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Save the Date! Founders Day Celebration - 15526 NC-55, Bayboro (The Original Site of the PCT-PCS School) All Events Held at the Hubert L. Monk Memorial Gym
Friday, September 26, 2025 6-9pm - Meet and Greet ~ Saturday, September 27, 2025 10am to 12pm Tour Campus -
Take a Walk Down Memory Lane with Luncheon and Business Meeting from 12-3pm
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Bayboro Development Center Fashion Show

by: Hiram Lupton



Singer Yolanda Adams performs at the Bayboro Development Center Fashion Show

It was an evening of entertainment and of course fashion at the Bayboro Development Center Fashion Show Fundraiser. Attendees got to see the latest fashion trends on stage at the Delamar Center on the campus of Pamlico Community College. In between the fashion presentations they were also treated to some great entertainment. All proceeds went to the Bayboro Development Center to assist those previously incarcerated get a fresh start with assistance in housing, employment, education and many other facets of their lives.

OWC September YOM



Teresa and Ron Geer's yard at 501 Ragan Rd. has been selected for the September YOM. Their entire front yard is completely cultivated with a variety of flowers, bushes and trees with a winding stone walkway in the middle leading to their front door. There are 40 different plants from small to large all planted to attract butterflies, bees, and birds. Multiple plantings include their Pee Gee Hydrangea, GoldenRods, Hibiscus, American Beauty, Berry Bush and Japanese Maple. They have additional flower beds on both sides of their house and in the backyard. Truly, a gardener's paradise.



Superintendent Gives Construction Update to BOC

by: Hiram Lupton



Dr. Jeremy Johnson presents an update on school construction to the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners.

At their September meeting on Tuesday evening, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners received a status report on the new 6-12 school construction from Pamlico County Superintendent of Public Schools, Dr. Jeremy Johnson. Dr. Johnson presented a nice slide show showing the progress that has been made since the first shovel full of dirt was moved, through to the present, while he highlighted several of the more important milestones reached in the \$67 million project. Perhaps even more important, Dr. Johnson told the BOC that to date, the project was on time and on budget. "As of September 2, we have completed 50% of our scheduled working days on the construction and if anything, we are slightly ahead of our goals. We have also barely dipped into our contingency fund for unexpected costs, which is great news. Graduation day for the class of 2026 is set for May

22 and we are on schedule to begin moving into the new building the following week." Johnson also informed the Board that the application period for another round of need-based school funding grants is now open and that they will be sharing with the County Manager and the Board a presentation supporting applying for a portion of these available dollars to enlarge Pamlico County Primary School to accommodate the grades currently at Fred A. Anderson School (4th and 5th) and consolidate the two schools. This is a plan that has been in place for a while, only lacking the funding to implement it. "This is an opportunity that doesn't come around often and we hope to be able to take advantage of it." One challenge facing the plan; It requires a matching contribution from local funding, funding the Board may feel reluctant to provide in this time of tight budgets.

The Light of Hope: Join Us for a Gathering for Survivors of Suicide Loss



Finding light in the darkness can be difficult for those who've loved and lost someone by suicide. You may not realize the number of people you know who are living as survivors of suicide loss. This event is open to the public to bear and share the light of hope. People remembering a life lived, advocates of mental health, those seeking healing, or compassionate community members lending their supportive presence should attend.

Bayboro Baptist Church, Thursday, September 11th 2025, 6:00pm-8:00pm

PCHS Football Hurricanes Fall on the Road to Wake Preparatory Academy

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Football team made a long trip west last Friday to do battle with the Guardians of Wake Preparatory Academy. Wake Prep set the tone early as they received the kickoff and promptly returned it 81 yards for a touchdown. With the extra point they had a quick 7-0 lead. Pamlico responded quickly and on their ensuing possession, marched the ball downfield with Noah Gibbs finding the endzone on a 3-yard rushing touchdown. Jacob Bennett carried the ball in for the 2-point conversion and the Hurricanes found themselves up, 8-7. Unfortunately, that would be the extent of Pamlico's scoring. The Guardians reeled off three straight unanswered scores and took a 27-8 lead into the halftime break. Wake Prep continued their barrage in the second half adding a score in the third quarter and three more in the final period to put the game away with a final score of 54-8. Pamlico will get the chance to regroup this week as they have a bye before traveling west once again to Halifax County to take on Southeast Collegiate Preparatory Academy on September 19.

- Jacob Bennett (#22)



"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."
-Jerry Rice

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, Sept 13th **79°Hi** Mostly sunny throughout the day



Sunday, Sept 14th **80°Hi** Mostly sunny throughout the day

BOC Gets Collar on Animal Control Issue... for now

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met last Tuesday evening (Monday was a holiday) and once again one of the items for discussion was the future of animal control in the county. This has been a topic long enough to possibly now classify it as a saga, but the Commissioners took action that they hope at least for now will end the discussion. Presented with several options, and the financial ramifications of each, by County Manager Mark Brewington, the BOC voted unanimously to adopt what would be termed the "minimal plan" which will see the County do only that which is required by the state. North Carolina Law sets minimum requirements for county animal control and requires investigation of animal bites, enforcement of rabies vaccination compliance, and governs the handling and holding of impounded animals. This is stated primarily in NC General Statute 130A-196. Input had been sought from the county municipalities including the possibility of a \$36 per person fee to help pay for animal control if the "full plan" were to be implemented. Brewington stated to the Board that several towns replied that they did not believe animal control was a problem and several stated that they had no funds available for animal control. Three asked for more data and information to share with their residents. One town, Vandemere, did not reply at all. It was expressed that the county would need all the municipalities on board in order for an expanded plan to work. Faced with a tight budget and a reluctance of any funding to come from towns, the BOC voted to pursue the "minimal plan." This would, for now, include \$86,000 a year to Craven County animal Services to house animals brought to them by Pamlico County. The County is limited to the number of animals they may bring to Craven's shelter and the cost works out to about \$150/animal. Continuing this arrangement would satisfy the state requirement that impounded animals be held for a minimum period (often at least 72 hours) and be made available for public viewing and adoption before being euthanized, sold, or transferred. There was expressed a desire by the BOC to find an alternative to this by perhaps partnering with a local nonprofit for this service. While not quite up to full strength, Animal Control Officer Berkley Hill continues to recover from a vehicle accident and is expected to completely resume his duties in the near future. These duties now would be limited to the purview established by the board. Those include assisting the Health Department in Rabies vaccination enforcement, along with dog bite and vicious dog investigations. The Sheriff's Department would also have a mechanism for assistance if a criminal investigation involved animals. If a person has an issue with wild animals, they are to contact the NC Wildlife Resources. Board Chair Edward Riggs also stated that the Commissioners could revisit this issue when the next budget season comes around early next year.



