



MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH MOVEMBER

If you think you're seeing more
moustaches lingering over mens'
upper lips as November unfolds,
chances are your eyes are not
deceiving you...

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Pamlico County Veterans Drive Thru Lunch

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County Veterans and their spouses were treated to a delicious lunch last Saturday, drive through style, at Fred A. Anderson Elementary School in Bayboro. Volunteers including County officials and fellow Veterans handed out goody bags, tea, lunch, and dessert to Veterans who didn't even have to leave their car. They also enjoyed music played by the Pamlico County Schools Jazz Band while they went through the line.



Goose Creek Island Veterans Breakfast

by: Hiram Lupton

An event that is becoming a tradition, the Goose Creek Island Veterans Breakfast, brought out over 100 members of the two communities of Hobucken and Lowland last Saturday at the Goose Creek Island Fire Department. It has become a combination homecoming and family reunion for many but above all it has become a way to honor the island's Veterans as many members of the community and family came out to recognize those who served our country in the armed forces.



Veterans from Goose Creek Island, or who have roots there, gathered for breakfast last Saturday at the island fire station in Lowland.



Goose Creek Island
Fire Department

Fentress Honored by County Commissioners

by: Hiram Lupton



Bill Fentress receives a standing ovation from the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners.



After eleven years of crunching numbers and balancing the financial books for Pamlico County as finance director, Bill Fentress has put away his adding machine and stepped into retirement. Fentress, whose last day with the County was September 30, was honored by the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners at their Monday evening meeting with a proclamation recognizing his outstanding service to the citizens of Pamlico County. Bill, a Pamlico County native, will now have plenty of time for family, the outdoors, and writing. The County's new Finance Officer, Alex Showalter, spent several months training with Fentress and stepped into the Finance Officer position on October 1st.

New County Finance Officer Alex Showalter

Imagine Pamlico Hosts Nonprofit Appreciation Luncheon

by: Hiram Lupton



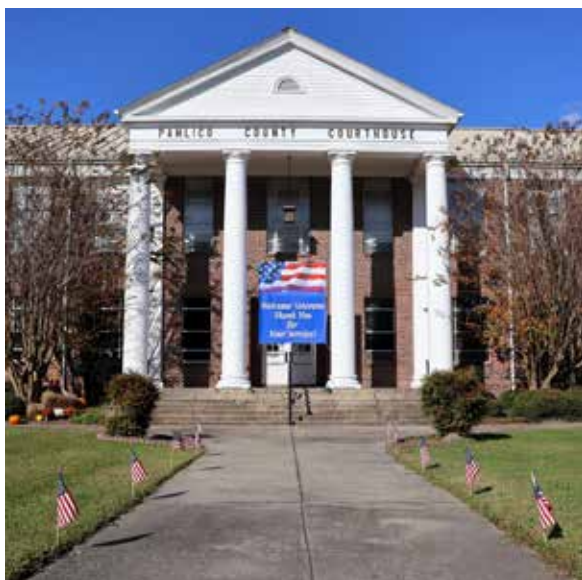
Pamlico County has some of the hardest working nonprofit organizations and volunteers. They are what make our small community the caring place that it is. Last Wednesday, Imagine Pamlico hosted "Pamlico Proud: A Celebration of Service," a luncheon to show appreciation and celebrate those nonprofits whose work in so many varied areas are the epitome of volunteerism. The event was held at the beautiful Grove and Vine Events Center just outside Oriental and featured County Manager Mark Brewington as special guest speaker. Thank you, Imagine Pamlico, for showing Pamlico County volunteers how much they matter and how much they are appreciated.

Katie Shorter of Imagine Pamlico welcomes guests



County Honors Veterans

by: Hiram Lupton



Pamlico County once again this year is honoring Veterans by bathing the Courthouse in green light. It is a part of Operation Green Light, an initiative promoted by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County



Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO). It encourages the nation's counties to light up their buildings in green from November 4 through 11. American flags also adorn the walkway leading up to the front door of the courthouse in recognition of Veterans.

Register of Deeds Veterans Appreciation

by: Hiram Lupton



Lynn Lewis and her staff at the Pamlico County Register of Deeds always do their best to show Pamlico County Veterans they are special and appreciated and this year was no exception. Veterans could stop by the ROD office last Friday for light refreshments and also pick up a goody bag while they were there.

Carolina Quick Care Grand Opening

by: Hiram Lupton



Although they have been open for several weeks, Carolina Quick Care had not had an official grand opening celebration, that is until last Wednesday. Staff and officials from Pamlico County's newest, and only, urgent care facility along with the Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Grantsboro town officials as well as representatives from Pamlico County government and other special guests to a special ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the new facility. The group which included Grantsboro Mayor Tom Newman, Town Manager Ray Lewis, Pamlico County Economic Development Director Beth Bucksot, Pamlico County Health Director Melanie Dixon, Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce Director Debora Steenson, and Chamber President Lisa Blinn, received a special tour of the facility which is a much needed addition to our area.

ACS Tips Off



LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND



Saturday, November 15th **76°Hi** Partly sunny throughout the day.



Sunday, November 16th **75°Hi** Sunny throughout the day



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From Pamlico to State: PCC joins Wolfpack Connect initiative

By Sandy Wall

Qualified Pamlico Community College students now have a guaranteed transfer pathway to N.C. State University, thanks to a new statewide initiative linking all 58 of North Carolina’s community colleges to the state’s largest university.

Wolfpack Connect, launched through a partnership between the N.C. Community College System and NCSU, guarantees admission for community college students who earn an associate degree, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, and meet the Raleigh university’s transfer deadlines.

The program opens doors to more than 100 eligible majors and concentrations at NCSU, creating a seamless transfer pathway for qualified PCC students.

“This is an exciting new opportunity for our community members to have a guaranteed option to transfer to N.C. State,” said PCC President Zac Schnell. “A student can start with us at PCC and save money during their first two years of college while also getting the N.C. State experience after their associate degree is complete with us. It’s great to see my alma mater provide this wonderful opportunity.”

To qualify for guaranteed admission through Wolfpack Connect, Pamlico students must:

* Apply and be accepted into Wolfpack Connect before completing 30 transferable credits at PCC,



Students who enroll in the Wolfpack Connect program can begin their college careers at Pamlico Community College and then transfer seamlessly to N.C. State University to complete their four-year degrees. Photo courtesy of NCSU

Pamlico already offers similar transfer agreements with East Carolina University and Barton College. It is currently working on a new partnership with Western Carolina University.

Sandy Wall can be reached at 252-249-1851, ext. 3010, or swall@pamlicocc.edu.

* Earn at least 30 transferable credit hours with grades of C or better,

* Complete an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree aligned with their intended NCSU major,

* Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0,

* Meet all application deadlines and program-specific admission requirements and prerequisites, and

* Enroll in their declared NCSU major within four years of being accepted into the program.

PCC Math Instructor and Associate in Science program advisor Meredith Glover – herself an alumna of NCSU – will serve as the college’s point of contact for students interested in joining the program.

Wolfpack Connect will begin accepting eligibility forms in January 2026 for students planning to enroll at NCSU in Fall 2026.

Fact: There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres

For people whose education was largely focused on the Western world, it may be surprising to find out exactly how huge the continent of Africa is. For instance, it spans all four hemispheres and covers nearly 12 million square miles.

ARE YOU READY FOR 2026 TAX SEASON?

BOOKKEEPING AND TAXES FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 6-8 pm

(with Kelly Michaud from Solid Rock Accounting)

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- Prepping your small business for the 2026 tax filing season.

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Land/Home Sales Property Management Appraisals Development

Agent of the Week

Gregory Green
Broker-

Here's what one of Gregory's customers had to say...

