



As first-time parents prepare to bring their newborns home, they may have some questions about bathing their babies.  
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Pamlico County  
Sheriff's Office  
August 28, 2025



On August 27, 2025, the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office was notified of a careless and reckless driver in the Stonewall, NC area. Deputies quickly located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

During the stop, the driver became uncooperative and fled the scene, leading deputies on a short vehicle pursuit. The suspect eventually exited the vehicle and engaged in a physical altercation with deputies before being taken into custody with minor injuries.

The driver was identified as Alex Lopez Alcerro, who was determined not to be a U.S. citizen and had previously been deported. Alcerro is also a registered sex offender out of California.

Alcerro was charged with the following offenses:

Felony Flee to Elude  
Felony Assault on Law Enforcement Causing Injury  
Aggressive Driving  
Failure to Heed Lights and Siren  
Resisting a Public Officer

Alcerro was issued a \$50,000 secured bond and is currently being held on an ICE detainer.

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office will continue to pursue those who endanger our community and work diligently to ensure the safety of all residents.

  
**fall equinoxes**  
There are two moments each year when the Sun is located directly above the Equator and the Earth's axis is neither tilted toward or away from the sun, making the hours of day and night relatively equal in length. These days are the spring and fall equinoxes. The fall equinox occurs on September 22, 2025 at 2:19 pm and marks the official beginning of fall in the northern hemisphere. The equinox is celebrated as a daylong event, but it's really just a moment in time when the sun crosses the celestial equator. The equinox often brings on the northern lights, which also is known as the aurora borealis. Auroras are caused by the interaction of solar winds with the Earth's magnetic field. Disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field are strongest and more likely in spring and fall. Folklore says that only on an equinox can an egg be balanced on its ends. However, it actually can be done on other days as well.

by: Hiram Lupton

## The Inn at Pamlico Moves Forward with Property Acquisition



An important milestone for The Inn at Pamlico was achieved last Friday as they now have a place to build. The Inn at Pamlico will be a transitional facility to assist formerly incarcerated women break the revolving door cycle of detention to freedom to detention by providing safe housing and life changing experiences. With the recordation of a deed, Tried by Fire, Inc., the non-profit organization behind the Inn, formally took possession of property located in the southeast quadrant of Third and Main Streets in Bayboro. "After 20 months of work, phase one, the acquisition of the property, is done," said one of the

groups founders, Mrs. Lorraine Yaeger. "God is good!" Now that they have a site, The Inn at Pamlico can move on to the next step, site preparation and construction. "This was a huge step," says Yaeger, "but the work continues. We will continue to raise support, money, and especially awareness for this much needed facility. We just want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this effort in any way. It truly is an investment in people." For more information about The Inn at Pamlico, check out their Facebook page or Tried by Fire's website at [triedbyfireinc.org](http://triedbyfireinc.org).

## PCA Retains the Pamlico Cup

by: Hiram Lupton

Soccer is catching on in Pamlico County and one of the best ways to stroke the fire is a little intra-county competition. Pamlico Christian Academy (PCA) made the short trip to Bayboro last Thursday to take on the Hurricanes of Pamlico County High School (PCHS) to decide who will keep The Pamlico Cup for another year. The Cup

was conceived to stimulate interest between the matchup. The two teams began playing twice a season last year with PCA getting two wins over the Hurricanes. That trend continued this year with the Mariners picking win number two over PCHS on Thursday, 6-0. Cameron Crabbe led the Mariners with 4 goals.



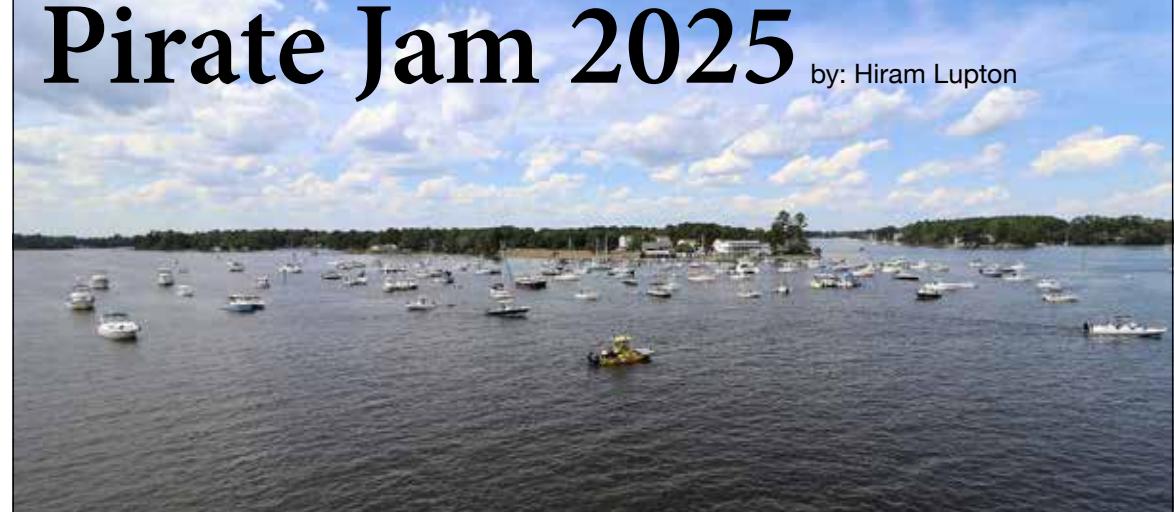
The Mariners hoist the Pamlico Cup trophy



Cameron Crabbe (#5)

## Pirate Jam 2025

by: Hiram Lupton



Avast ye mateys, Pirate Jam 2025 was a huge success. Rigs from near and far sailed the seven seas, or at least the Neuse River and Kershaw Creek, to converge on Teach's Point in Oriental for the event. This concert was not for land-lubbers but for those who claim to be hearty sailors, floaters, and paddlers. Three bands

performed from the point and despite the presence of a many a buccaneer, there was not a bit of plundering or pillaging reported, although there were numerous reports that the grog flowed freely and abundantly. A hearty job well done to the Pamlico Arts Council for another great Pirate Jam.



## LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND



Saturday, Sept 6th **90° Hi** Intervals of clouds and sunshine



Sunday, Sept 7th **84 °Hi** Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms



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## Hole In One for Mr. Ed

by: Hiram Lupton



Mr. Ed Cross

Last Wednesday, Mr. Ed Cross accomplished something many great golfers have never done, and what's more incredible, he did it at age 92. "I was playing with my good friend Tom Woodruff and we were on hole #5. It was about 110 yards. I teed off and the ball took one bounce and went right in the hole." Mr. Ed has been playing golf since he moved to Pamlico County when he was 40 years old and joined the club at Minnesota. "I didn't know if I'd ever get one, but after 52 years of playing, I finally did." Congratulations to Mr. Ed, now go get you another one.

## Vandemere Awarded Grant for Fishing Pier

by: Hiram Lupton



The Town of Vandemere received some great news last week as it was announced that they had been awarded \$167,700 by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Coastal Management (CAMA). This was a part of \$2.25 million in grants awarded to fund 10 projects that will improve access to beaches and coastal waterways. Vandemere will use its grant for construction of a new 80' to 100' fishing pier which will be located at the end of North First Street on the site of the old town boat ramp. This grant will provide 75% of the funding needed for construction with the town to provide a 25% match. Construction is hoped to take place before the end of 2026.

## PCT-PCS Alumni Association Give Presentation to School Board

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County Board of Education received a special presentation at their August meeting from Mr. Terry Garrison representing the Pamlico County Training School - Pamlico Central School (PCT-PCS) Alumni Association. He gave a brief summation of the history of the schools and the site they sit on which the current Pamlico County Middle School occupies. The Board was also invited to the PCT-PCS Founders Day celebration and reunion to be held on the weekend of September 26-27 of this year. It will be the first reunion since 2018. Mr. Garrison, on behalf of the Alumni Association, also expressed to the Board, that in order to preserve the history and legacy of the school, the Association is seeking a right of first refusal for acquiring the property when Pamlico Middle School is closed after the 2025-26 academic year.



Mr. Terry Garrison addresses the Pamlico County Board of Education.



## Pamlico Community College

### Pamlico Community College seeks to grow its Cultural & Life Enrichment program

By Sandy Wall

Pamlico Community College wants to grow its Cultural & Life Enrichment program – and it wants to hear from you!