**Tuesday, September 23
6:00 pm**

**Pamlico Partnership for Children
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Class size is Limited**



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Pamlico Community College’s Continuing Education



Cardiac Monitor Technician

Seats are still available in Pamlico Community College’s Cardiac Monitor Technician course, which trains men and women to function in acute care settings. Students will learn the anatomy and physiology of the heart and the cardiovascular system, and they will learn to interpret electrocardiogram test readings. The course is scheduled to begin Monday, Sept. 15, and will run through December. It will be offered in a hybrid format, meaning there will be some face-to-face class time as well as some online coursework. There also will be a 40-hour off-site clinical component. Cost is \$180.55, and financial aid is available for qualified students. For more information or to register, please call 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or email lgiles@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed photo



Medical Assisting

There’s still time to register for the next edition of Pamlico Community College’s Continuing Education Medical Assisting course, which is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 17. It will be offered in a daytime/hybrid format, with in-person classes and online coursework. The course can be completed in a matter of months! Cost is \$180.55, and financial aid is available for qualified students. Contact Lori Giles at 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or lgiles@pamlicocc.edu, for more information. Contributed photo



Forklift Training

Learn to operate a forklift safely with Pamlico Community College’s one-day Forklift Training course, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grantsboro campus. Participants also will learn how to operate a power pallet jack. Cost is \$70.55. For more information or to register, please call 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or email lgiles@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed photo

LAST CALL TO REGISTER!

"Using AI for Grant Writing"

FOR NON-PROFITS

Wednesday, Sept 17th
9am-11am
Pamlico County Library

Dr. Justin Rose
Instructor

FREE SEMINAR!!

- For beginning and experienced AI users
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- Live demos of free AI tools in action

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Land/Home Sales Property Management Appraisals Development

Agent of the Week

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

Susan Adams did a fabulous job assisting us over the last couple years in finding "the perfect home" for our retirement in Oriental. She made herself available to accommodate our schedules and more importantly, she listened to and understood our wants, needs and "would like to have's". We highly recommend her as an agent. Mariner's standards are honest and above board real estate at its finest. Kudos to Susan and the entire Mariner team.
Kris & Jim, Oriental

ORIENTAL – Spectacular waterfront views of Smith & Green Creeks from first floor unit at Oriental West Condos. B-7 is a **2BR/2BA** unit w/ a 40' x 16' boat slip w/5' controlling water depth.
OFFERED AT \$350,000

NEW BERN – Handicapped-accessible, waterfront **2BR/2BA** fully-furnished condominium located in Oriental Harbor Place Condominiums. Community pool, air-conditioned commercial elevator (rated 2,500 pounds), and views of surrounding water.
OFFERED AT \$359,500

ORIENTAL – Wide-water views of Smith & Green Creeks from Oriental West Condos unit A-1. Fully furnished, first floor, **2BR/2BA**, w/deep-water deeded boat slip.
OFFERED AT \$365,000

ORIENTAL – 4,000 hsf commercial bldg. Fully-insulated. Reception, conference room, 2 offices. Carrier 2.5 ton heat pump for office area, two 5 ton HVAC systems for warehouse. Attic, 208 3-Phase 200 amp elec system. Ingersole Rand 200 PSI air compressor. Metal fabrication equippt does not convey.
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ARAPAHOE – Water views of Neuse River, 2.64 acres, **2BR/2BA**, chef's kitchen with new appliances & granite countertops. Relax on the 2 large, screened porches. This 1,370 sf house is situated amongst the trees with a private drive through your own forest.
OFFERED AT \$ 625,000

MERRITT – Waterfront **3BR/2.5BA** with dock & boat lift on Moores Creek. Garage with workshop, garden shed, whole house generator, whole house 400 AMP service. Screened deck, open deck, close to ICW on 1 acre in the Bay Shores Estate community.
OFFERED AT \$ 665,000

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- September 10th – 1993, The TV series X-files premieres on FOX-TV. The truth is out there.
- September 11th – 9/11 Never Forget!
- September 12th – Today is National Day of Encouragement.
- September 13th – Today is National Peanut Day.
- September 14th – Today is National Cream-Filled Donut Day.
- September 15th – Today is National Double Cheeseburger Day. I think I will celebrate at Aggies.
- September 16th – 1620, The Mayflower set sail for from England bound for America.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- September 10th – 1934, TV Journalist Charles Kuralt (in Wilmington, NC)
- September 12th – 1944, Singer Barry White
- September 12th – 1997, Actress Sydney Sweeney
- September 13th – 1944, Actress Jacqueline Bissett
- September 14th – 1914, Actor Clayton Moore
- September 15th – 1938, Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry (in Williamston, NC)
- September 15th – 1946, Actor Tommy Lee Jones
- September 16th – 1925, Guitarist Riley B. King (B.B. King)



Habitat for Humanity has been providing Affordable Housing for families living in Pamlico County for over fifteen years. And Habitat will continue to provide Affordable Housing by building a new house in Bayboro in 2026.

If you live in **Pamlico County** now and want to see if you can qualify for purchasing and moving to the new house when it is completed, look at the Family income limits based on size of household chart shown below.

1 person household	2 person household	3 person household	4 person household	5 person household
Annual Income Limit \$48,300	Annual Income Limit \$55,200	Annual Income Limit \$62,100	Annual Income Limit \$68,950	Annual Income Limit \$74,500
Monthly Income \$4,025	Monthly Income \$4,600	Monthly Income \$5,175	Monthly Income \$5,746	Monthly Income \$6,208

If your total Family income does not exceed the Limit, you can pick up a **Habitat Partnership Application** form at the Habitat Restore on 600 Main St. in Bayboro. The Restore is open Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM. **Completed Habitat Partnership Application forms must be received no later than November 30, 2025**

We place too much emphasis on the early bird's good luck and not enough on the early worm's bad luck.

Food of the Month: Turkey Gravy

PCFLO is selecting a Food of the Month for each month during 2025, and our selection for September is turkey gravy. Help provide PCFLO clients with holiday meal ingredients by bringing turkey gravy to your church during any Sunday during the month. You can also bring turkey gravy to the PCFLO collection box at the Food Pantry at 108 Straight Road in Oriental.

