families offering the opportunity to experience many new adventures such as sailing and camping skills. Many thanks to Mr. Stevenson for the very informative presentation.

Prayer List: Musa Voliva Harris had a CT Scan Monday and continues other medical test. Douglas Campen, son of Elizabeth Lupton Campen has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please continue to remember Camden Popperwill, and Benjy Voliva. Our dear friend and neighbor, Philip Williamson, passed away Sunday afternoon after a long battle with cancer. He will be missed so much. Our prayers and condolences go out to the Williamson family.

Happy Birthday: Ila Margery Henries Clements, Patsy Foreman Irsik - Apr 22, Anita Dowdy Owens and Iris Lewis Bennett -

**Pamlico**




Betty Jo Rodgers  
Correspondent

It looks like this is going to be a beautiful week weather-wise in Pamlico. Raymond Tingle has been planting corn on the farm and on other properties along Straight Road. I can hardly wait to see the little green shoots as they push up through the dirt seeking their share of this sunshine. My grapevines, tomato plants, and crepe myrtles are thriving in this nice weather. My one surviving pecan tree is finally getting a few leaves, but I fear I may never see it produce fruit as it is so slow in growing. At least my grandchildren should be able to reap the benefits. Roy says the soil is too sandy, even though I am applying plenty of fertilizer.

I have new neighbors on Trent Road, a nice young couple, Cat and Cole Johnson. On Sunday they had a "Very Merry Un-birthday Tea Party" on their front lawn for their nieces, nephews, cousins, siblings, and parents. It had a Cinderella theme and it appeared a good time was had by all. What a cute idea. I was invited for tea but declined since I had just finished eating my lunch.

The Pamlico Chorale's spring concert is this coming weekend; be sure to get your tickets from any Chorale member. Anne Watson told me Sunday that they have all been working hard and are planning a spring concert that you don't want to miss.

**Whortonsville**



Reba Tiller  
Correspondent

The sun is a'shining to welcome Monday morning in "Hootersville" and no forecast of rain. The temperature is going up so maybe the nights will be warmer.

I don't know if it is because I am getting older, but the weeks seem to get shorter. Seems we go from Monday to Thursday with nothing in between.

Did not make it to church on Sunday because I had a house full of folks who were helping us to celebrate grandson Noah's 10th birthday, Russ's birthday and Maura's inspection that is coming up. Noah requested a ten-layer chocolate cake and Russ's Aunt Maomi Jones came over from Harrells with his favorite cake which happens to be carrot cake. Kevin Bryan and Russ fried a turkey and I cooked a delicious ham. The ten neighbors, Marshes, Santoros, Bryans, Maura, Melydia, Greg, Rita, James,

Elizabeth, and Mattie brought side dishes so we had a feast! Ed Lieberman's dog, Ella had the most fun of all at the party chasing the ball in the water. She is an Olympic swimmer!

Eddie and Amanda Godwin came by on Thursday bringing fresh crabs. Eddie, as Dock Master, is working hard to get Fork Point Marina here shipshaped.

Tonight is the last rehearsal for the Pamlico Chorale. We go into the Old Theater for dress rehearsal on Friday, then Saturday night at 7:30pm is the first concert, and Sunday matinee at 3:00pm Anne Watson has put together a variety of music so it is going to be a very good show. We have a lot of new folks in the chorale and the group has worked really hard, so thanks to all those who have participated, especially Anne Watson, Claudia Bemis, and Mary Catherine Christianson. This is a volunteer group, and many do extra jobs to make us look and sound good.


Thought for the week--Musicians don't retire; they stop when there's no more music in them. (Louis Armstrong)

• **Elsie Ruth Bates** passed away on April 10, 2016 at Grantsbrook Nursing & Rehab Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Bates; her brother, Harold, while engaged in the Battle of the Bulge; her sisters, Doris Rybak and Betty Britcher; and grandson, Joseph Zielinski. Surviving are her sisters, Ellen Ruppolo and Marge Yando; daughter, Barbara Jewett; sons, Ronald and Joseph Zielinski; and step-children, Raymond Bates, Maris Colburn, and David Bates. She leaves 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Elsie loved the outdoors. Gardening and planting flowers were her passion. She enjoyed hiking the New York Adirondacks and Catskill Mountains to fish secluded lakes and streams while RVing with her husband. Elsie's wish was for no fuss and fanfare but would appreciate a warm thoughtful prayer.

Online condolences may be made at [bryantfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://bryantfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

• **Philip Meade Williamson, 65**, of Lowland passed away Sunday, April 17, 2016, at home while surrounded by his loving family. He was a dedicated servant of the Lord at Warden's Grove OFWB Church where he served as Chair of the Deacon Board, a Sunday School Superintendent, and Assistant Sunday School Teacher. He was also Captain of the Goose Creek Island Fire Department.

Phil loved the outdoors. When he wasn't hunting or fishing he just enjoyed taking walks in the woods. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, Meade & Mary H. Williamson and his sister, Shirley W. Ireland. Phil is survived by his best friend and wife of 40 years,



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Mr. Carl Yaegar and the Christian Motorcycle Assoc. visited the Hobucken Community Center Saturday around noon. There was about 25 cyclist who were greeted by Mildred & Herbert Fulford, Annette Jones, Alexis Ireland, Leah Swindell and Chantell Concitella. We were delighted to see several 'islanders' in the group; Hiram Lupton, Jr and daughter, Cheyenne, Jeff & Jacquilene Potter, Audrey Mercer Potter, and Wendy Fulford. The group was riding to benefit Pamlico County Relay For Life.

