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## Arapahoe Charter School Announces Reopening Plan

Arapahoe Charter School students will return to school August 10th with a mix of in person classroom and remote instruction, according to a plan approved by the Board of Directors on July 20.

"I am extremely proud and grateful for the valuable teamwork and extensive, mindful considerations for both our school community, which turned into a comprehensive plan for reopening our school," says Chris Watson, Executive Director.

"As we weighed the options available to us, one thing that remained constant is our school's commitment to our families, students, and staff. Arapahoe Charter School will continue to provide excellence in everything we do."

Arapahoe Charter will offer two learning options for its students and families: in person and remote learning. Over the past week, surveys were sent to parents and staff to guide administrators in developing strategies to help shape the 2020-2021 school year. The findings of the survey confirmed that a portion of our parents prefer in person learning while others favor total remote learning. Both options will be offered.

The plan will follow a blended model that meets the Governor's requirements for no more than 50% occupancy by combining face to face and remote instruction. Under this plan, students in group A will attend face to face classes on Monday and Tuesday and work remotely on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students in group B will work remotely on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and attend face to face classes on Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesday the school will be thoroughly cleaned to ensure proper disinfection of the school between groups A and B.

The school is also offering a remote only option to parents who would prefer not to send their students to school at this time.

"It's vital that when we open our doors to our community, we are prepared from start-to-finish - we will do this right," says Mr. Watson. "As always, we will continue to maintain timely communication with our school community."

For the latest information regarding the school's Reopening Plan, visit the website at [www.arapahoecharter.org](http://www.arapahoecharter.org) and Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

## Pamlico School Re-entry Plan Approved by Board

Text & Photo by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County School Superintendent Lisa Jackson and school administrators presented their plan for reopening the county school system to the Board of Education last Wednesday evening in a special called board meeting. The plan gives students two options for returning to school, the virtual option and the blended learning option. Both options are available to students in all grade levels, kindergarten through 12th grade.

If the virtual option is chosen, an application must be submitted by July 31st, and parents must meet with a virtual counselor to enroll their student. The virtual learning option is completely online so students must have, or have available to them, a reliable internet access. Once students commit to this option, they are locked in for at least one semester. The first day of class for remote learning is August 17th.

In the blended learning option, students will attend classes in person two days a week, the "A" group on Mondays and Tuesdays, and the "B" group on Thursdays and Fridays. The days students are not at school in person will be remote learning days. Wednesdays will be remote learning for all students unless a group missed a day that week due to an official school holiday. Wednesdays will also be used for deep cleaning and disinfecting of schools and buses which will supplement the nightly cleaning by staff and between-class cleanings by teachers. Students' health will be assessed each day including temperature checks. The actual two days that students are present on campuses will be much like a regular day of school instruction, but with only one half of the normal number of students in attendance. While August 17th is the official first day of school, the

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## 24 New Badges Prepare Girl Scouts to Be Ambitious and Decisive Leaders

*Girl Scout badges in automotive engineering, STEM career exploration, entrepreneurship, and civics help girls become the leaders our rapidly changing world needs.*

Raleigh, N.C. — Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) today announced 24 new badges designed to help girls practice ambitious leadership in the crucial areas of automotive engineering, STEM career exploration, entrepreneurship, and civics, many of which remain male-dominated. In a year of unprecedented global change, our country's need for strong, broad-minded, and decisive leadership has never been greater. Through new and existing programming, Girl Scouts equips the next generation of female change-makers with the breadth of knowledge, skills, and experiences they need to take charge and do good for the world, both now and in the future.

**The new Girl Scout badges include:**

**Entrepreneurship (grades K-12).** Girls develop an entrepreneurial mindset as they engage in age-appropriate exercises that help them create and pitch a product or service that solves a problem. They build their own business plan and think about topics like production, cost, profit, marketing, and competition. Three in four of today's girls are interested in becoming an entrepreneur, but more than half also say they need more support in this area; these badges are designed to fill the gap. Funded by Susan Bulkeley Butler and designed in collaboration with VentureLab.

**STEM Career Exploration (grades 2-8).** Girls explore their career interests and connect them



to STEM fields—particularly computer science, nature/environmental science, engineering, design, health, and agriculture—that can help them address the pressing issues of our time and change the world. The IF/THEN® Collection, a free, downloadable digital asset library of real-life women in STEM, is an integral component of the badges. The dearth of women in STEM fields is well documented, but data shows that girls are more interested in a STEM career when they learn how they can use it to help people, demonstrating the value of Girl Scouts' unique approach. Funded by IF/THEN, an initiative of Lyda Hill Philanthropies.

**Automotive Engineering (grades K-5).** Girls learn about designing, engineering, and manufacturing vehicles, as well as the future of mobility. They design their own vehicles, test prototypes, learn about design thinking, create their own assembly

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## Operation Veggie Box Corn Jam 2020

The Operation Veggie Box crew was at it again bright and early Friday morning in what has become a yearly event, Corn Jam. Volunteers gathered at Paul Farms in Silverhill before the break of dawn to begin picking ears of corn that were then transported to Bethany Christian Church in Arapahoe. The corn was packed in food boxes with onions, potatoes, and sweet potatoes along with a tract containing a Christian message of hope. This was all done with an assembly line of volunteers whose speed would have made Henry Ford proud. Of the 1500 boxes packed, 500 went to Religious Community Services (RCS) in New Bern and the remaining 1000 boxes were to be distributed to various churches and organizations right here in Pamlico County in an effort to help feed those in need. One of the event organizers, Rich Maher, said he felt the effort was especially important this year with many people out of work or on a reduced income due to COVID-19. Growing in Christ, While Growing for Christ.



### WEEKEND WEATHER

**SAT AUG 1** Scattered thunderstorms. High near 90F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%. **SAT Night** Variable clouds with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly overnight. Low 76F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

**SUN AUG 2** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High 92F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%. **SUN Night** Partly cloudy skies early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later at night. Low 76F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%.



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# COMMUNITY

## OBITUARIES

**Joan Slade Ford, 77, of Pamlico**, passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at her home.

She is a member of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. Never meeting a stranger, she always had a smile and warm heart for everyone. She is rejoicing with her Lord & Savior.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Ford; parents, Mahugh and Pearl Slade; sister, Joyce Ann Slade Cummings; brother, Hugh Donald Slade; and granddaughter, Amanda Elizabeth.

She is survived by her three daughters, Penny May Ford, Elizabeth Ford (James) Cuthrell and Pearl Ford (Steven) Smith; four grandchildren, Dylan Smith, Bryan

Cuthrell, Grace Smith and Mattie Cuthrell; and two great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Able Cuthrell.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, July 28th at Bethel FWB Church with the Rev. Jesse Caton and Rev. Betty Jo Rodgers officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family received friends and relatives prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggested memorial contributions be made to Bethel FWB Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Elizabeth Cuthrell, 272 Wildwood Dr., Oriental, NC 28571.

Arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home & Cremations, Alliance, NC.



**Hurricane season is here again and we hope it will be a quiet one. However we would like to be prepared in the event of an emergency.**

Some people need more care than American Red Cross shelters can give. Among those people needing special care are people who have severe mental handicap or mental illness, chronic incontinence, persons who are bedridden, have a catheter, need dialysis more than three times a week or who need IV fluids or medication. To help those people who have special needs find the safest and best place to be during an emergency, Pamlico County Senior Services ask that you fill out the enclosed form as soon as possible. Completing this form will make it easier for Pamlico County Senior Services to help you find safe shelter.

Please contact Pamlico Senior Services for a special needs form and take the time to call the Pamlico Senior Services for the special needs register form.

After you receive the form, please complete and return to the form to Pamlico County Senior Services. If you need help filling out this form or want more information, please call Tina Brooks or Violet Ollison at 745-7196.