I am writing to say how pleased I was with Gregory. I am so impressed by his performance listing multiple lots and achieving two sales in quick order. His enthusiasm is contagious and is so appreciated by me that I would not hesitate to recommend Gregory to my friends and associates. Gregory – you are a welcome addition to Mariner Realty's staff.

Susan, NJ

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ORIENTAL – **3BR/2.5BA** w/FROG is a Stuart Hardy built house nestled in wooded Sail/Loft lot only 1.5 miles from downtown Oriental. Not in a Federally-designated Flood Zone. Two-garage attached garage, detached 1-car garage/workshop, studio/sun-room, screened porch overlooks pristine back yard with handicap ramp for easy accessibility.
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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 equipot does not convey.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- by: Hiram Lupton
- November 12th – 1946, The first drive -up banking facility opened in Chicago, IL.
 - November 13th – Today is Caregiver Appreciation Day.
 - November 14th – Today is National Seat Belt Day. Buckle up for safety.
 - November 15th – Today is National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day. If it has fur growing on it, it may be time.
 - November 16th – Today is National Check Your Wipes Day. I just bought 6 rolls so I'm good.
 - November 17th – Today is National Butter Day and National Homemade Bread Day. Two great things that go great together.
 - November 18th – Today is National Princess Day.

- BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**
- November 12th – 1945, Singer/songwriter Neil Young
 - November 12th – 1982, Actress Anne Hathaway
 - November 14th - 1954, Scholar Condoleezza Rice
 - November 15th – 1940, Actor Sam Waterston
 - November 16th – 1907, Actor Oliver Meredith (Burgess Meredith)
 - November 18th – 1928, Mickey Mouse
 - November 18th – 1942, Actress Linda Evenstad (Linda Evans)
 - November 18th – 19??, President of the Pamlico County Historical Association Brandi Robertson



Pamlico Vistas

vista /vis-ta/ n / : a distant view through or along an avenue or opening



Jones Bay - Hobucken

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The national debt is now 38 TRILLION dollars because for each of the last 24 years your government has spent more than it earned. That amount works out to be about \$111,000 for each person in the United States. How long would your family last if you ran your budget that way?

Bill Deighton
Arapahoe

Fact: The world’s first animated feature film was made in Argentina
If you know a lot of Disney trivia, you probably think the honor of first animated feature film belongs to Walt Disney’s 1937 movie Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. But 20 years earlier, a full-length animated feature film was made in Argentina. It was a 70-minute political satire called El Apóstol made up of 58,000 drawings, according to Guinness World Records.

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



Mrs. Pamela Jeanne Clark Marston, 77, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, November 1, 2025. A memorial service with burial will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 1:30 PM in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel with Father Gaston Nsongolo officiating. Burial will follow in Homestead Memorial Gardens in Greenville, NC. A native of Indiana, Pam was born on May 19, 1948 to the late Nelson and Margaret Stainsby Clark. She attended Penn State Shenango College in Sharon, Pennsylvania and studied Elementary Education. After college, she married and devoted her life to her family and raising her daughter Kelley. Early in her adult life she worked as a teacher for RESCUE, a school dedicated to educating children with mental, emotional, physical and verbal disabilities. She lived and worked in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Columbus, Delaware, Connecticut and New York. Later in life she was a real estate broker in Connecticut with Prudential, and then had a successful career working as a Corporate Relocation Manager with Prudential and then Americorp for more than 10 years until her retirement. Following her husband’s retirement in 2013, Pam and

Paul moved to be near her daughter Kelley in North Carolina. First they made their home on the Bay River in Pamlico County, and then after Hurricane Florence, they have made their home on higher ground in the community of Chocowinity, Pam will be fondly remembered for her love of family and especially her grandchildren. She was a generous, loyal friend and enjoyed watching birds, stained glass, pottery, dominos, the performing arts, entertaining, and romantic Hallmark movies. Christmas was her most favorite time of the year. In addition to her late parents, Pam was preceded in death by her, brother, James Clark of Philadelphia. She is survived by her Husband of 14 years, Paul Charles Marston; Daughter, Kelley Jeanne Mathews and husband, Tim, of Minnesott Beach, NC; Step-son, Nicholas Charles Marston and wife, Jamie, of Newnan, GA; 2 grandchildren: Britton Parker and Lily Jeanne Mathews; 2 step-grandchildren: Emma Leah and Alexander Guy Marston. In lieu of flowers, please consider Memorial contributions to: Pamlico Christian Academy, Building Fund Capital Campaign, P.O. Box 68, Grantsboro, NC 28529.

Arrangements by Wilkerson Funeral Home and Crematory, Greenville, NC. Online condolences at www.WilkersonFuneralHome.com

Oriental Town Board Elections

by: Hiram Lupton

After observing increasingly contentious Town Board meetings over the past two years, the voters of Oriental opted to clean house in the November 4 municipal elections by voting in an entirely new board. The change had already begun as one sitting board member, Frank Roe, had resigned his seat due to the fact that he had moved out of the town limits of Oriental. He was replaced on an interim basis by a former Commissioner, Sandy Winfrey, who had adamantly stated that he had no aspirations to rejoin the board beyond filling in for the remainder of Roe’s term. Two more board members, Charlie Overcash and Breena Litzenberger, made the decision not to run for reelection. That left only two incumbents on the ballot, Bonnie Crosser and Allen Price, who finished 9th and 10th respectively out of a field of 11. With the top five vote getters gaining seats on the Board, that meant that on December 9th when the new Board is sworn in, there will be five new faces governing the Town. The one holdover, longtime Mayor Sally Belangia, who was running unopposed, retains her gavel as Mayor. All the candidates in the election had stated that their goal will be to work together for the good of the town and end the divisiveness that had dominated local political discussions the past few months. Time will tell if the new members of the board will see it through. Voter turnout was heavy with 547 ballots cast which translates to over 52% of the 1,043 eligible voters.

- Paul Jordan 380**
- Chris Moffat375**
- Iris Cooper..... 308**
- Lou Ostendorff 285**
- Don McGuire 268**
- Paul Fairbank 260**
- Greg Bohmert 151**
- Mary Ellen Ham139**
- Bonnie Crosser123**
- Allen Price106**
- Bob Maxbauer52**
- Write-In7**



Incumbent Mayor Sally Belangia received 395 votes (over 96%) with 16 Write-In names. We thank the outgoing Board members for their hard work and dedication to the Town. OTB1 – (Top Row) Paul Jordan and Iris Cooper, (Bottom Row) Don McGuire, Chris Moffat, and Lou Ostendorff

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Insecurity may be sparking some hesitation, Aries. The key to coping is figuring out why you are feeling this way. Is it a trust issue or lack of recognition?



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, creative pursuits may hold your interest this week. Even if you lean more towards the practical, an artistic streak flows through you as well.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Working with others may prove challenging this week, Gemini. You may be too focused on a singular task. If this is the case, keep to yourself if you can.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
The week’s planetary influences could increase your sensitivity to everything right now, Cancer. You might feel a little more sentimental or even weepy.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, obsessive thinking may be something you need to consider this week. There’s a fine line between determination and obsession, so consider your fixations and how to fix them.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
It can be easy to confuse impulsivity with spontaneity, Virgo. But one requires more thought than the other. Think through everything before acting if you want to play it safe.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
It might be time to take a more measured approach to solving a difficult problem, Libra. If you’ve made several attempts with no success, it could be time to dig in.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, tap into your creativity to unblock your emotions this week. This can be a powerful tool in your arsenal. Creativity is a big part of you.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
You may get to focus on fun this week, Sagittarius. Look into your social calendar and seek ways to liven things up a little.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Everyone can use some time alone every once in a while, Capricorn. But it’s important to socialize as well. Look to Aquarius to help you find balance.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Certain situations require a little more focus than they otherwise might, Aquarius. Bear down and do your best to block out distractions.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Don’t pick yourself to pieces this week, Pisces. Criticizing yourself will get you nowhere. You have a lot to offer and others recognize the value of your input.