A group of Pamlico Middle School 7th graders enjoyed a trip to Rollerland in New Bern Saturday afternoon. Faith Mitchell, Lauryn Walker, Ashley Flowers, Leigha Levy and Jenna Jones. They were joined by Nick Dunnebacke. They were accompanied by Jonathan & Christie Mitchell.

We are looking forward to the 7th Hobucken School Reunion scheduled for Jun 18 at the Community Center. There will be entertainment, BBQ, chicken and sides, lots of hugging and stuff. You don't want to miss it! Just send \$10 to Annette Jones, P.O Box 43, Hobucken, NC. See you there!

Last week I forgot to mention that Pamlico United Methodist Church has new chandeliers to go with their new carpeting in the sanctuary. That little church just keeps getting more beautiful all the time.

I did not attend the Praise and Worship Service at Deliverance Temple in Bayboro on Sunday afternoon, but I know it was a good celebration of the "Veggie Box Program" and several churches in the county are involved. There were many cars in front of the church when we passed at 5 pm so it appears that it was well attended.

Sunday night, Vandemere United Methodist Church was hosting Nashville recording artist Eric Horner in concert. I was blessed to be able to attend the concert and doubly blessed to see my friend Denise Baldwin and her friend Diane who came to Vandemere just for the concert. As always it is a pleasure to visit with the congregation at Vandemere, but there were many visitors there that I do not see very often including Reverend and Mrs. Paul Grubbs. All who attended were blessed by the ministry of Eric Horner and by Craig Cooper who sang at intermission.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Chris Machle (4/18), April Dawn Edwards (4/23), Justin Rodgers (4/28) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30). Have a blessed week. Knowledgeable? Take Spiritual Vitamin K. "Know this that the Lord is God, it is He that made us and not we ourselves." (Psalms 100:3)

**Deaths**

Vicki Williamson; son, Jarod Williamson and wife, Kimberly, of Apex; daughter, London W. Schmidt and husband, Scott, of Oak Island; brother, Wade Williamson of Hobucken; sister, Sammie Carawan and husband, Douglas, of Aransas Pass, Texas; and one grandson, Tobin Clay Williamson. His funeral will be held 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 20th at Warden's Grove OFWB Church with the Rev. John Carawan and the Rev. Earl Sadler, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow immediately in the church cemetery. Anyone wishing to speak with the family may do so immediately following the interment in the church fellowship hall. Flowers are welcomed or memorials may be made to Warden's Grove OFWB Church Building Fund, c/o Nancy Leary, 3940 Lowland Rd., Lowland, NC 28552 or Hospice of Pamlico, PO Box 6, Bayboro, NC 28515. (Paid obituary)

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• **Marvin Earl Rouse, 62**, of Oriental passed away Monday, April 18, 2016, at home. He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Rouse and sister, Peggy R. Cannon. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Rouse; mother, Georgia Rouse Mills; sons, Jimmie Darrell Rouse of Ayden and Christopher Bryan Rouse and wife, Sherri Riggs, of Grifton; daughters, Jessica Nicole Rouse of Wilmington, Peggy Ann Rouse and Ashley Lauren Rouse, both of Reelsboro; step-daughter, Kimberly Dawn Adams of Alliance; brothers, Eugene and Robert Rouse of Ayden and Steve Rouse of Greenville; sisters, Louise O'Neal of Ayden and Tracy Harrell of Greenville; and 15 grandchildren. His memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21st at Bryant Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Rouse officiating. The family will receive friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.


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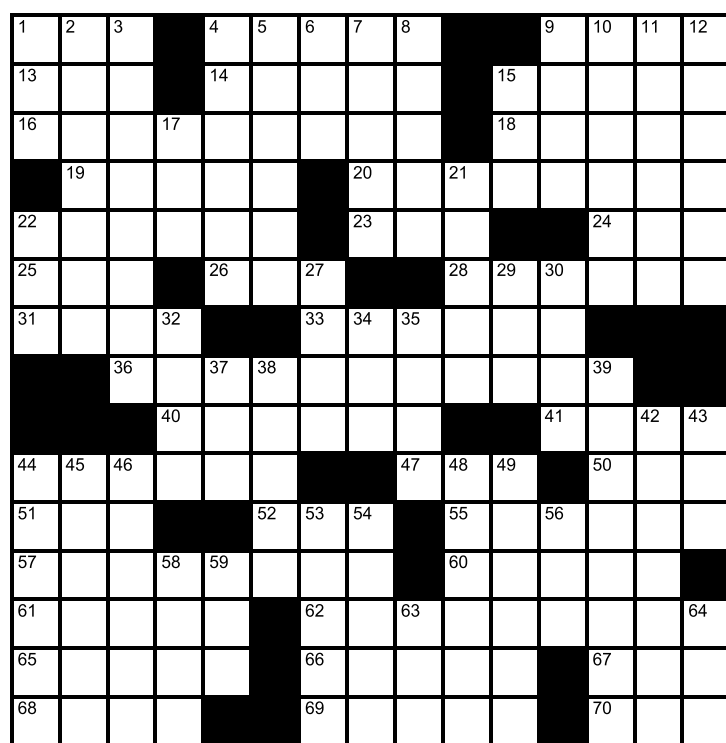
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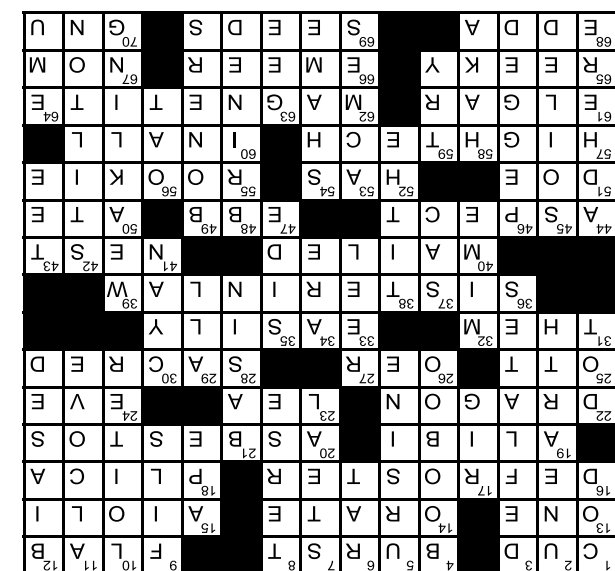


