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UPDATED: Training at MCALF Atlantic Includes IED Sound Simulators
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C.
(May 9, 2025)

— Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and its outlying fields will facilitate multiple military training operations throughout May.

Ground training will be conducted at Marine Outlying Field Atlantic, May 12-16 and will include improvised explosive device simulator that produce sounds mimicking explosives detonations. While the operations will go as late as midnight, the repetitions of IED sounds are only planned to occur between 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. In addition to the improvised explosions, the neighboring community can expect an increase in military vehicular and aviation activity in and around the outlying field during these periods.

Special boat operations will be conducted in the waterways in and around MCAS Cherry Point, proper, coupled with surface and direct live-fire training at Bombing Targets 9 (Brandt Island) and 11 (Piney Island), May 1-15. Operations will go as late as midnight.

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal units may be conducting explosive ordnance training at the MCAS Cherry Point range at varying times throughout the month. Residents who live on and around the installation can expect to hear the occasional loud explosion.

Inquiries should be directed to MCAS Cherry Point Communication Strategy and Operations at 252-466-4241 or cherrypoint@usmc.mil.

Fun and Games at the PCHA Gaming Show

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County Horseman's Association held their first gaming show of the year last Saturday, and while it was a lot of fun and games, there was also some great riding and horsemanship skills on display. The event, as always, was held at the George R. Brinson Memorial Riding Arena in Arapahoe. If you missed this one, it is a busy May for the PCHA with another gaming show on May 31 and in between a Schooling show this Saturday (17th). Horses of Pamlico, etc. (HOPE), is also on the arena schedule with a benefit fun show on June 7. You can find out more about these events and show classes at the PCHA website www.pamlicohorseclub.com or by following them on Facebook. Spectators are always welcome free of charge.

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Pamlico County Special Olympics

by: Hiram Lupton



The Parade of Champions led by the Pamlico County High School NJROTC

What a Great Day! Last Thursday, athletes, their teachers and caregivers, and an army of volunteers descended on the Pamlico County High School football field for the 2025 Special Olympic Spring Games. I said army of volunteers but maybe I should have phrased it a "navy" of volunteers since many were from the Pamlico County High School Navy Junior Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). They, along with other students and community volunteers ran events and cheered on the great participants from Pamlico County Schools, Arapahoe Charter School and the community. From the jumping and throwing of the field events, the running, walking and motorized competition on the track, and the dance party break in between, the smiles said it all. As the day wrapped up, athletes showed the pride of accomplishment as they were awarded ribbons. They also showed love for one another as well as toward those who assisted them throughout the day. Special thanks to all those who gave their time and effort to make this a truly special day and a special congratulations to the Local Coordinator of Special Olympics – Pamlico County, Jessie Aldridge. Job well done!



Pamlico County Middle School SRO Mark Angelo assists Justin Potter in bringing the ceremonial torch into the stadium.

The New Library is OPEN!

by: Hiram Lupton

After all the fundraising, planning, re-planning, building, packing, moving, and unpacking, the day has finally arrived. A beaming Pamlico County Public Library Manager Sidney Phibbons, unlocked the doors and welcomed the first official visitors to the new Pamlico County Public Library at 9 AM Monday morning. "This is just so exciting. It is a day we have looked forward to for a long time," said Phibbons. This is considered a "soft" opening. A formal dedication ceremony and grand opening event is currently on the schedule for June 14. The library hours are 9-6 Monday – Thursday, 9-7 Friday, and 10-2 on Saturday. The Marybelle Hollowell Library Annex located at HeartWorks, which had been serving as the temporary library location during the big book move, will return to their regular operating hours of 3:30-5, Monday-Thursday. The library will now operate a full schedule of programs and events from their new location including the 2025 Summer Reading Program, Color Our World, which begins on May 19th. Registration for that is underway now. To see a full calendar of what's going on at your public library, check out their website at www.mycprl.org or follow them on Facebook by searching Pamlico County Public Library.



Library Manager Sidney Phibbons welcomes the first official visitors to the library



Library staff assists their first visitor at the new library



Rally to Support Teachers

by: Hiram Lupton



National Teacher Appreciation Week was last week, and to show support for teachers and the job they do, the Pamlico Partners for Democracy, a non-partisan group dedicated to protecting free speech and democracy, rallied in support of those teachers. "We wanted to do something to show teachers how much they are appreciated," said one of the organizers of the event, Jim Ragan. "We chose this time of the day (between 3 and 4 PM) when many teachers leave school. We wanted them to see that they, and our schools have our support." You could not call this a protest, but a PRO-test might be appropriate. Many of the 25+ attendees held signs that were Pro-teacher, Pro-students, and Pro-public schools. Two separate groups were gathered, one in front of Pamlico County High School and another at the intersection of NC Hwy 55 and Neals's Creek Road.



PCMS-PCHS Spring Concert

by: Hiram Lupton



The PCMS Chorus



The PCHS Show Choir

The school year is winding down and that means it is time for end of year school productions. Last Thursday was a good one as Pamlico County Middle School and Pamlico County High School held their Spring Concert. The PCMS Chorus took the stage first, treating the audience to some excellent vocal stylings. They were followed by the much-anticipated return of the PCHS Show Choir who performed a great collection of song and dance entitled "Songs of a Disney Villain." The two groups then gathered together for a grand finale. Both groups were ably directed by Mr. Russell Meador, IV. Two great performances proving once again that the arts are alive in Pamlico County Schools.

WEEKEND WEATHER

 Saturday, May 17th **92 °Hi** Cloudy throughout the day

 Sunday, May 18th **89 °Hi** Cloudy throughout the day



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Pamlico Community College to host 2025 Commencement this Friday on campus

By Sandy Wall

Bright futures will be launched and new adventures will begin when Pamlico Community College hosts its 2025 Commencement Exercises this Friday, May 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Ned Everett Delamar Center on the college's Grantsboro campus.

One hundred twenty-three men and women in the college's curriculum and Continuing Education programs have qualified for recognition over the last year.

Those students have earned a combined 212 academic and Continuing Education credentials, including 31 associate degrees, 14 diplomas, 71 certificates and 96 Continuing Education recognitions.

The Class of 2025's youngest graduate is 17, and its oldest graduate is 70. In addition to Pamlico, about a dozen other N.C. counties are represented in this year's class.

"We are all excited about Commencement," said PCC President Zac Schnell, who will preside over his first graduation ceremony as the college's top administrator. "It's great to celebrate students' achievements, and we are looking forward to seeing where our students go from here."

PCC graduate and local business owner Monica R. Gibbs will give the Commencement address. She is an award-winning activist and business owner with a journalism background and more than a decade of community engagement and campaign consulting experience.

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Pamlico County resident and local consulting firm owner Monica R. Gibbs will deliver this year's Commencement address. She is a 2002 Pamlico Community College graduate. Contributed photo



Students line up inside the Delamar Center before the start of last year's Commencement ceremony. This year's graduation event is set for Friday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. Contributed photo

Gibbs, who is a 1997 graduate of Pamlico County High School, is the founder of Gibbs Consulting LLC, where she provides advocacy and media relations services to community-based projects and grassroots organizations. She also has worked with candidates for political office and lobbied state-level elected officials.