SCORPIO Traits & Overview

Scorpio is the eighth sign of the zodiac, and that shouldn't be taken lightly—nor should Scorpions! Those born under this sign are dead serious in their mission to learn about others. There's no fluff or chatter for Scorpions, either; these folks will zero-in on the essential questions, gleaning the secrets that lie within.

The Scorpio zodiac sign concerns itself with beginnings and endings, and is unafraid of either. They also travel in a world that is black and white and has little use for gray. The curiosity of Scorpions is immeasurable, which may be why they are such adept investigators.

The folks with a Scorpio horoscope sign love to probe and know how to get to the bottom of things. The fact that they have a keen sense of intuition certainly helps.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Smart financial moves to make before year-end



Dan M. Roberts

As the year winds down, it's the perfect time to make some smart moves before the calendar flips to 2026. Think of it as a financial tune-up that could help with saving money and setting you up for success in the months ahead. Here are some things to consider.

- *Don't forget about required withdrawals.* If you're 73 or older, you'll need to take your required minimum distribution from traditional retirement accounts to avoid a 25% penalty on any amount you should have withdrawn but didn't. This rule also applies to some people who inherited retirement accounts, including certain Roth accounts.
- *Use your flexible spending money.* Got money sitting in a flexible spending account at work? Remember, these accounts follow a "use it or lose it" rule. Check with your HR department about your plan's specific deadlines for spending the money and submitting receipts. Whether it's that dental work you've been putting off or new prescription glasses you need, now's the time to use those funds before they disappear.
- *Boost your retirement savings.* Consider ramping up your pretax retirement contributions before year-end. Not only will this help your future self, but it might also reduce your current tax bill. If your workplace plan allows it, you can even set up automatic increases for next year so you won't have to remember to do it later.
- *Share the wealth through gifting.* In 2025, the current tax rules let you give family or friends up to \$19,000 per person without affecting your lifetime gift tax exemption. Married couples can combine their allowances to give up to \$38,000 per person. Plus, you can pay

someone's tuition or medical bills directly without these payments counting against your gift limits at all.

- *Navigate new tax changes.* The recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act has made several tax provisions permanent, including lower individual tax rates and higher standard deductions. However, it also introduces new changes that might affect your situation. It's worth sitting down with a financial advisor or tax professional to understand how these updates impact your specific circumstances.
- *Examine your investments.* Take some time to review your investment portfolio. Ask yourself: Did your investments perform as expected this year? Do they still match your goals and comfort level with risk? You might need to rebalance things to get back on track.
- *Build up your emergency fund.* It's ideal to have enough cash saved to cover three to six months of living expenses in an easily accessible account. This safety net can prevent you from having to raid your retirement savings when unexpected expenses pop up.
- *Review your estate planning documents.* This is especially important if you've had major life changes like marriage, divorce or a new baby. Don't forget to check the beneficiary designations on all your bank and brokerage accounts as well as life insurance policies – these often override what's written in your will.

Taking care of these financial housekeeping tasks now can help you start the new year on solid ground.

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

Spring Bulbs in November

Taken from article written by Jessica Strickland, Wayne County Extension agent at <http://go.ncsu.edu/readext?735755>.

Many of us incorporate spring-flowering bulbs into our landscapes to enjoy seeing the first colors of spring. However, the time you plant spring-flowering bulbs is not a time of year that you would typically be thinking about spring color.

Spring-flowering bulbs are planted in November when the soil temperature has dropped below 60°F. Spring-flowering bulbs include daffodils, tulips, crocus, and hyacinths, just to name a few. A bulb is like having a pre-packaged plant because everything the plant needs to successfully grow is inside the bulb. Bulbs store the plant's food and energy needed to survive and successfully grow. The reason that spring-flowering bulbs are planted in November is that most need a 12- to 16-week chilling period to produce flowers. Planting in November will allow for bulbs to meet the needed chilling requirement to produce spring flowers. When bulbs do not receive a long enough chilling period, they usually have shorter stems and bloom close to the ground.

When purchasing bulbs, choose ones without mold, bruising, or soft spots. If you purchase bulbs in September or October, they should be stored in a cool area until planting time. Planting depth and spacing of bulbs is based on the bulb's size. Plant bulbs three to four times as deep (measured from the bulb's base) as the width of the bulb. For plant spacing, plant large bulbs 3 to 6 inches apart and small bulbs 1 to 2 inches apart.

Fertilizing bulbs will not help with this season's performance, since the bulb already has food stored for the plant, however it will help for the future seasons. There are two options for fertilizing bulbs. One option is to include a slow-release fertilizer in the soil as you are planting the bulbs. The second option is to apply a soluble, quick-release fertilizer at the time of planting and again when shoots start emerging. A 10-10-10 fertilizer is recommended no matter which option you choose to follow. Along with applying a complete fertilizer, incorporating some additional phosphorus at the time of planting can encourage root growth. Types of phosphorus often used are bone meal or superphosphate. However, it is important to get a soil test of the planting area to determine if there is already enough phosphorus in the soil which could save you time and money.

A question that occasionally is asked with spring-flowering bulbs deals with tulips. Often people plant tulips, enjoy them for one season, but are then disappointed when they don't come back in the second season. In Eastern North Carolina, tulips are thought of as annual flowers in that they would have to be replanted every year. Our climate and soil temperature tend to stay too warm for tulips to come up year after year.

As we get into the fall season, take time to purchase some spring-flowering bulbs to plant this November. When it is late winter and you are anxiously awaiting spring weather, you will be glad that you planted those bulbs and added color in the landscape to welcome in spring.

For more detailed information and a list of bulbs grown in NC, visit Chapter 10 of our NC State Extension Gardener Handbook at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/10-herbaceous-ornamentals#spring>. Lastly, if you want to learn about different bulbs, find photographs, and determine growing characteristics, visit our Extension Gardener Plant Tool Box at https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/find_a_plant/. By using the find a plant feature you can select various plants and bulbs and learn about their specific growing conditions. For bulbs, pay attention to the hardiness zone ratings. Bulbs that overwinter in NC will have a hardiness zone rating of 8 or less (the smaller the number the more cold hardy the plant). Hardiness ratings of greater than 8 should be dug and stored inside during winter as they are two tender to survive in the ground. Some plants with marginal hardiness rating at or just near 8 can be left in the ground but should be mulched heavily. Remember to pull back this mulch in the spring as heavy mulch on bulbs can disrupt growth.



If you have additional questions about bulbs or gardening, then please contact Daniel Simpson, Pamlico County Extension Agent, at 252-745-4121 or Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

North Carolina

Extension Gardener

Plant Toolbox

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Search

Find a Plant

Light: Full sun (6 or more hours of direct sunlight a day) Soil Drainage: Moist

Cultural Conditions

Light

☐ Dappled Sunlight (Shade through upper canopy all day) 185

☐ Deep shade (Less than 2 hours to no direct sunlight) 107

☒ Full sun (6 or more hours of direct sunlight a day) 2051

☐ Partial Shade (Direct sunlight only part of the day, 2-6 hours) 1571

Soil Texture

Soil pH

Soil Drainage

☐ Frequent Standing Water 69

2051 plants by

Scientific

Common

Name

Display

Abelmoschus esculentus

Bentwood, Bindwood, Common Ivy, Gobbo, Gumbo, Ivy, Ivy Gum Plant, Ladies' Fingers, Love United, Ochro, Okra, Okro

Abelmoschus manihot

Hibiscus Manihot, Muskmallow, Sunset Muskmallow, Tropic Jewel Hibiscus

Abies alba

Common Silver Fir, European Silver Fir, Silver Fir

Abies amabilis

Amabilis fir, Cascades fir, Pacific silver fir, Red Fir, White fir

Abies balsamea

Balm of Gilead, Balsam Fir

Abies balsamea

Abies cephalonica

Abies concolor

Abies firma

Abies fraseri

As we get into the fall season, take time to purchase some spring-flowering bulbs to plant this November.

