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Ghost Stories, Legends and Unique History of Oriental Fundraiser For Oriental's History Museum

Join raconteur and Oriental resident Dale Montgonery as he leads us on a stroll through the historic area of Oriental. Dale has collected haunted, off-beat, and humorous stories to keep us spell-bound while leisurely walking the streets of Oriental. Some of these tales happened on the river, or in the town, or on the lands nearby. Many are humorous, many are tragic, but all are hauntingly memorable.

An early stop, for instance, is at the watery end of Wall Street. A historic marker speaks of The Lost Block and the 1933 hurricane that washed away the land and several houses into the Neuse. Dale adds to this the stories of The Dale, a boat and crew lost in the Neuse during the storm, and of Elijah Dixon and his family's tragedy in Adams Creek.

October 24, Friday, 8pm
October 25, Saturday, 8pm
October 30, Thursday, 8pm and 10pm
October 31, Friday, 8pm and 10pm

Walks begin and end at the Inland Waterway Provision Company at 305 Hodges Street at the corner of Water Street, and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Please arrive 15 minutes beforehand, walks will start promptly on the hour. Bring a flashlight and dress accordingly.

This fundraiser is by donation at the end of the tour. Proceeds will be used to upgrade our signage and lighting. For more information contact us at: orientalhistorymuseum@gmail.com or join us on Facebook.

Two Great Trails in Pamlico to Get Your Spook On



What awaits you at the Haunted Trail of Moores Swamp Road? Come out and find out.

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Perfect weather, great turnout highlight PCC Foundation golf tournament

By Sandy Wall



More than 60 golfers hit the links last Saturday for a great time and to raise scholarship funds at the Pamlico Community College Foundation's 24th Annual CarolinaEast Cup Fundraising Golf Tournament at Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club.

Sixteen teams participated in the popular fundraiser, which featured ideal October weather, excellent playing conditions, great sportsmanship and a lot of fun.

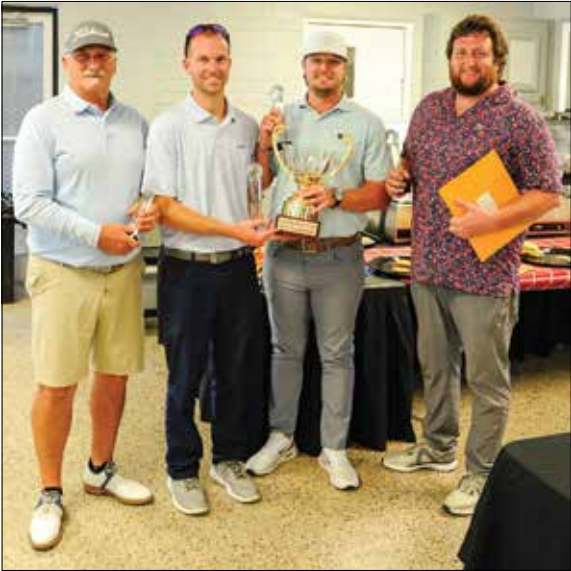
Teams were divided into a First Flight, Second Flight and Mixed Flight, based on each group's personnel, handicaps and abilities. Teams that finished first or second in each flight were recognized, while the team with the lowest overall score was named Tournament Champion and winner of the CarolinaEast Cup.

Most importantly, the tournament raised thousands of dollars for student scholarships and other PCC student initiatives, although a final event tally is not yet available.

"Thank you to everyone who helped us have a tremendously successful tournament," said Foundation Executive Director Heather Arevalo, who organized this year's golf tourney. "The turnout was great and the weather was picture perfect. We are so thankful to live and work in such a supportive and generous

community."

PCC President Zac Schnell added, "It was a lot of fun being on the course and greeting the golfers. We appreciate the support of our sponsors, our players and our volunteers. All of us are looking forward to next year's tourney."



Teammates, from left, Billy Holton, James Walker, Riley Davis and Trevor Holton pose with the CarolinaEast Cup after shooting a tourney-best score of 53 at last Saturday's Pamlico Community College Foundation golf tournament. Contributed photo

As usual, the tournament featured a super-ball format with a shotgun start. Competitors enjoyed a continental breakfast, a congregated lunch and a day of fun and laughs on the picturesque course.

Winning team members received beautiful, customized trophies and various prizes. A putting contest, a 50-50 raffle, a door prize raffle and a silent auction rounded out the day.

This year's winners included:

Tournament Champion team: Riley Davis, Billy Holton, Trevor Holton and

James Walker

First-place First Flight team: Jay Abston, Spencer Bailey, Will Hudson and Ron Jones

Second-place First Flight team: Brian Dorn, Mike Fineham, Daniel Looney and Alex McCraight

First-place Second Flight Team: Mike Osswald, Marvin Sartin, Eddie Taylor and Willie Tyndall

Second-place Second Flight team: Charlie Bean, Don Harris, Steven Mills and James Moffitt

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Pamlico County Heritage Day

by: Hiram Lupton



The weather Saturday was perfect for an outdoor event and a nice crowd turned out for the Pamlico County Heritage Day held at the Heritage Museum in Grantsboro. There were plenty of vendors and historical displays outside as well as inside the wonderful museum. There was also plenty of food with site cooked barbeque sandwiches, plenty

of homemade deserts and live entertainment at the pavilion with The Dirt Road Band. "We are so happy to have beautiful weather and participation has been outstanding," said Pamlico County Historical Association President Brandi Robertson. "As we bring this event back, we hope to make it bigger and better every year."

Honoring Life as We Remember: 2025 Walk for Life

by: Hiram Lupton



It was a cool, brisk morning in Oriental last Saturday as nearly 70 gathered at St. Peter the Fisherman Church on White Farm Road to honor, remember, and raise awareness. In a time where there seems to be protests and marches every weekend that are against something and filled with anger, the "Honoring Life as We Remember" walk was a little different. It was a way for participants to show reverence for all human life, both born and preborn and to

observe its inherent dignity, even in the earliest stages. There was also an emphasis on the mental health of those who have experienced that loss. The walk which went from the church through Oriental to Town Hall and back, was sponsored by 1st Choice Pregnancy Resources of Pamlico, EP7, and hosted by St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. They would like to thank all the volunteers, donors, and participants who made this year's walk a huge success.



