



# The Pamlico News

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## Thank You from the Board of the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival

The Ol' Front Porch Music Festival is grateful to this community for helping us make the 11th Festival one to remember. Thank you to the many, many volunteers who performed jobs big and small.

Thanks to the generosity of this community, we raised \$1,021 for Western North Carolina Disaster Recovery.

Thank you to the Festival sponsors and to all who made financial contributions to help us keep the festival free this year and every year. Thanks to Chris Daniels and Conner Daniels for making each band on the Riverfront Stage sound so good. Thanks to the volunteers from all the non-profit organizations that provided food for festival-goers, and to the local restaurants that partnered with them. Thanks to the craft vendors for giving folks the opportunity to do a little shopping while enjoying the music. Thanks to Keith Smith at Town Dock for reminding the community what was happening each day, and keeping the OFPMF website up to date as schedules changed. Thanks to Hiram Lupton for posting his Festival photos to Facebook.

Thanks to the businesses and homeowners all over town for hosting performers on their porches and putting up with people parking on their lawns. Thanks to Master Chief Dave Matthews and the cadets of the Navy JROTC at Pamlico County High School, and deputies from the Sheriff's office, for helping with traffic control. Thanks to the Town of Oriental staff who hung our street banner, spruced up the park, and provided traffic barriers, water and electricity (and probably did lots of other things we were not even aware of!). Thanks to Ernie Glass, Gina Gilgo, Ned Ferris, Katherine Hudson, Bruce Cheny and Kate Rogers who provided electricity for overnight golf cart charging.

We are grateful to the Oriental Tourism Board for supporting the festival through their media partnerships, and to Croakerfest for lending us their bins that we used for selling merchandise. Thanks to the Inland Waterway Provision Company and the First Citizens Bank, who sold OFPMF merchandise in advance of festival weekend. Thanks to Oriental United Methodist Church who allowed us to use their labyrinth lot, their parking lot and almost every room in the church for the festival. Thanks to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Oriental First Baptist Church, the Old Theater and the Oriental Women's Club for providing their facilities for performances and severe weather locations (which we thankfully did not need!).

Please share your feedback about the festival here. <https://olfrontporch.org/survey/>

Mark your calendar for next year's Festival: October 2nd and 3rd, 2025. If you want to be part of the volunteer team that makes it all happen, send an email with your contact information to [info@olfrontporch.org](mailto:info@olfrontporch.org).

[olfrontporch.org](http://olfrontporch.org)

## Pamlico Football Wins Conference Opener

by: Hiram Lupton

Friday night was a good time for a reset for Pamlico County High School football. Through their first five games, the Hurricanes were winless albeit, against some tough non-conference opponents. The schedule changed last week as teams began play in the Coastal Plains Conference and Pamlico's first opponent was Jones Senior who were also searching for their first win of the season. Somebody was going to put their first notch in the win column. The Hurricanes proved to be up to the task. After punting on their initial possession, the next time the offense had the ball, Pamlico grabbed the momentum and never looked back. At the 6:41 mark of the quarter, Trey Munford took the ball around the left side and wove his way around Jones defenders for a 15-yard touchdown. This was the first of 3 rushing touchdowns for the Senior. For the game he tallied 128 yards rushing and combined with Kamden Keyes' 149 rushing yards and 1 touchdown to give the 'Canes a dominant ground game. Freshman quarterback Noah Gibbs also got in on the scoring with a 1-yard QB sneak into the end zone. The Pamlico defense also contributed, holding the Trojans to zero points in the first half. At the break it was 33-0 Pamlico. In the third period, Jones finally got its ground game going, slowly and methodically driving the ball 60 yards for their first score. Add the 2-point conversion and it was now 33-8 Pamlico. The problem

with ball control offense, it uses a lot of the clock. By the time Jones scored, they had used over seven minutes. At the end of the quarter, it was 33-8 Hurricanes and that was right where it would be when the fourth quarter ended. The game did have one scary moment as a Jones Senior player was injured on a late tackle out of bounds midway through the final period. The game was stopped while medical personnel attended to the young man who was ultimately taken to the hospital via ambulance. I am thankful to report that he was later discharged from the hospital after being diagnosed with a severe concussion. Not good, but at the time it appeared to be much worse. You never want to see a player injured, particularly on that type of play with the game virtually decided. With the final whistle, Pamlico picked up its first win of the season and also the first win of Brandon Akins career as Head Coach. "I give all the credit to the kids. They've bought into everything we are trying to do." Said Akins in an interview after the game. "Our coaches have been working really, really hard. We're in the weight room and on the track and taking it one day at a time. We're looking forward to what the future holds. Amazingly enough, Pamlico now sits in first place in the Coastal plains conference, in a 3-way tie with East Carteret and Northside-Pinetown who will be coming to Bayboro this Friday for a homecoming matchup.



Hurricane Head Football Coach Brandon Akins



Trey Munford (#4) on his way to one of his three touchdowns



Cayden Sanchez (#13) stops a Trojan ballcarrier

## BOC Tours New Emergency Operations Center

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners and other county officials took a little field trip at the conclusion of their regular meeting Monday evening. They made the short walk from the courthouse, across Bay City Road, to Pamlico County's new Emergency Operations Center. The tour guides for the outing were Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis and Pamlico County Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal Chris Murray. When complete, the building will house Pamlico County's 911 call center, training and conference area, offices, and a 3-bay garage for maintenance and storage for emergency management vehicles and trailers, as well as a secure evidence storage and impound yard for seized vehicles. While the \$3.2 million facility is virtually complete as far as the building is concerned, acquisition and installation of the electronic and communications equipment is currently ongoing and will hopefully be complete early next year. During any emergency situation, such as a hurricane, this much needed building will serve as headquarters for the county's response team. It was funded by direct appropriations from the North Carolina Legislature through the use of money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).