PCC leaders are surveying the public to find out what kind of informative – and fun – non-credit classes adult learners would like the college to offer. They also want to know the types of personal enrichment classes area residents might be willing to teach.

"We really want to hear from the community about this," said PCC President Zac Schnell. "We are open to feedback, so we are inviting area residents to let their voices be heard."

College staffers have put together a short online survey. It can be accessed by a QR code or through this link: <https://forms.gle/zANjkL47t2zLhjVi8>.

For years, Pamlico has offered a wide range of personal enrichment courses, both at its Grantsboro campus and at off-site locations.

Popular classes have included quilting, sewing, pottery, astronomy, birding and more. Talented residents also have taught their neighbors how to play the guitar and how to play bridge.

Fees for the courses are low, and instructors keep the classroom atmosphere fun and stress-free.

"Culture grows when it's shared, and life is enriched when we learn from one another," said Lakishia Voliva, Delamar Center coordinator and organizer of the survey. "Our courses are about discovering passions, skills and stories that connect us all."

She continued, "What do you want to learn? What do you want to teach? Together, we can make it happen. Come join us and make some new friends. We'd love to have you on campus."

Voliva points out that Cultural & Life Enrichment instructors do not need to have teaching licenses or formal qualifications. They only need to have a passion for sharing their knowledge and skills with others.

For more information about the survey or the PCC Cultural & Life Enrichment program, please call 252-249-1851, ext. 3113, or email [cleclasses@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:cleclasses@pamlicocc.edu).

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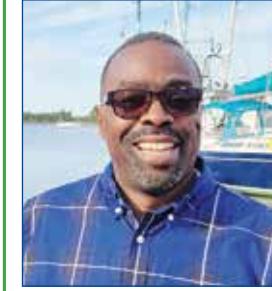


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Agent of the Week

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Susan, NJ



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

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### If Your Tic Doesn't Toc, Better Call the Clock Doc

by: Hiram Lupton

Do you have a cuckoo clock that no longer cuckooos? Or maybe. Your pendulum isn't swinging quite like it should? It could be "time" for some professional help. It could be "time" to call the Clock Doc. Mr. Jerry Green recently moved to the area from Wyoming and he brought with him over 44 years of experience in clock repair. "There is getting to be fewer and fewer of us in this business. It is important to have good eyes and good finger tips to see and feel for small problems. As those of us that do this sort of work are getting older, there are aren't as many of us around to take our place." Mr. Green not only has a feel for clocks, he has the knowledge too. He knows all the correct names for the doohickeys and thingamabobs that work together to keep good time. The Clock Doc also does something most other doctors don't these days, he makes house calls. So, if your tic no longer tocs, give the Clock Doc a call at (307) 680-3523. He works on all clocks from antique to modern.

The Clock Doc performs some surgery on a client's grandmother clock



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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- September 3rd – 1995, eBay was founded.
- September 4th – Today is National Newspaper Carrier Day. Salute to Neal McCraw.
- September 5th – Today is National Cheese Pizza Day. No toppings, no problem.
- September 6th – Today is National Hummingbird Day.
- September 7th – Today is National Beer Lover's Day.
- September 8th – 1966, Star Trek premiered on TV. Boldly go where no man has gone before.
- September 9th – Today is National Teddy Bear Day.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 4th – 1981, Singer Beyoncé Knowles  
 September 5th – 1847, Outlaw Improvement in a Loss, Pamlico Falls to Swansboro  
 September 5th – 1940, Actress Raquel Welch  
 September 7th – 1936, Musician Charles Holly (Buddy Holly)  
 September 8th – 1932, Singer Virginia Hensley (Patsy Cline)  
 September 8th – 19??, Coach and world traveler April Rose  
 September 9th – 1890, Chicken killer Colonel Harlan Sanders  
 September 9th – 1941, Singer Otis Redding



*"Trying is the first step toward failure." —Homer Simpson,*

## One Card, Endless Possibilities!

This September, the Craven-Pamlico Regional Library invites you to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month and discover how a single card can open the door to endless opportunities. With a library card, you can check out books and do lots more. From free classes and job resources to homework help, audio books, and cultural events, today's libraries connect communities to information, inspiration, and each other.

At your Craven-Pamlico Regional Library, you'll find:

- eBooks, databases, business resources, hot spots, and laptops
- You will find non-traditional items such as clean sweep clean up kits, musical instruments, cake pans and telescopes
- Programs and events for all ages—from storytimes and book clubs to tech help

Sign up for a library card by visiting your local library or online!

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card.

Throughout the school year, public librarians and library staff will assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, technology workshops to the expertise of librarians, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available.

### Food of the Month: Turkey Gravy

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

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

## Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!

Come join others who have found a Solution!

Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898

### Meetings in Pamlico County:

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

Tuesday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)

Thursday \*7:30pm\*\* - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)

Friday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).

Sunday \*7pm - Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)

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## COMMUNITY

## OBITUARIES



**Kathleen Varney Bates** passed away August 22, 2025 at the age of 82. Born in Kewanee, Illinois to Dr. Harley and Elsie Varney, Kathy was affectionately called "The Little Missionary" from an early age and devoted her life to serving those in need.

Kathy attended camp at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan, where she learned the violin; she would later pay for others to attend Interlochen because she loved to support the arts and others' love for the arts as well. Kathy attended the National Cathedral School in Washington, DC, then went on to earn a degree in sociology in Iowa. She actively endowed the National Cathedral School throughout her life. She was active in the Potapsut Sailing Association (PSA) Sailing Club in Maryland for many years with her family.

When living in Oakton, VA, she routinely volunteered for the Bethany Women's Shelter [Bethany, Inc.] in Washington, DC, coordinating food and supplies at the Vienna Presbyterian Church and taking supplies to the shelter herself for 13 years. Upon moving to Oriental, NC, Kathy attended and was an active volunteer at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. She later co-founded Hope Clinic in Bayboro, NC, an organization that provides

free medical care in Pamlico County. Many hospitals over the years received newborn hats that Kathy, a talented knitter, made and donated. Her famous hot fudge sauce was a staple at community fundraising events and was distributed generously at Christmas to family and her broad network of friends.

Kathy travelled the world and often took those she loved along with her. London, where she lived for a short time, was especially near and dear to her heart. Most recently Kathy lived at Rose Senior Living in Avon, Ohio to be near her older son, Craig. She spent the preceding six years at Cypress Glen in Greenville, NC, to be near her son Andrew, his wife Chrissie, and their daughter, Abby.

Kathy, a devoted mom and grandmother, is survived by two sons, Andrew [Chrissie] and Craig [Kim]; granddaughter, Abby; and sister, Judith (Judy). Other special family members include Karen, Bob, Keegan, Colyer and Graeme Durovich; Dana (Chip), Jennifer, and Palmer Burch. Kathy adored her two long-time feline companions, Sport and Squirt.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Charles "Chuck" Guy Bates, brother-in-law Dana DeWitt Burch, Jr., and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Hope Clinic, PO Box 728, Bayboro, NC 28515.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Campaign Disinformation

Recently Commissioner Litzenberger openly accused Commissioner Crosser of trying to amend the "rules of procedure" applicable to calling special meetings of the commissioners in order to manipulate the process by which an interim commissioner can be selected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Frank Roe.

Nothing could be further from the truth. This accusation is nothing but disinformation on the part of Commissioner Litzenberger to cover the fact that it is she who is trying to game the task of who fills the unexpired term of Mr. Roe.

This is actually a two-part dispute. Current state law GS160A-71(b)(1) clearly states that special meetings may be called by the mayor, the mayor Pro tempore or any two commissioners. The state statute has the advantage that it provides multiple ways an issue can be brought forward to the public at large.

Just to make things complicated there is also an 1899 Oriental Town Charter that requires three commissioners and a mayor to call for a special meeting. The disadvantage with 1899 is that it makes it more difficult to keep the voting public informed of current issues. In addition, it confers voting rights for the mayor to block a meeting. The mayor normally only votes to break a tie vote among the commissioners.

Oriental has followed the North Carolina statute for many years, by only requiring any two board members to call a special meeting until now when suddenly it has become a pivotal issue for commissioner Litzenberger. Evidently, she thinks the 1899 charter gives her an advantage to place a favored candidate in Mr. Roe's vacant seat. For the two months before the November election. One can ask why is this so important to Ms. Litzenberger? Why shouldn't the seat remain vacant until the November election when the voters can choose? It is believed that Commissioner Litzenberger wants to create a voting majority on the board for the express purpose of eliminating the position of financial liaison. The financial liaison (Ms. Crosser) has delivered several noteworthy benefits to Oriental over the past twelve months. Ms. Crosser has unjustly been vilified by Ms. Litzenberger and others who are opposed to the public being able to see the state of Oriental's financial management in the light of day.