Looking ahead to October, the Food of the Month will be stuffing. Thanks for your support!!

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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COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES



Mary Alice Spain, 94, of Palm Bay, Florida passed away Monday, September 1, 2025, at Orlando Health. She was born on August 22, 1931, in Hobucken, NC where she was also raised and lived her life with deep love for her family and her community.

A devoted and God-fearing woman, Mary dedicated her life to raising her children and serving the Lord. She loved her church and was a faithful member of Hobucken Methodist Church, where her faith and service were a guiding light to those

who knew her.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charles Alfred Spain. She is survived by her children, Leslie Charles Spain and Victoria Ann Hill and grandchildren, Arielle Merrie Sherrill, Mirianne Ethelle Spain, Toni Marie Spain-Otto, Zachary Pierce Brixon, and Colton Wolfgang Hill.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Barnett Cemetery, Hobucken, NC with the Rev. Mike Roach officiating.

Mary will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her devotion to her family, and her kind and loving spirit.

In Memory of Michelle McKee Fodrey

Michelle passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 with her daughter by her side.



She was born in Selma, Alabama and moved to Oriental in her early 20s where she met and married the love of her life, Ted Fodrey. Surviving Michelle are her daughters, Mary McKee “Kee” Fodrey and Sarah Fodrey Jones and husband Douglas Jones, Jr., step-daughter, Melissa Watson, husband Chris and their son, Parker, and grandchildren Dawson Vaughn and Carter Swain; brothers Michael McKee and Mark McKee and wife, Mary, and many nieces and nephews

Michelle had a lifelong career, more than 40 years, in real estate where her passion for helping people was first and foremost.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Four thousand banks failed in 1933 and people lost all their money. In the Pacific war 41,592 American troops were killed in 1945. Assassinations plagued the 1960's: Evers, Kennedy, King and another Kennedy. Nixon resigned in 1974 permanently damaging American's faith in government. Mortgage rates were 16.6 percent in 1981 and the stock market crashed 23 percent on October 19, 1987. Thousands of lives were lost in the attack on September 11, 2001. Recently: Covid, inflation, uncontrollable wildfires, school shootings, robots and AI threatening jobs, soldiers in our cities, chaos in government and turmoil at the CDC. Carry on, this too will pass.

Bill Deighton
Arapahoe

Pamlico Arts Council Announces New Photography Competition and Exhibition Showcasing North Carolina Artists

ORIENTAL, NC – The Pamlico Arts Council is proud to announce FOCUS:NC, North Carolina Through the Creative Lens, a new photography competition and exhibition celebrating the talents and vision of North Carolina artists.

Open to photographers statewide of all levels, FOCUS:NC invites submissions of NC-based images in the following categories: Architecture, Landscape, Nautical, Nature, Photojournalism/Urban, Portrait, Still Life, and Pets.

“We want to shine a spotlight on the incredible talent across North Carolina and bring it right here to the heart of Pamlico County,” said Angie Propst, Pamlico Arts Council Board President. “FOCUS:NC is about sharing stories

through the lens—whether from the coast, the mountains, or everywhere in between.”

Framed entries are to be delivered to Mariner Realty on October 8 and 9, 2025, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

A special exhibition and free community reception will be on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at The Courtyard at Gretchen's Bistro in Oriental, NC, offering the public a chance to view the selected works and meet the photographers.

There is no entry fee, but artists must REGISTER. Cash prizes will go to the top awards. For submission guidelines and details, visit www.pamlicoarts.org.

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You might be anxious to say what's on your mind this week, Aries. Words are on the tip of your tongue and you aren't afraid of letting them fly. Expect some feedback from others.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Make sure you are taking care of yourself as well as you are taking care of others, Taurus. Handle any tasks that require a lot of brain power first, then move on to something fun.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Do your thing this week and don't worry about how others feel about it, Gemini. Take control of an issue when you see that something needs to get done.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
You are thinking clearly this week, Cancer. Do your best with the tools you are given right now. You might need to direct others, but generally let them do their own thing.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
You do not need an invitation to speak your mind, Leo. Express yourself how you see fit and give others plenty of opportunity to have their say as well. The conversation will flow.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, there is a great deal of power behind your thoughts, so use it wisely. Take this energy to work and see if you can channel it to your professional benefit.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you are not going to meet new people if you stay indoors all of the time. Get out there and try something new. You can bond with others over an activity or a hobby.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, don't waste your time this week by tiptoeing around. Throw caution to the wind and engage in activities that will provide solid opportunities for growth.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
A powerful force is guiding your actions this week, Sagittarius. Utilize this as motivation to complete an important task.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Be confident in your thoughts and actions, Capricorn. If you don't believe in what you are saying, how can you convince others to back your efforts?



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, someone is bound to say something meaningful to you if you keep an open ear to all conversation around you. Speak less and listen more for the time being.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, ideas and influences from others can transform your thinking. That can help propel you out of the pattern of actions that may be holding you back.

VIRGO Traits & Overview

Virgos is the star sign born between 23rd August and 22nd September 2023. This zodiac sign works **HARD** at coming off all effortless and perfect. They have extremely high standards, none more so than for themselves, and they obsess over everything. They are fantastic detail-people, love organising stuff, and can be relied on to make everything go smoothly.

Virgos can come off as uptight or critical, but actually their Mercury ruler does present a lighter side to their character. They love gossip, information, education, entertainment. Their mind is sharp, bright and shrewd. Virgos make great friends, they are 100% solid and also (secretly) naughty fun.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Planning your business exit:
Start with the end in mind



Dan M. Roberts

If you own a business, you’ve probably spent countless hours thinking about how to grow it, manage daily operations and serve your customers. But have you thought about how you’ll eventually step away from it? While it might seem premature, planning your successful exit from your business is one of the smartest moves you can make as an owner.

The reality is that most business owners have 80% to 90% of their net worth tied up in their companies, according to the Exit Planning Institute. That’s a significant investment that deserves careful planning to protect. Unfortunately, 70% to 80% of businesses put on the market don’t sell, and about half of all business exits are involuntary due to unexpected circumstances like health issues, family emergencies management disputes or economic downturns.

Exit planning is more than preparing for retirement. It’s taking control of your future and ensuring you can transition away from your business when and how you choose. You can start with the end in mind – a proactive approach that can inform your current business decisions and help increase your company’s value and marketability.