Her most recent roles include work with the U.S. House of Representatives, Coastal Carolina Riverwatch, and the NAACP.

During the ceremony, the college's Academic Excellence Award/Student of the Year winner will be announced. The college also will honor its Alumnus of the Year.

A reception with refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Pamlico County Schools hosts Representative Keith Kidwell

Written and Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick, PIO for Pamlico County Schools

Pamlico County Schools recently welcomed North Carolina House Representative Keith Kidwell for a firsthand look at the success, innovation, and community spirit thriving in our small but mighty school district.

The visit began with a presentation by the Pamlico County High School NJROTC Color Guard, led by Commanding Officer Shelby Mehring, setting the tone for a day centered on student leadership and excellence.

Representative Kidwell was joined by Pamlico County Commissioners Edward Riggs and Kari Forrest, who took time out of their busy day to engage in meaningful discussions about how to continue supporting students in Pamlico County. Members of the Pamlico County Board of Education — including Chair John Prescott, Vice Chair Jamie Gibbs, and board member Eric Smith — were also in attendance, alongside several central office directors.

Student voices played a key role in the visit. Coleton Hall, a senior and president of the PCHS FFA chapter, along with SkillsUSA officers Quamori Miller and Wyatt Johnson, shared per-



sonal stories and accomplishments that reflect the quality and impact of programs offered through Pamlico County Schools.

Guests were treated to a lunch prepared and served by students in the Canes Cuisine Culinary Arts program, under the leadership of Chef Keith Reese — a delicious reminder of the real-world skills students are gaining every day.

The purpose of the visit was to showcase the value of public education in a rural setting

and highlight the innovation and growth taking place within the district. Leadership also discussed the importance of House Bill 247, which aims to provide increased funding to small and rural school districts across the state. Representative Kidwell was invited to consider the unique needs — and potential — of communities like Pamlico.

Pamlico County Schools is grateful for Representative Kidwell's visit and his willingness to listen, learn, and support rural education. We look forward to welcoming him back to future events and continuing the conversation around equitable funding and opportunity for all students.



Children need physical activity as part of their overall health regimen. How much physical activity a child needs varies with age. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says children between the ages of three and five should be active throughout the day to ensure proper growth and development. This can be achieved by being physically active during play. Children and adolescents between the ages of six and 17 need to be active for at least 60 minutes each day, with that activity being moderate-to-vigorous in nature. The activities enjoyed should include a variety of aerobic, muscle-strengthening and bone-strengthening exercises.



Land/Home Sales
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Agent of the Week

Susan Adams
Broker/Veteran
Here's what one of Susan's customers had to say...

I just wanted to give realtor Susan Adams the recognition she deserves for representing my brother and me during the sale of our late mother's home. Susan was incredibly attentive and helpful during the entire process. She was patient and optimistic, even when I wasn't! She was extremely knowledgeable of local real estate trends and because of this, was able to get the house closed at full price within just a few months of listing. The house wasn't in the best of shape and I really thought we'd be carrying it through the winter.

I've bought and sold real estate before and I would 100% sign with Susan again. I've never had a realtor go above and beyond the way she did for us and it's hard to put into words how much I truly appreciate it.

Elizabeth, Oriental



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ORIENTAL – Spectacular waterfront views of Smith & Green Creeks from first floor unit at Oriental West Condos in the Heart of Oriental. Building B, Unit 7 is a 2BR/2BA condo with a 40' x 16' deeded boat slip with 5' controlling water depth.

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ORIENTAL – 3BR/2.5BA home offers comfortable living. Open floor plan, ideal for family gatherings or entertaining on 3 acres. Offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as is.

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ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA 1,740 hsf waterfront on 3.15 acres, boat dock with 40' X 20' deep-water protected boat slip. Anderson double-hung windows & Anderson Patio sliding glass doors, 2021 architectural roof, detached 2-car garage and waterfront-facing screened porch with adjoining waterfront-side decks. This home was designed for waterfront living.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- **May 14th** – Today is National Buttermilk Biscuit Day.
- **May 15th** – Today is National Nylon Stocking Day. I prefer fishnets.
- **May 16th** – Today is National Mimosa Day.
- **May 17th** – Today is Armed Forces Day.
- **May 18th** – Today is National Visit Your Relatives Day. Will a phone call suffice.
- **May 19th** – 1974, Erno Rubik invented the Rubik’s Cube.
- **May 20th** – Today is National Be a Millionaire Day. I’d really like to celebrate this, but I’m going to need some donation\$.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- May 15th** – 19??, Pamlico County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Johnson
- May 16th** – 1953, Actor Pierce Brosnan
- May 16th** – 1966, Singer Janet Jackson
- May 16th** – 1937, Actress Yvonne Craig
- May 17th** – 1956, Boxing Champion Sugar Ray Leonard (in Wilmington, NC)
- May 18th** – 1970, Actress Elizabeth Stamatina Fey (Tina Fey)
- May 19th** – 1946, Professional wrestler and actor Andre Roussimoff (Andre the Giant)
- May 20th** – 1946, Singer and actress Cheryl Sarkisian (Cher)



Popular prom songs from the last 10 years

Prom and music go hand-in-hand. The soundtrack to prom or any celebration sets the mood of the evening and contributes to the memories students will create on the big night.

When people reminisce about their proms, the songs that topped the charts in their graduation years frequently serve as reminders of all the fun they had with friends, especially on prom night.

Various organizations track the hit songs year after year, but Billboard magazine is a leader in ranking top songs on the charts. Here’s a look back at Billboard’s chart toppers that peaked during prime prom season over the last 10 years.

- 2020: “Rockstar” by DaBaby
- 2019: “Old Town Road” by Lil Nas X



- 2018: “In My Feelings” by Drake
- 2017: “Despacito” by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee
- 2016: “Cheap Thrills” by Sia, featuring Sean Paul
- 2015: “Uptown Funk” by Mark Ronson, featuring Bruno Mars
- 2014: “Happy” by Pharrell Williams
- 2013: “Blurred Lines” by Robin

Thicke, featuring T.I. and Pharrell

- 2012: “Somebody That I Used to Know” by Gotye, featuring Kimbra
- 2011: “Rolling in the Deep” by Adele
- 2010: “California Gurls” by Katy Perry, featuring Snoop Dogg

Music and memories go together. It remains to be seen what the most popular 2021 prom tune will be, but it will surely be one students remember for years to come.

COMMUNITY

CarolinaEast Medical Center Nationally Recognized with an ‘A’ Rating for the Spring 2025 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Medical Center was awarded an ‘A’ in The Leapfrog Group’s Spring 2025 Hospital Safety Grade. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit watchdog that sets standards for excellence in patient care. Safety Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring. CarolinaEast previously received an ‘A’ in Fall 2024.