George Smith

Oriental

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## Horoscopes



### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You're feeling bold this week, Aries. Use a surge of energy to speak out about something that needs to be said. Be mindful of how others may receive it.



### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Stability and home life are in the spotlight, Taurus. You may be called to handle something domestic or financial. Use your natural patience to avoid impulsive decisions.



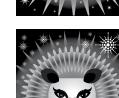
### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, conversations will flow with ease this week, and you'll be a magnet for interesting ideas. If you have been waiting to pitch an idea, do it right now.



### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may assess your value right now, both financially and emotionally. An important decision requires you to have a level head. It's a great week to update a budget.



### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

This week invites you to step into the spotlight, Leo. This is just where you like to be. Don't be afraid to own your power and reveal something personal to friends and family.



### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are more introspective than usual. Take time to reflect and recharge this week. Old memories or unfinished business might resurface and you have to face it head on.



### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Your social life picks up, and someone in your network may present a useful opportunity. Be open to collaboration, Libra. Just don't say yes to too many things at once.



### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Currently your ambition is in focus and others are noticing, Scorpio. A professional opportunity may come your way, but don't rush the details. Trust your intuition when negotiating.



### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You are craving inspiration and something new, Sagittarius. This is the week to explore new ideas, travel or study something interesting. A philosophical discussion might come up.



### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, change is in the air whether you invite it or it finds you. Emotional matters may require some extra attention right now.



### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, all of your partnerships are going smoothly right now. You may need to readjust your expectations to reflect your productivity. A turning point comes into play midweek.



### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Think about looking at your daily habits, Pisces. Figure out if anything needs to be tweaked. You need to take care of yourself and prioritize your health.

## VIRGO Traits & Overview

*Virgos is the star sign born between 23rd August and 22nd September 2023. This zodiac sign works HARD at coming off all*

# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## Life insurance: Protecting what matters most



September is Life Insurance Awareness Month and the perfect time to consider whether you have adequate coverage to protect your loved ones. While no one likes to think about what would happen if they weren't around, doing so is an act of love.

Life insurance is fundamentally about protecting your loved ones should something happen to you. If you pass away, your family will not only face the challenges of grief and loss but they could also find themselves financially strapped. Life insurance can help provide them with financial security in the event you no longer can.

**Who needs life insurance:** You're a good candidate if you have a spouse or partner who depends on your income or if there are children or other loved ones whom you support. Insurance protection can also be a solution if you have outstanding debts like a mortgage, credit cards or a car loan, or if you simply don't want to burden your loved ones with your final expenses.

**Insurance through work:** While many people have life insurance through their employers, this coverage may not be enough for you, depending on your situation. Among employers who offer group life insurance, only 2% offer more than two times the employee's annual salary — essentially just two years of income — according to the Guardian's 2023 Workplace Benefits Study. And remember that it's only good as long as you're employed there. With all this in mind, many people purchase individual insurance as a supplement to their workplace coverage.

**How much:** You might hear that you need life insurance equal to about seven to 10 times your pretax annual salary. That's not a bad "ballpark" figure, but not everyone is playing

in the same ballpark. To get a true sense of how much of a death benefit is right for you, use the "L-I-F-E" guide to calculate your needs:

**Liabilities:** Will your family need to pay off a mortgage, credit cards, car loan or other debt?

**Income:** Will your family need to replace your income for a period of years?

**Final expenses:** Do you have the resources to cover funeral and burial expenses?

**Education needs:** Do you need to put children through a private school or college?

**Which type:** You can choose between two basic types of life insurance: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance is designed to provide coverage for a designated period, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. In general, term insurance is quite affordable for most people, especially when they buy policies as young adults. On the other hand, permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, is usually considerably more expensive because in addition to providing a death benefit, your premiums build cash value. In choosing between term and permanent insurance, you'll want to evaluate several issues, such as how long you think you'll need coverage and how much annual premium you can afford to pay.

Life insurance needs can change over time, so it's important to review your coverage every three to five years or after major life events like marriage or birth of a child. Consider working with a financial advisor who can look at your complete financial situation and help you choose a policy that truly fits your family's needs. Taking action sooner rather than later could be one of the most important gifts you give your loved ones.

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Dan M. Roberts

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**Insurance through work:** While many people have life insurance through their employers, this coverage may not be enough for you, depending on your situation. Among employers who offer group life insurance, only 2% offer more than two times the employee's annual salary — essentially just two years of income — according to the Guardian's 2023 Workplace Benefits Study. And remember that it's only good as long as you're employed there. With all this in mind, many people purchase individual insurance as a supplement to their workplace coverage.

**How much:** You might hear that you need life insurance equal to about seven to 10 times your pretax annual salary. That's not a bad "ballpark" figure, but not everyone is playing

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### Time To Manage Pecan Weevils

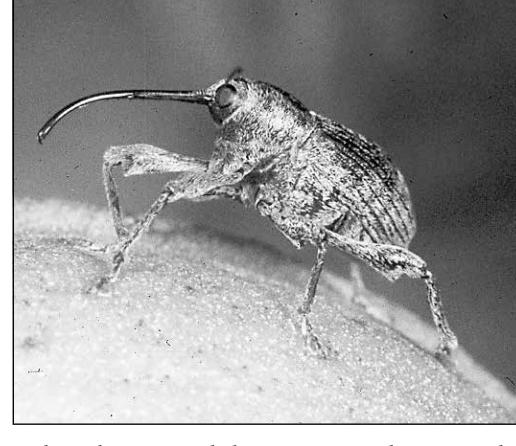
(Taken from an article written by Jessica Strickland, Extension Agent Wayne County, NC at <https://wayne.ces.ncsu.edu/2025/07/time-to-plan-for-controlling-pecan-weevil/>)

August through September is the time of year to manage pecan weevils as they begin to emerge from the ground and into pecan trees. Large infestations of pecan weevils can cause significant losses of pecans and homeowners should be aware of their identification and activity.

The pecan weevil causes two types of damage. The first type is when the adult weevils puncture the nuts in early August, resulting in premature drop and unfilled pecans. The adult pecan weevils are reddish-brown, gray beetles with long slender snouts and thin legs. The second type of damage is caused by larval feeding within the nut. Adult female weevils will lay eggs inside pecans, with the resulting larva feeding on the nut inside. Larva will then chew a circular hole through the shell, exiting the nut, and burrowing into the soil to pupate until next year. Larvae can be distinguished as creamy white, legless grubs with reddish brown heads.

Weevils typically emerge from the soil during a two-month period from August through September, so monitoring for emergence can help with control. A simple way to monitor is by inspecting nuts that have dropped to the ground and looking for dark spots that resulted from feeding through the husk. Weevil feeding may also cause the shell to stick tightly to nuts creating difficulties at harvest.

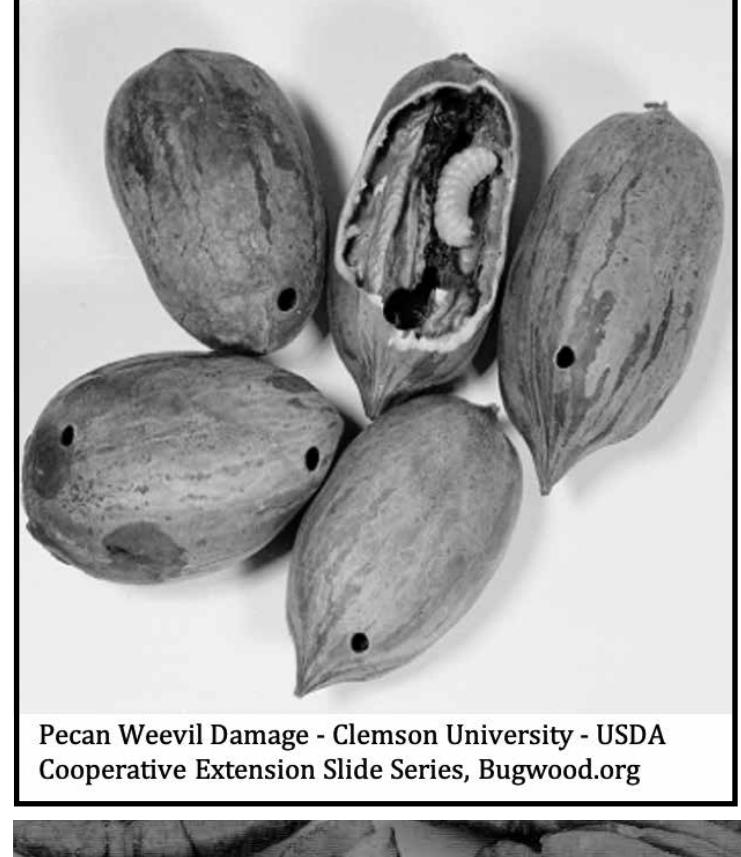
If you decide to use insecticide to control the pecan weevils, applications should be made every 7 to 10 days (depending on