Begin by articulating your personal goals for both the transaction and your life afterward. Maybe you want to sell only a portion of your business, stay on as a paid consultant or use the proceeds to start your next venture. Understanding your vision helps shape everything else.

You’ll want to calculate how much money you’ll need to fund your desired retirement lifestyle, accounting for expenses that may be currently covered by the business, like your cellphone, vehicles, travel and health care. Don’t forget about your legacy goals too – what you want to leave for your family or charitable causes.

Getting started requires building a strong professional

team. At the center should be a financial advisor who can help you through the planning, execution and post-sale phases. You’ll likely also need a tax professional, legal advisor, commercial banker and business valuation expert. Depending on your exit strategy, you might later add specialists like business brokers, investment bankers or employee stock ownership plan advisors.

Understanding your business’s current value is crucial. It’s a good idea to get a calculation of value at least three to five years before your planned exit. This isn’t as formal or expensive as a qualified appraisal, but it gives you a realistic range of what your business might be worth.

This step may reveal a gap between what you need financially and what your business could sell for. If so, don’t panic. You have several options: work longer, adjust your spending expectations, save more outside the business or focus on increasing your company’s value. You can boost value by increasing profits through higher market share, new products, better pricing or reduced costs. You can also improve intangible assets like employee expertise, operational systems and customer relationships.

Finally, consider who your successor might be. Selling your interest to family members, business partners or employees often provide more control over timing and lower transaction costs, though they may result in lower sale prices. Selling the business to third parties typically bring higher proceeds but less control over the process.

The key message is simple: it’s never too early to start planning your exit. Whether you’re thinking about stepping away next year or in the next decade, taking proactive steps now puts you in control of your business’s future and your own financial security.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

Chopped! Cooking and Nutrition with Pamlico 4-H



Kait Neeland 4-H Agent

I have so many fun memories of participating in 4-H Programs growing up. Raising sheep, goats, and pigs; building rudimentary circuits; learning to sew, completing service projects, gaining leadership skills, and learning about cooking and nutrition. Many of these learning opportunities were the foundations of life skills I’m still utilizing today. Perhaps none more so than the cooking and nutrition education.

The effects of healthy eating are impactful in so many ways. Good nutrition is tied to supporting and maintaining muscles; boosting immunity; strengthening bones; lowering the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some cancers; helps support digestive system function; as well as maintaining a healthy weight. These benefits significantly impact long term health and quality of life.

We are happy for youth to have the opportunity to learn about good nutrition, develop safe food preparation practices, and learn about the world. Chopped! International is a 4-H Spin club meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month. Last Year we learned about several countries including: Thailand, Russia, Morocco, France, and Belgium. Registration for our September Chopped is open. Registration will open for our October and November Sessions will open Wednesday September 10th.

While we are all in on learning about nutrition and safe food practices! We are also stoked for our It’s Electric, and Sew Much Fun Programs. We are also looking forward to spring 4-H Fun!

Registration for the Coastal Plains Chicken Show will be coming out at the end of November! The Coastal Plains Chicken Show is an awesome opportunity for youth to raise chickens, learn proper poultry care, learn how to show a chicken, and participate in a chicken show. Our 4-Hers and our FFA members had an awesome time last year! We are looking forward to the Coastal Plains Chicken Show 2026!

These are just a few of the 4-H Programs that we have on the calendar. We are also looking forward to beginning a series of Cloverbud workshops. Colverbuds are 4-Her from the ages of 5 – 7 who are just beginning to start their time in 4-H. We are also looking forward to beginning a podcasting and audio-engineering program for our older 4-Hers. This program will focus on gaining skills in podcasting and audio – engineering as well as allowing our teens to explore careers they may be interested in.

Registrations for these programs are opening this week! If you have questions about a specific program or 4-H in Pamlico County please give us a call or reach out by email. We are always excited to talk about how youth can connect to our program You can also sign up for our email list, to get updates on new or

upcoming programs! Participation in all 4-H programs requires enrollment in 4-H Online. You can also get a head start on registration for specific programs by enrolling in Pamlico County 4-H Online. You can access the link on our website. If you have any questions about accessing 4-H Online or the enrollment process please give us a call and we will be happy to walk you through it. Our Pamlico County 4-H Agent is Kait Neeland: contact Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121, or kait_neeland@ncsu.edu, or any of our social media pages!



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The Pamlico Christian Academy volleyball team hit the road for a couple of tough matches last week. The Mariners have moved up in classification this season and are now considered a 2A school and both their matches were Mid Atlantic Christian Athletic Association Conference contests. On Tuesday they travelled to Newport to tangle with Gramercy Christian Academy and the Warriors swept PCA 3-0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-18) in a very competitive match. On Friday the Mariners were on the road again, this time to Winterville to face Christ Covenant and the Spartans came out on top 3-0 (25-13, 25-22, 25-23). This week the Mariners schedule remains busy as on Monday they sail to Faith Christian Academy in Goldsboro, host Jacksonville Christian Academy on Tuesday, and end the week with a trip to Community Christian in Wilson.

Hurricanes at the Net Pamlico Splits for Week

The Pamlico County High School Volleyball Team experienced both highs and lows in a week of intense competition. The Hurricanes started their week on Wednesday with a long ride to Williamston to take on the always tough Martin County Gators. Pamlico dropped the first set but regrouped and took the next three from their hosts, winning some tight, hard-fought points, 3-1 (26-28, 25-21, 25-17, 28-26). Notable in this match, Pamlico Senior Hitter Julia Bain recorded her 500th career kill, a big milestone for a high school volleyball player. Fresh off that win, the Hurricanes welcomed the Bears of Bear Grass Charter School to Bayboro the following evening. This one was all Hurricanes early, as Pamlico took the first two sets. Whether it was the Hurricanes getting a little slack, or Bear Grass finally getting stretched out after a long bus ride, I'm not sure, but the Bears fought back to take the third set and established something you never want to give a quality team, momentum. Bear Grass got on a roll and forced this one to five sets, where they took the match to win out over Pamlico 2-3 (25-17, 25-16, 17-25, 19-25, 13-15). This week will be a busy one yet again for the 'Canes as they hit the road for three straight including a pair of conference matches. Tuesday, they travel to East Carteret, Wednesday to Swansboro, and Thursday to Jones Senior.



Sydney Whitley-Reese soars high above the net to stuff a Bear Grass shot.



Freshman Avery Hettinger kills it at the net.