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1. Something to chew
4. Explode
9. Love handles, essentially
13. "\_\_\_ moment"
14. Be bombastic
15. Garlicky mayonnaise
16. Device to thaw frozen goods
18. A fold or ridge
19. Accused's need
20. Dangerous fibrous minerals
22. Mythical beast
23. Grassland
24. "The Three Faces of \_\_\_"
25. Baseball's Master Melvin
26. "\_\_\_ the fields we go"
28. Like some cows
31. Not us
33. Simply
36. A new sibling my marriage
40. Through the postal service
41. Home, informally
44. Appearance
47. "Chicago" lyricist
50. Absorbed, as a cost
51. \_\_\_-eyed
52. Consumes
55. Novice
57. Technologically advanced
60. As a whole
61. "Enigma Variations" composer
62. Magnetic mineral
65. Stinky
66. Arab leader
67. Nancy, in Nancy
68. Icelandic epic
69. Top competitors, often
70. African antelope

#### DOWN

1. Atlantic catch
2. Discover
3. Tom Brady
4. An injury; informally
5. Bearish
6. Backstabber
7. Appropriate
8. Brusque
9. Unit of Middle East currency
10. Hang around
11. Bay
12. Not fair
15. "Tarzan" extra
17. Fix, in a way
21. It holds water
22. "I" lid
27. Casting need
29. "Is that \_\_\_?"
30. Blue hue
32. Charades, essentially
34. \_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
35. Fries, maybe
37. Amniotic
38. Church donation
39. One who is not strong
42. Rich waxy cheese
43. Golf ball support
44. Cleave
45. Dirty
46. Classified
48. Pickled
49. Errors
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by Nancy Winfrey



## Special Things for Your Table to Welcome Spring

### SWEET POTATO CROQUETTES

4 large sweet potatoes  
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans  
1 cup cornflakes  
1 heaping tablespoon flour  
1/2 cup sugar (or to taste)  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 egg  
Bourbon whiskey, to taste  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder

Boil the potatoes until thoroughly done. Drain, peel and mash until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well shape into croquettes and roll in additional coarse cornflake crumbs. Place in refrigerator to set. Fry in deep hot vegetable oil - drain. Serves 8.

NOTE: These amounts are approximate because this is one of those recipes that has been used and reused for many, many years and made by taste. If desired, sweet potato mixture may be molded around a marshmallow and then proceed as above. At any rate, these croquettes are always a big hit.

### MILLIONAIRE SALAD

1 large can pineapple, cut and juice reserved  
1 large can seedless Queen Anne cherries  
1 pound marshmallows, cut up  
1 pound slivered almonds  
1 pint whipping cream, whipped  
Fruit Dressing (recipe follows)

Drain the fruits well and then add the marshmallows, almonds and dressing, tossing to blend. Gently fold in the whipped cream. Serves 12.

Fruit Dressing:  
5 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons sugar  
3 egg yolks  
1 heaping tablespoon cornstarch  
1-1/2 teaspoon salt  
Juice from pineapple

Combine all ingredients and place in double boiler over hot water. Cook and stir over medium heat until very thick.

### FRENCH DRESSING ESPECIALLY FOR FRUIT

1/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon celery seed  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1 teaspoon grated onion  
4 tablespoons cider vinegar  
1 cup salad oil

Mix ingredients thoroughly and serve on fruit salads. It's great! Makes 1-1/2 cups.

### VANILLA MUFFINS

3/4 cup sugar  
1 stick butter  
3 eggs, separated  
1/4 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Cream the butter and sugar well and then add the beaten egg yolks, milk, vanilla and lemon juice and blend well. Add dry ingredients to mixture and then fold in well-beaten egg whites. Stir quickly and do not attempt to beat lumps out. Bake in well greased muffin pans, filling about 1/3 full in 375 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 24.



### SHRIMP NEWBURG

1/2 stick butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 cup half-and-half cream  
2 pounds shrimp, cleaned and cooked  
1 cup whipping cream  
Dash of paprika  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 egg yolks, beaten  
1/4 cup sherry

Make a white sauce using the butter, flour and half-and-half. Add the seasonings, shrimp and heavy cream. Remove from heat and stir in the egg yolks and sherry and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for several minutes. Serve over hot buttered toast points or puff pastry. Serves 4.