Pamlico County - "WE'RE BAACK"

While the title may cause some scary thoughts as Halloween approaches, that misses its true meaning. As some of you may have already noticed, the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots white donation boxes have appeared in many locations in Pamlico County. And we are back to bring happiness and joy to the deserving youngsters of our County. Pamlico County's 2025 Toys for Tots (TFT) Campaign runs from early October to Christmas Day. You have two ways to participate in your county's campaign. You can either put a new, unwrapped toy in one of our county donation boxes or make a cash donation in any amount to pamlico-nc.toysfortots.org. All cash donations stay in Pamlico County and are only used to buy toys for Pamlico's children from businesses in the county.

Our Toys for Tots Campaign is a true team effort, and a standard four leg chair is a great analogy since if one leg is missing, the chair doesn't work. Our first leg is the YMCA Camp Sea Gull & Camp Seafarer staff and facilities led this year by Ms. Alison Rhodes. They perform almost all the administrative duties involving the identification of the families/children to receive toys, the organization and distribution of the toys by age and gender (infant to 18 years old), and the facilities for the storage of toys. Her staff volunteers are the engine that makes this possible and they perform an OUTSTANDING job every year! The second leg of our team is the many businesses and offices that allow us to place a collection box in their location. They provide wide area coverage of our county and enable a multitude of locations for toy donations. This year we have more than forty-five locations, which is a new record. Resident access to these locations makes our Campaign go! The third leg of our team is the Marine Corps League's Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413. This organization of Marine veterans, Navy Corpsmen who served with Marines, and Associate members (anyone can be an Associate member!) serve as the connectivity to the Marine Corps Foundation which is the national organization for the entire TFT effort of over 850 campaigns. The Foundation provides the donation boxes, promotional materials, supplemental toys/books, and overall administrative support. Marines love tradition and the Foundation links us to the beginnings of Toys for Tots in 1947! The fourth, final, and most important leg of our team are the citizens of Pamlico County! Their generosity and commitment to helping fellow citizens embodies the true Christmas spirit. You are all to be commended!

As a 6-year-old little boy in 1955, I saw a Toys for Tots commercial on TV that influenced me to join the Marine Corps 15 years later and serve our country for 25 years. That memory also influenced me to volunteer to help with our County's Toys for Tots campaign. I hope that if you know a Marine, see a Marine, pass a TFT donation box, or notice a TFT poster; you will be influenced to give a toy or donate at pamlico-nc.toysfortots.org!

Thank You and Semper Fidelis!
Pamlico County's Local Toys for Tots Coordinator



The Pamlico News is a Toys for Tots Drop-Off Location

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, Sept 25th

70°Hi

Partly sunny and pleasant

Sunday, Sept 26th

72°Hi

Mostly cloudy with a little rain in the afternoon



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PCC Foundation golf tournament

First-place Mixed Flight team: Scott Harris, Patti Hudson, Jack Kilpatrick and Danny White
Second-place Mixed Flight team: Micki Campbell, Tommy Campbell, Dwayne Cowell and

Cheryl Thompson

Putting Contest winner: James Walker
Closest to the Curve winner (Hole No. 16): Daniel Looney
Closest to the Pin winner (Hole No. 14): Brian Dorn
50-50 Raffle Winner: Riley Davis, who donated his winnings back to the Foundation

CarolinaEast Health System was the title sponsor and a Platinum sponsor of this year's tournament. The Pamlico Small Business Center and American Welding Society District 4, Section 137 were Platinum sponsors.

Gold sponsors included: The Pamlico News; The County Compass; Robinson and Stith Insurance; Dr. Garnett Whitehurst; Taberna Country Club; and Jerry Casey Auto Sales of Grantsboro.

Silver sponsors included: Hardison Tire Co.; Little Italy Pizza; Realty ONE Group East – Kacy Forbes, Broker; Mariner Realty; Axelson

Chiropractic; Iris Hudson; and Rose & Glenn Lore.

Putting Green sponsors included: Charles & Ann Holton; The Tillman Family; Forrest Farm Supply; American Welding Society District 4, Section 137; Martha Whitford; and The Arevalo Family.

Prize Sponsors included: Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club; Harbor Pointe Golf Club; The Emerald Club; River Bend Country Club; Carolina Colours Golf Club; New Bern Golf and Country Club; Morehead City Country Club; Brandywine Bay Golf Club; Taberna Country Club; Star Hill Golf Club; Cypress Landing Golf Course; Ayden Golf & Country Club; Greenville Country Club; Harbor View Day Spa; Duke Energy; Harbourside Garden Co.; Piggly Wiggly of Oriental; and The Bike Box Project/Rock Steady Boxing.

Volunteers were: Heather Arevalo, Earl Canfield, Terri Fesmire-Kennedy, Meredith Glover, Iris Hudson, Carmen Kludy, Dr. Brandy Leder, John McCotter, Susan McRoy, Zac Schnell, Katie Shorter, Sandy Wall, Laura West and Ann Whitman.

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Heather at the start. Pamlico Community College Foundation Executive Director Heather Arevalo, foreground, sends the 16 participating teams off to start the 24th Annual CarolinaEast Cup Fundraising Golf Tournament. Contributed photo



Teeing off. A player tees off on a beautiful October Saturday at Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club. Contributed photo



Contest. After three rounds of competition, James Walker, right, edged out Kenny Jones to win the Putting Contest. Contributed photo



Putting. Golfer Chris Harkness, right, putts as his teammates look on. Contributed photo



Chip shot. A player from the CarolinaEast Health System team hits a shot toward the green as his teammates watch. Contributed photo

“To live only for some future goal is shallow. It’s the sides of the mountain that sustain life, not the top.”

– Robert M. Pirsig

FREE, IN-PERSON SMALL BUSINESS SEMINARS!

Sat. Nov 1st



Pamlico Small Business Center
701 N Main St.
Bayboro, NC

Never Too Late: Starting a Business at 50+
9-10:30am

The Best Businesses to Start RIGHT Now
10:45am-12:15pm

Money For Fun: How to Turn Your Hobby Into a Small Business
12:30pm-2pm



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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...

Susan has been fabulous to work with. She was proactive in getting us any relevant information on all options. She worked with us on our first offer. When we could not come to an agreement with those sellers, she helped us locate another option. Susan was again with us every step of the way navigating through difficult situations. That property not able to gain a septic permit so we had to start searching for another option. Susan was with us again ensuring everything went smoothly. When the sellers and closing attorney had complications that pushed our closing back a week, she kept us updated each day until the deal finally closed. We appreciate her communication and professionalism. We will be back in touch with her if we purchase in the area again.