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GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in California on November 11, 1974. An agent suggested I begin my career acting under the name Lenny Williams. I made my big screen debut in a film about critters, but appeared in sitcoms before that. I've had a titanic career with many meaty roles.

Answer: Leonardo DiCaprio

Stop cleaning-out your gutters this season

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SPORTS

Hurricanes Season Ends in First Round Loss

by: Hiram Lupton

It was a tale of two halves last Friday as Pamlico traveled to Southside for a first round football state championship playoff. The Hurricanes got on the board quickly, scoring on their first possession as running back Trey Munford found the endzone for a 12-yard touchdown run to give Pamlico an early 6-0 lead. Southside answered quickly as they used good field position and a strong running game to take the lead, 7-6. This back and forth typified the rest of the first half. Pamlico scored twice in the second quarter, once on a Jacob Bennett 18-yard rush and again on a 57-yard touchdown pass from Quarterback Noah Gibbs to Kamden Keys. The Seahawks answered back both times and at the half it was all knotted up at 20 apiece. In the third quarter, the wheels began to come off for the Hurricanes. Southside received the ball first after the break and promptly scored, taking a lead they would never relinquish. This was followed by two consecutive successful onside kicks by Southside, each one leading to scores. Pamlico found themselves now down 40-20 without having run a single offensive play in the quarter. The final period was much the same as the Seahawks added two more scores. The bright spot for Pamlico came on a Noah Gibbs 51-yard touchdown run with 9 minutes left in the game. Final score, a 52-28 Southside win. Pamlico finishes the season with a 2-9 record that on face value would certainly be disappointing. If, however you watched the games closely, you could see improvement week to week every year and Pamlico will be coming back. Starting Quarterback Jacob Bennett is a sophomore and Jamyis Davis are just two of the skill players to build on for a bright future.



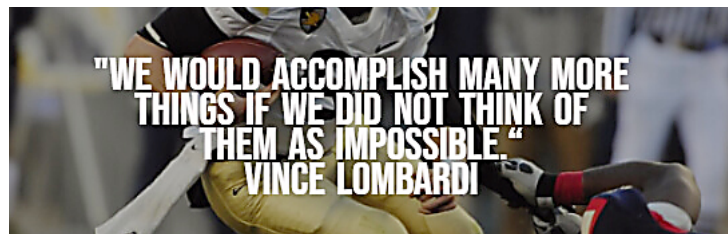
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Pamlico's Trey Munford heads for the endzone with a 1st quarter touchdown



Quarterback Noah Gibbs hands off to Jacob Bennett



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ACS Tips Off Basketball Season

by: Hiram Lupton

The Bobcats of Arapahoe Charter School hit the court last Friday and tipped off a new basketball season as they hosted the Mustangs of New Bern Christian Academy.



Library Appreciation for Veterans

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County Public Library showed their appreciation for Veterans on Monday as they served free coffee and donuts to any Veteran that stopped by. The event was sponsored by Friends of the Pamlico County Library.



2025 CCKF Vandemere Kayak Fishing Tournament

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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
1407 TOSTO CIRCLE
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

Publish OCTOBER 22 and 29 and NOVEMBER 5 and 12, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of BARBARA KRAMER STROBL, Deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before January 29, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 29th day of October, 2025.

CHRISTINE FLYNN CLARK
Executor
c/o GREGORY T. PEACOCK
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
1001 College Court (28562)
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INCIDENTS
Oct. 30, Fourth St., Bayboro, found firearm
Oct. 30, Silverbrooke Rd., Oriental, order for arrest possession with intent to manufacture/sell/distribute Schedule II controlled substance; warrant for arrest resist/delay/obstruct public officer; order for arrest child support warrant service
Oct. 30, Blackwell Point Rd., Oriental, possible stolen/missing boat
Oct. 30, Sanders Rd., Merritt, obtain property by false pretenses
Oct. 30, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, harassment
Oct. 31, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, interfere with emergency communication, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
Oct. 31, South St., Bayboro, larceny of motor vehicle, possess stolen motor vehicle, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
Oct. 31, Oakwood Dr., New Bern, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, lost property
Nov. 1, Main St., Bayboro, failure to appear driving while license revoked
Nov. 1, Leaf Lane, New Bern, communicating threats
Nov. 2, N. Third St., Bayboro, assault employee state/local detention center cause physical injury
Nov. 2, Pine Lane, Grantsboro, undisciplined juvenile
Nov. 3, Main St., Bayboro, violation of release order
Nov. 4, Oyster Point Rd., Oriental, obtain property by false pretenses
Nov. 4, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, simple assault
Nov. 4, Florence Rd., Merritt, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
Nov. 4, Phillips Dr., Arapahoe, obtain property by false pretenses
Nov. 4, Nov. 5, NC Hwy 55, Oriental, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JAMES RUDOLPH WOOD**
File No.: 25E001178-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MELISSA W. MERCER, EXECUTOR on or before JANUARY 27, 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 Executor.

This 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF JAMES RUDOLPH WOOD
C/O MELISSA W. WOOD
167 MATTHEWS RD
BAYBORO, NC 28515

Publish OCTOBER 29, November 5, 12 and 19th, 2025

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
RANDY LOYD SIMPSON**
File No.: 25E001159-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SAMUEL SIMPSON ADMINISTRATOR on or before January 27, 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.

Nov. 5, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest provide drugs to inmate

PROEPRTY TRANSFERS
Aug. 18, PIN J042-71 Tract A, B & C, Ruth B. Lambert & Sara B. Walsh Property PCA 182-17 with exceptions; 17SP000001-680 from John W. King, Jr./COMR, Christopher J. Waivers/COMR, Richard Gould, Stacie Gould to Krystal Haven LLC, \$820
Aug. 18, Landings Hargett Lot: 41, Section 3, PCA 47-7 & PCA 62-10 from Swan Song Properties, LLC to Carol A. Baker, \$70
Aug. 18, Dawson Creek Lot: 270, PH 1, Sec 2, PCA 165-19 from Karl Frederick Bowman, Jr., Melissa Fede Bowman to William Barnard, Kimberly Barnard, \$600
Aug. 19, 4 AC Metes and Bounds DB 112/52 from Phyllis Stout to Phyllis Stout, \$0
Aug. 19, Duck Creek Estates Lot: 9 PCA 84-4 from E. Gypsy C. Gilliam/TR, E. Gypsy C. Gilliam, E. Gypsy C. Gilliam Revocable Trust to Michael D. Church, Sylvia B. Upchurch, \$0
Aug. 19, Arlington Place Lot: 134 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Streamline Developers, LLC to Vincent P. Conley, III, Rosemary H.F. Conley, \$1,092
Aug. 19, 5.58 AC S/S SR 1100 (Outlet Rd) & West of NC Hwy 306 from Dennis R. Banks, Connie L. Banks to William W. Watts, \$110
Aug. 20, Lake Minnesott Estates Lot: 17 Section TEn MB 6/77 & MB 7/54 from William Christopher Nunnelee, William C. Nunnelee, Mindy Kirkpatrick Nunnelee to Michelle Locklear, Kenneth Locklear, \$46
Aug. 20, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A, DB 334/140 & DB 352/697; Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17; Pecan Grove Marina Boat Slip 280 PCB 4-17 from Cox Family Properties, LLC to Chris Wright, \$84
Aug. 20, Cutter Bay Lot: 16 4.80 AC,

This 29TH OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF RANDY LOYD SIMPSON
C/O SAMUEL SIMPSON
1931 S. GOOSE CREEK RD
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Publish OCTOBER 29 and NOVEMBER 5, 12 AND 19, 2025.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
DANIEL JOSEPH BARRETT**
File No.: 25E001191-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to NICOLE DANNIELLE BARRETT ADMINISTRATOR on or before February 3rd, 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 5TH OF NOVEMBER 2025