Sincerely and be safe,  
Violet Ollison  
Senior Services Director

Recovery support group meetings open to anyone in recovery. Using principals from NA, AA, and Smart Recovery is hosted by Hope Clinic's New Beginnings program. Meetings occur every evening at 7pm, except for Saturday. Most meetings are online and 2 are in-person at this time. There are no requirements to attend and meetings are free. For more information, please call Caitlin at (252) 745-5760 or email her at caitlin@hopeclinic.net

## NOTE THE DATE

Over the past few months, all of our weekly and monthly events have been canceled and have been removed from our Notables. As we begin to re-open, please send your events, meetings and happenings to [Frontdesk@thepamliconews.com](mailto:Frontdesk@thepamliconews.com).

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## Horoscopes



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
What seems like innocent fun can quickly escalate, Aries. Be sure to rein in the excitement. If you can't do so on your own, ask a buddy to assist you.



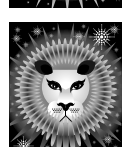
**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
This is your time to ramp up the romance, Taurus. If you are single, employ some dating apps to find a new match. If you're in a relationship, exchange romantic texts.



**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
No one can make healthy decisions for you, Gemini. It is up to you to make some changes. Recommit to healthy eating and exercise this week.



**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, if your relationship has been complicated by finances and power struggles, that will start to settle in the days to come. You will find a middle ground.



**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Your significant other can be the catalyst for change, Leo. He or she may help you propel your career and potentially open up doors you never considered.



**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you may need to get some things of your chest soon. But don't fret. You'll be able to get your emotions out and start over with a fresh and calm perspective.



**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Surround yourself with your favorite things and people, Libra. This will make daily life that much better and help you put a positive spin on anything.



**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You may be a little moody and things may not be going according to plan right now, Scorpio. But all it takes is a minor adjustment to change all of that immediately.



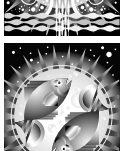
**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, with all the pressure you have been under lately, it can be easy to buckle. However, you have energy reserves in droves and can muscle your way through.



**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Miscommunication at work may lead to confusion and broken agreements, Capricorn. You may have to be the level head in this situation and pull everyone together.



**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, keep a level head through a demanding time. You're being pulled in many directions, but you've always been cool under pressure and now is no different.



**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Dreams fill your mind, Pisces. But you have to operate in the real world. See if you can merge your goals with your dreams this week.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Bold, intelligent, warm, and courageous, fire sign Leo is a natural leader of the Zodiac, ready to blaze a trail, vanquish injustice, and make a name for themselves along the way. Blessed with high self-esteem, Lions know that they possess enviable traits—and they're proud of them. They don't believe in false modesty and will be the first to praise themselves for a job well done. But Leo isn't self-aggrandizing or unwilling to roll up those sleeves and do the work: this sign knows that in order to be respected and admired, he or she needs to put in the effort worthy of a leader. But it's not all hard work for Lions. Intense and energetic, Leos thrive on social interactions and have no problem making friends—although pinning them down to spend time with you is another story. Leos put themselves first, and will turn down a plan that doesn't fit with their agenda or idea of fun. This trait has gained them an unfair reputation for arrogance. But on the flip side, when a Lion chooses to spend time with you, it's genuinely because he or she wants to.

Leos are passionate in all pursuits, including relationships, and take it upon themselves to be the best partner you've ever had. They love grand gestures, and they want to show the world how attentive and caring they can be. They also can't resist flashiness and often buy their partner the biggest and best presents. Leo is an adventurer, seeking to balance an intense life of social obligations and travel with plenty of downtime to relax and luxuriate. Work and outward appearances matter to this sign, and they're willing to do whatever it takes to gain a job title or workplace status, even if it means temporarily sacrificing their precious leisure time. Benevolent with their time and attention, Leos are never cliquey, always showing friendliness and politeness to everyone. While almost everyone else is entranced by the Leonine personality, Leos are their own harshest critic and consider each day a challenge to be the best, brightest, and boldest Lion they can be.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

**July 29th – 1914**, The first transcontinental telephone service occurred when two people held a conversation between New York, NY and San Francisco, CA. Long distance rates may apply.

**July 30th – 1956**, The phrase “In God We Trust” was adopted as the U. S. national motto.

**July 31st – 1888**, It is thought that serial killer “Jack the Ripper” committed the first of his possible eleven murders. He was never caught.

**August 1st – 1942**, Jerry Garcia was born in San Francisco, CA.

**August 2nd – 1990**, Iraq invaded Kuwait

**August 3rd – 1936**, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of what was to be four Olympic gold medals at the Berlin games.

**August 4th – 1790**, The forerunner of the United States Coast Guard, The Revenue Cutter Service was formed. Semper Paratus.

So, you think it's been a hot summer? I think so too, but just so you know, the highest official temperature recorded in North Carolina occurred on August 21, 1983 in Fayetteville when the mercury reached a sweltering 110 degrees. That's actual temperature, not heat index. While we are on the subject of N. C. temperature records, the lowest official recorded temperature was -34 degrees on January 21, 1985 at Mount Mitchell.



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– Van Morrison



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July 30 Aurora VFD at 99 Hwy 33 E, Aurora 2pm-7pm

July 31 New Bern Mall at 3134 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. 11am-4pm

Aug. 5 Piggly Wiggly at 1500 Live Oak St., Beaufort 1pm-6pm

Aug. 5 First Presbyterian Church at 418 New St., New Bern 9am-2pm

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Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: 638-8591

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**HIGHWAY PATROL:** 1-800-441-6127

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE –**  
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Nova Urgent Care: 745-7440

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# Pamlico Community College

## Fall Registration set for next week at Pamlico Community College

By Sandy Wall

Registration for the Fall 2020 semester is scheduled next week at Pamlico Community College, so now is a great time for new and returning students to speak with college officials to make sure they're ready to pick their courses and get started on a better life.

Registration is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 5 and 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Johnson Building at the college's Grantsboro campus.

Student Services staffers and faculty advisors will be available to speak with students and give them direction on how they can reach their academic goals.

PCC will be offering a robust slate of online courses this semester. The college also will feature face-to-face courses in subject areas that have been approved for seated instruction by state officials.

In a note to the community printed in the Fall 2020 Course Schedule, PCC President Dr. Jim Ross said the college has worked to remain nimble during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic so it can continue to meet the educational needs of the community.

"The Coronavirus has created serious challenges for all parts of our society since last spring. These challenges appear likely to continue in coming months," the president wrote. "Pamlico Community College will respond to these challenges this semester, as we did last semester, with a spirit of optimism and determination to keep serving you with high-quality education to make your life better."

Ross continued, "Because of our outstanding faculty and staff, PCC has received statewide praise for the extraordinary teamwork and positive spirit that allowed us to provide high-quality instruction throughout the spring and summer semesters...and we will do the same throughout this fall semester. Our college successfully embraced the challenges of providing most classes online during the spring and summer semesters. This summer, we offered several seated classes too. This fall's classes continue this pattern of offering most classes online while offering those seated classes state guidelines currently allow."

As of now, the approved areas for seated courses include Allied Health, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Electrical Systems Technology and Welding.

In addition, several short-term Continuing Education courses in career-related programs also are available in a face-to-face format.

Seated curriculum classes will begin Aug. 17. Online curriculum courses start Aug. 28. Continuing Education courses have varying start dates.



Pamlico Community College will be offering a robust schedule of web-based courses for the Fall 2020 semester. The college also will feature face-to-face classes in subjects approved by state officials. *Contributed photo*

An online link to PCC's Course Schedule has been posted on the college's homepage, [www.pamlicocc.edu](http://www.pamlicocc.edu).

For more information about getting prepared for registration next week, contact the college at [studentservices@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:studentservices@pamlicocc.edu) or 252-249-1851, ext. 3002. New and returning students also can contact Instructor Neil Callahan at 252-229-9710 or at [ncallahan@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:ncallahan@pamlicocc.edu) or Cristy Lewis Warner at [cwarner@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:cwarner@pamlicocc.edu).