Melissa & Brett, NC



BAYBORO – Attention investors and first time homebuyers. This **2BR/1BA** detached single home has a deck out back, a Rinnai tankless water heater, and an efficient layout. Located in the heart of Bayboro, close to New Bern, Grantsboro and Oriental.
OFFERED AT \$165,000



ORIENTAL – Built in 2023, **3BR/2BA** 1,583 hsf on .7 acres in Dolphin Point. Surrounded by Neuse River, Pierce Creek & Bonito Channel. Deep-water boat ramp & neighborhood tennis court. Two major deep-water marinas are nearby.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- October 22nd – Today Is National Nut Day. Time to appreciate all the nuts in your life.
- October 23rd – 1915, Nearly 25,000 women marched in New York City demanding the right to vote. God help us if they ever get it.
- October 24th – 1939, Nylon stockings were sold to the public for the first time.
- October 25th – 1955, The first microwave oven for home use was introduced by the Tappan Company.
- October 26th – Today is National Pumpkin Day.
- October 27th – Today is National Black Cat Day. Black cat lives matter.
- October 28th – Today is National First Responders Day. Thank your firemen, paramedics, EMTs, and police officers.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- October 23rd – 19??, Southeast Pamlico VFD Chief Eric Kindie
- October 23rd – 1940, Soccer icon Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Pele)
- October 23rd – 1959, Musical genus Weird Al Yankovic
- October 23rd – 1986, Actress Emilia Clarke
- October 25th – 1984, Singer and space traveler Katheryn Hudson (Katy Perry)
- October 28th – 1936, Musician Charlie Daniels (in Wilmington, NC)
- October 28th – 1967, Actress Julia Roberts
- October 28th – 19??, Hope Clinic Director Yolanda Cristiani



Primary Care Provider Now at PCHD

by: Hiram Lupton



Nancie Deckard
MS, MSN, FNP-BC, CCRA
The Pamlico County Health Department is pleased to announce that they now have a primary health care provider on staff full time. Nancie Deckard, MS, MSN, FNP-BC, CCRA, has been employed as a contract Advanced Practice Provider with PCHD since her graduation from the Duke University School of Nursing MSN Family Nurse Practitioner program in 2023 with a Veterans Health Care Specialty concentration, so she may be a familiar face to many. Nancie has 21+ years as a Registered Nurse, receiving her BSN from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2001, and 15+ years with the Duke Clinical Research Institute as a Clinical Trials Manager in the DCRI Trials and Networks Group, and a published author in the peer-reviewed Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open. She is the recipient of the 2023 Bonnie Jones Friedman Humanitarian Award and the 2023 Institute for Education Excellence Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students. In addition to Primary Care, PCHD also offers many other services including Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), Family planning, Adult Health, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, veterans health, student participation physicals, and Coast Guard physicals. They also have what has become a very popular Telehealth program. For more information on what the Pamlico County Health Department can offer for you give them a call at 252-745-5111. They are now accepting primary care clients Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. The PCHD would like to remind everyone that they are here to serve all residents of Pamlico County and help them live healthier lives.



Stonewall Methodist Church Miracle Sunday

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I am writing a letter in regards to re-election of Bonnie Crosser. I was the Deputy Finance Officer for the town of Oriental when she was elected in 2023. She came into town hall at the end of December to review financial documents, which is allowed by any citizen.
The problem is Bonnie came in with accusatory remarks and mindset. She stood at the copier in the office and said to us, “I’m looking for discrepancies.” She has promoted her CPA title without considering government accounting is different than private business accounting. A CPA for government accounting has to be approved by the NC State Treasurer - which Bonnie was not.
Between June 2016 and 2021 we had a lot of turnover in the front office: we started 2016 down two office staff. We hired eight people in those five years and lost them to termination or they resigned. The board sets the budget. And hiring staff at \$9.75 an hour, and some staff were making \$12 and some change when they resigned in 2021. Staff couldn’t afford to live in town, much less pay their bills making that kind of money.
While that was going on, Diane and I had to maintain all the duties on several occasions with her and I the only staff in the building. Yes things got behind a little, but that never delayed an audit. I even trained public works and police on how to receive payments, close the daily drawer and prepare deposits and reports, to stay in compliance with dual controls required.
Did Bonnie ask about any staff shortages or ask any previous employees why they resigned? Did Bonnie ask any of the previous approved CPAs about any discrepancies or concerns with us?
No.
My husband Drew was the Director of Public Works. After Hurricane Florence, our home was destroyed and our family lived at Town Hall for 9 days while we found temporary housing. Drew spent every waking minute of those 9 days working to clean up Oriental, and even hurt his back during the storm. But because they wanted to cut costs by going after staff, Bonnie and Frank went after two long time, dedicated employees. They questioned us for dropping our son off at school before work, and to using our lunch to pick him up. Commissioners have no right to go after parents for taking care of their son. Drew and I had no intention whatsoever to leave our jobs and home in Oriental for another job. We did not have jobs waiting for us somewhere else. That is a lie.
We gave our hearts and soul to people who didn’t appreciate all that we done for the town. Bonnie wanted to cut staff, lied about it, and then was brought to light by Charlie Overcash in the discussions between commissioners.
Bonnie has never apologized to Drew or I and she was never kind or thoughtful to either of us or our kids. I think she had it out for me ever since I refused to put funds in the Parks & Rec account that didn’t belong there in July 2023 (she used to be head of Parks & Rec department). She wouldn’t let us have the funds until the auditor weighed in, and agreed with me on where they should go. I want everyone who reached out to me during last year and apologized for voting for her, to please keep your word and not re-elect Bonnie. I want all you to consider all of the information, and not re-elect Bonnie Crosser.

Sincerely,
Tammy Cox

In the fiscal year ending September 2025 the federal deficit was 1.775 trillion dollars. That means that the federal government spent \$1,775,000,000,000 more than it earned. To put that in perspective it is the same as a family with an income of \$100,000 spending \$125,000 in one year. How long do you think that can go on before a great economic collapse?