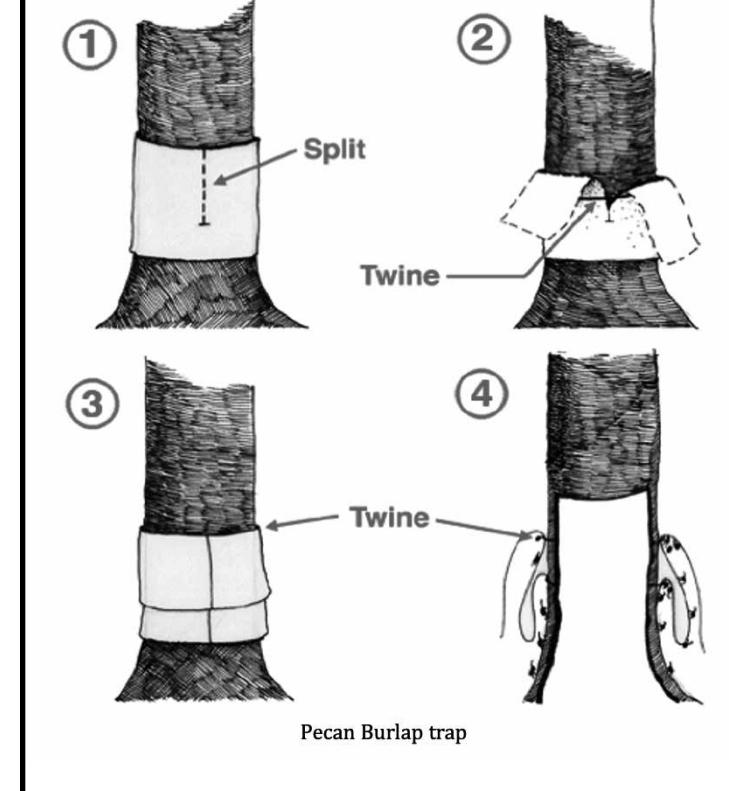
product label recommendations) from mid-August through mid-September using a carbaryl (Sevin) insecticide. In commercial orchards where control is important, specialized equipment such as air blast sprayers and aerial applications may be used. For homeowners, this equipment far exceeds reasonable expense and most homeowners cannot reach into the canopy to make an effective insecticide application. An alternative control method is to gather and destroy weevil-infested nuts as soon as they fall to prevent the larvae from entering the ground and hanging around until the next growing season. After several seasons of such sanitation practices, you can reduce the potential population of weevils around your trees. However, since pecan weevils can fly, no control method can completely eliminate weevils from the environment.

To monitor and trap active adults, you can wrap burlap around the trunk of trees creating a fold of material. As insects crawl up the trunk they will be slowed by this fold and can be removed. The addition of tanglefoot gel to this burlap may also trap a few more insects, but will also trap more debris and other small insects. Do keep in mind that many pecan weevils can fly into trees, so traps have limited affect.

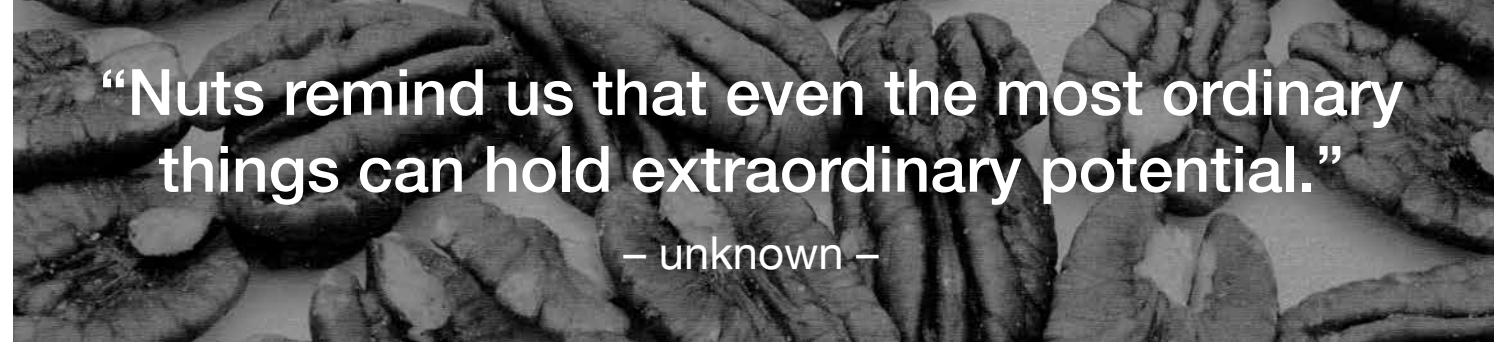
If you would like more information on pecan weevils and their control you can contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or [Daniel\\_simpson@ncsu.edu](mailto:Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu).



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## Improvement in a Loss, Pamlico Falls to Swansboro

by: Hiram Lupton



Hurricane Kamden Keyes (#2) sweeps to the right side with blockers to his left



Pamlico's Baird Audilet, Syler Hall, and Latrell Beasley team up for a quarterback sack.

od, Jacob Bennett had a nice 58-yard run for Pamlico. When Bennett rushed for the 2-point conversion, Pamlico failed to score again as the Hurricanes turned the ball over on downs that led to a Pirate score. With under 3 minutes to go, the Hurricanes subsequently fumbled the kickoff which was taken back by Swansboro for another score making it a 42-14 final. A tough loss for Pamlico but plenty of signs to be optimistic. The Hurricanes showed that they could move the ball on the ground and the defense proved that they could stop opponents. The biggest thing hurting the 'Canes were the turnovers, which stopped their drives and several times led directly to Swansboro scores. Pamlico will have a long road trip this Friday as they travel to Wake Forest to take on Wake Prep in another nonconference matchup.

## Hurricanes at the Net

### Pamlico Has Winning Week in Volleyball

by: Hiram Lupton



Senior Dakota Schmidt goes high for a kill at the net



Senior Nazri Williams battles at the net against Washington County

## Household Hazardous Waste



### Fall 2025 Collection Events

#### PAMLICO COUNTY

Saturday, September 20, 2025  
 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 Pamlico County Courthouse  
 202 Main Street, Bayboro

#### CRAVEN COUNTY

Saturday, October 4, 2025  
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 Craven Community College  
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#### CARTERET COUNTY

Saturday, October 11, 2025  
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## Imagine Pamlico and the Pamlico Small Business Center Offer FREE Quarterly Seminar for Non-profits, "AI in Grant Writing" on September 17th, 2025

August 28, 2025: Grantsboro, NC...All nonprofits serving Pamlico County are invited to attend a free, in-person seminar, "AI for Grant Writing" on Wednesday, September 17th from 9am-11am at the Pamlico County Public Library. Artificial Intelligence (AI) specialist, Dr. Justin Rose from Beaufort County Community College, will provide guidance for non-profits on using a customized AI language model for the grant application preparation and completion process. Beginners and experienced AI users alike will benefit from Dr. Rose's expertise.

Pamlico Small Business Center Director Katie Shorter reinforced the importance of nonprofits remaining competitive in the grant arena, "Grants are undergoing a new level of scrutiny, especially at the state and federal levels; it is more important than ever that nonprofits leverage every advantage they can in competing for their funding." Shorter added, "Our instructor, Dr.

Justin Rose, has become a favorite instructor in this area. Most recently, he has developed a customized large language model specifically for grant writing, which will allow nonprofits to master the art of using AI when tackling the grant writing process."