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first three weeks of the blended learning option will be used for individual meetings between teachers and students with their parents so that everyone will have a complete understanding of the procedures as well as the expectations for the student. The actual first day of face-to-face, on-campus instruction will begin the week of September 8th.

During the discussion that followed the presentation, there was much praise for the hard work of school administrators for the plan, but also a great deal of frustration that it had to be done this

way. These frustrations were echoed by superintendent Lisa Jackson who remarked that guidance from Raleigh had changed almost daily over the previous two weeks. "This was the most challenging thing we have ever had to come up with and that includes returning to school after the hurricanes." Board member John McCotter remarked that this was "a monumental task and that there was no perfect solution," while board member Paul Delamar, Jr. had uneasiness about the effects of only two days a week of face-to-face instruction on students.

He was particularly concerned about the Exceptional Student (EC) community. "Kids need to interact with a person, not a screen," he remarked while adding, "I know it will be better than last spring; it couldn't be worse." Pamlico Middle School Principal Dr. Jeremy Johnson emphasized that the meeting between staff, students, and parents in the three-week period before actual face-to-face instruction begins will be critical. He stated, "We have to make sure everyone is clear about the expectations." Board member Kari Hammond expressed a huge worry about

the consequences for working families fearing that this may be "catastrophic," and later reiterated her concern in a social media post. "Last night's decision to adopt a two in-class/three online school schedule for all students will deal a catastrophic blow to education, families, and businesses countywide. I am sad for the students of all ages, because every year is special and critical for their educational and social development. But I am heartbroken for the parents of young children in our district who are going to face impossible decisions this semester."

When the vote was taken, the board approved the plan by a vote of 6 to 1 with Hammond casting the only dissenting vote which she later explained on social media. "I don't agree with the plan. I didn't vote for it. I want to honor the work our district put into drafting it. They've been at it all summer and they'll be there all school year, doing everything they can for students. I voted against the impacts of this plan, but not their efforts. I voted against the schedule because it didn't have to impact our county's students or families to the extent that it will. Because someone has to say that the cost of what we're doing to the students in this county very well might outweigh the benefits."

With the plan to restart school now approved and in place, education can move forward, albeit with the specter of COVID looming large. If there is a huge increase in cases several weeks into the school year, will the Governor shut everything down? Only time will tell.

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## Create Strategies to Help Achieve Your Financial Goals



Dan M. Roberts

Like most people, you probably have many financial goals: a comfortable retirement, long vacations, college for your children or grandchildren, the ability to leave something behind for the next generation, and so on. To achieve these various goals, you may have to follow different investment strategies – and you might have to make some tradeoffs along the way.

To pursue this multi-goal/multi-strategy approach, try to follow a clear course of action, including these steps:

Define your goals – and invest appropriately. You will need to identify each goal and ask some questions: How much time will you have to achieve this goal? How much return will you need from your investments and how much risk are you willing to take? With a longer-term goal, such as retirement, you may be able to invest more heavily in growth-oriented vehicles with higher expected returns. Keep in mind, though, that the value of these investments will fluctuate, and they carry more risk than more conservative investments. However, your long-term horizon allows time to recover from

short-term dips. But for a shorter-term goal, such as an upcoming vacation, your investments don't have the same time to bounce back from large drops in value, so you might follow a more conservative strategy by investing in instruments that preserve principal, even though growth may be minimal.

Know what you've invested for each goal. Once you know what type of strategy you should follow to achieve each of your goals, you'll need to enact that strategy. How? By matching specific investment accounts with the appropriate goals. You should know why you own all your investments. Ask yourself these questions: What goal will this investment help me achieve? How much do I have allocated toward a specific goal? If I have an IRA, a 401(k) and another account devoted to achieving the same goal, are they all working together effectively? The connections between your different investment accounts and your goals should be consistently clear to you.

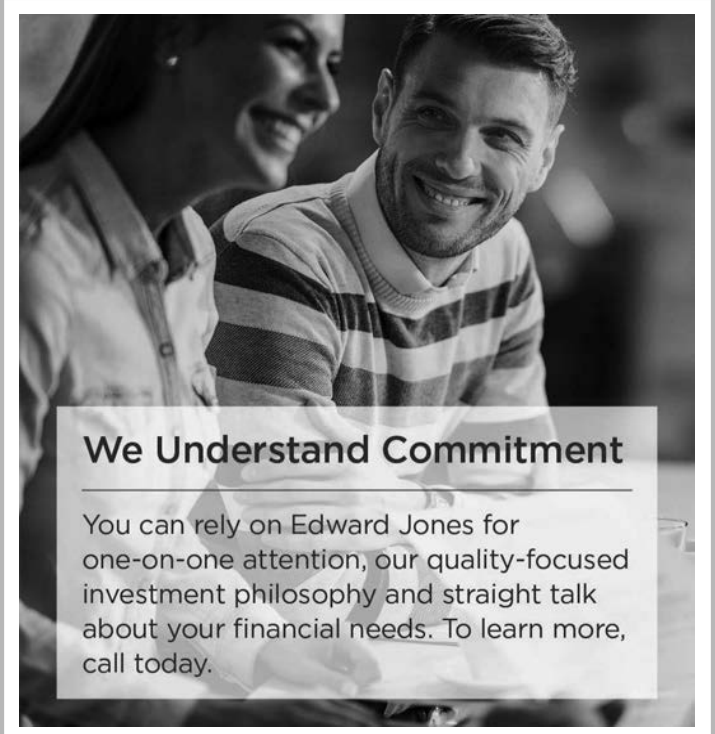
Understand trade-offs. Your various investment goals may be distinct, but they don't exist in isolation. In fact, your strategy for achieving one goal may affect your ability to work toward another. For exam-

ple, would significant investments in your child's education change your funding for retirement? If you decide to buy a vacation home when you retire, will that alter the legacy you'll be able to leave to your family? Given limited financial resources, you may have to prioritize some goals and make some trade-offs in your investment moves.

Track your progress. Each of your strategies is designed to achieve a particular goal, so you need to monitor the performance of the investments within that strategy to help ensure you're making progress. If it seems that you're lagging, you may need to explore ways to get back on track.

To manage these tasks successfully, you may want to work with a financial professional – someone who can look at your situation objectively, help you identify and quantify your goals, and suggest strategies designed to help you achieve them.

Trying to achieve multiple financial goals can seem like a daunting task, but by saving and investing consistently through your working years, following a clear strategy, being willing to prioritize and accept trade-offs and getting the help you need, you can help yourself move forward.



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## NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

# Alligatorweed Control with Thrips

Daniel Simpson, County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Article adapted from Dr. Diana Rashash, Area, Specialized Agent, Water Quality at <https://onslow.ces.ncsu.edu/2019/06/alligatorweed-thrips-for-alligatorweed-control/>

There is a new to North Carolina management strategy for alligatorweed control. Alligatorweed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*) is an invasive aquatic weed native to Brazil that arrived in the southeastern US in the early 1900s. The plant has opposite leaves, a hollow stem, and a white clover-like flower. It grows very well in our ditches, ponds, and waterways. Healthy alligatorweed has distinctive, white, clover-like flowers and can spread through fragmentation, with each node capable of forming a new plant. This allows for easy transport and spread through activities like mowing or boating, and especially through drainage in ditches and waterways.



In August 2018, a sample of "sick" alligatorweed from a pond in Onslow County was sent to the NC State University Plant Disease & Insect Clinic (PDIC) and the Army Corps of Engineers lab in Vicksburg, MS. Both laboratories confirmed the presence of alligatorweed thrips (*Amylothrips andersoni* O'Neill). The adult a. thrips is approximately 2 mm in size, and the larvae are roughly 1.5 mm. This was the first confirmed sighting of alligatorweed thrips in NC. The a. thrips have a broader cold tolerance than the flea beetle. The a. thrips at the Onslow site easily survived the 10-day freezing spell during winter 2018. This gives us hope that a. thrips will be a good IPM agent.