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Community Casts Lines for Education: Fishing Tournament Sept. 20 Supports Pamlico Christian Academy Expansion

Pamlico County, NC – September 9, 2025 – Families and anglers will gather on Saturday, September 20 for the Building the Future Fishing Tournament, a community event that combines the thrill of the catch with a higher purpose: building the future of local education.

Hosted by Pamlico Christian Academy (PCA), the tournament will be held at Vandemere Waterfront Park, with check-in beginning at 5 a.m. (safe light). Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories, and proceeds will support PCA's Phase 2 Upper School Buildings, part of the school's multi-phase campus expansion project.

“Our lower school building is almost complete and set for a ribbon cutting in November,” said Earl Sadler, Jr., Head of School. “This tournament is not just about fishing—it’s about investing in the next generation. Every cast is a step toward our Phase 2 Upper School Buildings, creating learning spaces for middle and high school students.”

Event Details:
Date: Saturday, Sept. 20
Location: Vandemere Waterfront Park
Registration: Fishing Tournament Link <https://pamlicochristianacademy.org/capital-campaign/fishing-tournament/>
Prizes: \$1000 top prize for Pro Division, Lots of gear and monetary prizes for Family Division.

The tournament is part of PCA's ongoing Building the Future Capital Campaign, which is dedicated to creating facilities that support academic excellence, strong character, and service-minded leadership.

7 benefits of cheerleading

Cheerleading captivates millions of participants. Statista Research says roughly 3.8 million Americans age six and older participated in cheerleading in 2023, which was up from 3.5 million a year earlier. According to Cheer Canada, the nation's governing body of cheerleading, the sport has more than 400 schools and clubs and roughly 25,000 participants across the country.



- While competitions and supporting school teams are the main objectives of cheerleading, there are many additional benefits of being involved in the sport.
1. Teaches sportsmanship: Cheer helps to teach athletes how to accept defeat gracefully, be proud of success and maintain respect for fellow competitors or teams no matter a game's final outcome.
 2. Encourages teamwork: Cheerleading is a team sport that takes into consideration participants' strengths to achieve the best outcome for the team. Squads that are inclusive of all skill levels and athletes have the best environment for success.
 3. Promotes physical fitness: Cheerleading is hard work that pushes the body through cardiovascular exercises as part of high-energy routines. Choreography can include dance, tumbling, jumps, and other stunts that necessitate stamina and strength.
 4. Fosters discipline: Practices, showing up on the sidelines for football games and other sports and competing against other cheer squads all are part of the cheerleading experience. Cheerleaders need to prepare and focus to be at the best of their abilities, and that preparation fosters a sense of discipline.
 5. Helps to build confidence: As participants make new friends and develop their skills, their confidence levels grow. Performing in front of an audience helps cheerleaders adapt to being in the public eye, which also boosts their confidence.
 6. Improves self-awareness: Cheerleaders need to be aware of their movements both individually and as part of the squad. This involves being in tune with what their bodies are doing in the air and on the floor in relation to others.
 7. Connects participants with their community: Not only are cheerleaders part of the team, they often act as ambassadors for schools and programs. This may take them to various events where they get to mingle with the community and spread good cheer.
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CarolinaEast Physicians introduces New Community Clinic

Public Invited to Grand Opening for CarolinaEast Community Clinic on 3rd Avenue



(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Health System announces its new Community Clinic, opening today, August 28, 2025. CarolinaEast Physicians, providing primary and specialty care for all phases of life from offices in four counties, now includes the new CarolinaEast Community Clinic. The clinic was planned and built in collaboration with the Redevelopment Commission and the City of New Bern.

CarolinaEast Community Clinic, located at 729 3rd Avenue in New Bern, will provide primary and walk-in care, while helping patients with chronic health conditions get continuity of care by specialists when needed. The clinic aims to provide ease and accessibility to primary and continuing care for existing patients of CarolinaEast, while also accepting new patients who wish to enter the system.

“This is an exciting time for CarolinaEast and Eastern North Carolina. We are proud to collaborate with our great partners at the City, enabling us to bring this necessary resource to the community,” said Michael Smith, President and CEO of CarolinaEast Health System. “For far too long, the residents of Duffyfield and the surrounding area have lacked access to care where they live. Transportation should not and will no longer be a barrier to healthcare. The CarolinaEast Community Clinic will serve as another milestone in our legacy of providing care to this region for the last 60 years and beyond the next 60.”

The Community Clinic will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00am until 6:00pm, and will see patients via appointment at 252-276-7190 or walk-in as space allows. Insurance will be filed for those with commercial or federal plans, and the uninsured will be given the opportunity to sign up for Medicaid and financial assistance.

“Reducing barriers to good and affordable healthcare has always been a pillar of our redevelopment plan,” said Tabari Wallace, Vice Chair of the Redevelopment Commission of New Bern. “But more than celebrating this accomplishment, we are celebrating the difference this clinic will make for families in the Greater Five Points community and beyond. This is about health, hope, and opportunity, and we are proud to stand alongside our partners in making it a reality.”

A Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting is planned for Friday September 19 from 4:00pm until 6:00pm, with educational information, assistance with MyChart sign-ups and Medicaid applications, as well as food, fun, and remarks by representatives from CarolinaEast and the Redevelopment Commission, as well as Jeffrey Odham, Mayor of New Bern.

“Improved access to healthcare in the Duffyfield and Five Points community was a need identified during the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative plan creation in 2014,” said Mayor Odham. “The implementation started when the New Bern Board of Alderman made a financial commitment towards the project in 2021. ‘Everything came together’ when CarolinaEast stepped up to build and operate the facility. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!”

CarolinaEast Physicians began integrating practices in 2009 and CarolinaEast Community Clinic brings physician practice locations operating as part of the Health System to 22. CarolinaEast also recently announced the integration of CarolinaEast OB/GYN (formerly Eastern Carolina Women’s Center) as of September 1, 2025. Patients or potential patients of any CarolinaEast facility, including the Community Clinic, are encouraged to create a MyChart account for continuity of care. Visit <https://www.carolinaeasthealth.com/patients-and-visitors/patient-portal/> to create an account or learn more.

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September is Smart Start Month Pamlico Partnership for Children Celebrates Smart Start Month



Governor Josh Stein has declared September as Smart Start Month to highlight the efforts of the Smart Start Network in preparing North Carolina's young children to enter school healthy and ready for school success.