For more information and to register, visit [www.PamlicoSBC.com](http://www.PamlicoSBC.com) or email Pamlico Community College's Small Business Center Director at [kshorter@pamlicocc.edu](mailto:kshorter@pamlicocc.edu)



SBC Director Katie Shorter and Instructor Dr. Justin Rose presenting "AI is your Ally" seminar for nonprofits in April 2025.

### About Imagine Pamlico:

Imagine Pamlico is a nonprofit organization based in Pamlico County that seeks to enhance and improve the lives of those who call Pamlico County home. We focus on health and wellness, youth development, nonprofit support and development efforts serving the entirety of the community. For more information about Imagine Pamlico, visit [www.ImaginePamlico.org](http://www.ImaginePamlico.org). You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



## Pamlico Small Businesses Center Offers Free Series, "Business is Better with AI" on Mondays, September 8-29th

August 28, 2025: Grantsboro, NC...Pamlico Small Business Center is offering a free series of seminars that will help small business owners unlock the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance marketing content, reduce inefficiencies and to optimize operations. Artificial Intelligence specialists, Martin Brossman and will co-host this free, interactive series held every Monday from 6-7:30pm from September 8th-29th, 2025. Registrants can attend in person at the Pamlico Small Business Center in Bayboro or online. Brossman and Rose, who specialize in showing small business, nonprofits and workforce development entities how to benefit from using AI tools, recently released their second book, Job Hunting in the AI Era.

"Although we have been utilizing AI tools for nearly two years at the small business center, there is hesitation about this new frontier," observes Katie Shorter, director of the Pamlico County Small Business Center in Bayboro. "I don't want any of our small businesses to be in the position where 'they don't know what they don't know,' which makes them vulnerable in an increasingly competitive business landscape." This series starts with "The Basics of AI" on September 8th and ends with "Using AI in Everyday Business," which will show business owners how to use AI in their daily operations to streamline efficiency and maximize effectiveness.

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## Mushrooms are the star of this meal

The weather is changing and soon it will be time to chase away chilly temperatures with hearty meals. Soup is a tasty way to warm up fast, and many soups are full of healthy and nutritious ingredients. With their earthy, umami flavor, mushrooms sometimes are an afterthought instead of an ingredient to build meals around. But in the following recipe for "Cream of Mushroom Soup" from "The Culinary Institute of America Book of Soups" (Lebhar-Friedman Books) by The Culinary Institute of America, these humble fungi get to be the center of attention. Cremini, oyster and white mushrooms are equally at home in this recipe, or home cooks can experiment with a blend of mushrooms as they desire.

### Cream of Mushroom Soup

Makes 8 servings

7	tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
8	cups chopped mushrooms (about 1 1/4 pounds)
2	celery stalks, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
1	leek, white part only, thinly sliced (about 1 1/4 cups)
1/2	cup all-purpose flour
5	cups chicken broth
1	fresh thyme sprig
1	cup sliced mushrooms (about 2 1/2 ounces)
1/12	cups heavy cream, heated

Fresh lemon juice, to taste

Salt, to taste

Freshly ground white pepper, to taste



Melt 6 tablespoons of the butter in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the chopped mushrooms, celery and leek. Cook, stirring frequently, until softened, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the flour and cook, stirring constantly, 3 to 4 minutes. Whisk in the broth gradually. Add the thyme sprig, bring to a simmer, and cook, 30 minutes. Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter in a skillet. Add the sliced mushrooms and sauté until cooked through, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat. Remove the thyme and discard. Puree the soup, then strain through cheesecloth on a fine sieve. Return the soup to the soup pot and place over low heat. Add the heavy cream and season with the lemon juice, salt and pepper. Heat the soup, but do not let it boil. Serve in heated bowls, garnished with the cooked, sliced mushrooms.

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Enjoy some GREAT chili while supporting The Old Theater! Funds raised by this annual event go to support The Old Theater—the building, its contents and equipment. Throughout the year, The Old Theater provides a venue for live performances, concerts, children's programs, films and a variety of civic, business, and charity events. All these activities require stage, lights, sound and the support of many people who volunteer on stage and behind the scenes - people like YOU - who appreciate how special it is for a town the size of Oriental to have a theater that brings such a variety of entertainment to its community.

Dieters, beware! There will be a Bake Sale Table at this year's event with tasty goods baked by local talent, item(s) individually wrapped and selling for \$1.00 to \$5.00. Chili To Go tickets can be purchased at the Headquarters Table, \$5.00 for 16-ounces of chili, to be picked up from the Chef of your choice.

The Old Theater is going GREEN again this year in support of our environment. Tasters' cups and utensils, plus Chefs' gloves, and trash bags are all biodegradable. For your convenience, we are offering biodegradable 10" palm leaf plates to help you manage your chili bowl, utensils, drink, program, and ballot.

We need your help to make the 17th ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF a fun and successful community event in support of The Old Theater. If you would like to participate as a Chef, Baker, Volunteer, or Sponsor, please contact the leader Mary Taylor at 252-249-0477 or by email at [president@oldtheater.org](mailto:president@oldtheater.org).

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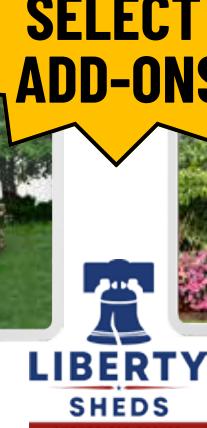
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### In memory of Rick Dove, first Neuse Riverkeeper Neuse River Watershed, Sound Rivers



Rick Dove — an unwavering advocate for clean water, a passionate environmentalist, formidable attorney, retired Marine, former commercial fisherman, and one of the nation's first Riverkeepers — has died.

"On behalf of the entire Sound Rivers board and staff, we extend our deepest condolences to Rick's family," said Sound Rivers Executive Director Heather Deck.

Rick held a special place in Sound Rivers' history: he was the first Neuse Riverkeeper, and one who made a lasting impression.

"As the first Riverkeeper in North Carolina on the Neuse River, Rick's fierce advocacy to protect the health of the river never wavered," Heather said. "The Neuse River Foundation grew under his tireless leadership as he greatly expanded volunteer programs and led a surge of activism that resulted in many clean-water wins."

Rick served as the Neuse Riverkeeper from 1993 to 2000, then moved on to fight for clean water on a national scale, as the southeastern representative for the Waterkeeper Alliance from 2000 to 2005.

When the Neuse River Foundation merged with the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation to become Sound Rivers in 2015, Rick was serving as a Senior Advisor to Waterkeeper Alliance.

"The environmental community has lost a clean-water champion," Heather said. "Rick was responsible for the growth of Waterkeeper programs in North Carolina, and he served as a mentor to many in the state and across the globe."

It was Rick who persuaded the board of the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation to hire its first Riverkeeper, which is how Heather became the Tar-Pamlico's first Riverkeeper in 2003.



Rick Dove at his home on the Neuse River during filming of Sound Rivers' 40th-anniversary documentary, "A Sound River."

With such a pivotal role in Sound Rivers' history, Rick had a starring role in the 40th-anniversary documentary, "A Sound River," — watch the documentary here — and told his story about how he became the Neuse's first Riverkeeper in this article.

"We will always remember Rick for his commitment to clean water and to the river he loved," Heather said. "We will continue to honor his legacy by working hard, every day, for a healthy Neuse River."

*A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Cotten Funeral Home, 2201 Neuse Blvd., New Bern. Family visitation starts at 1 p.m.*

### Cans From Campers Food Drive At Camp Don Lee For Pamlico County

ARAPAHOE, NC — Camp Don Lee summer camp families donated more than 2,000 pounds of food in our first Cans from Campers food drive to benefit Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, the largest food pantry in Pamlico County.

Families and campers were invited to bring at least one non-perishable food item to their check-in day as a way to show kindness and generosity to those food insecure families in Pamlico County, home to Don Lee Camp & Retreat Center.

"The amount of monetary donations has decreased as well as the amount of food we receive has declined and demand has gone up," according to Kathy Renella, PCFLO general manager. The cost of food has also increased along with an overall increase in the number of families served in Pamlico County, she said. Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves serves about 1,000 people each month.

"These donations have helped tremendously," Renella said. "We are so grateful for the effort."

Across the country, food insecurity increases during the summer months, especially for children, with school not in session, the dwindling supplies of donations following November and December, peak months for food donations, and many people vacationing.