### FRIED CHEESE BALLS

1 cup soft breadcrumbs  
2 tablespoons butter, softened  
2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese  
2 eggs  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
Paprika  
Vegetable oil (for deep frying)

Combine the butter, breadcrumbs, cheese, seasoning and well beaten eggs and blend thoroughly. Shape into balls and dry in very hot deep vegetable oil. Drain on paper towels, sprinkle with paprika and serve piping hot. Serves 4.

### BAKED DEVILED EGGS WITH MUSHROOMS

12 hard-cooked eggs  
1 pound fresh mushrooms, chopped and sautéed in butter  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
1/4 to 1/3 cup grated cheese  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon curry powder (optional) or 1 small can deviled ham  
2 cups white sauce (recipe follows)  
1/2 cup buttered breadcrumbs

Cut the eggs in half lengthwise and remove yolks and mash or rub through sieve. Add seasonings, some of the mushrooms and just enough white sauce to hold the mixture together for easy handling.

Fill each egg white half with this mixture and press halves together. Place in baking dish and cover with remaining white sauce mixed with remaining mushrooms. Sprinkle with buttered breadcrumbs mixed with the cheese. Bake in 400 degree oven until thoroughly heated and browned - about 20 minutes.

White Sauce:  
1 tablespoon flour  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 cup hot milk

Make a roux by cooking the butter with the flour over low heat, stirring constantly for a couple of minutes. Then gradually add the hot milk, stirring constantly. Cook and stir over low heat until mixture thickens.

### CHICKEN ROSEMARY

1 fryer, cut up  
2 bouillon cubes  
1/2 cup hot water  
3 tablespoons vermouth  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
1/8 teaspoon crushed bay leaf  
3 tablespoons melted butter  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon Rosemary

Combine all ingredients, except the chicken, and mix thoroughly. In a glass bowl or zip-lock bag, add the chicken pieces and then pour in the marinade. Place in refrigerator and let marinate overnight. When ready to cook, place marinade and chicken in baking dish and bake-uncovered-for about 1 hour in 375 degree oven.

### CHICKEN PAPRIKA

2 small fryers, cut up  
2 large onions, finely chopped  
5 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon paprika  
1-1/2 cups chicken broth  
1 cup sour cream

In a large skillet, heat the butter and then add the onions. Sauté until lightly browned. Stir in the paprika and simmer for 3 or 4 minutes. Place the chicken pieces in skillet with onion mixture. Add the broth and simmer-covered-until tender (adding more broth, if necessary). Just before serving, remove pan from heat, cool slightly, and stir in sour cream.

### EASY ONION & CHEESE BREAD

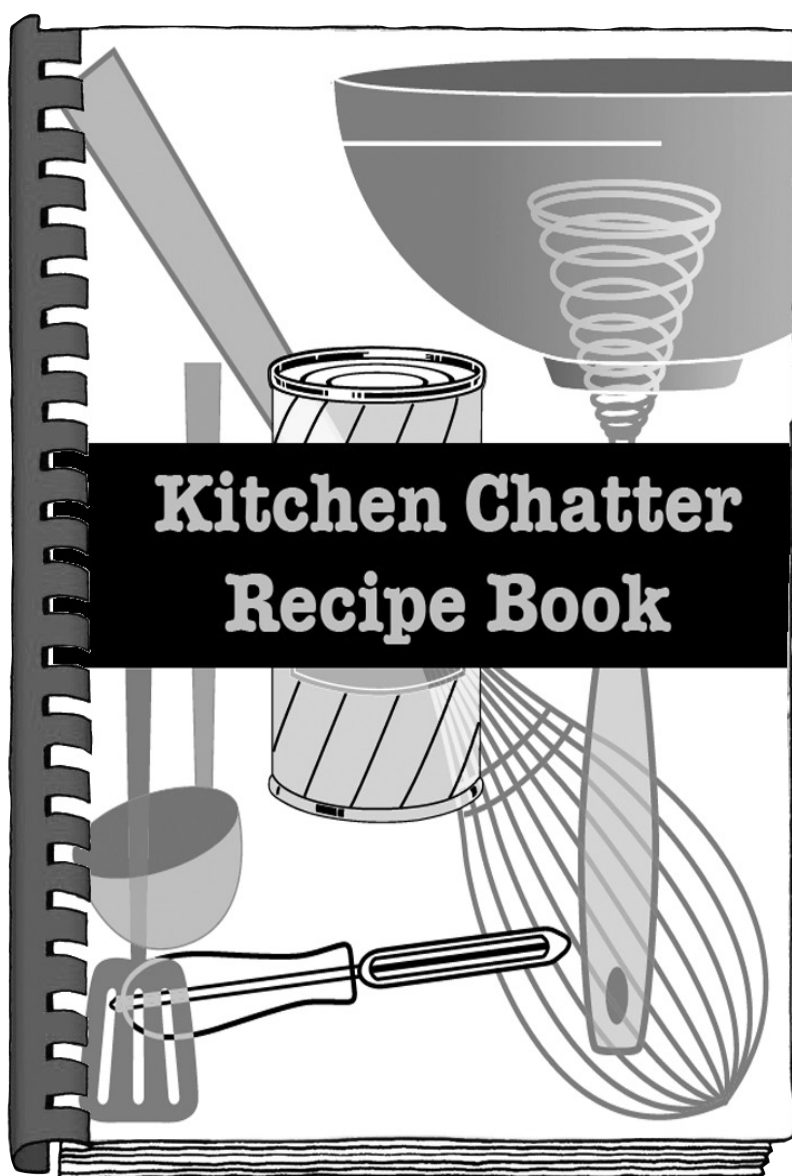
1/2 cup finely chopped onions  
1 tablespoon shortening  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1/2 cup milk  
1-1/4 cups biscuit mix  
1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese  
2 or 3 tablespoons melted butter

Sauté the onions in the shortening until golden brown. Combine the egg with the milk and blend into the biscuit mix. Add the onions and half of the grated cheese bland blend. Spread dough into a generously greased 8x1-1/2-inch round cake pan. Sprinkle top with remaining cheese and pour melted butter over the top. Bake in 400 degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Serves 6-8.