Leapfrog assigns an ‘A,’ ‘B,’ ‘C,’ ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

“I am so proud of the care and compassion offered by our 3,600 employees and 400+ volunteers who show up daily to ensure our patients’ safety,” said Michael Smith, President and CEO, CarolinaEast Health System. “Our most recent grade ‘A’ from one of the country’s most recognized ratings companies is another way we show our commitment to caring for our more than 400,000 patients last year.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade stands as the only hospital ratings program focused solely on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day in the United States. This program is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

“Achieving an ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade reflects enormous dedication to patient safety,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “I



extend my congratulations to CarolinaEast Medical Center, its leadership, clinicians, staff and volunteers for creating a culture where patients come first.”

Additionally, North Carolina is ranked #12 in the state rankings. To see CarolinaEast’s full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

About CarolinaEast Health System

CarolinaEast Health System has been serving the growing needs of the coastal North Carolina community since 1963. In addition to the system’s flagship, 350 bed CarolinaEast Medical Center, CarolinaEast includes a rehabilitation hospital, free- standing surgery center, the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center, and numerous CarolinaEast Physician practices providing primary and specialty care for all phases of life from offices in four counties.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rule of Law - due process to all; if and when Abrego Garcia is properly convicted in a US court, then he will appropriately serve his time in a US prison. Not in a trumped-up gulag torture chamber.

It seems unAmerican for this country to turn towards third world standards of law. And all the bluster of Garcia being a gang member is unsubstantiated. Now the White House is shifting to unsubstantiated domestic abuse. Once again, if he is found guilty, he will serve appropriate time in a US prison.

THERE IS ALSO A PHOTO GOING VIRAL OF HIS TATTOOS THAT HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE TAMPERED WITH, SHOWING AN “MS-13” image *.

This is not about Garcia - this is about how our 3-branch government works. How can anyone disagree unless they no longer support the Constitution? How can anyone not realize that this is one big step closer to an autocratic government? Even Richard Nixon relented and resigned when the Supreme Court stepped in –

Faithfully yours,
Dennis Balsly
Member PP4D

After more than six months since voters cast their ballots, the loser in an election has finally conceded. During this entire time, North Carolinians have been waiting and watching in agonizing helplessness as judge Justin Griffin twisted himself, and the judicial system, into every possible contortion in an attempt to subvert the election of his opponent, Justice Allison Riggs. Indeed, in this case of election denial, the loser went the further step of attempting to invalidate votes coming from districts which were presumably less likely to support him.

Griffin’s shameless shenanigans continued for so long because he had the support of four fellow Republican Justices in the North Carolina Supreme Court who allowed endless recounts and appeals, using the same judicial system that guarantees our democracy in order to subvert it. Only when the Trump-appointed federal district Judge Richard E. Myers finally ruled that Griffin’s ploy was an attempt to “change the rules after the game has been played” and violated the U. S. Constitution, did Griffin reluctantly concede.

These are extraordinary times in which a judge who does his job by simply upholding the rule of law deserves our praise and gratitude. Thank you Judge Myers!

Enrique Garcia,
Resident of Arapahoe
Member PP4D

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Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you soon find yourself pushing forward with great determination. Your drive is unstoppable, but tread carefully and respectfully in the pursuit of greatness.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Introspection is paramount right now, Taurus. You may find yourself reflecting on your values, goals and personal growth. This week there are chances to change.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, right now is a good time to collaborate with others, whether at work or in personal projects. Use any time this week to your advantage to attend social events.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Put your long-term goals in focus this week, Cancer. Start thinking about where you would like your career to go. You’ll certainly feel driven to make progress.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Adventure is the name of the game for you right now, Leo. Whether it is travel, higher learning or other new experiences, you just may soon break free of your routine.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
This is a week when practicality and organization will be your friends, Virgo. You will likely feel a need to get things in order. If you have any outstanding debts, tackle them now.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, the spotlight is on you for the time being. You are feeling more confident and ready to take charge of your destiny. Personal growth may come by way of a job promotion.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you may be drawn to more quiet, intimate moments with your partner this week. This is a great time for reflection and connection for the both of you.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, expect to meet new people or form bonds with others who share similar interests and goals this week. Community-based projects may draw your attention.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This week the focus will be on your career, Capricorn. You’ll feel more motivated than ever to achieve your goals, but it will take a lot of hard work to get there.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you might feel more connected to your spiritual side right now and want to seek knowledge or inspiration in areas like philosophy. Take every opportunity to learn and grow.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, now is a good time to focus on your financial situation and make some changes for your security and personal growth. Your intuition will guide you.

TAURUS Traits & Overview

Taurus, the second sign of the zodiac and the ruler of the second house, is all about reward. Unlike the Aries love of the game, the typical Taurus personality loves the rewards of the game. Think physical pleasures and material goods, for those born under this sign revel in delicious excess. This zodiac sign is also tactile, enjoying a tender, even sensual, touch.

Taurus zodiac sign adores comfort and likes being surrounded by pleasing, soothing things. Along these lines, they also favor a good meal and a fine wine. The good life in all its guises, whether it’s the arts or art of their own making (yes, these folks are artistic as well), is heaven on Earth to the Taurus-born.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!
Come join others who have found a Solution!
Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898
Meetings in Pamlico County:

(If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)

- Tuesday 8pm** - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)
- Thursday *7:30pm**** - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)
- Friday 8pm** - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).
- Sunday *7pm** – Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)
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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Financial moves for a growing family



Dan M. Roberts

If you’re adding a child to your family, it’s an exciting time, and you have much to anticipate. Of course, this new addition will bring many changes in your life, so you’ll want to be prepared — especially in terms of your finances.

What financial moves should you make as you welcome your new child? Here are a few to consider:

- *Estimate expenses* — and create a new budget. You will likely have several new expenses associated with a new child, ranging from relatively minor purchases — car seat, stroller, crib, etc. — to potentially much larger costs, such as a vehicle with more space or even a new home. You’ll need to estimate what you can afford for these initial expenses and then work in to your budget the everyday additional costs — food, clothing, uncovered medical expenses and so on.

- *Look at options to support taking time off work.* Depending on where you live and where you work, you might have some sources of support if you take time off from work after the arrival of your child. These options may include paid time off — such as sick leave and vacation time — paid family leave, short-term disability insurance, and some benefits from the Family Medical and Leave Act.

- *Determine how child care will be provided.* Child care can be expensive and, in some areas, hard to find. Well before the arrival of your child, start looking for child care, so you can explore your options and start factoring in the costs to your cash flow and monthly budget. During your search, look at offerings from local community centers, religious institutions and nonprofit organizations, some of which may offer low-cost child care programs.

- *Contribute to your emergency fund.* It’s generally a good idea

to keep up to six months’ worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account to pay for unexpected costs — and with a growing family, these costs may well increase as your child grows older.