Pamlico Partnership for Children (PPFC) is proud to be one of the 75 local partnerships that make up the Smart Start Network. PPFC was established in 1997, passionate about early childhood education and support for families in Pamlico County. The successful Smart Start early learning programs of PPFC include our 3- and 4-year-old part-day preschool, Community Play and Learn. Our Partnership Play Group which serves children ages 0-3, our Lending Library which provides support to families, childcare providers, and local agencies, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. PPFC also offers programs that complement early education services, including family support initiatives.

- **Smart Start Network's Impact:** For over thirty years, the Smart Start Network has been dedicated to ensuring young children in North Carolina enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

- **Benefits of Early Childhood Initiatives:** Investing in high-quality early childhood programs like Smart Start leads to better educational attainment, higher earnings, reduced crime, and improved health outcomes.
- **Local Partnerships and Flexibility:** Smart Start consists of 75 local nonprofit partnerships across North Carolina, providing tailored services based on community needs.
- **Comprehensive Support System:** Smart Start collaborates with state and federal agencies, nonprofits, and local communities to support early childhood development, learning, and health.

For more information on Smart Start visit <https://www.smartstart.org>

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Pamlico Partnership for Children is proud to offer Smart Start programs, however our commitment to the community goes beyond that. We provide a variety of early childhood and family support programs, serving families and children through both Smart Start and additional programming.

New Bern Historical Society Launches Digital Archive, Unlocking Access to Over 2,500 Historical Images

NEW BERN, NC, Sept. 3, 2025. The New Bern Historical Society is proud to announce the launch of its new Digital Archive, now available through the Society's website. This exciting resource provides the entire community with unprecedented access to more than 2,500 items from the Society's collection, which currently includes rare images and in the near future will include historic documents and treasured artifacts.

For the first time, students, researchers, educators, genealogists, and history enthusiasts can explore New Bern's past from anywhere, at any time. The Digital Archive represents a major step forward in the Society's mission to preserve and share the stories of our community.

"We are thrilled to open this archive to the public," said Anthony Giardino, Executive Director of the New Bern Historical Society.



"This project allows us to connect more people to New Bern's rich history and ensures that these valuable resources are preserved for generations to come."

The archive is designed to serve as a hub for research, education, and discovery. Users can browse and search the collection, gaining deeper insight into the people, places, and events that shaped New Bern and Craven County. This project is the result of a shared vision from the Historical Society Board of Directors, hundreds of hours of volunteer work and expertise, and a generous start-up grant contribution from the Craven County Independent Insurance Agents Association.

The Historical Society invites the community to explore this valuable resource and encourages donations to support the ongoing growth of the Digital Archive. Contributions will allow the Society to continue adding materials, enhancing image quality, and improving the user experience for future generations.

The Digital Archive is accessible now at: archives.newbernhistorical.org/s/Archive/page/welcome

For more information about the Digital Archive, or to make a donation, please visit the link or contact the New Bern Historical Society at 252-638-8558 or adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org.

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File No.: 19E000096-680

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IN RE: REGISTERED ESTATE NUMBER 9

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 43-17.2

TO: All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in Registered Estate Number 9.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition was filed by Petitioner Reserveco Inc., by and through its attorneys K&L Gates LLP, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, alleging that the Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 9 had been lost under the circumstances stated therein, and praying that new duplicate certificates of title be issued to the Petitioner.

The land referred to in Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 9 is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument, a corner in the line dividing Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, and running thence North 88 degrees 45 min-

utes East 17 feet to an iron pipe in the center line of the old Sand Hill Road, and running with the center line of said Road, South 58 degrees 15 minutes West 154 feet; South 47 degrees 10 minutes West 182 feet; South 73 degrees 45 minutes West 424.5 feet; South 43 degrees West 217.5 feet; South 28 degrees 25 minutes West 230 feet; South 15 degrees 45 minutes West 236.5 feet; South 19 degrees 30 minutes East 310.5 feet; and South 17 degrees 55 minutes West 46.5 feet, which point is marked by an iron pipe set in the edge of said Road 18 feet from the center thereof; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes West 1,620 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 2 degrees 15 minutes East 3,739 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 42 degrees 45 minutes East 3,473 feet to the concrete monument, the point of beginning, containing 121.5 acres, more or less, as shown upon plat attached to the Decree of Registration hereinafter referred to and made a part thereof. LESS AND EXCEPT that 47.48 acre tract conveyed at Book 216, Page 704, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the southeast corner of the tract herein conveyed which point is located as follows: beginning at an existing axle in the southern margin of Beltline Road and running thence to an existing iron pin in the southern margin of Beltline Road North 86° 32' 32" East, 930.27 feet, thence from such pin the following courses and distances: North 3° 53' 08 West 544.87 feet to an existing iron pin; North 1° 41' 08" West 371.70 feet to an existing iron pin; North 1° 46' 54" West, 420.36 feet to the point of beginning, the same such point being South 87° 03' 38" West, 83 feet from an existing iron pin in the western line of Old Sand Hill Road. From such beginning point heretofore described, running the following courses and distances: North 25° 15' 00" East, 482.78 feet to a point; North 33° 54' 21" East, 71.54 feet to a point; thence North 29° 57' 36" East, 174.04 feet to a point; thence North 16° 29' 43" East 548.02 feet to a point: thence North 20° 35' 44" East, 100.71 feet to a point, thence North 24° 55' 10" East, 154.31 feet to a point; thence South 87° 20' 23" West, 1512.86 feet to a point; thence South 20° 11' 33" West, 1502.64 feet to a point, thence North 87° 03' 38" East, 1442.99 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, such property containing approximately 47.48 acres according to a survey dated December 31, 1981, made by Wiley C. Rodman, III, Land Surveyor No L2266, being bounded on all sides by the property of Texasgulf Inc. and being part of the J. Peter Grace

Tract of the Grantor.
PIN: 6544-11-8100-000
REID: E02-4
See also Torrens Book 1, Page 27 (Registered Estate No. 9)

Said petition will be heard and considered, and an order entered thereon, at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, on the 2nd day of October, 2025, at 2 o'clock p.m.

This 19th day of August, 2025

/s/ Sandy H. Harris

Asst. Clerk of Superior Court

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DONALD ELBERT HARDISON
File No.: 25E001141-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to RHONDA H. GLASER, EXECUTOR on or before NOVEMBER 25, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

This 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

ESTATE OF DONALD ELBERT HARDISON
C/O RHONDA H. GLASER
182 OAKWOOD DR
NEW BERN, NC 28560

Publish AUGUST 27, SEPTEMBER 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Guy Credle
File No. 25E001092-680

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against Guy Credle, deceased, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 10, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 10 th day of September, 2025.