### EASY CHICKEN SUPREME

4 chicken breasts  
2 ounces chipped beef  
4 slices bacon  
1 can (10-oz.) cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup  
1 cup sour cream

In a generously buttered baking dish, add the chipped beef in the bottom. Wrap a piece of bacon around each chicken breast and place on top of chipped beef. Mix the soup and sour cream and blend well. Pour over the chicken. Bake in 300 degree oven for 3 hours. Serves 4.



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## Do You Know How to Plant a Tomato?

It's spring and time to think about those gardens. Often, the first crop that home gardeners think about is tomatoes. However, this is probably the number one crop that the Pamlico Cooperative Extension office receives complaints about.

So, to help address these issues here are a few suggestions for planting tomatoes.

Check your soil pH. Soil pH levels affect the availability of nutrients that plants can utilize in the soil. If your pH is to low, some nutrients become less available to the tomato plant and growth is affected. A soil test sent to the NC Department of Agriculture is advisable. Test results will give you recommendations for corrections to soil pH and to the required fertilizer.

Choose a sunny location with access to water. Tomatoes and most other vegetables require sunny conditions and good soil moisture to grow. In a pot on a shady deck is not ideal. These conditions might work for small fruited varieties, but large tomatoes will be difficult to grow. Just remember the larger the tomato, the more sunlight, space, and water your plant will need. However, also remember that tomatoes are not aquatic or desert plants.

Learn from last year. Often we get questions about why did my tomatoes not produce last year? Unfortunately, there are simply too many considerations. Disease, fertility, nematodes, poor variety choice, lack of water, etc., all of these could have been contributing factors. If you plant tomatoes this growing season, don't wait until December to investigate problems. Carefully inspect your plants and make notes of growth and concerns. Four common problems that are often contributed to tomato decline in Pamlico County are:

a. Bacterial Wilt (*Ralstonia* (*Pseudomonas*) *Solanacearum*) - A disease that infects plants through their roots and survives for long periods in the soil. Plants often wilt on one side, but show no other symptoms (foliar spots, lesions, etc.). The stem and roots at the soil line may have dark streaking and bacterium will ooze from cuts. Rotating crops, choosing a new garden location, or purchasing resistant grafted tomatoes may help. Little can be done to treat the disease directly.

b. Southern Blight (*Sclerotium rolfsii*) - A fungal disease that favors warm and humid conditions. General decline and wilting is noticed first, and a cankered discolored area may occur at the soil line. Often in moist conditions, a white "fuzzy" fungal mass with spherical mustard-colored sclerotia will form at the soil line. Rotating with corn and deep plowing that buries the top layer of soil may help. Again, choosing a different garden location would be beneficial.

c. Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus - A virus that is spread by Thrips insects causing concentric patterns to appear on leaves and eventually the fruit. General decline and wilting are the first symptoms that most gardeners notice. The positive side of this disease is you can replant and there are numerous tomato varieties that have resistance to this disease.

d. Blossom End Rot - Not a disease but a physiological plant disorder created by the lack of calcium in the blossom end of fruit. This condition usually shows up on the first fruit that is set, and declines as the plant develops a larger root system. Proper soil pH, sufficient but not excessive nitrogen fertilizer, and uniform soil



TSWV (Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus) (Elizabeth Bush, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Bugwood.org)

moisture are the best control measures. Foliar sprays containing calcium nitrate or calcium chloride can help reduce symptoms. Be careful when using these products as you can burn leaves. Typically, larger fruited varieties suffer greater blossom end rot in Pamlico County. Roma, cherry, and grape tomatoes receive far less complaints. Purchase healthy, stocky plants and utilize a starter fertilizer when planting. Most water soluble fertilizer that is labeled for tomatoes and vegetables will work. Remember to follow the label directions to reduce the chance of over fertilization.

Tall transplants can be planted deeply or even laid on their side. Just don't plant so deep that the root system stays at a level that is constantly wet. Soil water levels can be very near the surface and compacted soils can hold excessive amounts of water over long periods. Avoid tilling your garden when wet, as this will create those compaction issues.

Tomatoes should also receive additional fertilizer during the growing season. The addition of fertilizer after plants have set fruit, and every 4-6 weeks thereafter will keep your plants moving along. Two to three tablespoons of 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 should suffice per plant.

Keep plants watered. Under-watering and over-watering can lead to fruit drop, leaf curl, and blossom end rot. All of these decrease yield.

Experiment with varieties. There are numerous varieties on the market and each has its merits and limitations. For Pamlico County, a nematode resistant variety is a good choice if you are on a sandy soil and have been growing in that spot for a few years. Overtime, nematodes will build up in the soil, diminishing growth. Talk with neighbors and see what has worked for them. You will probably notice that everyone has a favorite and what performs well in one garden may not be a top choice in another.