- *Look at your tax situation.* You may want to consult with a tax professional to determine whether you qualify for credits or deductions, such as the dependent care credit, the federal child tax credit, and adoption-related credits (if you adopted a child). Also, you may want to update your Form W-4 to add a dependent — a move that may lower your tax withholding and increase your take-home pay.

- *Start your education planning.* It’s never too soon to think about paying for costs associated with your child’s education. You might want to consider a 529 education savings plan, which offers tax benefits and can be used for college and many vocational programs, as well as some K-12 costs. A financial advisor can help you explore all available education savings options.

- *Check your insurance.* You’ll need to add your child to your existing health insurance, but if you don’t have insurance, see whether you qualify for Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or look for a marketplace plan at [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov). You might also need to purchase additional life insurance coverage. And with a growing family to support, you might want to add disability coverage to protect your income against short- or long-term disabilities.

Bringing a new child into your life is certainly a joyous occasion — and by being financially prepared, you can make the whole experience even more enjoyable.

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Pamlico County

Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Recent tomato samples submitted to the Pamlico County Extension office have tested positive for Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV). TSWV is one of the most common diseases of tomatoes in Pamlico County, affecting many home gardens throughout the growing season.

TSWV is a virus that is spread by at least seven different kinds of tiny insects known as thrips. It takes only a few minutes of feeding for a tomato plant to become infected, and once TSWV is acquired, there is no cure. TSWV is sporadic in nature with some years having high disease pressure and other years having relatively little disease pressure. The virus can be found in tomatoes, tobacco, peanuts, and peppers across Pamlico County every year.

Because of the unpredictable nature and the broad host ranges of thrips, controlling TSWV can be very challenging. TSWV can be a major problem both in greenhouses and in the field. On tomatoes, symptoms may be found on leaves, petioles, stems and fruit. Early symptoms include upward rolling of leaves and off-colored bronzed foliage. Later, leaves may show small, dark spots and eventually die. Dark brown streaks can be seen on stems and petioles. Plants may be severely stunted and new growth can be deformed. Sometimes the plant may exhibit one-sided growth and the tops of the plants may turn yellow and wilt.

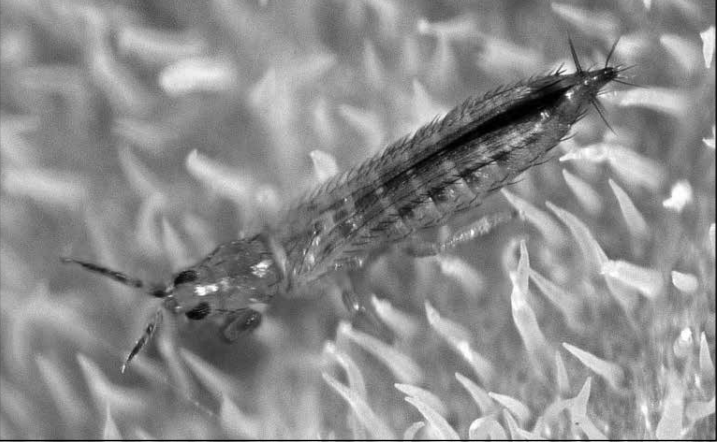
Fruit symptoms are very distinctive. Immature fruit have mottled, light green rings with raised centers. Mature fruit has a unique red/orange mottling that can make the fruit visually undesirable. Brown sunken areas may also be produced on fruit. In North Carolina the most common vectors are tobacco thrips (*Frankliniella fusca*) and western flower thrips (*F. occidentalis*). Tobacco thrips are able to spread the virus from

nearby weed hosts before insecticides can kill them. Infections when the plants are young usually result in the greatest impact because early infections can prevent flowering and fruit set. Western flower thrips are extremely difficult to control because they are highly tolerant to insecticides. Western flower thrips reside deep within the blossoms, which makes them difficult to reach with insecticides. The feeding of thrips can damage plants by the collapse of plant cells. This leads to deformed plant growth, flower deformation, and silvery areas with flecking on tomato foliage.

Controlling TSWV is very difficult. In the home garden there is usually little secondary spread after the first wave of infections in the spring when virus-bearing thrips are moving from winter weeds to garden plants. You may wish to remove infected plants, especially those that were infected before fruit set, because they will not recover. Remove weeds around the garden to reduce the locations that harbor both the thrips and the virus. Removing infected plants may slow the spread if they are destroyed when symptoms appear. Since the virus does not reside within soil, you can plant back into the spot. However, that does not prevent thrips from feeding and infecting new plants.

Many TSWV resistant varieties are available such as Top Gun, Amelia, BHN 640, Mountain Majesty, and Crista. Heirloom varieties and many of the familiar improved varieties like Betterboy, Beefsteak, & Celebrity are not resistant to TSWV. Even if these varieties list resistance to other diseases such as Fusarium or Verticillium Wilt, this will not protect them against TSWV. There are no chemical pesticide choices to treat virus infected plants, so resistance is the best option.

If you suspect infection of your tomatoes and need assistance or if you would like to discuss this disease in further detail, contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.



business degree

Data from the National Center for Education Statistics indicates that business was the most popular bachelor’s degree conferred during the 2019-20 school year. NCES data indicates that 387,900 bachelor’s degrees in business were conferred during that school year. “Business” included programs such as management, marketing, and related support services, as well as culinary, entertainment, and personal services. Next up was health professions and related programs (257,300 degrees) and social sciences and history (161,200 degrees). Curiously, despite a growing emphasis on STEM in many secondary school curriculums, just 6 percent of bachelor’s degrees (128,300) were conferred in engineering.

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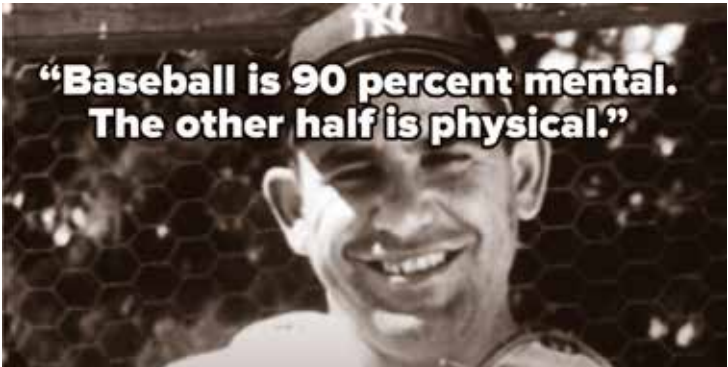
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Hurricane Baseball Pamlico Advances to 3rd Round