The a. thrips juveniles and adults only eat alligatorweed, so there is no risk to other plants or crops. Early damage appears as discolored and curled leaves. A high level of predation can



completely defoliate a patch of alligatorweed. These are tiny, yet mighty insects!

Since their discovery in NC, the alligatorweed thrips have been provided to the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Beneficial Insect Lab. NCDA&CS is establishing a breeding population. N.C. Cooperative Extension Service has placed a. thrips in several locations in Eastern NC, including this year in Pamlico County.

As of July, actively feeding alligatorweed thrips have been found in four locations in Bayboro and Stonewall, approximately 2 two miles from their original locations.

Alligatorweed can clog waterways and drainage ditches, leading to washouts and restricted waterflow. This poses difficulties in use of water resources and often leads to flooding in agricultural fields and residential properties. Hopefully this tiny insect will help to reduce these hazards and limit the continual spread of this invasive plant. If you would like more information on this topic, please contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or [Daniel\\_simpson@ncsu.edu](mailto:Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu).



Typical chemical control measures have included the use of glyphosate applied at regular intervals throughout the growing season. From 2006-2015, several counties in eastern NC received Alligatorweed flea beetles (*Agasicles hygrophila*) in hopes that they would be a useful integrated pest management (IPM) practice. Flea beetles feed on foliage and can do a good job of knocking back alligatorweed. Unfortunately, NC is at the northern edge of their cold tolerance. Despite repeated attempts, strong colonies of the alligatorweed flea beetles were not attained.



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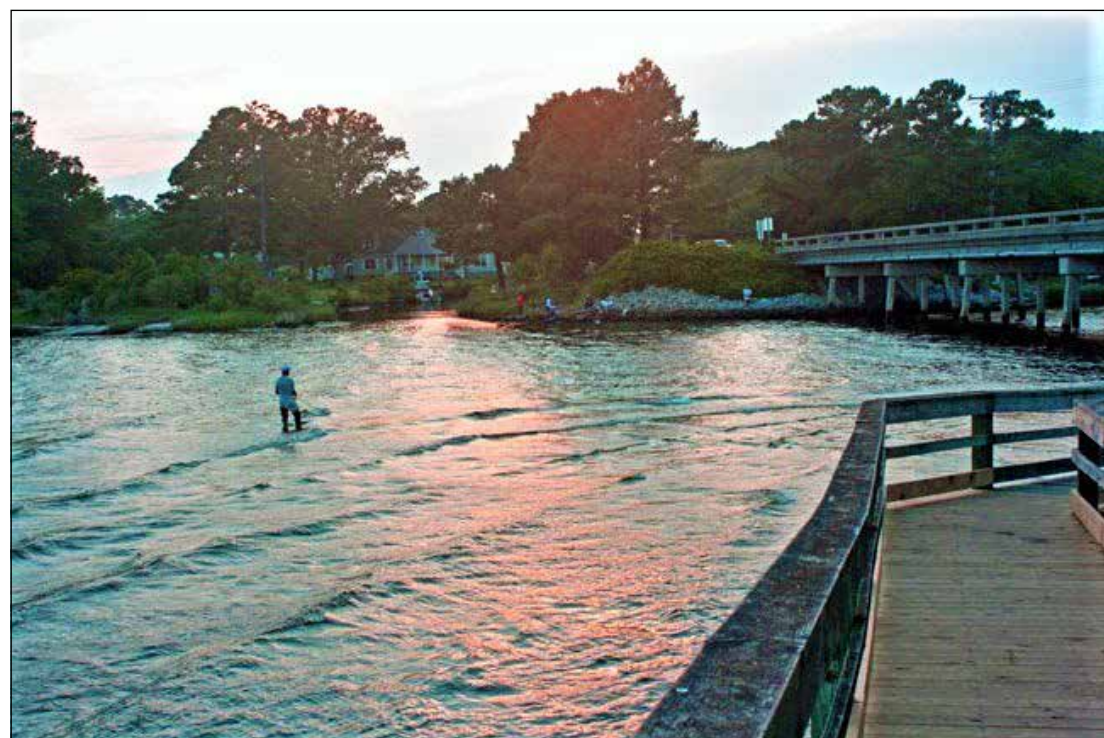
## Seeking the Real Dawson's Creek



According to Captain Ben from Oriental (NC) Daily Photo, our Dawson's Creek in Arapahoe is the namesake of the TV show from 1998 to 2003. The show was created by local-boy Kevin Williamson (Scream, I Know What You Did Last Summer, etc.) and based on his younger years growing up in and near Oriental, NC. Oddly, the TV show was largely filmed in western NC although some later filming was done in Wilmington.

Dawson's Creek is an American teen drama TV series about the lives of a close-knit group of friends and starred James Van Der Beek, Joshua Jackson, Katie Holmes, and Michelle Williams. The story was set in a small coastal, Massachusetts town named Capeside. This award-winning show tells the story of four teenagers as they struggle through adolescence. This is particularly true for 15-year-olds Dawson Leery, an introspective dreamer and Joey Potter, a precocious tomboy unaware of her beauty. Best friends since childhood, they are about to enter that confusing time in life where nothing is the way it was and nothing is as it seems.

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## China Grove, a Hidden Treasure

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Located in Dawson's Creek, Arapahoe, NC

China Grove is thought to be the second oldest house in Pamlico County, a historic plantation house located in Arapahoe. Built sometime in the late-18th century to early-19th century, the Federal style home was named for a row of chinaberry trees that once led to its entrance. China Grove is one of North Carolina's most dramatically sited plantation homes, overlooking the Neuse River at one of its widest points, near the mouth of Dawson's Creek.



While the home's builder and date of construction are uncertain, estimates vary from 1790 to 1813. In 1803, Edward Carraway was granted a land patent for a 250-acre plantation, with the price being 50 shillings per 100 acres. In November of the following year he sold the land to Williams S. Sparrow for \$1,300. The change in the property value of the plantation by 1804 suggests that the house was built before then by owner Carraway, although a descendant of Sparrow claims that Sparrow built the house in 1812 or 1813.

Sparrow was involved in the turpentine trade and also the owner of a lumber and grist mill on nearby Baird Creek. When he died in 1827, Sparrow left his family a considerably larger plantation than what he had originally purchased. According to the 1850 US Census, his widow, Henrietta Sparrow, owned 250 developed acres and 2,500 acres of unimproved land, valued at \$3,000. China Grove was auctioned off in 1869 for only \$50. The winning bidder, Amos Wade, was the first of fifteen successive owners of the property until 1934. That year, owner Gurney P. Hood, the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, sold China Grove to J. W. Cowell. When Cowell sold the property in 1963 to L. A. Stith, China Grove was in a state of serious disrepair. Stith extensively renovated the house while leaving the major architectural elements unscathed. China Grove was added to the National Register of Historic Places on February 6, 1973.

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## The Old Theater has Two Board Positions Opening Soon

The Old Theater is owned and managed by the Old Theater Corporation (OTC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which provides a venue for performing arts and civic, cultural, and educational events for the people of Pamlico County and Oriental. In addition to producing plays and professional shows, the Old Theater is home to Pamlico Musical Society, Children's Theater Workshop, the Community Band, and the Pamlico Chorale. It is also available to rent for business, group, or private gatherings.

The OTC Board is comprised of volunteers who serve three-year terms. Two critical board members, the Treasurer and the Facilities Manager, will be completing their terms soon and we are seeking volunteer replacements now in order to provide transitional training. If you have an accounting or CPA background and would be interested in serving as

our Treasurer, or are familiar with building operations and maintenance and would be interested in serving as Facilities Manager, please contact President Izzy Keppner at (252) 249-0477 or oldtheater@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon!