ESTATE OF JOSEPH BARRETT
C/O NICOLE DANNIELLE BARRETT
120 OLD MILL ROAD
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Publish NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19 AND 26 2025.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
MARK F. ZETTL**
File No.: 25E001200-680

All persons, firms and corporations

PCB 16-5 & PCB 13-9, PIN H042-70-16 from Cutter Bay LLC to Krishna Gautam, \$300

Aug. 20, Portion of Lot 13 NE/S Neuse River MB 1/157 from Lois R. Pressly to English Square Residence Building, LLC, Dustin English, \$880

Aug. 21, Cutter Bay Lot: 20 5.04 AC, PCB 16-5 & PCB 13-9, PIN H042-70-20 from Cutter Bay LLC to Loop 370 LLC, \$360

Aug. 21, PIN E0825; 1 AC Tract W/S Bairds Creek & E/S Neck Rd from Danny L. Hagey/TR, Danny L. Hagey, Lu Ann Hagey/TR, Lu Ann Hagey, Lu Ann Hagey, The Danny L. Hagey and Lu Ann Hagey Family Revocable Trust to Lisa Elaine Stone Mankin, \$330

Aug. 21, Magnolia Woods Lot: 11, Section One, PCA 106-1; Magnolia Woods Lot: 12, Section One, PCA 106-1 from Magnolia Properties, LLC to Maher Construction, Inc., \$40

Aug. 21, PIN I-091-38; R.H. Morrison Leased Tract, 287.5 AC, MB 3/6, MB 5/61, R/W Morrison Road from Elizabeth G. Antry, Arnold E. Antry, Elise G. Clippinger, Mark Phillips Clippinger to Morrison Waterfront, LLC, \$208

Aug. 21, PIN I091-7; R.H. Morrison Jr. Estate Lot 2 PCA 10-1 from Elizabeth G. Antry, Arnold E. Antry to Morrison Waterfront, LLC, \$0

Aug. 21, PIN I091-9; R.H. Morrison Jr. Estate Lot: 4 PCA 10-1 from Elise G. Clippinger, Mark Phillips Clippinger to Morrison Waterfront, LLC, \$0

Aug. 22, PIN K06-1 (Portion); 293.64 AC (12,791,127.86 Sq Ft) PCB 20-16 (288.19 AC) from OW World, LLC to Spear Fish, LLC, \$1,154

Aug. 22, PIN K06-1 (Portion); 293.64 AC (12,791,127.86 Sq Ft) PCB 20-16 (288-19 AC) from Spear Fish, LLC to Michael P. O'Donnell, \$1,532

Aug. 22, Lot 111 & Parcel 2 PCA 138-13, MB 2/76 & PCA 10-6 from William Joseph Phelan to Peter O'Leary, Mari-Lynn Raptis, \$1,050

Aug. 25, 212 AC N/S Board Creek; Whortonsville Rd Merritt; Harold H.

having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to CRYSTAL Z. PETERSEN, EXECUTOR on or before FEBRUARY 10, 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 Executor.

This 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

ESTATE OF MARK F. ZETTL
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Publish November 12, 19, 26 AND DECEMBER 3, 2025

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
SYLVIA LEE NORMAN**
File No.: 25E001203-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SANDRA NORMAN WING EXECUTOR on or before February 10th, 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 EXECUTOR.

This 12TH OF NOVEMBER 2025

ESTATE OF SYLVIA LEE NORMAN
C/O SANDRA NORMAN WING
PO BOX 373
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

Publish NOVEMBER 12, 19, 26 AND DECEMBER 3, 2025.

Bate Tract 95 (Weyco); Map in DB 424/144 from John Eric Evenson, II, Donna Martin Evenson to Broad Creek Timber LLC, \$0

Aug. 25, River Run Lot: 48 Phase III PCA 174-4; Boat Slip 9 Map DB 665/874 from John L. Hughey to Aldo Cristiani, Yolanda Cristiani, \$60

Aug. 25, ½ AC S/S Neuse Rd (NCSR 1300) from Donald G. Brewer to Joe David Rodriguez Ramos, Joe David Rodriguez Ramos, \$16

Aug. 25, Oriental Harbor Place Condominiums Unit: A-11 CC 1 Slide 9-4 from Carolyn H. O'Neill to Casey Alan Jones, Catherine W. Jones, \$880

Aug. 25, One Tract Pine Hammock Island Bounded on North by Pamlico River East by Cedar Island Throughfare South by Oyster Creek West by Old River Ditch; Second Island 33 AC Cedar Island from The Ford S. Worthy, Jr., Trust, Ford S. Worthy, Jr., Marjorie H. Worthy/TR to Worthy Ventures, LLC, \$0

Aug. 25, Arlington Place Lot: 103 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Bonnie Campion, Paul Pearse to Jeffrey G. Benson, Sandra W. Benson, \$106

Aug. 26, Mill Creek Lot: 394, Phase II, Arlington Place S. Brightleaf Dr Minnesott Beach, PCA 164-2 from Arlington Place, LLC to Whitney Alene Gentile, \$178

Aug. 26, Janerio Park Lot: 3 Section II MB 4/84 PIN H094-119 from Terrence D. Sullivan, Marguerite J. Sullivan to Frances B. Jowyk, \$990

Aug. 26, PIN H094-108-1 (Part); 24E000676-240; 0.16 AC non-conforming lot PCA 171-1; Estate Deed from Susan Coppage Perritt/EXR, Cassie May Coppage/EST to Michael Derrick Carter, Jonathan Laird Jones, Robert P. Cameron, Barbara L. Cameron, \$70

Aug. 26, PIN H094-108-1 (Part); 24E000676-240; 5.53 AC Lot 2 PCA 171-1; Estate Deed from Susan Coppage Perritt/EXR, Cassie May Coppage/EST to Paul E. Porterfield, Sandra B. Porterfield, \$280

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



Ever since the Nor’easter when so much rain lay in the field, we have seen flocks of snow geese in the fields across from the farm. They are migrating south for the winter,

Stonewall Methodist Church held its annual charge conference on Thursday night. It was a time of celebration about the good works the church has been participating in over the past year. They especially celebrated one adult baptism, five professions of faith, and the addition of 9 new members in 2025. God is really blessing this church family.

Bonnie Kedjierski and Pastor Betty J. Rodgers attended the evangelistic training at Wesley Covenant GMC in Greenville on Saturday. They learned about the Discovery Bible Study to assist those who want to learn more about the Bible.

On November 9, 2025, Stonewall Methodist Church honored our Veterans on Veteran’s Day Sunday. The National Anthem was played by Mrs. Dixie Gatlin on violin and members of the JROTC led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. The children learned what it meant to be a veteran and passed out sweet gifts to all the Veterans that were present. Not all were present, but all were remembered, including Maurice Benton, Jerry Keast, Ed Kelleher, Fred Kedjierski, Roy Rodgers, Jesse Rodrigues, Marvin Slade, Jimmy Spain, David Varley, and Irene

Wright. The Stonewall choir is preparing for their Christmas cantata Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to join us even if you are not a member. All practices and performances are NOT during Sunday morning worship times, so we are blessed to have brothers and sisters from other churches join us. Remember, the Choir will perform their Christmas cantata, “Breath of Heaven” on December 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm. All are invited to come and share an evening of music, worship, and fellowship. You will receive a blessing.