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County High School opened up their games of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state baseball championship playoffs last week and on Tuesday the Hurricanes hosted Clover Garden School in a first-round matchup and the Grizzlies proved to be no easy out despite their #24 seeding. The game was tied at 2 apiece going into the bottom of the fifth inning when Pamlico took the lead for good with a pair of runs with the key hit being a run scoring double by Jeremiah Mitchell. Clover Garden added a run in the sixth, but that was all the scoring as Pamlico moved on to the second round with a 4-3 win. Three Pamlico pitchers, Michael Hodge, Ross McLamb, and Mitchell combined to declaw the Grizzly offense and hold them to only 3 hits. Friday's contest faced possible weather issues and Pamlico's second round opponent, Roxboro Community School, had to wait until Saturday afternoon to head east. Although seeded #25, the Bulldogs had upset #8 Warren County to advance so Pamlico knew not to take them lightly. The Hurricanes jumped out quickly playing aggressively on the basepaths. Leadoff hitter Cam Daniels singled and on Brady Caccavaro's sacrifice bunt, Daniels never stopped running at second and headed straight to third where a bad throw allowed



Cam Daniels

him to make it all the way home with the games first run. This set the tone as the Hurricanes hustled all day, tacking on runs in every inning until the fifth when their 11 score gave them an 11-1, mercy rule win. Daniels was a pest all day against the Bulldogs, going 4 for 4 at the plate, driving in 4 runs, and scoring twice himself. On the mound, starter Jeremiah Mitchell and reliever Ayden Broughton put a collar on the Bulldog offense, allowing only 3 runs. It was the little things that Pamlico did that added up to a victory like Reid Carey turning a bloop single into a double



Jeremiah Mitchell

when he saw no one covering second and hustled into scoring position and shortstop Brady Caccavaro backing up third and fielding an errant throw and then gunning down a baserunner trying for an extra base. Being in the right place and being aware wins ballgames and gets you to the third round. Next up Pamlico will hit the road to face the top seed in the east, Voyager Academy in Durham. At press time, the game scheduled for Monday had been postponed until Tuesday and with a wet week forecast, we will wait and see when they can get it played.

Hurricane Athletes Headed to State Championships

by: Hiram Lupton

Thanks to a good showing at last Saturday's Eastern Regional Track and Field meet held at Northside-Pinetown High School, Pamlico County High School will have some great representation at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) State Championship this Friday. In order to receive an invitation to compete at the Championships, a competitor has to have a top 4 finish in the regionals. Three young men and one relay team made it for the boy's contingent. Koby Lane was Eastern Regional Champion in the high jump with a leap of 6'-0". He will be joined by freshman Edgar Muro who finished third in the 3200-meter run. Muro is also a part of the outstanding 4X800-meter relay team that picked up a bronze medal at the regionals. Xavier Powell, Tucker Carey, and

Dane Goswick are the other members of the foursome. Landon Yeates, who came in fourth in the 300-meter hurdles rounds out the men's team headed to Greensboro. The ladies will have a little larger squad making the trip with qualifiers in eight individual events and three relays. Individual eastern champions include Bella-Ann Schulz, who won the 400-meter and Nya Clark who took gold in the 300-meter hurdles. Both these ladies are also members of two qualifying relay teams. Schulz and Clark, along with Sydney Whitley-Reese and Shaiera Jones Make up the first place 4X400-meter team, and the third place 4X100-meter squad. These four ladies also qualified individually in other events. Schulz, who is a freshman, will also be running the 800-meters where she came in fourth, and

Jones will be competing in the long jump where she also picked up a fourth place. Reese will be sprinting in both the 100-meter and 200-meter where she earned bronze in each race. Distance runner Jessica Pichardo-Madrid brings back a bronze medal in the 1600-meter run and is also a part of the fourth-place finishing 4X800-meter relay squad along with Clark, Jones, and Divinity Whitehurst. Rounding out the lady's team will be Sophomore Aniyah King, who earned a silver medal in the shot put at regionals, and will be headed to Greensboro. As a team, the girls also picked up the eastern regional runner-up trophy on Saturday. The 1A State Championships will be held at Truist Stadium on the campus of North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro this Friday (16th).



Jessica Pichardo-Madrid



Aniyah King



Koby Lane

Lady 'Canes Bow Out in 2nd Round

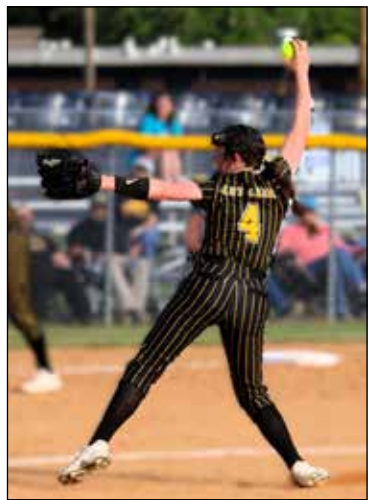
by: Hiram Lupton

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association State Softball Championship playoffs began last week and the Lady Hurricanes of Pamlico County High School hosted a pair of games. On Tuesday, Hobgood Charter School made the trek to Bayboro and the Hurricanes welcomed the Raiders and then sent them back home with a 5-0 loss. Pamlico played some great defense behind starting pitcher Avery Cain who allowed only 1 hit and no walks in earning the win. Every batted ball hit by Hobgood seem to find a Pamlico glove with excellent plays, particularly in the out-field, where Sarah Scott and Allie Daniels made some great catches. Kylee Morris led the Hurricanes at the plate, driving in 3 runs with a pair of doubles and a triple. The threat of thunderstorms on Friday moved Pamlico's second round game up a day to Thursday, as the Falls Lake Academy Firebirds flew east from Creedmoor. When you get to this point in the state playoffs, you need to have your "A" game ready, and while Pamlico actually out hit Falls Lake, 14 to 11, it was the 6 errors in the field proved to be the Hurricanes undoing. It also didn't help that all the hits on Tuesday that were right at Pamlico defenders, seemed just out of reach on Thursday. Still, this was a tight



Allie Daniels powers out a home run

game, with Falls Lake clinging to a 1-run lead, 8-7, going into the sixth inning. They would tack on a pair of insurance runs in the final 2 innings to seal up the win. Pamlico matched the Firebirds at the plate, always seeming to be able to answer back in their half of the inning. It started in the bottom of the first when behind 3-0, Peyton Robinson tripled in Hailey Shamblin to start a rally that tied the game. As they have all season, Shamblin and Robinson led the Pamlico offense, but they had help including a big over



Pitcher Avery Cain

the fence home run from Allie Daniels who scored 3 times for the 'Canes. It just wasn't enough to overcome the shaky defense and Pamlico exits the playoffs with a 10-7 loss. Although a disappointing end to the season, it is still a season to be proud of, as Pamlico won their third consecutive conference championship. Even as they say goodbye to a pair of great Senior leaders, Peyton Robinson and Taylor McHenry, there is still plenty of emerging talent on the team to make a run at a four-peat next season.