The Old Theater depends on the ongoing support and participation of individuals, businesses, service organizations, grants, and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Andrea, Membership & Volunteer Manager, at oldtheatervolunteers@gmail.com.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Subject: Hazard Mitigation Grant Application (Hurricane Dorian HMGP DR-4465)**  
**Contact: Emergency Planner (252) 745-4131**

Pamlico County is now accepting applications for Hurricane Dorian related Hazard Mitigation funding for elevation and acquisition projects. If interested in applying, applications are available for download at [www.pamlicocounty.org](http://www.pamlicocounty.org) or you may pick up at the Emergency Manager's office located at 202 Main Street in Bayboro.

If you previously submitted an application for Hurricane Florence (2018) mitigation funding, you are not required to re-apply. Hurricane Florence applicants will be automatically entered to possibly receive program funding for this opportunity HMGP DR-4465. If changes to your original application are needed (project selection- acquisition vs. elevation or transfer of property ownership etc.) please contact Autumn Hardison at (252) 745-4131.

To be considered, applications must be fully completed with all required documentation and submitted by August 5, 2020.

#### PAMLICO COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DANGEROUS ANIMAL ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on August 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM, at the Pamlico County Courthouse, to discuss Dangerous Animal Ordinance via Zoom. Following the public hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the plan. All citizens are encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom, but must register first to attend via Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAucyvrjsiGNSEjL4Av9RybHjWEXApXfTI>

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the office of Pamlico County Clerk to the Board located at 302 Main Street, Bayboro, NC 28515.

# Historical Society Honors Volunteers with Awards

**NEW BERN, NC,** Like most non-profit organizations, the New Bern Historical Society runs on the efforts of its volunteers. Each year, the Society takes time to publically recognize a number of those who go above and beyond, usually at a special banquet. But not in this COVID-restricted time. So, we celebrate here and ask, if you see these talented and generous folks, offer your thanks and congratulations.

The Newcomer's Award was presented to two outstanding volunteers for their significant contributions over the last two years. Lori Favre was recognized for her efforts as Ghostwalk cemetery director and script writer, and her work on Honour, The Musical. Jay DeLoach earned the award as the new editor of the annual Historical Journal.

The Battlefield Award for leadership and dedication to the New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park went to Jonathan Segal for making possible the new Battlefield Park audio walking tour app, which will be available by this fall.

The Education Award for outstanding achievement presenting New Bern's history to the public went to Bill Hand, author and director of the hit historical play Honour, The Musical.

The Ambassadorship Award for promoting the organization through volunteer service was presented to the terrific Administrative Office Volunteer Team: Carole Graham, Paula Quinn, Susan Fuleihan, Terri Hickman, Cheryl Jukich, and Sydney Basden.

The Extended Service Award was earned by Carl Huddle for his tremendous support over many years as a volunteer, board member, and donor, particularly at Battlefield Park.

The Director's Award was presented to Nancy Hitchcock for her outstanding work as Ghostwalk director and producer of Honour, The Musical.

Woolie McEnally earned the President's award for committing his leadership, talents, and resources as the editor of the New Bern Historical Society Historical Journal.

Historical Society President Joe Hunt is extremely pleased to honor these members. "Our success is due to the hundreds of hours given freely by our wonderful volunteers. We are delighted to recognize this talented group and want to celebrate each and every one of our devoted volunteers."

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go [www.NewBernHistorical.org](http://www.NewBernHistorical.org) or [www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety).



Nancy Hitchcock



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Volunteer Group Sydney Basden, Terri Hickman, Cheryl Jukich, Carol Graham



Woolie McEnally



Bill Hand Award Pic.jpg



Jon Segal photo at Battlefield.



Lorie Favre Award



Susan Fuleihan award

## 24 New Badges Prepare Girl Scouts to Be Ambitious and Decisive Leaders

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line manufacturing process, and more. Only 13% of engineers are women, underscoring the need for these badges which will introduce more girls to the field. Funded by General Motors.

Civics (grades K-12). Girls gain an in-depth understanding of how local, state, and federal government works, preparing them to be voters, activists, and even political leaders. They research laws and how they're created, voting, and the electoral college, the representation of women in government, and more. They also research their own government officials and are encouraged to meet them. Just 24% of eighth-graders are proficient in civics, and only two in five American adults can name the three branches of U.S. government, highlighting the need for these badges. Funded by the Citi Foundation.

Steady leadership is essential during a crisis such as COVID-19, from fostering trust and showing compassion, to managing challenges with agility, to evaluating outcomes of decisions. The Girl Scout program is proven to develop strong and effective leaders—among many positive outcomes, Girl Scouts are much likelier than non-Girl Scouts to take an active role in decision making (80% vs. 51%), which is a critical aspect of leadership.

"Now more than ever, it's critical that we have strong leaders who can make informed decisions that make the world a better, safer place," said GSUSA CEO Sylvia Acevedo. "During our current health crisis, the world leaders who have been among the most decisive and effective in addressing the pandemic have been women. With these new badge experiences in STEM, entrepreneurship, and the critical-

ly important subject of civics, Girl Scouts is continuing to build the transformational female leaders of today and the future and showing girls the power they have to truly change the world."

Girl Scouts has made free self-guided activities from select new and existing programming available digitally to the public through Girl Scouts at Home™, keeping families engaged and connected to their communities. Girls can further engage with the badges and topics through online videos, activities, or special live virtual events. Members can access a suite of Girl Scouts' programming digitally through the Volunteer Toolkit, including troop meeting plans and other resources to help girls earn badges and awards.

To join or volunteer, visit [www.girlscouts.org/join](http://www.girlscouts.org/join).

# KITCHEN CHATTER

by Nancy Winfrey

## Crab Bake

- 8 large slices French bread, cubed
- 2 cups crab meat, flaked
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise (not salad dressing)
- 1 medium-large onions, finely chopped
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups milk
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- Paprika

Arrange half of the bread cubes evenly in the bottom of a 9x13x2-inch baking dish. Combine the crab meat, mayonnaise, onions, celery and green peppers, blend well, and spoon evenly over the bread. Arrange the remaining half of bread crumbs on top of crab mixture. Combine the eggs with the milk and then pour over the bread. Cover and chill in refrigerator at least 8 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes and then spread mushroom soup evenly over the bread slices. Top with the grated cheese and sprinkle with paprika. Place cover on and bake 1 hour longer. Serves 8.

## Sweet & Sour Baked Chicken

- 1 jar (8-oz.) apricot preserves
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1 bottle of any thick red salad dressing
- 2 fryer chickens, quartered

Combine the apricot preserves, onion soup mix and salad dressing and blend well. Place chicken in a 9x13x2-inch baking dish and pour the sauce evenly over the chicken. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 1-1/2 hours. Serves 8.

## Dream Muffins

Don't forget about Dream Muffins and they are also wonderful to use when making strawberry shortcake.

- 2 cups biscuit mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 stick melted butter

Combine above ingredients and blend well. Spoon into 12 well-greased muffin tins. Bake in 450 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 12 muffins. To use for shortcakes, split, fill with strawberries and top with whipped cream.

## Deep Fried Croaker Fillets

- 1 pound croaker fillets
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon water
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups vegetable oil (for deep frying)

Cut the fillets into 2-inch squares. Sprinkle with lemon juice and paprika - set aside for 1 hour. Combine the water, flour, baking powder and salt in a plastic container with tight-fitting lid and shake until thoroughly blended. Remove top and dip fish pieces-one at a time-into the batter. Fry in hot oil until golden brown. Drain and serve immediately.

NOTE: Let oil cool, strain, refrigerate and use when you cook seafood. Remember to always strain and refrigerate oil after deep-frying. If left out, it becomes rancid.