Bill Deighton
Arapahoe

The West Road Lights and the Hangin’ Tree

by: Hiram Lupton

There is an area, just south and west of the town of Aurora is West Road, a nondescript east-west running dirt thoroughfare that has long been known for eerie orbs of light that sometimes appear over the many acres of fields that occupy this space. What are they? No one really knows for sure, but stories of the lights date back to the mid 1800’s, before the town of Aurora existed and the area was known as “Betty Town”. Could these orbs be something of a paranormal nature and related to what was once known as “the Hangin’ Tree?” Legend states that there once stood a lone oak tree situated out amongst the cultivated land and that several had met their demise hanging from one of its low branches. One story relates to a surly, bad-tempered man named Montague Lewis who from time to time lived in an aban-



tree for striking his master in the 1700’s and that a suspected Union spy was executed on its branches nearly 15 years before, during the Civil War. They sat Monte on a horse and placed the rope around his neck. At that point, they hesitated, not sure if they really wanted to go through with the deed. It was at that point Monte shouted to them “get on with it you cowards. I’m ready to get to hell before my supper gets cold. The devil himself is cooking it for me.” No one knows really who, but one



doned shack near the creek. It was rumored that he came by what little money he had by thievery and dishonest trade. Monte often frequented a small tavern at the edge of town where he would sit in the corner, complaining about any and everything until thoroughly drunk and needing assistance to mount his old mule, which knew the way home from such frequent visits. One fall evening while performing his usual, irritating ritual, Monte began to harass the tavern owner’s teenage daughter, a beautiful, red-haired lass named Rebecca who had only stopped off to the bar to bring her father something to eat. Monte continued with his crude and profane comments as he arose to follow the young lady out the door. A young gentleman who was with friends at the tavern that night, Bartholomew Rowe, stepped between the drunken Monte and the door and confronted him about his behavior. Monte was in no mood for this and pulled his knife and stabbed young man. Bart’s friends quickly rushed and restrained old Monte, but it was too late for their friend who died with the knife stuck through his heart. Bart’s friends were filled with rage and bad judgement. They did not want to contact the local constable, who was married to old Monte’s sister and was

of the half dozen members of the mob slapped the horses behind and Monte swung in the air, still cursing while gasping his last breath. They hastily dug a grave about 100 feet from the tree, tossed the man’s body in and buried him while vowing to never speak of the night again. Monte was an unpopular wanderer who would often disappear for weeks at a time, so no one would miss him. The next fall, the strange orbs of light began appearing over the fields. It was said that Monte was too mean for hell and that Lucifer himself had kicked him out. Now, every cool, moonless night in autumn, Monte’s drunken spirit rises up over the fields and wanders erratically, looking for those who executed him and hoping to have his revenge. The hanging tree is long since gone, falling victim to the ravages of time and most of West Road where it once stood is now closed off due to the mining operation nearby. Will the digging there discover the dead that were buried near the hangin’ tree? Are the lights old Monte or some other lost soul who gasped their last breath at the hangin’ tree? Time will tell.
While “most” of this story is a work of fiction, the mysterious West Road lights are a very real thing. I have seen them and consumption of alcohol was not involved at the time.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

A retiree's guide for National Financial Security Month



Dan M. Roberts

If you're retired, it's easy to let your finances go on autopilot. Since October is National Retirement Security Month, it's a good time to revisit some areas that can impact your long-term financial security and help your money last a lifetime.

Consider these suggestions:

- Manage your withdrawal rate. You'll likely need to tap into your retirement accounts — your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But think carefully about how much income you withdraw every year. If you take out too much, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You have the option of withdrawing from these accounts at age 59½. Once you turn 73, you'll be required to take out at least a certain amount each year based on your age and account balance.
- Estimate health care costs. When you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan, both of which will require premium payments. You'll probably also incur a variety of other unreimbursed expenses for doctor visit copays or deductibles, prescription drugs and vision, hearing and dental care. Additionally, about 70% of adults ages 65 and older will need some form of long-term support, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. This may include a paid home health aide (average cost of \$77,792 per year), an assisted living residence (average cost of \$70,500 per year) or nursing home care (private room average cost of \$127,750 per year). (Cost estimates are from Genworth 2024 Cost of Care Survey.) Over the course of your retirement, these can add up, so be realistic when budgeting for health care expenses in retirement.

- Consider when to take Social Security. You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks at age 62, but your payments will generally be larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age of 66 or 67. (The size of your payments will “max out” at age 70.) If you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may well be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.
- Avoid investing too conservatively. Once you're retired, you might think you should take as few chances with your investments as possible — after all, you have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to consider keeping a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.
- Keep your generosity in check. If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do what you can to assist them. However, the hard truth is that they have more time than you to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford — but try not to go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family as well.

Retirement is ideally an enjoyable time in your life, especially if you feel financially stable. So, take time to check in periodically to keep that stability on track.

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

2026 Coastal Plains Chicken Show



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

Chickens, and specifically backyard folks seem to be a common thread of conversation these days. Everyone seems to either have a flock of chickens in their back garden or talking about getting a flock of chickens, or watching chicken videos online. Why? What's so cool about chickens? Is a fresh supply of eggs really worth the effort of a backyard flock? Perhaps.

Fresh eggs are not the only benefits of having chickens in your backyard. Chickens are great for pest control. Chickens in the back garden are great help to keep all those bugs that want to feast on your fruit and vegetables to a minimum. In addition, chicken manure can be composted* (for safe composting contact the Pamlico County Cooperative Extension Center) and used as a soil additive for fertilizer. Further, chickens can also begin the composting process for leftover table scraps, overripe fruit or vegetables, and peels.

Along with all of these benefits, and perhaps the benefit we celebrate the most in 4-H, chickens are a great learning opportunity for children. Hatching chicken eggs is a fun way for children to learn about the life cycle. Learning about how an embryo grows into an animal, in this case chickens, can be a confusing thing for young children to learn just by pictures. Chickens are a great way for children to see the different stages an egg goes through to become a chick. However, spring embryology isn't our only 4-H Chicken project.

The Coastal Plains Chicken Show is an annual youth program that gives youth the opportunity to learn all about poultry and poultry care. It is a great introduction to livestock Agriculture. Chickens are easy to raise, and can be kept in most places. This year youth will be raising laying chickens. During this project our youth will develop skills in the proper care of chickens through the various stages of development. They will learn how to safely water their chicks when they are very young to prevent them from drowning. They will also learn the best methods to provide proper nutrition for birds to grow. Along with all of these practical skills youth will be developing skills in personal responsibility, prioritization, and time management.

As exciting as raising chickens is, and developing life skills like responsibility and time management is learning how to show chickens! After all it is a chicken show. Youth will raise their chicken to the best of their ability but the show is where they show it off to their best advantage.

First and for most is ensuring that all birds are healthy and meet state and federal regulations for safe transport. Another important step to showing chickens is proper grooming. Grooming? Yes! Show chickens get baths. Bathing chickens is a three-step process, which should take place two days before the show. The first step is a bath in warm sudsy water, then rinse in apple cider vinegar which helps the chickens dry and adds a shine to their feathers, and finally a rinse in warm water. Chickens should also have their feet carefully brushed with a soft toothbrush.