Pamlico County High School Theater Arts “Remember the Legacy”

by: Hiram Lupton



Some of the cast and crew of the Pamlico County High School Theater Arts production of “Remember the Legacy”

Two years ago, aspiring playwright and 2022 PCHS alumnus Daunte Pugh, wrote and helped produce and direct “Remember the Name,” a Pamlico County High School Theater Arts production. As history has shown us, successful movies and plays often breed sequels, so, it only stands to reason that a continuation of the story would be appropriate. Pugh has now penned that sequel, “Remember the Legacy.” The story takes place in 1899, roughly 20 years in the future from “Remember the Name.” The setting is the same western town, but it is growing, and there is a new generation of protagonists seeking to preserve law and order in the old west. There is also a new, mysterious villain who seems to be seeking more than riches, with their motives based on revenge. “I wanted to give this play a sense of a historical Hollywood vibe,” says Daunte, who is an aficionado of the old west TV and movie genre. “There is also a very interesting plot twist concerning one of the main characters.” PCHS Theater Arts teacher Ellie Bucks hopes attendees will enjoy the production. “There has been a lot of dialog and scenes for these kids to learn in only one semester, but they have put in a lot of hard work and it is paying off.” “Remember the Legacy” will be presented at the A.H. Hatsell Auditorium on May 22nd and 23rd at 7 PM. Admission is free but donations to the Pamlico County High School Theater Arts program are welcomed and accepted.



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Quick and easy Greek-inspired sandwiches

Summer vacations from school will have children clamoring for tasty lunches to help them refuel for another round of backyard swimming or frolicking with neighborhood friends. The same foods served time and again can get boring pretty quickly. Offering up new options doesn’t have to be complicated, and parents may discover an array of foods and flavors that their kids will enjoy and ask for in the future.

Such can be the case with Greek-inspired gyros. The fillings can vary depending on the ingredients available in the house. For “Turkey Meatball Gyros” from the “Taste of Home: Healthy Cooking Cookbook” (RDA Enthusiast Brands) by the editors of Taste of Home, the meatballs can be made the night before or in big batches and frozen to be used as needed. The yogurt sauce in this recipe is reminiscent of traditional Greek tzatziki, which is fresh and flavorful.

Turkey Meatball Gyros

Makes 4 servings

- 1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound lean ground turkey
- 3/4 cup (6 ounces) reduced-fat plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup finely chopped peeled cucumber
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 8 whole wheat pita pocket halves
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes



In a large bowl, combine the bread crumbs, egg and seasonings. Crumble turkey over mixture and mix well. Shape into 16 balls.
Place meatballs on a rack coated with cooking spray in a shallow baking pan. Bake uncovered at 400 F for 15 to 20 minutes, or until no longer pink.
Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the yogurt, cucumber, onions, and lemon juice. Line pitas with lettuce and tomatoes; add the meatballs and drizzle with the yogurt sauce.

Churches of Pamlico

Photo by: Hiram Lupton



Reelsboro Methodist Church

Historical Society Presents Harriet Marks & John R. and Alice Land Taylor Scholarships to New Bern High School Senior Makenzie Richardson Receives Four Year Scholarships

NEW BERN, N.C. The New Bern Historical Society is pleased to announce the Harriett Marks & John R. and Alice Land Taylor Scholarships for 2025 have been awarded to New Bern High School senior Makenzie Richardson. Miss Richardson was selected from among a group of talented and deserving applicants. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Brandi Richardson.



New Bern Historical Society Board member Mary Parrish along with Makenzie Richardson

Makenzie demonstrated academic and athletic excellence throughout her high school career. She was a straight “A” student who also started basketball and softball all four years of high school, and who during that time won All State honors along with Rookie, Offensive Player and Sportsmanship Awards. She is a member of such groups as Project Unify, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the National Honor Society, and involved in multiple projects in the community (especially those involved in special needs activities and events). Makenzie will be attending Campbell University this fall majoring in Special Education and minoring in Entrepreneurship and Christian Studies.

The Marks Scholarship was established in a trust for the estate of Miss Harriett Marks. It was created in 1968 under the terms of the will of Miss Marks as a memorial to the O. Marks family.

The Taylor Scholarship, although a separate entity, is designed to complement and supplement the Marks Scholarship. It was created in 2015 and is administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation and sponsored by their grandson to honor the memory of his grandparents. These scholarships are awarded annually based on both scholarship and financial need. The combined funds generated by these scholarships will provide greater financial assistance for the worthy recipient. Both scholarships designate that they be awarded to a senior graduating from New Bern High School and that they contribute to the tuition, board or lodging for the purpose of obtaining higher education at an accredited college, university, or other institution of higher learning. They are renewable for three succeeding years if academic standards are maintained.

The Marks and Taylor Scholarships further the Historical Society’s mission “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 to www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.

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Fun and Games at the PCHA Gaming Show

by: Hiram Lupton



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Is fair skin more susceptible to skin cancer?



The skin is the largest organ on the body. As with other areas of the body, skin is susceptible to cancer.

The National Cancer Institute says there are many different types of skin cancer and that it can appear differently depending on the type and the person. Any changes in skin should be brought to the attention of a doctor immediately. The sooner treatment begins, the better the prognosis typically is.

Individuals also should be aware of what constitutes having a heightened risk for skin cancer. In most cases, that can include the type of skin one has. The Skin Cancer Foundation indicates that skin type is a major factor in risk for skin cancer, including the deadly melanoma. While people with any shade of skin can get skin cancer, those who have fair skin tones are even more at risk for sunburn, sun damage and skin cancer.

In 1975, Harvard Medical School physician Thomas Fitzpatrick created a scientific classification system for skin type, identifying six types of skin. The Fitzpatrick Skin Type chart goes from very light to very dark. Skin types I and II face the highest risk of developing skin cancer, while types V and VI are at the lowest risk. That's because fair skin doesn't have as much pigmentation and natural melanin protection from the sun.

In addition to pigmentation, skin type also is calculated by how skin reacts to sun exposure. This means whether one easily burns or easily tans. Fair skin tends to burn easily and tan lightly or not at all.

Even though fair-skinned individuals are at greater for skin cancer, anyone can get the disease. Everyone should use a broad-spectrum daily sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher to protect against harmful rays. In addition, wearing sun-protective clothing and avoiding exposure between the peak hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. is essential.

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"UV rays become more intense in the spring, even before temperatures get warmer," the American Cancer Society warns. "People in some areas may get sunburned when the weather is still cool because they may not think of protecting themselves if it's not hot out."

It all has to do with the angle of the sun. According to the FDA, as the sun reaches a more direct angle, UV radiation strengthens. In the weeks preceding the summer solstice, that angle becomes more and more direct. Late spring and early summer are when UV rays are at their greatest, the CDC says.

And a snowy spring day might be even worse than a sunny one. According to the Sun Safety Alliance, snow can reflect 85 to 90 percent of the sun's UV rays, so have as much caution during your spring days on the ski slopes as you would on a clear day at the beach.

Though the weather may be cool and breezy where you are right now, it's a good idea to wear a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen SPF 30 or higher, especially in the late morning into the early afternoon.



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2025 National Safe Boating Week Offers Tips for All Boaters

CLEARWATER, FL – National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 17-23, 2025, reminding all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

“We’re committed to teaching boaters that the best boating experience is a safe day on the water,” said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. “This National Safe Boating Week, prepare for a great boating season by inspecting your boating safety gear and commit to providing comfortable life jackets for all your passengers to wear every time you go boating.”