# Are North Carolina beaches safe for swimming?

*New report warns about contaminated water as Congress votes on funding to prevent pollution*

**Raleigh, NC** – With summer in full swing, water pollution can close North Carolina beaches or put swimmers' health at risk. Last year, bacteria levels at 93 North Carolina beaches indicated that water was potentially unsafe for swimming there on least one day, according to the new report Safe for Swimming?

by *Environment North Carolina Research and Policy Center. The report comes as Congress is set to vote tomorrow on a major spending bill that includes an additional \$11 billion for water infrastructure.*

“Even as North Carolinians crave the fresh sea breeze and splash of waves at the beach this summer, pollution is still plaguing the places where we long to swim,” said Krista Early, clean water advocate of Environment North Carolina Research and Policy Center. “We can and must do a better job of keeping waste out of our water.”

To assess beach safety, the group examined whether fecal indicator bacteria levels exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) most protective “Beach Action Value,” which is associated with an estimated illness rate of 32 out of every 1,000 swimmers. Colington Harbour Beach in Dare County had bacteria levels above this safety threshold on 18% percent of days tested last year.

Other North Carolina beaches where water was potentially unsafe for swimming at least one day in 2019 were Pamlico River, Ragged Point, New Bern beach, Dawson Creek beach, Pantego Creek beach, Dinah's Landing and Vandemere Creek beach.

Polluted runoff from roads and parking lots, overflowing or failing sewer systems, and massive factory farms are common sources of contamination that can put swimmers' health at risk and lead authorities to close beaches or issue health advisories. Scientists estimate that 57 million instances of people getting sick each year from contact with polluted waters in the U.S.



“We need to raise the issue of water quality as a whole. There is a mixed bag of influences on our water system and we have some personal responsibility to keep our waters clean. More people create more issues as far as stormwater and pollution go, so what is it that we can and need to be doing to better control the inputs to our beautiful water systems” said Larry Baldwin, the Crystal Coast Waterkeeper. “If we can't keep our waters clean, that will quickly turn people away from coming to this beautiful place and have an effect on our fisheries and tourism industry.”

The report recommends major investments to prevent sewage overflows and runoff pollution. On Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the “minibus #1 spending package, which includes an additional \$11 billion in emergency water infrastructure funding.

“Let's make our beaches safe for swimming by investing in funding to fix our outdated sewage systems and installing green infrastructure that will keep the water clean,” said Early. “Wherever it is safe to go to the beach, let's make sure it's safe to go swimming in the water too.”

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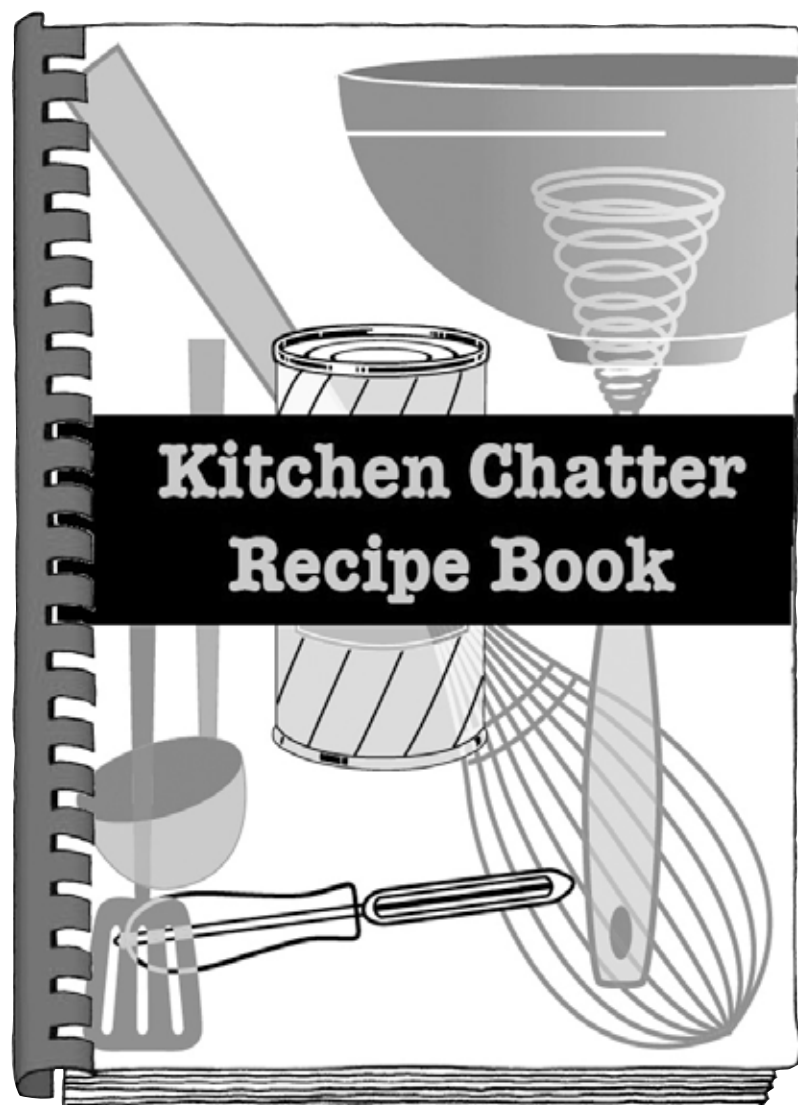
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# Health & Wellness

## Sunglasses buyers' guide

Blue skies and ample sunshine help make summer special. Come summer, many people spend more time enjoying recreational pursuits and everything seems a bit more laid back.

Even though people may take a more relaxed attitude in summer, the National Eye Institute says people should wear sunglasses that block UV radiation whenever they head outdoors in daylight hours. This is essential for men, women and children. Sunglasses are necessary during the times of day when the sun's rays are at their strongest, but wearing them anytime the sun is out can protect one's vision.



Sunglasses present a great defense against UV rays that can cause short- and long-term eye damage, states the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Diseases such as cataracts, cancer and growths on the eye all can result from prolonged exposure to UV rays, which can damage the eye's surface tissues as well as the cornea and lens. Prolonged exposure to UV rays also may affect retinal cells.

When purchasing sunglasses to protect the eyes, consumers should consider these important factors.

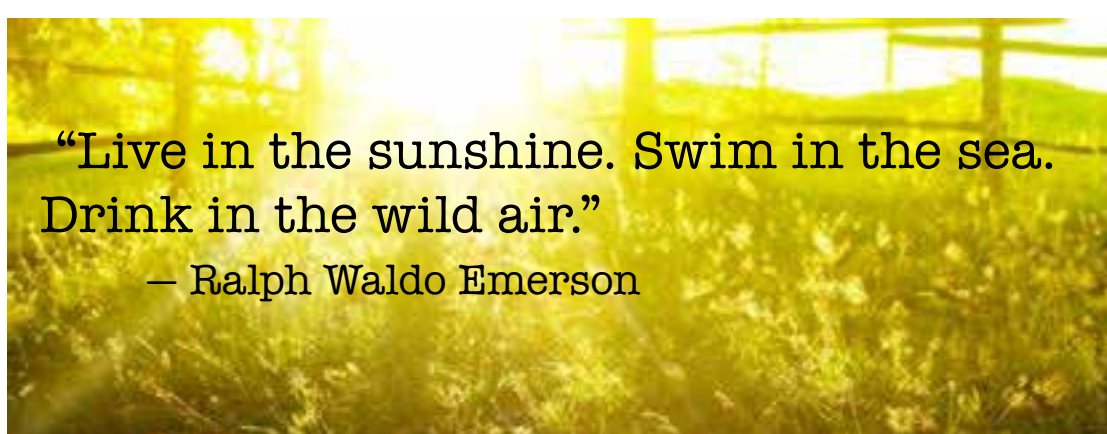
- **Ultimate protection:** The American Optometric Association says that sunglasses should offer 100 percent protection against both UVA and UVB rays. Some glasses will simply list a numerical indicator. In such instances, sunglasses that offer protection against UV 400, which will encompass the wavelengths for both UVA and UVB rays, are best.