"Generosity is a learned trait, usually learned in the home or at church," said Kate Metts, camp director. "We wanted to provide an opportunity for families to discuss and reflect on God's generosity in their own lives and how Christ calls us to share that with others," she said.

The food drive provided a great platform for these family discussions, no matter the age of the camper, she said.

A total of 2,290 pounds of food—more than one ton—were collected through the camp's food drive. "Your simple request for campers to bring a can of food when they come to your camp this summer produced remarkable results," said Raymond Ruppert, chair of PCFLO board of directors. "It is no exaggeration to say that our shelves are well stocked because of your effort."

Approximately 19 percent of the children under 18 are food insecure in Pamlico County. For comparison purposes, about 12 percent of the children in Wake County are food insecure.

Don Lee Camp & Retreat Center is a year-round facility located in Arapahoe, NC, offering environmental education, retreats, and nine weeks of sleep away camp for children ages 7-17. The center, established in 1948, serves more than 10,000 guests per year, mostly children and youth. It is a 501c3 affiliated by faith with the NC Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Campers drop off food during check in for their summer camp session for the food drive.



PCFLO volunteers Jim Sherwood, left, and John Corcell, right, with Camp Director Kate Metts, pick up food donated this summer from Camp Don Lee families.

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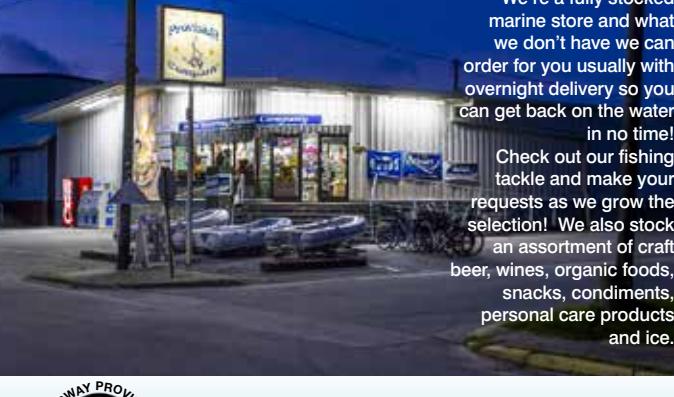


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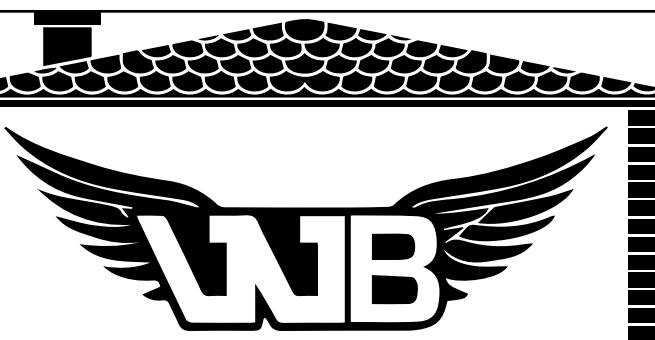
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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE  
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
PAMLICO COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
AND DEBTORS OF  
BERTHA M. MIDGETTE  
File No.: 19E000096-680**

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

This 19TH OF AUGUST 2025

**ESTATE OF BERTHA M.  
MIDGETTE  
C/O CHARLENE MIDGETTE  
PO BOX 385  
ALLIANCE, NC 28509**

Publish AUGUST 27 AND  
SEPTEMBER 3, 10 AND 17, 2025.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
PAMLICO COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
FILE NO.: 25SP001049-680**

**IN RE: REGISTERED ESTATE  
NUMBER 9**

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

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

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

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

*Beginning at a concrete monument, a corner in the line dividing Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, and running thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes East 17 feet to an iron pipe in the center line of the old Sand Hill Road, and running with the center line of said Road, South 58 degrees 15 minutes West 154 feet; South 47 degrees 10 minutes West 182 feet; South 73 degrees 45 minutes West 424.5 feet; South 43 degrees West 217.5 feet; South 28 degrees 25 minutes West 230 feet; South 15 degrees 45 minutes West 236.5 feet; South 19 degrees 30 minutes East 310.5 feet; and South 17 degrees 55 minutes West 46.5 feet, which point is marked by an iron pipe set in the edge of said Road 18 feet from the center thereof; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes West 1,620 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 2 degrees 15 minutes East 3,739 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 42 degrees 45 minutes East 3,473 feet to the concrete monument, the point of beginning, containing 121.5 acres, more or less, as shown upon plat attached to the*

*Decree of Registration hereinafter referred to and made a part thereof. LESS AND EXCEPT that 47.48 acre tract conveyed at Book 216, Page 704, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the southeast corner of the tract herein conveyed which point is located as follows: beginning at an existing axle in the southern margin of Beltline Road and running thence to an existing iron pin in the southern margin of Beltline Road North 86° 32' 32" East, 930.27 feet, thence from such pin the following courses and distances: North 3° 53' 08" West 544.87 feet to an existing iron pin; North 1° 41' 08" West 371.70 feet to an existing iron pin; North 1° 46' 54" West, 420.36 feet to the point of beginning, the same such point being South 87° 03' 38" West, 83 feet from an existing iron pin in the western line of Old Sand Hill Road. From such beginning point heretofore described, running the following courses and distances: North 25° 15' 00" East, 482.78 feet to a point; North 33° 54' 21" East, 71.54 feet to a point; thence North 29° 57' 36" East, 174.04 feet to a point; thence North 16° 29' 43" East, 548.02 feet to a point: thence North 20° 35' 44" East, 100.71 feet to a point, thence North 24° 55' 10" East, 154.31 feet to a point; thence South 87° 20' 23" West, 1512.86 feet to a point; thence South 20° 11' 33" West, 1502.64 feet to a point, thence North 87° 03' 38" East, 1442.99 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, such property containing approximately 47.48 acres according to a survey dated December 31, 1981, made by Wiley C. Rodman, III, Land Surveyor No L2266, being bounded on all sides by the property of Texasgulf Inc. and being part of the J. Peter Grace Tract of the Grantor.*

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

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

This 19th day of August, 2025

/s/ Sandy H. Harris

Asst. Clerk of Superior Court

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

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

This 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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

Publish AUGUST 27, SEPTEMBER  
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## REPORTS

plate not display, order for arrest drive/allow no registration

Aug. 21, Smokey Dr., New Bern, verbal disturbance

Aug. 21, Moonlight Lake Dr., New Bern, order for arrest - discharge firearm, encl. fear

Aug. 22, Main St., Bayboro, failure to appear operate a motor vehicle with no insurance, failure to appear fail to wear seat belt, failure to appear canceled/revoked/suspended certificate/tag, failure to appear driving while license revoked not impaired revoked

Aug. 23, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, driving while impaired

Aug. 23, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, vehicle tow

Aug. 23, Main St., Bayboro, unlawful to leave an unattended child in a motor vehicle

Aug. 23, Alligator Loop Rd., Stonewall, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence

Aug. 24, Broad St., Oriental, break or enter building (misdemeanor)

Aug. 24, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, driving while impaired

Aug. 24, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age

Aug. 25, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest domestic violence protective order violation

Aug. 25, Country Club Dr., Minnesota Beach, intoxicated and disruptive, simple assault, resist/delay/obstruct public officer

Aug. 26, Mayo Rd., Hobucken, destruction/damage/vandalism of property

Aug. 26, Mill Pond Rd., Alliance, order for arrest driving while license revoked, order for arrest DR/allow registration

River Capital, LLC, Vandemere, new house, \$1052.08; Mark White, Minne- sott Beach, mechanical, \$100

Aug. 5, Rob Nixon, Arapahoe, CAMA, \$50; L House Electrical, Arapahoe, electrical, \$150; Pamlico County Schools, Bayboro, final approval, \$38,066.68

Aug. 6, Bill & Susan Fentress, Minne- sott Beach, electrical, \$50; Benjamin Peters, Merritt, electrical, \$100; Sonya Diaz, Bayboro, foundation, \$50

Aug. 7, Gerry Pappalardo, New Bern, electrical, \$100; Bruce Cheney, New Bern, plumbing, \$50; Eric Lind, Merritt, mechanical, \$100; Peter Lechner, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Samuel Boyd, Lowland, electrical, \$100; Todd McFadden, Grantsboro, garage, \$434; Streamline, Minnesota Beach, new, \$1,431