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in three out of every four recreational boating fatalities, and that 87 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

There are many options for boaters when it comes to choosing a life jacket. When selecting a life jacket, a boater should check that it is U.S. Coast Guard approved, appropriate for the water activity, and fits properly.

“The best life jacket is the one you will wear,” said Phillips. “Whether you’re going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, make sure you’re prepared for the adventure by wearing a life jacket and knowing how to use required safety gear.”

The National Safe Boating Council recommends these tips for boaters:

- Take a boating safety course. Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters.
- Check equipment. Schedule a free vessel safety check with local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition.
- Make a float plan. Always let someone on shore know the trip itinerary, including operator and passenger information, boat type and registration, and communication equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- Wear a life jacket. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket – every time. A stowed life jacket is no use in an emergency.
- Use an engine cut-off switch – it’s the law. An engine cut-off switch is a proven safety device to stop a powerboat engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard.

- Watch the weather. Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion.
- Know what’s going on around you at all times. Nearly a quarter of all reported boating incidents in 2022 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.
- Know where you’re going and travel at safe speeds. Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed.
- Never boat under the influence. A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.
- Keep in touch. Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite phones, and cell phones can all be important devices in an emergency.

The Safe Boating Campaign is produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The campaign offers a variety of free and paid resources to support local boating safety education efforts. Learn more at www.safeboatingcampaign.com.

The Boating Safety Seven



1. Wear your life jacket
2. Take a boating safety class
3. Carry all required safety gear
4. Use your engine cut-off device
5. File a float plan
6. Be aware of weather and water conditions
7. Boat sober, and be considerate of others

About the National Safe Boating Council
Established in 1958, the National Safe Boating Council is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education, outreach, and training. For more information about NSBC programs and professional development opportunities, visit www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

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CMT Next Women of Country singer-songwriter and rising star Julie Williams is turning heads in Nashville’s country music scene with her compelling blend of country storytelling, intertwining elements of folk, ‘90s country, and pop. Join us on Sunday afternoon, June 22, at 4:30 pm when Julie takes the stage at the Old Theater in Oriental, presented by Pamlico Musical Society. Come join us for an experience you will never forget!

Music has always been a part of Julie’s life - honing her singing talent in church and beach bars and belting out national anthems before packed stadiums. She grew up listening to everyone and everything, from The Chicks and James Taylor, to Gladys Knight and Michael Jackson -- eventually creating the sound that speaks to everything she is: Black, white, Southern, a woman, hopeful, truthful. “My music is mixed like me,” is how she describes it, “I want to tell the stories that need to be told.”

Julie started sharing those stories, and the people listened. A student at Duke University, Julie was signed to Small Town Records whose alumni include Mike Posner and Delta Rae and sang as a vocalist for the Duke Jazz Ensemble. After graduating with a public policy degree in 2019, she moved to Nashville and found her musical home in the Black country and Americana scene. She was named in Rissi Palmer’s Color Me Country Class of 2021 and featured in a PBS NewsHour special on Black women in country music. In 2022, Julie joined the Black Opry, a collective of Black artists in country, blues, folk, and Americana music that have been featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show, Good Morning America, and NPR Music. Julie was inducted in the CMT Next Women of Country Class of 2023, joining celebrities Kacey Musgraves, Lainey Wilson, Lauren Alaina, and Maren Morris, among others.

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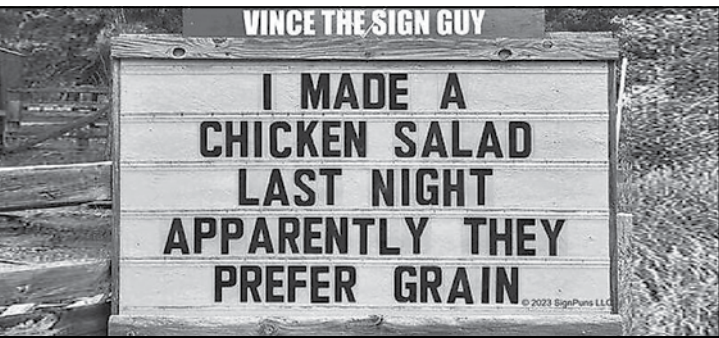
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That certain lot or parcel of land, containing 1.79 acres, more or less, known as the Hugh Wayne Homeplace, bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the north by the lands of Claude Smith, on the east by State Road No. 1126, on the south

and west by Graham H. Wayne land, said lot or land being more particularly described, according to a plat prepared by Frank P. Toler, R.L.S., on June 9, 1971, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the western right-of-way line of State Road Number 1126 at its intersection with a ditch extending along the southwestern line of the Smith property and the northeastern line of the Wayne property, said beginning point being the southernmost corner of the Smith property and the easternmost corner of the Wayne property, and from this beginning running thence along and with the western right-of-way line of State Road No. 1126 South 20 deg. 25' West 118.20 feet to an iron pipe, a new corner; thence North 69 deg. 35' West 109.20 feet to a new corner marked by a cedar tree; thence North 50 deg. 06' West 351.10 feet along the northern side of a field road to an iron pipe located approximately 2 feet southeastwardly of the centerline of a ditch; thence along the southeastern side of said ditch, approximately 2 feet from the centerline of a said ditch; North 52 Deg. 59' East 246.10 feet to the centerline of the ditch dividing the Smith property and the Wayne property; thence along and with the centerline of said ditch South 35 deg. 45' East 370.50 feet to the point of beginning. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 1317 Olympia Road, New Bern, North Carolina.

Being the same property as described Deed Book 233 at Page at Page 418 of the Pamlico County Registry.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a) (1).

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REPORTS

INCIDENTS

- April 17, Don Lee Rd., Arapahoe, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, order for arrest expired registration card/tag
- April 17, N. Third St., Bayboro, possess methamphetamine, possess controlled substance prison/jail premises
- April 17, NC Hwy 55, Stonewall, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, assault with a deadly weapon
- April 18, Hart Dr., Oriental, injury to personal property
- April 19, Olympia Rd., New Bern, order for arrest child support
- April 19, Buxton Ave., Merritt, trespass of real property
- April 19, Main St., Bayboro, larceny of property or goods - value > \$1,000
- April 19, Old Bay River Rd., Grantsboro, communicating threats
- April 19, NC Hwy 55 West, New Bern, family offenses, nonviolent/child custody issue
- April 19, Main St., Bayboro, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny
- April 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, kidnapping
- April 20 Sandy Trail Rd., New Bern,