Patricia Chadwick, Ancillary Administrator
c/o Howard Stallings Law Firm
PO Box 12347
Raleigh, NC 27605

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of MICHAEL EDWARD NORTH, Deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before December 10, 2025, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 10th day of September, 2025.

TARA KATHLEEN HOWARD
Executor
c/o GREGORY T. PEACOCK
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 867
New Bern, NC 28563-0867

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Nettie Melvin
File No. 25E001092-680

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against Nettie Melvin, deceased, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 10, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 10 th day of September, 2025.

Christopher Melvin, Executor
c/o Howard Stallings Law Firm
PO Box 12347
Raleigh, NC 27605

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RONALD DOUGLAS HARDISON
File No.: 25E001139-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BEVERLY H. GUIMBAL, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before DECEMBER 9TH, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR CTA.

This 10th OF SEPTEMBER 2025

ESTATE OF RONDALD DOUGLAS HARDISON
C/O BEVERLY H. GUIMBAL
159 PRESCOTT RD
NEW BERN, NC 28560

Publish SEPTEMBER 10, 17, 24, AND OCTOBER 1, 2025.

REPORTS

unauthorized use of motor vehicle/car without consent of owner

Aug. 31, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, order for arrest child support

Aug. 31, Moonlight Lake Dr., New Bern, possession of firearm by convicted felon

Aug. 31, Main St., Bayboro, assault on government official or employee

Sept. 1, Lovick Lee Rd., Oriental, larceny of property or goods value \$1,000

Sept. 1, Beech Lane, Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000

Sept. 3, Creek Side Lane, Arapahoe, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000

Sept. 3, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest child support

Sept. 3, Main St., Merritt, contributing to delinquency or juvenile

Sept. 3, Main St., Bayboro, suspicious activity

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Aug. 11, Sail Haven, Lot: 18 Section Two MB 9/26, Sail Have ½ Und Int Reserved Area; Map DB 253/634, Sail Haven Boat Slip 2 Reserved Area; Map DB 253/634, PINS J081-22-18, J081-22-A & J081A-2SL from 1805 Willow Avenue, LLC to Buc Nas, LLC, \$0

Aug. 11, Spanish Oaks Lot: 5, 2.91 AC PCB 1-2 from Paul D. Fulks, Brandi L. Fulks, Brandi Strunk to Janelle Renner, Susan Oden, \$120

Aug. 11, Orchard Creek Estates Lot: 30 Sections One and Two PCA 36-8 from John R. Coombs Revocable Trust, John R. Coombs Revocable Living Trust, John R. Coombs/TR, John R. Coombs, Carol D. Coombs Revocable Living Trust, Carol D. Coombs/TR, Carol D. Coombs to Vincent Conley Perry, Laverne Mattocks-Perry, Laverne Perry, Laverne Mattocks Perry, \$225

Aug. 11, Cutter Bay Lot: 45, 4.68 AC PCB 16-2 & PCB 13-9, PIN H042-70-45 from Cutter Bay LLC to Michael T. Abenante, \$650

Aug. 11, Buccaneer Bay Section Three Lot: 77 PCA 16-2, PIN I081-10-77 from Salvatore M. Incardona, Suzanne Incardona to David Hetzinger, \$660

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The weather has been a little cooler giving a hint of fall in the air. Of course, the first day of fall is not until September 22, 2025. I always remember that date, because it was my sister, Amy Sue's birthday who was born the first day of fall. My brother Billy was born on Thanksgiving and my sister Mildred was born on Valentine's Day. My claim to fame was that on my birthday I did not have to work in tobacco. My job was to pinch the heads off those pesky green horned worms that were as green inside as out, because I was born in the days before insecticides.

The farmers have been busily harvesting corn. I pray it was a bountiful harvest for them. It sure makes it safer to ride on Trent Road because you can see oncoming traffic at the 90 degree curve that my family lovingly calls Justin's curve. If you want to know why we call it that, ask me and I will share the long story with you.

This past weekend, the MS Bike Ride was in Pamlico County. Hundreds of bicyclists rode our country roads including Florence, Trent and Straight Roads in the Pamlico Community. As always, I sponsored a local rider, Ms. Julia Tingle who has participated for many years. Mrs. Linda Lane from Stonewall told me that she helped with the ride for over 21 years and just stopped helping recently. It is always nice to see the groups wearing their various team colors riding to support this worthy cause. It was also nice to see our law enforcement officers helping to keep everyone safe.

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope all of you are doing well and have been enjoying our beautiful weather. The farmers certainly have been busy and on the move lately. Looks as if they have knocked out a huge part of their corn harvest for this year. Hopefully they have had an amazing and profitable year!

Good news! The Urgent care opened up bright and early Monday morning. It is certainly nice to know we have after care options other than having to go to the ER. The building and site look amazing. I wish them well here and hope they are successful. I did hear that they will be doing DMV physicals, so for any of my CDL readers here is an available option for you.

I was reading lately about the history of Grantsboro. Most of our older readers know the history I'm sure but those not from here or just haven't heard. Grantsboro, North Carolina, received its name around the 1890s after William Grant, a peddler from New York, settled and opened a store there. The town has always been known for a business hub and for its agriculture background. It was incorporated in 1997 as the town of Alliance had plans of annexing Grantsboro into their town.

Growing up, there was a flashing caution light located at the intersection along with Brinson's Grocery, a service station, Cahoons, and a few others that I can't remember. I remember going into Brinson's

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



It's hard now going by Snowden and seeing the sign off. In fact that whole complex, the ball fields, the tennis courts, the community garden are just so vacant. They need to be used.

This year for the NC Wildlife Turkey Survey I had outstanding numbers. There's a good numbered flock of hens down at the end of the road.

Are you still seeing Fireflies? They're only around here for the first couple of weeks in June. Folks in Washington were seeing them as recent as 8/28.

Apparently it's been a stellar year for Tree Frog numbers judging by the amount of excrement on various surfaces. I've never experienced this before. They leave the weirdest frog prints on the fogged up picture windows.

It's time for the annual Seagull convention on the dock. Before they arrived it was the Crow hangout. There's one particular Crow that sits on the boathouse roof fussing for them to leave. I saw a lone Cormorant the other day and wonder why I didn't see the huge numbers back in the winter. For a fleeting moment I had a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher hunting in the Palmetto.