Lastly, be careful about spending large amounts of money on a handful of tomato plants. If the occasional tomato every other week is all you need, the local farmers market or supermarket might be a cheaper alternative. Sometimes a quick analysis from the pen and paper can save you dollars, time and sweat.

Links of Interest:  
NCEA&CS Soil Testing  
<http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/sthome.htm>  
Clemson University Tomato Disease & Disorder Note  
[http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/pests/plant\\_pests/veg\\_fruit/hgic2217.html](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/pests/plant_pests/veg_fruit/hgic2217.html)  
NC State University "Growing Tomatoes in the Home Garden"  
<http://content.ces.ncsu.edu/growing-tomatoes-in-the-home-garden>  
2016 Southeastern U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook (pg. 97)  
[http://www.thepacker.com/sites/produce/files/SEVegGuide\\_2016.pdf](http://www.thepacker.com/sites/produce/files/SEVegGuide_2016.pdf)

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She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from East Carolina University. Her master's degree focused on the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program, and she is now board certified as an FNP.

As a nurse, Mrs. Chitwood has worked at Vidant Roanoke-Chowan, Vidant Medical Center and Carolina East Medical Center in areas ranging from rehabilitation to the medical intensive care unit.

Starting at Greene County Health Care (GCHC) in August 2015, she shadowed GCHC physician Mackenzie Smith, M.D., and has worked at a number of GCHC sites, including Student Health Services, Snow Hill Medical Center and Kate B. Reynolds Medical Center. (PCHC is part of Greene County Health Care Inc., as well.)

She and her husband Alex live in Maysville with their sons – Kenny, 5, and Spencer, 3. The Chitwoods enjoy spending time outside playing with their ducks and chickens. Mrs. Chitwood also enjoys running and playing softball.

"I have been teaching myself Spanish in my free time because I have always wanted to know a second language," she says. "I plan



## Your Health

to return to school to get my certification in psychology as well. I look forward to caring for the Pamlico community."

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Charles "Matt" Cox has a M.S. degree in Public Health and a Masters in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling from ECU. Matt is a Licensed Professional Counselor-A and a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist Associate. He values a client-centered approach that utilizes the therapeutic relationship as a tool for implementing change. This



C. Matt Cox

approach is especially helpful when working with clients who have problems related to substance use.

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## Two National Healthcare Decisions Day Discussion Panels Set

NEW BERN – Local medical and legal professionals, social workers and clergy are leading an effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making as a part of a larger national effort by the National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) Initiative. The goal: to encourage the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and to execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will). National Healthcare Decisions Day, observed every year in April, provides the public with the tools and information necessary to make decisions about their care and to document those decisions in accordance with North Carolina state laws.

Two panel discussions centered on the importance of advance directives and what they mean to patients and their families will take place on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The first will be held at 1:30 p.m. at McCarthy Court on McCarthy Boulevard in New Bern. The second panel discussion will be held in the auditorium on the campus of CarolinaEast Medical Center at 5:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions of the medical, pastoral and legal professionals present. The panel will include Dr. Robert Fisher, CarolinaEast Hospitalist and Craven County Hospice Medical Director, Chaplain Michael Bostian, Director, Pastoral Affairs at CarolinaEast, Attorney Cindy Turco, Vice President of Legal Affairs at CarolinaEast and Mary Lou Infinito with the Crystal Coast End of Life Awareness Coalition. The goal of the event is to provide attendees an opportunity to learn about options for advance directives, why they matter and where to turn for guidance in making these important decisions. Notaries and



witnesses will be available if anyone is interested in executing an advance directive. The event is offered at no cost as a community service of CarolinaEast Health System, National Healthcare Decisions Day Initiative and The Crystal Coast End of Life Awareness Coalition.

"The goal of National Healthcare Decisions Day is for many more people in our community to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and execute reliable documents to make their wishes known," said Chaplain Michael Bostian, Director of Pastoral Care at CarolinaEast Medical Center. "Fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient. Healthcare providers and facilities will also be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be better able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so."

For more information about this event, contact Mary Lou Infinito at 973-214-8092 or CarolinaEast at 252-633-8154. These programs are being offered free of charge as a community service of CarolinaEast Health System. More information about National Healthcare Decisions Day can be found at www.nhdd.org.

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## All About Memory Loss

As we age, we lose brain cells. This loss of cells sometimes affects our ability to remember a name or remember where we left our car keys. These are often referred to as "senior moments." It is a normal process of aging. But significant changes in our memory refer to something else.

When the term memory loss is used, it's usually associated with Alzheimer's disease (AD) because AD is the most common type of loss, occurring in about 5 million Americans. The broader term for memory loss is dementia (not a specific disease itself), which is the loss of memory from brain trauma, stroke, or a degenerative disease, as well as a loss of at least one other brain function like language.

People with dementia usually have trouble solving problems, doing daily tasks, and may even have trouble controlling their emotions. According to familydoctor.org, here are some signs that are not part of normal memory loss.

- Forgetting things much more often than you used to
- Forgetting how to do things you've done many times before
- Trouble learning new things
- Repeating phrases or stories in the same conversation
- Trouble making choices or handling money
- Not being able to keep track of what happens each day

Alzheimer's disease is according to the National Institute on Aging, an "irreversible, progressive brain disease that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and eventually even the ability to carry out the simplest tasks." It accounts for 50% to 80% of dementia cases.