mental health crisis

- April 21, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, dog bite
- April 21, Tempe Gut Rd., Bayboro, disturbance
- April 22, Lynchs Beach Loop Rd., Bayboro, stalking, second degree trespass, harassing phone calls
- April 22, NC Hwy 55 West, Alliance, larceny of motor vehicle
- April 23, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest fail to comply with monies owed
- April 23, Kershaw Rd., Arapahoe, order for arrest misdemeanor probation violation
- April 24, NC Hwy 55, Oriental, simple assault
- April 25, Chair Rd., New Bern, warrant for arrest obtaining property by false pretense
- April 25, Main St., Bayboro, juvenile complaint
- April 25, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, person complaint
- April 26, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, warrant for arrest
- April 26, Country Club Dr., Arapahoe, second degree trespass
- April 26, Main St., Bayboro, communicating threats
- April 27, Scott Store Rd., Grantsboro, prohibitions on handguns for minors
- April 28, Smokey Dr., New Bern, har-

boring or aiding certain persons

- April 28, Lovick Lee Rd., Oriental, discharge weapon occupied dwelling/moving vehicle
- April 28, First South Trent Rd., Merritt, ethnic intimidation, communicating threats, possession of marijuana paraphernalia
- April 29, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods < = \$1,000, larceny of motor vehicle break or enter motor vehicle
- April 30, Richmond, VA, forgery or endorsement
- April 30, Kershaw Rd., Oriental, communicating threats
- April 30, Broad/Neuse St., Oriental, operate a motor vehicle with no insurance, possess fictitious/alttered title/registration card/plate, possession of marijuana up to ½ oz, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana
- April 30, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest misdemeanor larceny
- April 30, Hunnings Farm Rd., Grantsboro, driving while license revoked, impaired revoked, simple possession of Schedule VI controlled substance
- May 1, NJ Scott Ave., Grantsboro, trespass of real property
- May 1, Florence Rd., Merritt, found

property

- May 2, Florence Rd., Merritt, warrant for arrest habitual misdemeanor assault, warrant for arrest assault inflict serious injury
- May 2, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, theft from building
- May 3, Florence Rd., Merritt, communicating threats, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
- May 3, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, order for arrest resist/obstruct/delay public officer, order for arrest driving while license revoked, order for arrest child support
- May 3, Lovick Lee Rd. Arapahoe, warrant for arrest misdemeanor larceny
- May 4, Wiggins Point Rd., Oriental, trespass of real property
- May 5, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, larceny after breaking or entering
- May 5, Sandy Trail Rd., New Bern, verbal argument
- May 6, Main St., Bayboro, simple assault, communicating threats
- May 6, Swan Point Rd., Bayboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
- May 7, Fork Point West Rd., Oriental, death investigation

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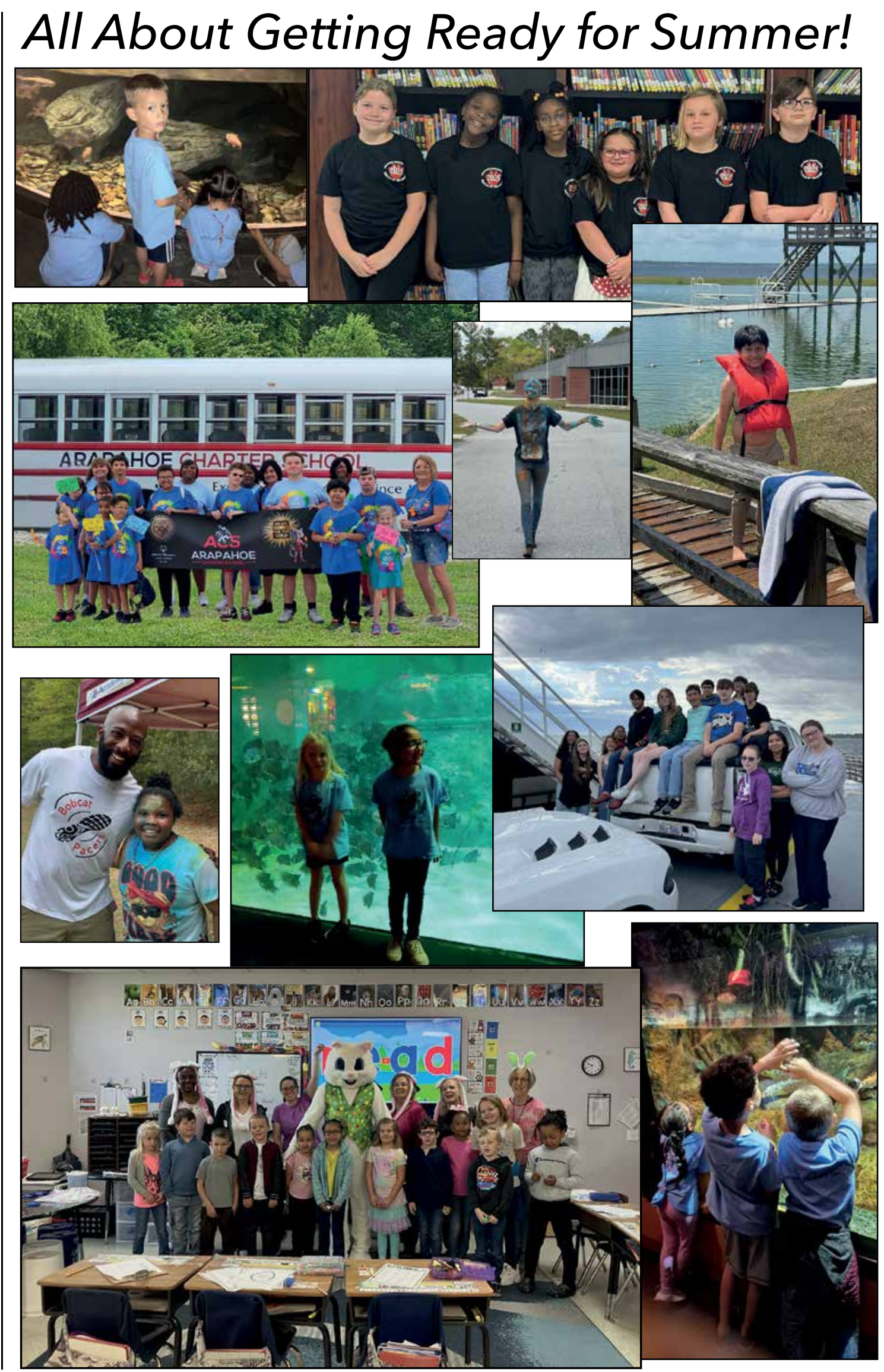
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Summertime projects for kids

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- Conduct informal science experiments, such as growing the biggest vegetable or studying butterflies or insects that visit the backyard.
- Maintain a journal about adventures during summer vacation through personal narratives or even through creative fictional accounts based on the child's experiences.
- Search for patterns in nature, such as those in shells or flowers.
- Learn about money by keeping tallies on souvenir purchases or the cost of items in stores.
- Calculate distances from home by using maps and mileage.
- Become amateur meteorologists, keeping track of changing weather patterns and which signs indicate precipitation.
- Stock up on summer reading books that everyone in the family can enjoy while sitting poolside or at the beach.
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