- **Buy from a reputable retailer.** Not all sunglasses live up to their claims. Sunglasses sold at doctors' offices, department stores and sunglass speciality shops often meet the standards for protection, advises The Vision Council, a trade organization for the optical industry.

- **Choose tint for activity.** Tint will not affect UV protection, but it can make certain activities more enjoyable. Darker lenses may help at the beach, where there is more reflective light. Orange or yellow lenses increase contrast while driving or fishing. On cloudy days, amber or rose lenses can help improve contrast. Customers should choose a tint that makes them feel comfortable.

- **Polarized lenses help fight glare.** Polarized lenses and those with anti-reflective coatings can alleviate glare. Such lenses work by only letting in specific amounts of light at certain angles, which helps to reduce the brightness of that light, says the Discovery Eye Foundation.

- **Go big.** Bigger frames or wrap-around designs can further block UV light from different angles, particularly the side of the eye. Consumers should consider various factors when shopping for their next pair of sunglasses. For more eye safety tips for the summer, visit [www.aao.org](http://www.aao.org).



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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



I write my article with a heavy heart this week as my dear friend, Joan Slade Ford is walking the streets of glory. Joan Slade Ford, 77, of Pamlico, passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Joan and I have been lifelong friends ever since I was a small child living in downtown Pamlico. We played together, went to school together, and worked together. I was honored to be asked to assist Reverend Jesse Caton with Joan's funeral service on Tuesday morning, July 28, 2020. She will be truly missed in the Pamlico Community.

Vickie Moseley-Jones, Deondre Thompson, Elizabeth Cuthrell and Thomas Jones delivered Veggie Boxes to the residents of Pamlico, Whortonsville, and Florence on Friday. This has been an ongoing project in Pamlico County and these participants delivered 170 boxes of corn, potatoes, and onions to assist those in the area who needed the extra food. During this time of Covid-19, every little bit is appreciated by those who receive these gifts of food and love. Gratitude and thanks go out to all who helped glean the vegetables and then packed them in boxes at Bethany Christian Church in Arapahoe, as well as those who delivered them.

This week has been extremely hot and humid, but we have not seen much of the scattered showers that were predicted. They seem to have been scattered everywhere except Pamlico. I have watered my outside plants daily, but they are still drying up and leaves are falling off. Our grass is dying and getting right crunchy when we walk on it. I saw someone in Merritt watering her beautiful flowers with a big red bucket.

Celebrating her special birthday this month is Bertha Gilliam who will turn 85 on July 31st.

Those celebrating August birthdays include Flo Daniels (8/3), Kali Hudgins & Mackie Spruill (8/4), Betty Jo Rodgers & James Cuthrell (8/6), Beverly Bryant, Keith Gilliam, & Diane Hodges (8/8), Debbie Roach, Yvonne Shealy, & Chrissy Fulcher-Cahoon (8/9), Leslie Gilliam, Jr. (8/13), Mrs. Eunice Parker & Jennifer Whorton Phillips (8/14), Morgan Hudgins & Karen Spruill (8/15), Earl Sadler (8/16), Linda Gwaltney (8/17), Jodi Moore (8/18), Judy Styron (8/21), Reba Tiller (8/23), Cathy Muse Bunn (8/25), Chris Meadows (8/27) and Elsie Keller (8/31).

Have a blessed week. Zapped? Take Spiritual Vitamin Z. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14)

## Goose Creek Island Annette Jones, *55 Plus Club Correspondent*



Goose Creek Island 55 Plus Club met Thursday at the Community Center with Pres. Donna Jones presiding. Chaplain Rosanne Rowe brought the devotion Rev 3:20 citing that God is with us and loves us during the trying times. We didn't have a speaker today, instead played two games. Congratulations to Rosanne who won both games and was awarded with great prizes.

Prayer List: Lori Mercer Millard of Smithfield, daughter of Benjy Mercer underwent open heart surgery at Duke and is now recovering at home. Sue Gaskill Gilgo is suffering from migraine headaches. O.B. & Dean Howerin and Sylvia Mercer were placed on the prayer list.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Johnny Mercer on Sunday. He was living on Lynch's Beach Loop Rd. Johnny was the son of Bert & the late Audrey Caswell Mercer. Our love and condolences go out to the Mercer and Caswell families.

Happy Birthday: Joseph Percy Guidry III, and Brian Brothers-Jul 30, Wateman Sadler. Holden Popperwill and Allen Olson, Sr. - Jul 31. Terry Pate Norman, Amy Sadler Copen and Peggy Bennett Covarrubias - Aug 1, Sharlene Leary, Carla Manning Ireland, Preston Michael Mayo and Rosella Jones Smith - Aug 2, Brittany Flowers Borden, Johnny Wayne Potter and Jessica Nicole Holt - Aug 3., Clyde Styron and Renee Golden Gill - Aug 5. Happy Anniversary Randy & Sue Caroon - Jul 31.

Jesse & Pat Voliva, daughter Tina Henries and children, Rhonda Breed, and Tammy Lowery and Lavonia Bland are vacationing in Lansing in the North Carolina mountains.

To rent the Community sign at the corner in Hobucken call 745-3293. Cost is a dollar a day and benefits the GCI Com Dev. Inc. Nickie Tetterton places the letters on the board, thank you for supporting our community. Mrs. Annette

## Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



I start with sad news again this week. Our dear friend and neighbor Joan Ford passed away last week after fighting so hard after heart surgery. Her service will be Tuesday at Bethel Free Will Baptist. Joan worked for many people in the county and I have never heard anyone say anything about her except that she was a loving and hardworking Christian lady. Until the horrible virus attacked us, she came to out home with our lunch bunch and loved putting puzzles together with us. Our prayers are with her three daughters Penny, Elizabeth, and Pearl.

There were 14 attending church today and two service dogs. When I left my house to go to church I felt like I was leaving a children's summer camp. There were four blowup mattresses in my sun room with three children and one adult and one sleeping on the couch in the living room. My daughter-in-law's brother Micah and his three children Ryder,(4 ) Lilly,(8) and Hunter 12) are here for a little vacation and they are having a ball! The

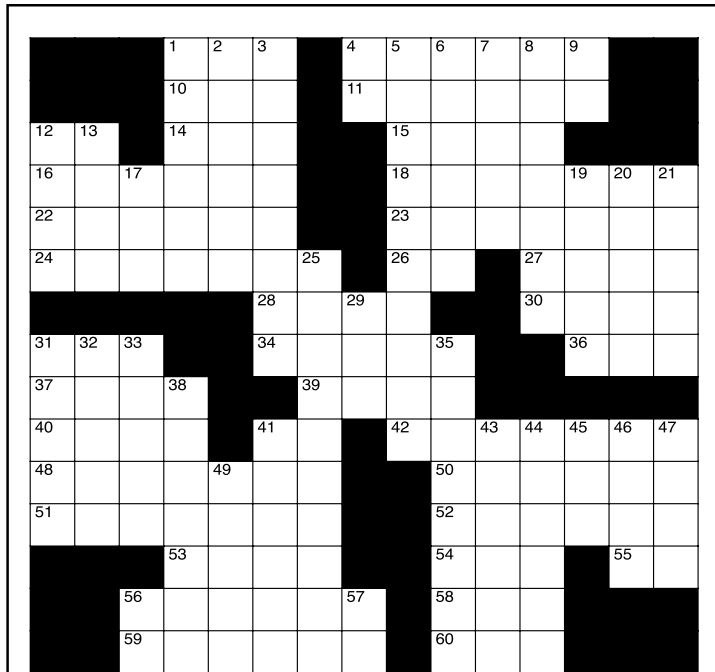
porpoises came by twice on Sunday, and a big float came loose from the dock and had to be chased down. They watched as we caught crabs and they crabbed with a string. Kevin and Susie rode the tandem bike on a hot journey on Sunday. Maura, Melydia, Susie, and Kevin played croquet next door and Melydia wanted me to mention that she was the winner. She is also the "hotshot" of grass mowing, especially in my yard! I am writing this looking out over beautiful Brown Creek and thanking the good Lord that I do not live in Chicago, Portland, or any of the places where supposedly peaceful protesting is happening. Why would anyone protest down here where everything is so peaceful?