Aug. 8, Danny Pugh, New Bern, gas, \$50; Deborah Tellingen, Oriental, gas, \$50; Al Spruill Farms, Oriental, gas, \$50; Suzanne Mendell, Oriental, me- chanical, \$100; Susan/Carl Sampson, Arapahoe, mechanical, \$100; John Flanagan, Oriental, electrical, \$50; Tom Soderholm, Oriental, \$100; Japeth Wheaton, Alliance, plumbing/mechanical, \$50

Aug. 7, 23E31; PIN N01-1; 300 AC W/S Payton Creek Lowland from Ivan Ernest Ireland, Pamela P. Ireland to Hobucken Farms, LLC, \$1,000

Aug. 7, Bairds Shores Lot 11 Section II MB 11/52 from David Paul Schmidt to Ponce D. Ham, III, Avery Ham, \$0

Aug. 7, One Tract NC Hwy 55 Metes & Bounds; 22 1/4 AC Deep Gulley; 1.83 AC SR 1300 Map in 5/30 from Janet Fischer, Janet Fisher, James Kelly Adams to James Kelly Adams/TR, James Kelly Adams, Janet Elayne Fischer, Janet Elayne Fischer and James Kelly Adams Family Trust, \$0

Aug. 8, Bluffs Lot: U MB 8/85-A from David B. Blake, Donna M. Blake to Jeffrey N. Bullock, Susan K. Bullock, \$440

Aug. 8, PIN J05-2; One Tract See In- strument from Timberlands East, LLC to OW World, LLC, \$200

July 31, Brian Johnson, Arapahoe, build, \$460; Henry Frazer, Oriental, CAMA, \$88.40; John Flanagan, Ori- ental, CAMA, \$77.04; Bruce VanMe- ter, Oriental, CAMA, \$59.60; Rebecca Walls, Merritt, CAMA, \$82.50; Gary Christman, Oriental, CAMA, \$77.04

Aug. 1, Paul Slobodian, Grantsboro, reinstate, \$50; Julia Lee, Grantsboro, electrical, \$100

Aug. 4, Barbara Paul, Grantsboro, mechanical, \$100; Karen Gardner, Grantsboro, electrical, \$150; Nexus Properties, Merritt, electrical, \$150; New Life Ministries, Grantsboro, build, \$5,000; Bay River Capital, LLC, Vandemere, new house, \$1,371.88; Bay

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico **Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent**



I pray all my readers had a safe and happy Labor Day weekend. Many families took their children for a last end of summer fling, since this was a long weekend right after the beginning of the school year. Please be safe out there on that highway.

The roadsides on Trent Road and Straight Road have been mowed and it looks very nice. The only drawback is that now you can see the garage and litter that thoughtless people have been dumping on our roadsides in the Pamlico community.

Stonewall Methodist Church crochet class is resuming their regular meetings on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Stonewall Methodist Church has Bible Study at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights followed by choir practice at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. The choir needs more voices to help praise the Lord. They will soon start preparing for their Christmas Cantata and you do not have to be a member to come and enjoy the fellowship at any of these events.

Celebrating birthdays in September are Karen Deaton (9/2), Beth Hudgins and Tommy Spain (9/5), Stephanie Banks Henries (9/11), Ginger McLawhorn 9/12), Julia Tingle (9/13), Carey

Smith (9/15), James Paul (9/17), Peg Witt (9/18), Asa Gatlin IV (9/20), Sue Sanders (9/27), Donna Gordon and Fay Bond (9/29), and Tim Carey and Reid Carey (9/30).

Celebrating anniversaries during September are John Paul & Beth Wood (9/2), Kevin & Suzie Rodgers (9/10), and Chris & Maria Machle (9/27).

I received an anonymous letter this week from someone who reads my article in the Pamlico News. I could not respond to them personally because they did not leave a name or address. I did consider their comment and made a point to ask forgiveness if I had been inconsiderate of someone's feelings. I was told there was nothing to forgive because I am a friend and obviously the person who wrote the letter was not their friend or would have known what I wrote was very appropriate. I just want the reader to know that I did respect their opinion and responded to their letter as best I could.

Have a blessed week. Grateful? Take Spiritual Vitamin G. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

**Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent**



It has been a good week except for the mosquitoes and I am always asking for rain for the farmers. When we moved here many years ago the mosquitoes were really bad and somehow they seemed to have made a return this year. Today is Labor Day Monday, the beaches are full while everyone enjoys the last big holiday for a little while. School has started in most places and the children will be without their cell phones in class which the teachers are reporting is already making a difference. There were 21 folks worshipping at Bethel yesterday and enjoying a delicious luncheon after the service. The minister gave up the pulpit so everyone could share their thoughts and feelings about the church since many of them come from a different denomination. The house across the creek

is going up awfully fast and I know Joe and Coleen will be happy when it is finished. Pat Coleman, one of my neighbors from Reidsville, daughter Jennie and her family were here and told us her father was in a Nursing Home and fell, broke his hip and was in the hospital. My sister-in-law Dot also fell and broke her hip and is in Duke Regional Hospital in Durham. Kevin and Barry sailed to the Outer Banks but are back home. The Chorale will start rehearsing tonight with a new director. Beth Burch will be taking over for me and she will do an excellent job. I started the Chorale in 1989 and it has been one of the happiest periods of my life.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—KNOWLEDGE IS KNOWING A TOMATO IS A FRUIT. WISDOM IS NOT PUTTING IT IN A FRUIT SALAD!

**Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, Correspondent**



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope everyone enjoyed Labor Day weekend. We could not have asked for better weather. I have absolutely loved the cooler weather. I have my windows open at the house, there is something to be said for sleeping with the freshness of a cool late summer breeze.

Whenever I was near the water this weekend there were definitely plenty of boats enjoying the beauty of our coastal waters. It looked as if there were plenty of activities going on around the area, family cookouts and others. I am sure a good time was had by all.

This weekend my wife and I took a trip Down East. We caught the ferry and enjoyed a beautiful sunrise as we crossed the Neuse River. Our area has some of the most amazing sunrises and sunsets. We made our way all the way down to the Cedar Island Ferry. However, we did not ride the ferry. My wife is from New Mexico and not used to such traumatic events such as that, at least that's what she claims it would be for her. She enjoys the water but does prefer her tiny little feet to be affixed to land. Especially when I told her how long it would take to cross and that then we would have that same experience if we wanted to return home.

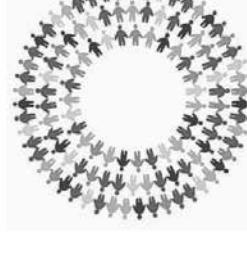
I do love visiting that area as most of it is pretty rural. The old wooden shrimp boats and the sounds they make when you are near them. I wanted to show my wife the people and commu-

nities that would have been devastated if the Shrimp Trawl Ban had been implemented. I showed her the size of the boats that are used for making a living there and why our coastal waters were so important to their livelihoods. I really don't think our law makers and decision makers in Raleigh understand the people whom they represent.

It was definitely a good time to explore. The farmers of the area do not look like they were able to enjoy a restful Labor Day as from what I saw they were still too busy doing the labor required this time of year. Maybe they will be able to sit and enjoy a day off soon.



Until next time take it easy and share a smile!



**Pamlico Partnership  
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**nochildwetbehind**

## "No Child Wet Behind" Diaper Drive September-October, Pamlico Partnership for Children

For the months of September and October, Pamlico Partnership for Children (PPFC) is collecting disposable diapers as part of its "No Child Wet Behind" 7th annual diaper drive. Diapers and donations collected will benefit children and families only in Pamlico County.

Our diaper bank is running low, and the need is high. All size diapers are needed, the larger sizes are more in demand (sizes 3,4,5,6) and wipes.

Diapers and wipes may be dropped off at a Pamlico Partnership for Children, 702A Main St, Bayboro (located beside Bayboro Pharmacy) Larger size disposable diapers are needed (sizes 3,4,5,6).

*We prefer No Pull-Ups.*

Walmart gift cards and monetary donations are welcome: checks can be made payable to Pamlico Partnership for Children, 702A Main St, Bayboro NC 28515.

For more information on the diaper collection or diaper distribution contact Pamlico Partnership for Children at 252-745-7850

This successful outreach began 7 years ago with support from local churches, businesses, agencies, and individuals. Last year approximately 63 Pamlico County families were provided diapers and baby items through this program.