The most important aspect of showing chickens starts from the moment 4-Hers get their chickens. Youth work with their chicks so that on the day of the show, their chicken is calm and easily handled. A chicken should be carried with the arm beneath the chicken so that the chicken's head is tucked into the crook of the arm. The chicken will also be put through several different poses

during the show to exhibit the chicken's wingspan, keel, feet and tail. The tail will also have to be flexed up and down in order to show off its carriage. It is very important for the bird to remain calm throughout these various poses.

Registration for the 2026 Coastal Plain Chicken show has opened. Registrations must be turned into the Pamlico County Extension Office December 5th. If you would like more information about the 2026 4-H Coastal Plains Chicken Project or our upcoming programs please give us a call or check out our Pamlico 4-H page. You'll find all the details and registration info on our website: pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu. To complete your registration, you'll also need to enroll in 4-H Online it's required for all NC 4-H programs. Don't worry if you're new to the process, the link is on our website, and if you have any trouble at all, just give us a call. We're happy to walk you through it step-by-step! Want to stay in the loop about future programs and events? Be



sure to sign up for our Pamlico 4-H email list so you never miss an update. If you have questions or just want to learn more about what 4-H has to offer here in Pamlico County, reach out to Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121 or kait_neeland@ncsu.edu

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SPORTS

Southside Gets Fossil Bowl Win Over Pamlico

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico took the relatively short ride up Hwy 33 to Southside High School last Friday for a conference matchup that also celebrates the two schools' proximity to the Nutrien Company's Phosphate mine near Aurora, a large employer of each county's residents. The Hurricanes would be playing with the disadvantage of not having big play running back and kick returner Trey Munford who was out with an injury. Pamlico got off to a fast start on their opening drive as Quarterback Noah Gibbs found fellow freshman Braden Buljowski with a short pass over the middle and he powered his way into the endzone to make it 6-0, Pamlico. Southside answered quickly on their first possession, responding with a long run down to the Hurricane 2-yard line followed by the short touchdown plunge to tie things up 6-6. After recovering a Pamlico fumble, the Seahawks marched downfield but Pamlico's defense held tight and Southside turned the ball over on downs at the Hurricane 3-yard line. Pamlico then made a costly mistake deep in their own territory when a fumbled exchange led to a recovery in the endzone by Southside for a score and with the 2-point conversion, gave the Seahawks a 14-6 lead. That would be it for the scoring for the rest of the half as both defenses bent but didn't break up to the intermission. After the break, Southside took control and reeled off a drive that ended in a touchdown to make it 22-6 and threatened again before the Pamlico defense stopped them once again and set up a short touchdown run by Gibbs to pull the Hurricanes to within 10 at 22-12. Two quick scores by each team closed out a high scoring quarter to make it 30-18 Southside going into the final period. Pamlico's touchdown came on a 34-yard sweep around the left side by running back Kamden Keys and gave Pamlico a glimmer of hope. Southside quickly put that glimmer out as they scored to open the fourth quarter and led 38-18. Pamlico didn't throw in the towel and responded with a drive that ended with Gibbs' second touchdown of the night, a 9-yard quarterback keeper, to make it 38-24. Any comeback hopes were quashed by Southside as they once again added a score and a +2 to make it 44-24. Pamlico's final drive of the game ended with a turnover on downs and with only 2 minutes to go, the Seahawks ran out the clock to seal the win. Pamlico returns home this Friday for another conference game with the Devil Pups of Lejeune.



Hurricane Quarterback Noah Gibbs



Pamlico's Braeden Buljowski bulls his way for an early touchdown



Baird Audilet stops a Seahawk ballcarrier.

Hurricanes at the Net
Pamlico Sweeps Conference Tournament

by: Hiram Lupton

The Lady 'Canes Volleyball squad powered through the regular season of the Coastal Plains Conference schedule like a hot knife through butter, going undefeated to capture the regular season championship, their fourth in a row. That great of a season wouldn't be complete however, without topping it off with a conference tournament title. The top two schools in the conference, Pamlico and East Carteret received first round byes while the other four schools played Tuesday to see who would advance. Those two winners, Northside and Lejeune, along with East Carteret travelled to Bayboro for the semis and finals last Wednesday. Pamlico opened by taking on the Panthers of Northside-Pinetown and the Hurricanes quickly dispatched their rivals, 3-0 (25-14, 25-20, 25-16). This set up a match between the two top teams as East Carteret took down Lejeune in the other semi 3-0. Pamlico wasted no time against the Mariners, establishing dominance by going to outside hitter Julia Bain early and often. The senior responded with 20 kills at the net to lead the team. When the dust settled, the Hurricanes had sunk the Mariners 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-19) to claim the tourney championship. Dakota Schmidt and Sydney Whitley-Reese were both named to the all-tournament team while Bain deservedly received the Tournament Most Valuable Player award. Pamlico completes the conference schedule undefeated (12-0) with a 36-2 advantage in set wins.



Head Coach April Rose and MVP Julia Bain



Four in a row for the Hurricanes



All tourney team member Dakota Schmidt (#7) sets up fellow All-Tourney team member Sydney Whitley-Reese (#2) for a kill at the net.



Julia Bain with one of her 20 kills against East Carteret.

Pamlico Hosts Conference Cross Country Championship

by: Hiram Lupton

It was a great day for distance running last Wednesday as runners from the Coastal Plains Conference member schools gathered in Bayboro for the conference championship meet. Pamlico has a fast course and it shows when so many competitors have personnel best times. In high school cross country, Lejeune is the perennial power in the east and the defending boys state champion and they showed that they still have it, although they were pushed by both Northside and Pamlico. With 3 runners in the top 10 including the second and third individual finishers, they narrowly defeated Northside, with Pamlico close behind in third. The Hurricanes were led by Riley Treacy who had a fourth overall finish with Edgar Muro claiming a fifth. Reid Carey also placed in the top 10 with a ninth-place finish. For the ladies, Lejeune was dominate once again, coming in with a perfect score and claiming the top six positions. Pamlico only had one finisher in the top ten, Jessica Pichardo in eighth place, but on the strength of their other runners down the line, they claimed the runner-up slot well behind Lejeune and just ahead of Northside. All of the runners in the top ten received the honor of being all-conference and both the boys and girls top three teams will be competing in the regional championships on October 25th at Northern Nash High School. “This is undoubtedly the toughest conference in the east.” Said Pamlico Coach Paul Delamar III. “Right now, our boys are seeded fifth in the state, but we are third in our conference. This competition makes us all better. Although we did not win, every one of our runners set a personnel best time today, and you’ve got to be happy about that.” Prior to the meet, Pamlico recognized the four Senior runners on the squad. Isaiah Rodriguez, Coralene Ellis, Emma Smith, and Brinley Altman were each praised by Coach Delamar for being exemplary runners and even better leaders for the team.