Thanks to the staff at Catherine's Accounting for handling a matter for me.

I would like to encourage folks to give to Hospice and Hospice Thrift Store because they do so much in our community.

Thought for the week--Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. (Mark Twain)

# CROSSWORD

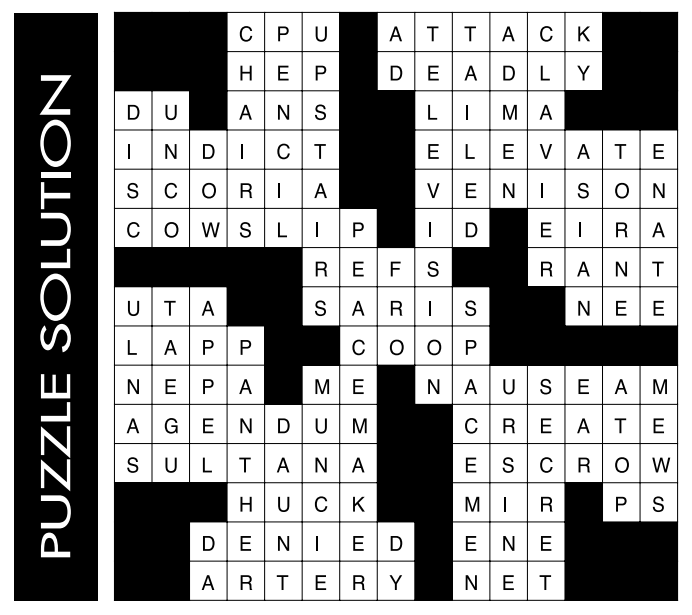


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Central processing unit
- 4. Military action
- 10. How electricity gets to train carriages (abbr.)
- 11. Unsafe
- 12. Of (French)
- 14. Autonomic nervous system
- 15. Type of bean
- 16. Accuse formally of a crime
- 18. Promote
- 22. Type of lava
- 23. Meat from a deer
- 24. Herbaceous plants
- 26. Potato state
- 27. Helsinki neighborhood
- 28. Sports officials
- 30. Shout wildly
- 31. Reptile genus
- 34. Frocks
- 36. Born of
- 37. N. Scandinavian indigenous people
- 39. Poultry cage
- 40. Aquatic insect genus
- 41. Of I
- 42. Ad \_\_: tirelessly repetitive
- 48. Item
- 50. Produce
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Bond in a third party's control
- 53. Legendary character \_\_ Finn
- 54. Space station
- 55. Note at the end of a letter
- 56. In a way, contradicted
- 58. Midway between northeast and east
- 59. Bears important traffic
- 60. Brooklyn hoopster

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Presides
- 2. Artist's tool
- 3. On a higher floor
- 4. Commercial
- 5. Something to watch
- 6. Chased
- 7. Commercial producers
- 8. Keyboard instrument
- 9. Blue grass state
- 12. Phonograph recording
- 13. Unusual
- 17. Popular average
- 19. A native or inhabitant of Asia
- 20. N. Sweden river
- 21. Related on the mother's side
- 25. Mediator
- 29. Partner of to
- 31. Arm bones
- 32. Korean seafood dish
- 33. Tap of the foot
- 35. Astronauts
- 38. Carolina footballer
- 41. Indiana city
- 43. Of or relating to bears
- 44. Not widely known
- 45. Body part
- 46. At the peak
- 47. High-pitched cries of a cat
- 49. A way to intimidate
- 56. Prosecutor
- 57. Atomic #66



**United States Department of Agriculture**

*Pamlico County Producers Have Until Aug. 3 to Submit FSA County Committee Nominations*

Bayboro, NC July 14, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Aug. 3, 2020, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees. Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program, including the current Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate.

Amy M Coffey, Executive Director for FSA in Pamlico County, North Carolina, said each year an election is held in a Local Administrative Area (LAA) where a committee member's three-year term is expiring. For 2020, an election will be held in LAA 2 which includes Alliance, Bayboro, Stonewall, Merritt, Mesic, Lowland and Hobucken.

"The Aug. 3 deadline is quickly approaching," said Coffey. "If you know of a great candidate or want to nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee, contact your FSA office before the deadline to submit the nomination form. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women

and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made of three to 11 members and typically meet once a month. Members serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program and reside in the LAA where the election is being held. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://fsa.usda.gov/elections).

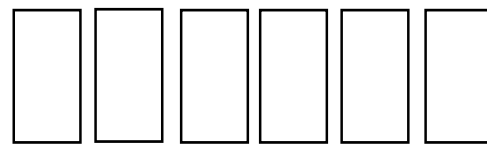
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July 18, Fisher Rd., Merritt, suspicious activity  
July 18, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, obtain property by false pretenses  
July 20, Neuse St., Oriental, obtain property by false pretenses  
July 20, NC Hwy 304, Vandemere, lost property  
July 20, Sandy Trail Rd., New Bern, exploitation of elder  
July 20, Main St., Bayboro, communicating threats

July 21, Olympia Rd., New Bern, order for arrest, child support  
July 21, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, assault by strangulation, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, injury to personal property  
July 21, Bennett Neck Rd., Grantsboro, first degree trespass enter/remain  
July 21, Hudson Lane, New Bern, misuse of 911 system  
July 21, Whittaker Point Rd., Oriental, harassing comments  
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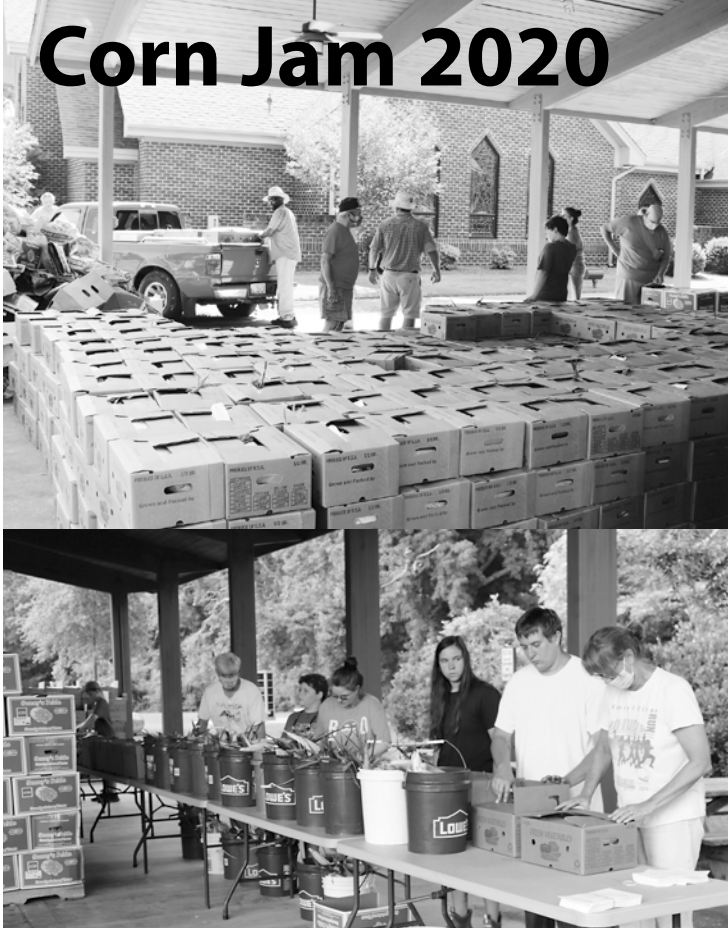
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