Celebrating birthdays in November are Chasidy Gwaltney Voliva (11/10), Paisley Tillman and Carol Heath West (11/14), Steve Smith and Tammy Spain (11/16), Brenda Spain (11/17), Michael Rowe (11/18), Fred Read (11/22), Kevin Rodgers (11/23), Bryan Spain (11/26), Tucker Carey, Kari Hudgins and Jerry Harper (11/28), and Thelmond Cooper (11/29). Barbara and Lester Carey celebrated 63 years of marriage on November 4. John and Penny \$ Farmer will celebrate 39 years of marriage on November 16. Walt and Joannis Rodgers Summerlin will celebrate their third anniversary on November 18.

Have a blessed week. Perplexed or puzzled? Take Spiritual Vitamin P. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



I hope everyone saw the moon last week. What a spectacular sight it was! It was blood red which reminded me that no earthly person could do that, only God! We are so blessed that we have such a beautiful country that God has given us with such beauty in flowers, trees and everything we grow so we only have to look around and see all that He has created for us. We are so enjoying the abundant crop of pecans that having been falling for some time. He also created the squirrels and crows that are enjoying our pecans. There were sixteen at church today and we honored one of our veterans. I will be at Grantsbrook on Tuesday which is Veterans Day to sing Patriotic Songs for the patients. Woodmen Life is sponsoring the

sing-a-long and a few folks are going with me to sing along. I want to encourage folks to join the Pamlico Chorale as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Service this month and the Christmas Program in December. They meet at the Oriental U. Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Beth Burch is doing a great job leading them but they need more voices. Joe and Colleen that live across the creek from me have a beautiful new boat at their dock.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK— AS WE APPROACH THE THANKSGIVING SEASON, BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE AND SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED!

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Greetings from Vandemere! Can you believe how fast November is flying by? It feels like tomorrow we’ll be unwrapping gifts and singing carols — December is right around the corner! This past weekend, I took a holiday road trip to Greenville for the Down East Holiday Craft Show with my daughter and a few wonderful friends. We had an absolute blast! The creativity, the laughter, and the holiday spirit were contagious. I’m so thankful for the amazing friends I have here; after all, friendship isn’t about quantity, it’s about quality—and I’m blessed with the best. Now, mark your calendars because Vandemere’s holiday celebrations are right around the corner. Our Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening filled with music by the Pamlico County High School Jazz Group, great fellowship, and singing around the bonfire. There will be a few

small surprises for the children, along with everyone’s favorite treat—s’mores! On Monday, December 8, the Town will host its annual Holiday Potluck starting at 6:30 p.m. The Commissioners will provide the main dishes and drinks, and guests are invited to bring their favorite side dish to share. Expect plenty of laughter, retro holiday songs, and a fun game or two. Please RSVP at 252-745-5480 for this event. Let’s keep the joy, warmth, and community spirit alive as we move into the holiday season. Vandemere truly shines brightest when we celebrate together. Bless everyone as we prepare to gather for Thanksgiving! And God Bless our Veterans, too (Happy Veteran’s Day). Remember to pay it forward this season and give to those who may be having difficulties at this time...for God’s blessings are also best when shared! Check out and see what Vandemere NC is all about at www.vandemerenc.com.

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. The weather has certainly showed lately just how uncertain it can be around here. It’s the price we pay for living in such a beautiful place. The temperatures this week certainly have shown us winter is coming. I saw where the mountains were getting snow Sunday into Monday. With the fall colors and the addition of some snow it would make for a good weekend get away. When I lived in the mountains just outside of Blowing Rock the first sign of snow was always so pretty to see. There are a few events happening this weekend. One is the Aurora Historical Shiver Tour tickets are \$20 at the door but for \$30 you are upgraded to VIP with YouTube sensation Ghost Trucking. Should be a fun evening. Tours are Friday and Saturday at 5 and 7. I saw this week where the Sandhill Ol Country Farmers Market was cutting their hours due to lack of traffic. It is on 306 North and is a wonderfully quaint little country market. The inside is done nice and when I was there even had fresh lemonade. They also have country hams from Daniel Boone Inn. Oh my oh my those are delicious some of the best ham around these parts. They have fresh vegetables and lots of other country market items. They have been trying to draw people with different events but it has been a struggle. If you get a chance take the short drive and show them some county love. I believe the are open Thursday through the weekend but not positive. Country stores used to be on what seemed like every corner but most definitely every community. You could get just about anything from a coun-



try store bread, meat, hammer and nails your one stop shop! Oh how I miss those types of stores. When you get a chance and slow down a bit from your busy days take a minute and think.....what am I thankful for? I will leave you this week with a photo taken from one of my little adventures. Until then stay warm, stay kind, and be thankful.



Did you know?

Board games are popular ways to pass the time and socialize with family and friends. Board games have been played for centuries. The oldest board game is believed to have originated in the Middle East. It was discovered at the Royal Cemetery of the Sumerian city of Ur in 1928 by a British archaeologist. Highly decorated boards made of wood and inlaid shell and lapis lazuli were found and believed to be made between 2,600 and 2,400 B.C. The game was dubbed the Royal Game of Ur since its original name wasn’t known.



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**COUNTY OF PAMLICO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**



NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pamlico, North Carolina has scheduled a Public Hearing as follows:
DATE: December 1, 2025
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
**PLACE: County Commissioner Meeting Room
202 Main Street
Bayboro, NC 28515**

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public on the following proposed amendment:

Pamlico County, North Carolina Ordinance Regulating Business Engaged In The Sale of Hemp, Kratom, and/or THC Products

Please note the following:
During regular business hours, the full text of the following proposed amendments can be obtained from the Clerk to the Board at the County Manager’s Office located at 302 Main Street, Bayboro, NC (Phone Number: 252-745-3133, Email: tracy.boyd@pamlicocounty.org)

**NOTICE OF ORDER ADOPTING
UNIFORM SCHEDULES OF VALUES,
STANDARDS, AND RULES**

Notice is hereby given that, at its regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025 the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pamlico, North Carolina (the “Board”) adopted, by order, uniform schedules of values, standards, and rules (the “schedules”) to be used in appraising real property for property tax purposes as of January 1, 2026.

A complete copy of the schedules is available for public examination at the office of the Pamlico County Tax Administrator, 202 Main Street, First Floor, Bayboro, NC 28515. A complete copy of the schedules is also available online at the Pamlico County website, www.pamlicocounty.org, under the “2026 Schedules of Values” portion of the Tax Administration section.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-317, “a property owner who asserts that the schedules, standards, and rules are invalid may except to the order and appeal therefrom to the Property Tax Commission within 30 days of the date when the notice of the order adopting the schedules, standards, and rules was first published.” This notice was first published on November 3, 2025.

COUNTY OF PAMLICO, NORTH CAROLINA
Tracy Boyd, Clerk to the Board

Town of Vandemere – Request for Quote (RFQ)
Project: Construction of ADA-Compliant Fishing Pier
Bid Opening Date: November 5, 2025
Bid Closing Date: November 17, 2025

The Town of Vandemere is seeking qualified contractors to provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the construction of an ADA-compliant fishing pier within town limits. The project must meet all applicable federal and state accessibility standards, as well as local permitting and safety requirements. Detailed project specifications and site information are available on the “Business” tab of the Town’s official website at www.vandemere.com.

Submission Instructions:
Quotes may be submitted **by email** to vandemeremayor@outlook.com or by mail to:
Town of Vandemere
Attn: Mayor Sandra Snipes
P.O. Box 338
Vandemere, NC 28587

All quotes must be received by **5:00 PM on November 17, 2025**. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered. The Town of Vandemere reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the contract in the best interest of the Town.

For questions or to schedule a site visit, please contact:
Sandra Snipes, Mayor
Phone- 252-745-5480 Email: vandemeremayor@outlook.com

Tips to get ready for DIY gift projects

There are many reasons people gravitate to homemade holiday gifts. Customizing and personalizing gifts to the needs of a particular recipient is a thoughtful touch. Homemade gifts may be particularly fun for savvy do-it-yourselfers to give to loved ones. DIY gifts require extra time and effort, which means they often cannot be left to the last minute. Crafty gift givers who plan to give homemade items this holiday season should plan and gather supplies well in advance of the holidays to ensure gifts will be ready in time. Following these tips can help the planning process.