Jessica Pichardo



Senior members of the Cross-Country team; (L to R) Isaiah Rodriguez, Coralene Ellis, Emma Smith, and Brinley Altman



Riley Treacy

Two Great Trails in Pamlico to Get Your Spook On

by: Hiram Lupton

It’s that time of year again. October brings us cooler weather, fall colors, and the opportunity to experience a little frightening fun. The end of the month is Halloween, and leading up to that spooky day, there are two great trails in Pamlico County to get your fright fix. The other great thing, both of these attractions support great causes.

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NCHSAA State Volleyball Playoffs – Round 1

by: Hiram Lupton

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Bella-Ann Schulz gets a kill at the net for Pamlico

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What lies beyond the bridge on the Trail of Terror? Cross it and find out if you dare



Make no bones about it, the Trail of Terror is a scary good time.

Health&Wellness

PrimeTime's Health and Safety Expo

by: Hiram Lupton



It has been said that if you have your health, you have everything, and without it, other things lose their value. Your health, as well as your safety which is a big part of a healthy life, were the focus of last Wednesday's Health and Safety Expo held at the Oriental Methodist Church and sponsored by PrimeTime. You could have your blood pressure checked by the Pamlico County Health Department, get a flu vaccination from Bayboro Pharmacy, and see the proper way to do chest compressions while giving CPR from the Pamlico County Rescue Squad. You could also get lots of great information about insurance, finances, animal services, physical therapy, and combating mental illness. If all this fails, Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home was also there with information on how to preplan you or a loved one's funeral. There were also some excellent presentations given on several topics of health and wellness. Thanks to all those who participated and to PrimeTime for bringing them all together and Oriental Methodist Church for hosting.



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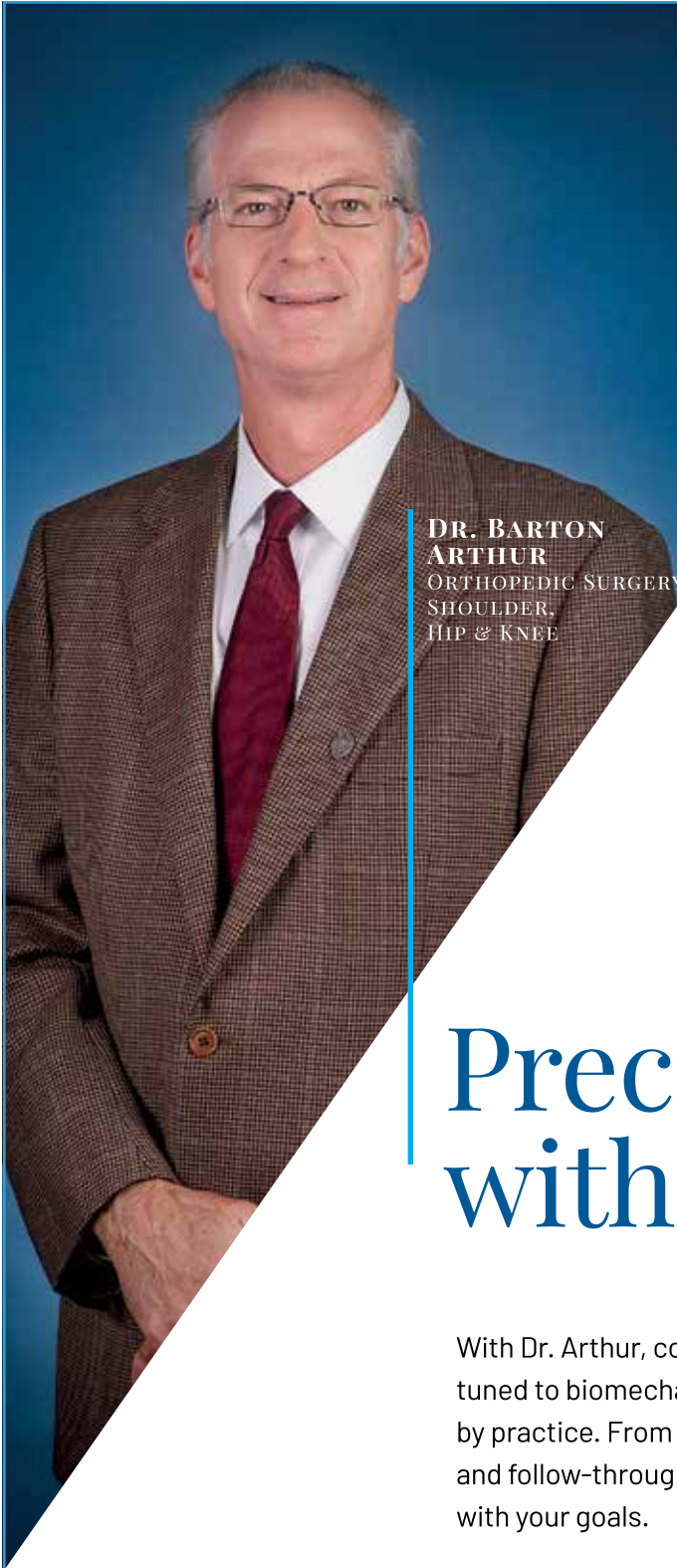
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BoatUS Foundation Launches 2 New Safety Microcourses: Aids to Navigation Basics and Nighttime Boating Basics

Quick, free courses equip boaters with key safety and navigation skills

SPRINGFIELD, Va., October 14, 2025 – The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water has launched two new boating safety microcourses to help boaters focus on issues important to safe navigation. Aids to Navigation Basics and Nighttime Boating Basics are the latest in a series of short microcourse offerings that help fit into any boater's busy schedule. These courses are available at BoatUS.org/courses and are free to the public.

Aids to Navigation Basics is designed to help boaters understand the meaning of basic buoys and markers. The course also reinforces the importance of maintaining a proper lookout and consulting an up-to-date chart to navigate safely.

Nighttime Boating Basics addresses a common issue for recreational boat operators – operating after dark when navigation can be more challenging. The course teaches boaters how to prepare for evening outings, comply with boating regulations for reduced visibility, and recognize the proper use of navigation lights on recreational vessels.

“Annual U.S. Coast Guard statistics have shown that understanding ATONs and the challenges of nighttime boating are perennial issues for boat operators,” said Ted Sensenbrenner, Director of Boating Safety at BoatUS Foundation. “We’re excited to bridge the gap to help address operator inattention and improper lookout, which are some of the leading causes of boating accidents.”