Mildred Harrison went to Alabama this weekend to see the Auburn vs. Ball State football game. Her grandson, Ashton Fulcher, is one of the Auburn Cheerleaders. To quote her, she went to, "see him flip girls in the air." I know it was a bonus that his team won and that two of her sons and their families were there as well.

Stonewall Methodist Church crochet class meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. The Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm followed by choir practice at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. The choir always needs more voices to help praise the Lord. You do not have to be a member to come and enjoy the fellowship at any of these events.

Several people from the county went on a bus trip on Saturday to Greensboro to see Cirque du Soleil. From all reports it was a very good trip and a good time was had by all.

Celebrating birthdays in September are Stephanie Banks Henries (9/11), Ginger McLawhorn 9/12), Julia Tingle (9/13), Carey Smith (9/15), James Paul (9/17), Peg Witt (9/18), Asa Gatlin IV (9/20), Sue Sanders (9/27), Donna Gordon and Fay Bond (9/29), and Tim Carey and Reid Carey (9/30).

Celebrating anniversaries during September are Kevin & Suzie Rodgers (9/10), and Chris & Maria Machle (9/27).

Have a blessed week. Hesitant? Take Spiritual Vitamin H. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good tidings of good, that publishes salvation; that says unto Zion, Thy God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7)



Grocery and being able to get just about anything you needed. I was always partial to the balsa wood airplane gliders with the rubber band powered propeller. David Roberts, my dad, and I were talking about how we missed old stores like Brinson's. Back then if you needed a screw, nail, can of paint, or fishing supplies most of our local grocery stores carried just about all that. It was a great convenience to not have to run all the way to town. For us locals the town meant Bayboro or Alliance!! Oh how times have changed, Walmart is a great store to have but nothing like the pleasure of an old country store.

I hope everyone has a great week and enjoys the weather. Spend time with family and friends and hold on to those you love as time is always limited.

There's been an increase in Butterfly activity, mostly Sulphurs and Swallowtails.

I stopped by Sandhill O' Country Farmers Market and was immediately impressed. Faye Gladson has an amazing selection of home-made jarred items. I came away with the last of the peaches and her pecan syrup. She's conveniently located at 9284 NC Highway 306 S. Her days and hours are W-Saturday from 10-4.

There's a new website for Aurora sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce: auroranc.net. Check it out and tell me what you'd like added. It's a work in progress. Loving the cooler temperatures. Looks like the 70's for the next week.

Date	Hens	Poult	Gobblers	Unknown	County	Entry Date
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08/14/2025				1	Beaufort	08/14/2025
08/27/2025	1	7			Beaufort	08/27/2025
08/31/2025	3				Beaufort	09/01/2025

ORIENTAL TOWN STAFF AS AN INVESTMENT, NOT JUST AN EXPENDITURE

Having been a past Oriental Town Commissioner for 10 years and assigned as the Human Resource liaison, I would like to share my observations on the current Board's treatment of personnel.

We have members of our Board who do not view our Town employees as individuals or a team, rather only as numbers. Yes, our workforce must be managed properly as it is the largest portion of the Town's budget, which is usually the case in small towns and municipalities. As a small town, we reflect our personnel as part of the entire budget, but they should be managed as people and not numbers. Once a Board starts viewing employees only as figures, they lose sight of staff as individuals and a team.

Oriental's governance was established long ago as a Council form of government – we hire a Town Manager to handle the day-to-day activities, financials, and staff management, and that person then reports to the Commissioners. The Commissioners approve the Town's budget and strategy for the Town Manager to implement. Commissioners should not be involved in the day-to-day activities or staff management as that is the Town Manager's responsibility. This Council form of government serves as a clear path of defined roles among parties. A perfect example of Commissioners not understanding their roles was on 8/18/25 when Commissioners' Price and Crosser tried to call a special meeting to discuss police coverage because of a resigning officer without Diane Miller's presence – and the Town Manager has direct responsibility for Police personnel.

We are a small town for which hiring a qualified staff is hard at best and downright horrible at times. To name just a few of our employees' responsibilities, they must manage a water plant, handle financials, see to town maintenance, maintain our waterfront assets, conduct Board meetings, implement the budget, address residents' day-to-day concerns and issues, accomplish utility billing, deal with government bureaucracies, and carry out storm preparations and clean up. Our employees ably restored the Town after Hurricane

Florence damages in 2018 as well as other storms that have impacted our village. We had a highly qualified team in place, but have recently lost five competent staff members.

Several of the current Commissioners do not understand their role and insist on meddling in the day-to-day management of employees causing much consternation and dismay with our Town Manager and staff. These actions caused the loss of five – three Public Works staff (including the Water Plant manager), the Financial Manager, and most recently one of our policemen. The Town had to hire two consultants and request assistance from the County to run our Water Plant while a new Water Plant manager was trained, and was also forced to hire a new Finance Manager at a higher salary than was being paid to the former employee. Additionally, the Board authorized outsourcing of both meter reading and mowing, jobs previously performed by now lost staff. I believe the above actions caused the Town to pay more for the competent servicing we previously had in place with the resigning employees. Our staff deserves better and should be managed by the very capable Town Manager and not by Commissioners overstepping their limited roles.

When storms such as Florence hit in 2018, it was Town employees working as a team that rebuilt Oriental – not a number, but a dedicated group of individuals who more than stepped up to the situation. If Oriental faces another hurricane, citizens will be forced to rely on a reduced Public Work's staff now that previously handled responsibilities have been outsourced to private contractors.

Excluding the incumbents, there are nine new candidates seeking five positions on Oriental's Board of Commissioners. We should elect five new Board members who have the best interest of the Town front and center and do not consider our staff as mere numbers. If another dysfunctional Board is elected, we will most certainly lose the Town Manager and possibly other staff as well. Do not let that happen.

David White, Oriental Resident



OWC GOLF THANK YOU

The Oriental Woman's Club Golf Tournament was held Saturday, August 23rd at the Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club. We want to thank all the golfers, the Minnesott Country Club, members of OWC who donated items and our Sponsors.

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The proposals will be opened at Town Hall (address above) on September 22, 2PM.

The Board has the right to reject any and all proposals.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held September 15, 2025, 10AM at Town Hall.

Questions can be directed to Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM at manager@townoforiental.com.

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- And for the second year in a row, PCA's soccer team brought home the Pamlico Cup, defeating Pamlico County High School in a two game series!


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