- Identify your project(s). Prior to the holiday season, begin to think about which holiday gift projects you will be undertaking. Ideas run the gamut from yarn crafts to woodworking to food gifts. Understanding the scope of the project will help you determine how



much time it will take to complete it.

- Start shopping supplies. Each project will require various materials. Shopping early ensures availability of materials. The closer it gets to the holiday season, the more scarce certain supplies may become, making shopping early a necessity. Plus, the earlier you shop, the greater the opportunity to compare prices and shop sales.
- Store materials in an organized manner. Devote an area, box or another storage solution for your tools and materials so that they are not absorbed

by existing clutter. Time can be wasted looking for materials and setting up a project, particularly if you purchased items in advance.

- Block out time. Devote time on your schedule to working on holiday gifts. Treat the work like any other job. Take advantage of quiet moments when you can devote your attention to the DIY projects.
- Create personalized tags. Let gift recipients know the item was handmade by you. Create or purchase tags that can be attached to the finished project and read, “Made by (Name Person).” It’s a clever finishing touch to the gift. Plus, it showcases your pride in the homemade item.

Do-it-yourself gifts are heartfelt and personal. Prepare for any homemade gifts well in advance of the holidays to ensure you have the time and materials to get everything done on time.

PCHS NJROTC Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Pass In Review and Change of Command Ceremony is always a supremely impressive event and this year’s was no exception. The NJROTC program at the high school is one of the most popular, with 84 students participating. In this case, popularity has translated into excellence as the unit has received numerous awards through the years and is currently on a 13-year streak (2013-2025) of receiving the distinguished Unit award. While the NJROTC is certainly a great program for any student to become involved in if they have aspirations of joining the military service in the future, the vast majority of those participating do not. The program promotes discipline, physical fitness, leadership, and self-confidence. Community service is also a huge part of the program. Skills and traits that any young person growing into adulthood can apply to their lives. This year’s event had a homecoming feel to it as CDR Michael Robinson (USN ret), who was an NJROTC instructor at Pamlico for 10 years and played a huge role in establishing it as a premier program not only regionally but nationally, returned to address the cadets and assist with awards and promotions. CDR Robinson is now an Area Manager in the Midwest and oversees 28 NJROTC units. He spoke glowingly of the Pamlico program and stated that it is the “yardstick” that all other units he is associated with are measured. The current Senior Naval Science Instructor, Capt. Jesse Rodriguez echoed that praise in his closing remarks. He, and Naval Science Instructor Master Chief Petty Officer Dave Matthews and their students have maintained a level of excellence that that sets the standard for all other programs. In addition to the Pass In Review, and promotions, attendees were treated to an outstanding Drill Team demonstration. The final portion of the program was the time-honored change of command ceremony. Cadet Lt Commander Brinley Altman handed over command to the unit Executive Officer, and new CO Lt. Commander Moriah Phillips. An impressive ceremony by some very impressive Pamlico County High School students.



Change of Command Pinning. CDR Mike Robinson (USN Ret) pins incoming Cadet CO C/LCDR Moriah Phillips. Assisting is outgoing Cadet CO C/LCDR Brinley Altman.

Drill Team demonstration under the command of C/ENS Kaitlynn Mizelle



1st Platoon under the command of C/CPO Allie Daniels

The always impressive Pass In Review



Pamlico County Nonprofits Celebrated

Contact: Katie Shorter, kshorter@imaginepamlico.org, 252.670.2468

November 9, 2025: Oriental, NC...Over forty Pamlico County nonprofits representatives attended a complimentary luncheon honoring their commitment to serving local residents. As part of its mission to support nonprofits delivering services to Pamlico County residents, fellow nonprofit Imagine Pamlico hosted “Pamlico Proud: A Celebration of Service” at Grove and Vine in Oriental.

Attendees enjoyed a catered lunch, networking, and remarks from guest speaker Mark Brewington, Pamlico County’s manager, who recognized the attendees’ impact on all residents from Pamlico County. “We support the efforts of Imagine Pamlico and all of the Pamlico County nonprofits,” Brewington said. “We also recognize the importance of building public-private partnerships in pursuing our vision for the county and its residents.”

Attendees remarked that the nonprofits staff members do not get the opportunity to convene in a setting in which they are not working. Steven West, Executive Pastor of Sound of Salvation Ministries, commented, “We see each other while working events in our communities, serving our clients or even in professional conferences, but we don’t get to take time out to connect socially.” He added, “When we are able to gather in a setting like this, we connect with other organizations with whom we can build relationships that allow us to reach even more people.”

The event was supported by Walmart of Grantsboro, Food Lion of Grantsboro, and Taylor & Sons BBQ and Catering.

For more information about Imagine Pamlico, visit www.ImaginePamlico.org or Imagine Pamlico’s Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn accounts.



Pamlico County Manager, Mark Brewington, addresses Pamlico County nonprofit representatives at a celebratory luncheon on November 5th at Grove and Vine in Oriental.



Over forty representatives from Pamlico County nonprofits gathered on Nov. 5th at Grove and Vine in Oriental for “Pamlico Proud: A Celebration of Service” luncheon hosted by Imagine Pamlico.

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8th Grade ELA Writing



8th grade ELA students were working on writing assignments connected to the book *Freak The Mighty*.



8th Grade Halloween



PAMLICO COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL 7th Grade Visits Camp Don Lee



The 7th grade field trip to Camp Don Lee was an exciting and educational experience where students explored nature and hands-on learning. During their visit, students participated in lessons about Native American history and culture, gaining a deeper understanding of the people who originally lived in the region. They also learned about fish native to North Carolina, including a detailed dissection activity that allowed them to study fish anatomy up close. In addition to the academic lessons, students took part in team-building and challenge courses that encouraged cooperation, problem-solving, and personal growth. The trip was a fun and memorable blend of outdoor adventure and meaningful learning.

BETA Club welcomes new members, has successful Mum Fundraiser



Along with our families and community members, Pamlico County Middle School inducted 41 new members into the National Junior Beta Club on October 14, 2025. There are 49 total Beta Club members for the 2025-2026 school year. Students are invited to join Beta Club based off of eligibility criteria from the previous school year. Students will participate in community service opportunities, service projects, and leadership meetings throughout the year. In September, we had a very successful Mum Sale fundraiser with the partnership of our great friends at Harbourside Garden Co. Beta Club members sold almost 700 mums to raise funds for our club!!



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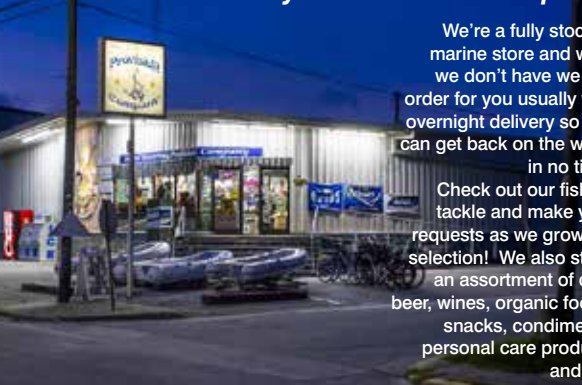
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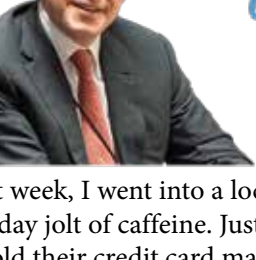
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Last week, I went into a local coffee shop in desperate need of a midday jolt of caffeine. Just as I was about to place my order, I was told their credit card machine was down so I would need to pay in cash. As I don't generally carry much, if any, cash, I knew the double espresso I'd been thinking about just wasn't going to happen. It wasn't a great start to a long afternoon of meetings.