To receive diapers a family may drop by or call Pamlico Partnership once per month to request diapers. The staff then completes an intake and ensures the family is aware of services in our area. The diaper outreach provides a door for Pamlico Partnership to connect and support families and ensures that babies are cared for.

PPFC hopes to raise awareness about the challenges that so many families are faced with to keep their babies clean and dry diapers. Unlike baby formula and food, diapers are not covered by the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that means parents are forced to make hard choices: food or diapers? Food assistance

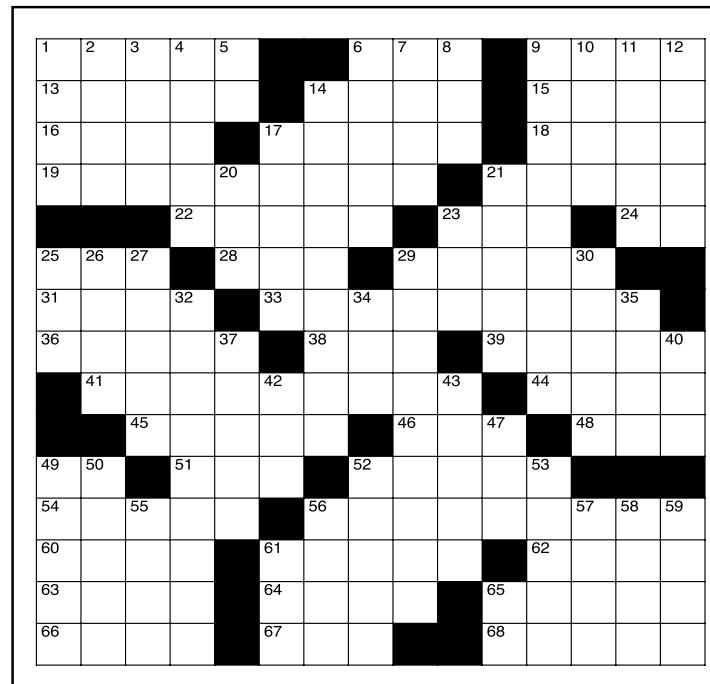
is available from local charities and food banks, but getting free diapers is a harder task. Local organizations that carry diapers run out of them quickly.

Lower-income families and especially single parents often struggle to keep their child in diapers. Disposable diapers typically cost parents about \$150-\$200 per month for one baby. For the first year of a baby's life, they go through an average of 10 diapers per day, 3650 diapers! And while they use less diapers as they get older, most children are not potty trained until between 2 and 3 years old.

Often parents compensate by keeping their child in dirty diapers longer, which can lead to bad rashes or even staph infections, reusing soiled diapers, and even resorting to using plastic bags to serve as a diaper. Parents are also required to provide disposable diapers for their children who attend daycare, nurseries, and childcare centers.

All diapers and funds collected benefit only Pamlico County, not the surrounding areas.

## Crossword Puzzle



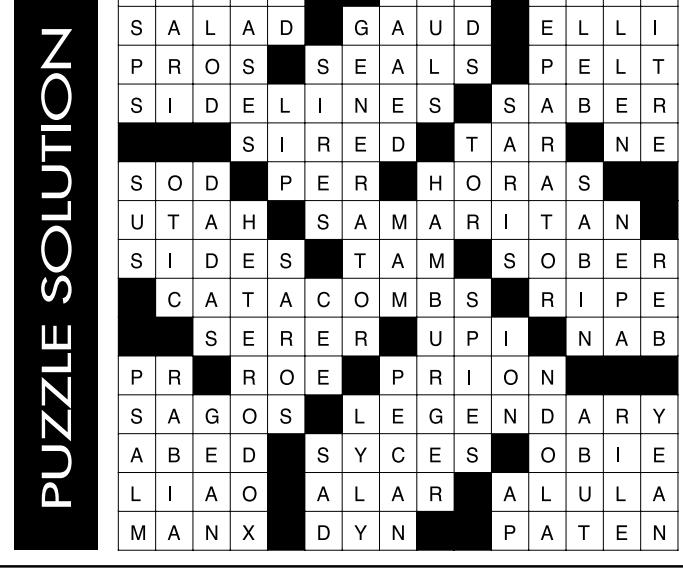
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Fairly large	39. Free from drink or drugs
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)	41. Tunnels
9. Cover the entirety of	44. Mature
13. Leafy appetizer	45. More dried-up
14. Showy ornament	46. News organization
15. Norse personification of old age	48. Steal something
16. Athletes	49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
17. Closes tightly	51. Female fish eggs
18. Attack via hurling items	52. Small petrel of southern seas
19. Where the reserves stand	54. Edible starches
21. Sword	56. Historical
22. Begat	60. In a place to sleep
23. Damage another's reputation	61. Horse grooms
24. Northeast	62. Off-Broadway theater award
25. Turf	63. Chinese dynasty
28. For each	64. Resembling a wing
29. Hours (Spanish)	65. Small projection on a bird's wing
31. Western state	66. Of the Isle of Man
33. One who offers help	67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
36. Flanks	68. Plate for Eucharist
41. 50	
51. 55	
60.	
63.	
66.	

### CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers	27. Male parents
2. Ancient city in Syria	29. Popular grilled food
3. Slog	30. Vaccine developed
4. Emits coherent radiation	32. Not conforming
5. "Pollock" actor Harris	34. Polite address for women
6. Bleated	35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan	37. Astronomical period of 18 years
8. Tooth doctor	40. One who fights the government
9. One who takes apart	42. Center for Excellence in Education
10. Commoner	43. Watches discreetly
11. Beat poet Ginsberg	47. An electrically charged atom
12. Cave deposit material	49. Hymn
14. Home energy backup	50. Arabic given name
17. Begets	52. Popular pie nut
20. Face part	53. City in Zambia
21. Frocks	55. Species of cherry
23. Hill or rocky peak	56. John _____ British writer
25. Giving the impression of dishonesty	57. Be next to
26. About ear	58. Make angry
	59. Give birth to a lamb or kid

### PUZZLE SOLUTION



## GUESS WHO?

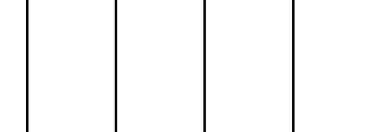
I am an actress born in New York on September 6, 1964. I attended Los Angeles City College, and debuted as an actress in a 1989 film directed by Spike Lee. I also worked as a choreographer for Janet Jackson. I'm known for my prominent New York City accent.

ANSWER: *Rosie Perez*

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to hiking.

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ANSWER: *Pack*



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# Health & Wellness

What first-time parents should know about bathing newborns

Learning on the job is part of being a parent. That learning curve can be steep for anyone, but especially so for first-time parents with no personal experience to draw on.

Bathing newborns is a job many parents look back on with fondness once their children have gotten older. Bath time also can be bonding time for parents and their newborns. As first-time parents prepare to bring their newborns home, they may have some questions about bathing their babies.



from mom too early can compromise skin-to-skin care that can make it harder to successfully breastfeed. In fact, a 2013 study published in the journal *Breastfeeding Medicine* found that delaying a baby's first bath for 12 hours led to a 166 percent increase in hospital breastfeeding success.

Before babies are born, their skin is coated in a waxy white substance known as vernix. The AAP recommends leaving vernix on a newborn's skin for awhile so it does not dry out. The AAP notes this is especially important for babies born prematurely, as their skin is highly vulnerable to injury.

**When should a newborn be given his or her first bath?**

Conventional wisdom has changed regarding the best time to first bathe a newborn. The World Health Organization now recommends bathing a newborn for the first time 24 hours after birth.

**Why wait to bathe a newborn?**

The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that there are a handful of reasons why it's best to wait. According to the AAP, babies who are given baths right away may be more vulnerable to cold and hypothermia. An early bath also can increase the likelihood babies experience a drop in blood sugar known as hypoglycemia.

Another reason to wait to bathe a newborn is to avoid any interruption to bonding and breastfeeding between mother and child. Taking the baby away

**Does my newborn need a daily bath?**

Babies do not need daily baths, as they do not sweat much and do not typically get dirty enough to require a full bath. The AAP notes that three baths per week during the child's first year may be enough.

**What if I bathe my child more often?**

Babies should be bathed when they get dirty. However, if the child does not require a bath, bathing too often can lead to dry skin that can prove painful. Bathing a newborn is an experience many parents will cherish forever. First-time parents can heed the latest advice regarding bathing newborns to ensure it's enjoyable for children and parents alike.



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