The interactive courses, which each can be completed in less than 30 minutes, include engaging video quizzes, simulations, and modules that help enrollees learn navigational basics. Following course completion, boaters will be equipped with essential tools to navigate waterways confidently and responsibly.

The courses were produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund adminis-



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tered by the U.S. Coast Guard to benefit national public boating safety. While the new courses do not meet any state education requirements, they provide additional in-depth learning opportunities that complement the information in the BoatUS Foundation's NASBLA-approved free online boating safety course, which satisfies boating safety education requirements in 37 states.

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Trunk or Treat at the Pamlico County Library

by: Hiram Lupton



October brings us fall colors, cooler weather and of course the spooky season of Halloween. Scary meant big fun last Saturday at the Pamlico County Public Library as they hosted their annual Trunk or Treat. “This is our first Trunk or Treat at our new location and I couldn’t be happier with the number of trunks we have participating and the number of kids we have out here enjoying the fun,”

said Library Manager Sidney Phibbons. In addition to the all the great “trunks” participating, Triangle Volunteer Fire Department brought out one of their trucks for the kids to see up close. There was also plenty to do in the library with a scavenger hunt, rock painting, crafts and reading with Frankie the reading dog. There is always something fun going on at your public library.

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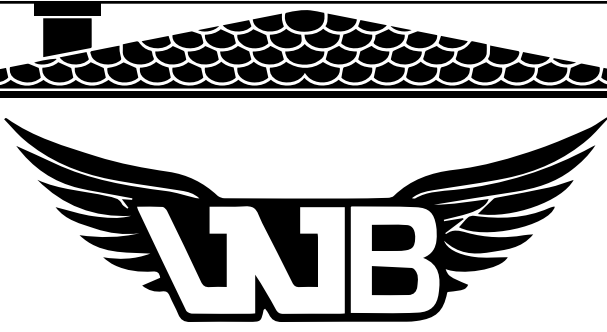
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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
MARY MICHELLE MCKEE
FODREY**
File No.: 25E001165-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SARAH JONES, EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 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 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF MARY MICHELLE MCKEE FODREY
C/O SARAH JONES
1871 SANDERS RD
MERRITT, NC 28556

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
SANDRA MCRAY FOREMAN-
RICE**

File No.: 25E001164-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MARIANNE BANKS-RICE, CO ADMINISTRATOR CTA or LENWOOD LEE BANKS, JR, CO ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before DECEMBER 30, 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 ADMINISTRATORS CTA.

This 1ST OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF SANDRA MCRAY FOREMAN-RICE
C/O MARIANNE BANKS-RICE
PO BOX 5
HOBUCKEN, NC 28537

ESTATE OF SANDRA MCRAY FOREMAN-RICE
C/O LENWOOD LEE BANKS, JR.
940 HORNE RD
LOWLAND, NC 28552

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
WILLIAM MICHAEL GATES**
File No.: 25E001167-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to WILLIAM JUSTIN GATES EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 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 1ST OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF WILLIAM MICHAEL GATES
C/O WILLIAM JUSTIN GATES
1278 TEACHES COVE ROAD
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
ROBERT B. WOLFINGER**

File No.: 25E001170-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ELAINE WOLFINGER, EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 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 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF ROBERT B. WOLFINGER
C/O ELAINE WOLFINGER
106 WHITTAKER POINT RD
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
ROSA WILLIAMS BRAME**
File No.: 25E001170-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to HALEY ARNOLD, CO-ADMINISTRATOR OR DAISY ARNOLD CO-ADMINISTRATOR on or before JANUARY 6, 2026, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-name Administrator.

This 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF ROSA WILLIAMS BRAME
C/O HALEY ARNOLD OR DAISY ARNOLD
621 HYMAN RD
NEW BERN, NC 28562

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**NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
DEBTORS
OF GLYN DYKINS**
File No.: 25E001187-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to

LYNNE DYKINS ADMINISTRATOR on or before January 20, 2026 at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 22ND OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF GLYN DYKINS
C/O LYNNE DYKINS
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ORIENTAL, NC 28571

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
WILLIAM F. SCHMITT**
File No.: 25E001172-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MICHEL P. BENNETT ADMINISTRATOR on or before JANUARY 6, 2026, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-name Administrator.

This 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. SCHMITT
C/O MICHEL P. BENNETT
518 S. WATER STREET
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DAVID WARD CREECH**

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against DAVID WARD CREECH, deceased, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to MARGARET ANN PRYOR, Executor, c/o J. Christopher Dunn, Creech, Dunn & Perry, P.A., 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 230, Raleigh, NC 27612, on or before January 12, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor. This the 8th day of October, 2025.

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Town of Fuquay-Varina Interbasin Transfer Certificate

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, 6 p.m., sign-in starting at 5:30 p.m.
Fayetteville Technology Community College
Cumberland Hall Auditorium, 2220 Hull Road, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, 6 p.m., sign-in starting at 5:30 p.m.
Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building,
512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C., 27604

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, 6 p.m., sign-in starting at 5:30 p.m.
Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center
1192 U.S. Hwy 64 West Business, Pittsboro, N.C. 27312

The Town of Fuquay-Varina (Town) currently relies on wholesale water purchased from neighboring water systems; however, this supply is projected to fall short of future demands, with shortfalls projected by 2030. The preferred alternative will source water from the Tri-Rivers Water Treatment Plant in the Cape Fear River Basin. This requires an Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Certificate; therefore, the Town is seeking approval to transfer 6.17 million gallons per day from the Cape Fear River basin (2-3) to the Neuse River basin (10-1).

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission will hold three public hearings on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the IBT Certificate request. The draft EIS is available on DEQ's website (link below) and via the North Carolina Department of Administration Environmental Review Clearinghouse. Access to the hydrologic model used in the EIS is also available upon request through the DEQ's website (link below).

DEQ's website for the Town of Fuquay-Varina's IBT request:
<https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-planning/water-supply-planning/interbasin-transfer-certification/fuquay-varina-ibt>.

The public is invited to attend the public hearings to provide relevant comments on the draft EIS document for the requested IBT Certificate. Speaking time may be limited based on attendance. Please submit written copies of verbal comments.

In addition to accepting comments at the hearings, written comments may also be submitted by mail to Maya Holcomb, Division of Water Resources, 512 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, N.C., 27604, or by email to maya.holcomb@deq.nc.gov by Feb. 1, 2026.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Still a few lingering butterflies about in the yard: a large Sulphur and either a Monarch or Viceroy; couldn't get close enough to tell. The deck house plants are tucked away inside now, the pool is covered and going to start soon gathering pine straw to put on the big flower bed. Will be relocating some Cannas to make way for a Bee hive.