We all run into situations like this from time to time, and my coffee example didn't really matter much to my life (though it was a tough afternoon!). But in personal finance the fact that sometimes you have the money to buy something, but can't because your money isn't immediately accessible, is important and is called "liquidity." One of the expressions you sometimes hear about liquidity (or being liquid) is "house rich and cash poor." This refers to people who own nice houses but have no extra money for furniture, a car or the other necessities of life. It's not the biggest problem out there, but it is a problem.

The World Series just ended, and baseball is front of mind, so a related item to liquidity is Shohei Ohtani's most recent contract. For those baseball fans out there, you'll know he signed the largest contract in the history of baseball in 2024 (since exceeded by Juan Soto) – \$700 million over 10 years. While that's certainly worth noting, what is interesting is that he deferred 97% of his payments for over 10 years. So, while Ohtani

For all of us, being sure that you can meet essential expenses when things go wrong is an important part of financial well-being, and a key but underappreciated way to have an even happier life. I certainly would have had a happier day with some rainy-day cash in my wallet at the coffee shop!

This is one of those interesting facts you probably thought you knew but actually didn't. Contrary to American mythology, Spam is not an acronym for "Scientifically Processed Animal Matter" or "Shoulder of Pork and Ham." In 1937, Hormel, the company that makes Spam, sponsored a naming contest for the new product. Kenneth Daigneau, a New York actor, who was also the brother of a Hormel VP, won \$100 for coming up with "Spam." Stories vary on whether Daigneau created the name as a blending of "spiced ham" or if he conceived the name before the product was even created. Nonetheless, Hormel executives loved it, and the rest is history.



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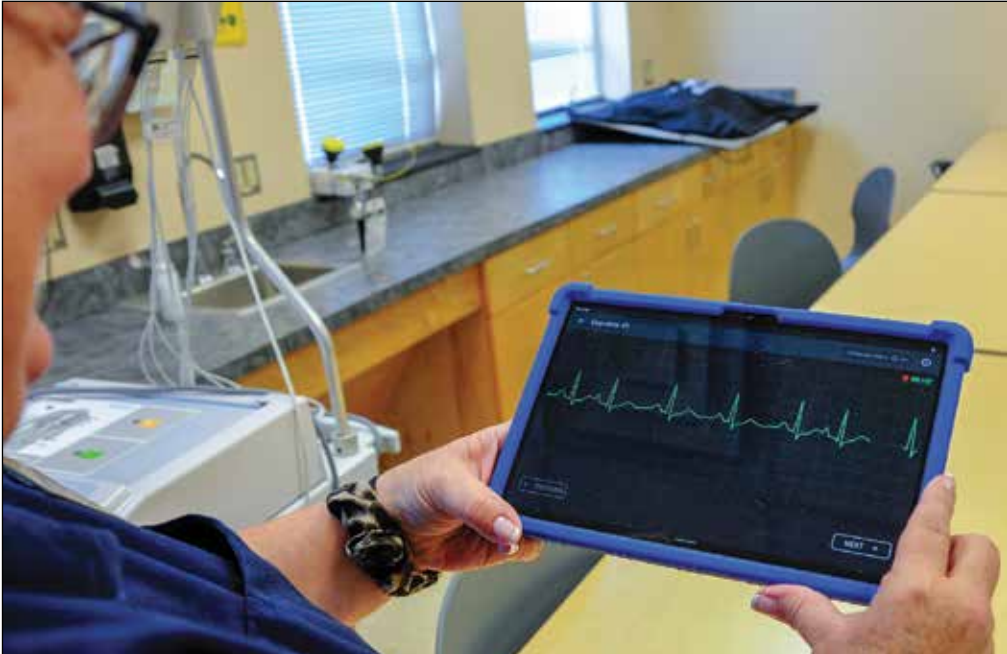
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What is Movember?

If you think you're seeing more moustaches lingering over mens' upper lips as November unfolds, chances are your eyes are not deceiving you. November has long been synonymous with Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season, but it's also taken on a whole new persona in recent years, and moustaches are a significant part of that new identity.

Arguably as popular as ever, Movember® is a public health-focused effort designed to raise awareness of and support research into men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and suicide. Men who participate in Movember typically begin growing moustaches on November 1 and keep them throughout the month.

The origins of Movember can be traced to 2003, when two men in Australia, Travis Garone and Luke Slattery, met for a beer in Melbourne. At that point in time, the popularity of moustaches had waned, but Garone and Slattery joked about restoring the stache to its once-lofty status. At the time, a friend's mother was fundraising for breast cancer, and Garone and Slattery were inspired to combine their efforts to bring back the moustache with efforts to raise awareness about men's health and prostate cancer. In a testament to the two friends' skills in the art of persuasion, they were able to find 30 men willing to take up the challenge to grow a moustache. Those who accepted the challenge agreed to follow the rules of Movember, which included paying \$10 to grow a moustache.

That initial campaign generated significant enthusiasm among the initial participants, so the following year a decision was made to formalize their efforts and officially support a worthy cause related to men's health. After some research, prostate cancer was chosen as the issue to formally support. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, though not an official men's health partner of Movember, agreed to accept any funds generated by the 2004 campaign. By that time, 450 men, including some in Spain and the United Kingdom, had agreed to take part, ultimately raising more than AUD \$50,000.

Nearly 20 years later, the moustachioed movement to raise awareness about various men's health issues is still going strong, having funded more than 1,250 men's health projects since its inception. Individuals interested in learning more about Movember can visit us.movember.com.



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BOC Seeks Vape Store Ordinance That Won't Go Up in Smoke

by: Hiram Lupton



A continued topic of discussion at the November 3rd Pamlico County Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting pertained to what, if anything the County can do to regulate the sales of hemp, kratom, and/or THC products that are often sold along with tobacco products and other goods at what are commonly referred to as “Vape Stores.” The debate has been sparked by public complaints about bright lights, hours of operation, and the question of just what are these stores selling, particularly to our youth. The topic reached the point where the BOC asked County Attorney David Baxter to draft an ordinance that places regulations on the operations of these stores. While the Board all seemed in general agreement that something should be done, the discussion centered on how much and how fast to act. Commissioner Doug Brinson was the most vocal, stating that he had run out of patience and was ready to vote now to “get that dope” out of the County. There is however the sticky little issue called the law. Board Chairman Ed Riggs, while completely agreeing that the Board should do their utmost to control the businesses that sell these products, stressed that they must be cautious not to open the County up to legal action by the business owners of these stores. “If we adopt this ordinance, it needs to be iron clad in regards to legal ramifications for the County.” There is also the issue of a public hearing which is required for all ordinances before they can be voted on and adopted by the County. That public hearing

has been set for the BOC meeting on December 1st. At that time, residents can express their views on the subject. Commissioner Kari Forrest also expressed her desire for the ordinance and that it should contain provisions on the lights and advertising these businesses display. There is also a question about jurisdiction on any ordinance enacted by the County. Along NC Hwy 55, the corridor from Reelsboro to Stonewall has become known as Vape Road, with roughly six similar style businesses located along the route. If an ordinance is enacted by the County, each municipality must then agree to also adopt the ordinance, or come up with their own. As it stands now, only one of the stores the ordinance will potentially affect lies outside of an incorporated town and that one would be the only one the County could regulate without approval from the municipalities. Much of what the County can do as far as regulations involves location and density of these stores. The question arises as to how far the County can legally go to regulate a business that began operations within the law and now is in violation, as far as their proximity to schools, daycares, and churches. Following the public hearing on the 17th, the BOC could vote to approve the ordinance as written, vote to approve with amendments, or table the issue until the County Attorney can review proposed changes. For more information on the proposed ordinance, contact the County Manager's office.



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