"We found that the colors and the sound and the motion and the touch that they're able to experience, all of those things involve all of their senses and give them a complete enjoyment of their surroundings and something to interact with," Green said. "It's not uncommon to see one laughing or dancing when they're in the environment, and even having good memory recall to the point that they can answer questions."

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First Folio! . . . . . The Book that Started It All

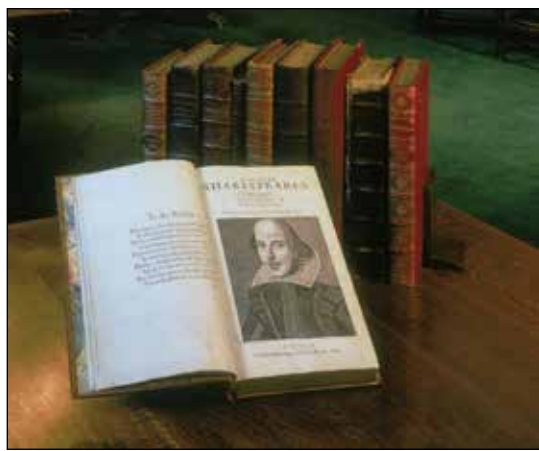
RALEIGH — In conjunction with the traveling exhibit First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare, the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh will present many programs for children and adults. In advance of the exhibit, the Shakespeare Marathon: 38 Plays in 5 Days kicks off a wide selection of programs that will enrich your understanding of William Shakespeare and his work.



The Zinc Kings will perform "Music of the Carolinas" on May 8th.

Bring your lunch; beverages are provided. Alan Dessen, Peter G. Phialas Distinguished Professor Emeritus, English and Comparative Literature, UNC-Chapel Hill

How do you present Shakespeare's works to a modern audience? You'd likely eliminate, change and streamline — rescript — the text; but doesn't that alter what original playgoers saw in the first performances of "Macbeth," "Twelfth Night," "As You Like It," and "The Tempest"? Dessen will talk about rescripting while weighing what may be lost in the process.



• Shakespeare Marathon: 38 Plays in 5 Days Saturday, April 23, noon, through Thursday, April 28, 6 a.m.

Burning Coal Theatre Company and the N.C. Museum of History present a round-the-clock reading of all 38 plays by William Shakespeare. Honoring the 400th anniversary of the playwright's death, 38 theatrical groups from across North Carolina will perform the stage readings with minimal props and costumes. The marathon is produced by Raleigh's Burning Coal Theatre Company. For a complete schedule and list of theatre companies, visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/Exhibits-Shakespeare](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/Exhibits-Shakespeare).



• Readings From Exit, Pursued by a Bear Friday, May 6, 5 to 6 p.m. Joseph Mills, Professor, UNC School of the Arts

Drop in to hear poet Mills read from his latest collection, Exit, Pursued by a Bear. Inspired by Shakespeare's stage directions, the poems are witty, comical and thought-provoking. Mills also will share some backstory on the Bard's most famous stage directions and will sign books after the program. The exhibit First Folio! opens to First Friday visitors at 7 p.m.

• Making the Cut: What the First Folio Leaves Out (and In) Friday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. Mary Floyd-Wilson, Bowman and Gordon Gray Term Professor of Distinguished Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, UNC-Chapel Hill.



Floyd-Wilson, a Shakespeare and English Renaissance literature expert, will talk about the contents of the first collection of the Bard's works. See the exhibit First Folio! at 7 p.m. after this program. Presented in conjunction with the Museum of History Associates and the Raleigh area chapter of the English Speaking Union of the United States.

• Shakespeare's Garden Saturday, May 7, 2-3 p.m. For more information, call 919-807-7979

Shakespeare mentioned plants and gardens in many of his plays and sonnets, often using them as metaphors for life. Join a special tour of the outdoor exhibit History of the Harvest to see which of its plants were referenced by the bard!

• Music of the Carolinas: The Zinc Kings Sunday, May 8, 3-4 p.m. Free tickets for the concert are distributed while they last beginning at 2 pm.

"Shakespeare and old-time [music] work shockingly well together," says a member of the Zinc Kings. Celebrate Mother's Day with Shakespeare-inspired tunes and the First Folio! exhibit. Presented with PineCone and support from the Museum of History Associates and Williams Mullen.

• History à la Carte: Rescripting Shakespeare Wednesday, May 11, noon-1 p.m.

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# PCHS Students Get First Hand Look at Results of Poor Driving Decisions

Over 40 percent of teen deaths occur in motor vehicle accidents. Most of these are the result of a poor driving decision and are preventable. On April 12, the Triangle Volunteer Fire Department, Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, Pamlico Rescue Squad, NC Highway Patrol, NC Wildlife Commission, and other sponsors presented an informative, moving program to Pamlico County's young adult drivers and their families at the high school in an effort to prevent future tragedies.

The VIP for a VIP program provides a dramatic experience for high school teens demonstrating the horrible consequences of a poor driving decision. The VIP for a VIP program (Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person) consists of testimony from area emergency services, video and powerpoint presentations followed by a re-enactment of a fatal teen accident. The hope is that if young drivers could only see what emergency responders see at accident scenes, maybe they would make better choices when presented with risky opportunities.

The morning session of the program, began with a choices and consequences discussion about making good decisions in life. Students were reminded that it's not just about driving impaired and speeding, but also about avoiding the distractions that capture the attention new drivers for the few seconds that it takes to cause an accident.