A tree fell down and there's a new patch of sun in the front yard. The sunrises and sunsets are more prominent now with the sun relocating its path. So far the only new Fall visitor is a Phoebe. I still have one Hummingbird but think she's getting ready to leave.

I've been seeing a Mullet Boat cruising the creek. Folks are seeing a mother Bobcat and her two cubs on the peninsula. I've seen one on the road coming in several times over the years.

My Photo of the Week is of Big Boy coming out to greet you at Thompson's. They now have U-Hauls for your needs.



Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



Last week was a washout but this week has made up for it because it has been beautiful. Even had a few flowers that managed to pop out between weeds. The pecan trees are still giving us pecans to pick up every day because the wind continues to blow every day so we have to get them before the squirrels and crows find them. I thought we would have a lot of folks at church today since it had to be called it off last Sunday because of the water. This weekend is the Chili cook

off and in November is the Seafood cookoff. This weekend all the Silverthorne family will be at Bethel Free Will Baptist for their annual visit here. Following the service lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall with Matt Scott doing the cooking. We always look forward to their visit.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —ALWAYS SAY POSITIVE THINGS ABOUT OTHERS!

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. What an amazing week this has been. The weather has been absolutely phenomenal — cool, crisp mornings that give way to warm afternoons. There's something special about that early chill in the air, the dew still clinging to the ground, and that low fog hanging over the fields and creeks. It's a gentle reminder that fall is settling in, and with it, a slower rhythm that feels right at home here in Pamlico County.

Earlier this week, I caught a glimpse of the sunrise at Paul Farms on Paul Farm Road — right where the trees open up to those wide, beautiful fields. The sunlight broke through the branches, washing everything in soft golden tones. If only I hadn't been on the bus without my camera; it would have made an extraordinary photograph. But maybe some moments are meant just to be seen — to stay with you, even if they're never captured through a lens.

Over the weekend, there were several yard sales scattered between Pinedale and Oriental. Naturally, my wife and I stopped at every one — she can't resist a good yard sale. At the Pinedale stop, I recognized the family right away. I joked, "Y'all been busy with a fall purge, huh?" They laughed and said, "Oh, this isn't ours. We're helping a neighbor's family after they passed."

Those two sisters — Jackie and Amber — are the kind of folks who remind you what family truly means. Back when I drove the school bus through their neighborhood, I'd drop one sister's kids off on one side of the road and just a stone's throw away, the other sister's kids. You'd see the children bouncing between homes, whoever was there helping whoever needed it. They've both raised wonderful families — including children who weren't their own — and no matter where life takes them, they're still there for each other. Jackie and Amber, I commend you for always showing what family is about.

I also stopped by Heritage Day in Grantsboro this weekend and truly enjoyed sharing our county's history with my wife. It was her first visit, since the museum isn't usually open on weekends. The turnout was solid, and The Dirt Road Band kept the place

lively — Adam and the boys sounded as good as ever.

But the moment that hit closest to home came when I stepped into Mr. Kermit's old barber shop. The memories came rushing back. I've sat in those chairs many a time — from the days when I was small enough for the old metal booster seat to my teenage years. My favorite part was always when he'd take a handful of hot shaving cream from the dispenser and smooth it around my ears and neck before finishing up with his straight razor. There was something about that — the warmth, the smell, and the steady rhythm of his hands — that just felt right.

You'd leave that shop with a clean cut and a head full of stories from the old timers. The kind of stories that built this community — about who we were, what we valued, and what it meant to look out for each other. Those were good times, and I'm grateful for every one of them.



This week, I leave you with a photograph I took inside that very same barber shop.

Sometimes, the simplest things — a coiled cord, an empty shelf, a quiet corner — hold the weight of a thousand memories.

Until next time, take care of each other and keep our stories alive.

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The news in Pamlico is cooler weather, sunny skies, mowed lawns and roadsides and the sound of deer season with fall in the air.

October is Pastor Appreciation month. One of my favorite pastors, Reverend Penny \$ Farmer, needs everyone's prayers. She is in the hospital but is not accepting visitors at this time. Please remember her in your prayers. Also remember her husband, the Reverend John Farmer, who is also in need of prayer.

On October 19, Stonewall Methodist Church celebrated "Miracle Sunday," and after the service they gathered at the altar for a group picture to be put in the time capsule to be opened in the year 2050. They had a catered fellowship meal after the service. They opened the time capsule that was placed in the church in the year 2000. Members received new church directories after reading the letters and other memorabilia that had been put in the time capsule.

Bayboro Missionary Baptist Church celebrated homecoming on October 19, also.

Stonewall Methodist Church and Alliance United Methodist Church are preparing for their Fall Bazaar on November 1, 2025. For many years both churches have supported each other in their endeavors to raise money for their mission projects throughout the year. Stonewall starts at 7 am and Alliance starts at 8 am. They carry different items so be sure to make plans to visit both.

Celebrating birthdays in October are Bilinda Gwaltney and Connor Russo, (10/22), Linda Lane (10/24), George Bennett (10/25), Polly Taylor (10/27), Jeremy Freeman (10/29), and Linda Gail Lupton (10/31). Charles & Ann Stackhouse celebrated their Anniversary on October 16. I saw them walking along highway 55 on Saturday with the group from Oriental.

Have a blessed week. Nervous? Take Spiritual Vitamin N. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Besides the beautiful weather, this past week was filled with wonderful events and community spirit! I had the honor of visiting the classroom of Mrs. Carolyn Jones, our Town Commissioner, at the Riverside Leadership Academy in Craven County. Mrs. Jones is an engaging and inspiring teacher who has been educating her elementary students about local government and organizing mock Town Council meetings. The students did a fantastic job presenting their business proposal to build a new play park. The mock council members were quick thinkers, handling "public" questions and comments with confidence and enthusiasm. It was truly a joy to watch such bright young minds learning how local government works — and doing so with excitement and creativity! Their teamwork was a great reminder for all of us in leadership that "teamwork makes the dream

work" and that listening to one another is key to success.

The Vandemere Community Yard Sale was also a big success! There were so many great items for sale, and vendors were full of energy and friendliness. The Flame food truck arrived just in time for a hungry crowd — and their food absolutely hit the spot!

As Halloween approaches, don't forget to join us for Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome — just call us at 252-745-5480 for more information. Let's show up for our community's kids and have some spooky fun together!

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Pictures below- Commissioner Jones in her classroom with visitor Mayor Snipes

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