The session continued in the afternoon in the school's parking lot with students looking on as a local police officer read a detailed report of what happens when a driver not wearing a seatbelt hits a tree at 55 m.p.h. Seconds later a mangled, smoking automobile with a broken utility pole embedded into the front and a teen driver slumped over the steering wheel, arm hanging out the window dripping blood was revealed to the onlookers.

Then the students heard a call to 911, followed by the dispatch of local police, fire and ambulance units. They could also hear the voice of the teenage driver saying that "I'm alright, just help me out of the car." Later they realize that this is the teen's soul speaking and that the accident had taken his life on impact.

Emergency units arrived and began cutting the car door and roof to get the teen victim out. Rescuers then began to simulate performing CPR and a firefighter held up an IV attached to the victim's arm. The teen's distraught mother and father then arrived at the scene.

The students then overheard a live call of the paramedic to the hospital detailing what they have done to try to save the teen's life and asking for further instructions. The hospital answered back that they have done all that they can and to discontinue efforts and transport the body to the morgue.

Hearing this, the mom let out a heart-wrenchingly plead to responders to save her son. The firefighters and paramedics then



The fake accident in the school parking lot set the stage for the detailed demonstration to follow.



Following the accident, students saw firsthand the actions taken to try and save the young man's life by EMS workers.



placed the teen in a body bag on the stretcher and zipped the bag shut as mom continued to plead for them to help him. The voice of the teen plead, "I can't be dead, I'm only 17," as the ambulance doors closed and the unit pulled away leaving mom and dad crying.

The student's attention was then drawn to two students who stepped forward from the bleachers to place a cross in front of the car as a roadside memorial. After which mom and dad walked by the cross stopping briefly to touch the cross, leaving bloody fingerprints as they walk off site.

This program is dedicated to the students that have lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents while attending Pamlico County High School. Students and parents were asked to sign a "VIP contract for life." The contract asks the student to call the parent if they find themselves in a bad situation rather than taking a chance to drive home or ride with others that may be reckless or impaired. In return the parent agrees if they call for help they will go get them without making a scene to make sure the student gets home safely.



The closing scene was of the grieving parents mourning the loss of their son.



Students watched intently as the drama unfolded.



## Future Golf Stars

Fred A. Anderson Elementary School students participated in the recent First Tee Championships and came away with big wins! The students took 2nd place overall as a team and Miss Mya Smith (left) won the Girls' Division. Congratulations to all!



## Snowden "Book" Team Heads to Regionals

Written by Danielle, Louis, Luis, Amya and Isaiah

Greetings, this is the S.W. Snowden Battle of the Books team. This article is about how we were feeling during the recent county-wide competition.

According to team member Louis Adams: "At first I was feeling confident but eventually I got nervous when we were behind". Fellow member Danielle Harrell said "When we started the completion I felt scared because all the other schools had so many team players, and a little excited because I was actually at the Battle of the Books tournament!"

Danielle also felt so happy for Snowden's team when they won. Amya Smith relates that she was nervous because she had seen that all the other teams had more players than SWS. Amya also felt excited when they added all the points and saw that SWS had won. Luis Tello was confident as the team walked in, but when they did the practice round and they told the teams the rules he got nervous. Luis also felt like it was over for the SWS battle team, until they added up the points and then we saw that we won!! Team member Isaiah Waldron felt kind of nervous at first, then he started getting confident. Then when he saw the points being added up and realized SWS had won, he felt like all his hard work had paid off. Then when he saw his coach happy with tears he felt good for himself and his whole team.

Now the team will go on to Regional 1 competition which will be in Hertford on April 22.



Three of the S.W. Snowden's Elementary Battle of the Books team displaying their first place medals. (Left to right) Davida Pearson, Louis Adams and Amya Smith.

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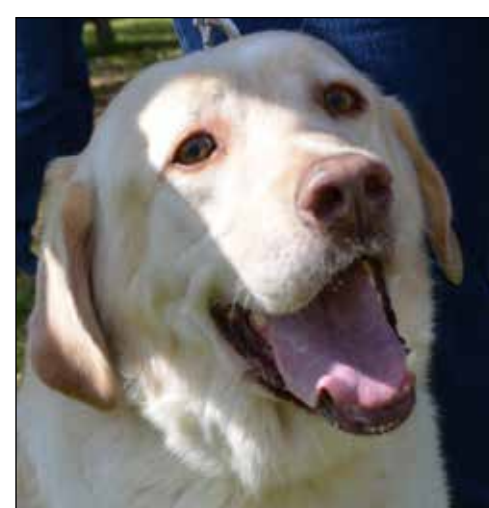
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- Funniest - Puck - Human, Emmy James
- Friendliest - Skye - Human, Dorothy Dimond
- Most Lookalike - Banjo - Human, Mark Kaplan
- Best Theme - Oceania - Human, Mary Stancill
- Most Bribes Offered - Freddy - Human, Madeline Sutter
- Cutest - Wrigley - Jim McMillian
- Most Unusual- Bogey - Human, Sally Belangia
- People's Choice - Kindle - Human, Darlene Wail
- PAWS Hero - Sailor - Human, Neil Landin
- Wild Breast - Maya - Human, Heather Brewer
- Longevity - Bert - Human, Marguerite Garrett
- \*Melt Your Heart - Beasley\* - Human, Richard Lothrop
- \*Darlings of the Paparazzi - Cookie and Ruby\* - Human, Dan Albert
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