## Rotary Pigskin Preview Yields Athletic Donation

by: Hiram Lupton



The annual New Bern Rotary Club's Pigskin Preview event held back in August was more than just a way to get to know your favorite area high school football teams before the season, it also raised money for five area high school athletic programs. Scott Allenspsch of the New Bern Rotary was on hand at halftime of the Jones Senior/Pamlico game to present the schools with a donation check. Each school's athletic program will receive \$1000. Thank you to the New Bern Rotary Club for organizing this great event and for the donation. Athletic Director April Rose and Principal Rebecca Lanche accepted the donation for Pamlico County High School.



## Hurricanes Youth Football Takes the Field

by: Hiram Lupton

The players and coaches of the Eastern Carolina Hurricanes Youth Football team were recognized at the Pamlico County High School game last Friday. Players got to run on to the field before the high school team and were recognized at halftime.

## Pamlico Poker Run on Saturday, October 11



Open to all vehicles, including classic and traditional cars, trucks, motorcycles, and electric bikes. Check-in and late registration opens at 11:30am at the Town Hall in Minnesott Beach. The Poker Run starts at noon and ends about 4pm at the Red Rooster behind The Silos in Oriental where prizes will be awarded. Food and Beverages will be available for purchase.

Cash grand prize will be awarded to the vehicle with the winning hand. Other prizes to be awarded include the worst hand, most unusual vehicle, most decorated vehicle, and we may toss in a couple of others.

Net proceeds support Rotary service projects and charitable activities in Pamlico County.

Pre-registration is \$25 per vehicle. Late registration at the event is \$30 per vehicle.

For more details or questions, please visit our website or email us at [orientalrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:orientalrotaryclub@gmail.com). Download the registration form under Events at [www.orientalrotary.org](http://www.orientalrotary.org)

### LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, Sept 13th **65° Hi** Mostly rain throughout the day

Sunday, Sept 14th **64° Hi** Mostly rain throughout the day



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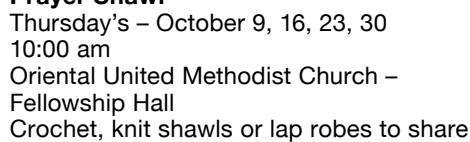
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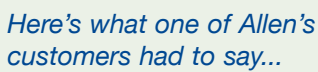
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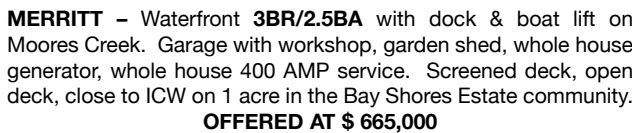
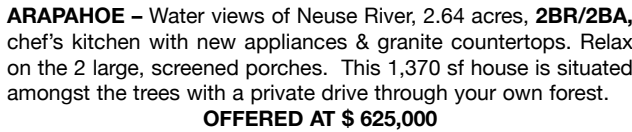
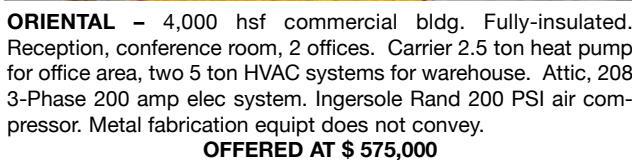
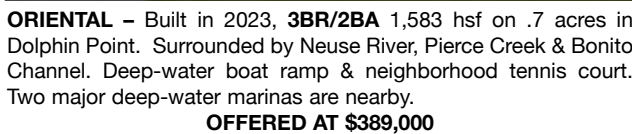
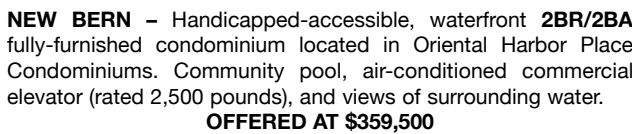
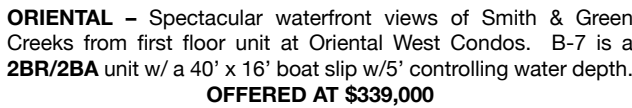
**Fun, Food & Fellowship**  
Tuesday, October 12  
10am to 1:pm  
Oriental United Methodist Church

Prime Time's mission is to provide services and activities promoting the well-being for the 50 plus community in Oriental and Pamlico County. Prime Time brings together many resources helping area residents sustain an independent and enriched quality of life. All are welcome! Have a suggestion for a program or day trip, please contact Debora Steenson @ 252.675.0909 or email [director@primetimetamplico.org](mailto:director@primetimetamplico.org)



Allen was a tremendous asset for us with his knowledge & skills. Before we purchased a lot we wanted to be certain we could build with the CAMA setbacks. Allen navigated this, meeting with representatives on our behalf. We cannot express how helpful he was, and it allowed us to go ahead with the purchase in a timely manner with confidence. He was prompt responding & we highly recommend him.

*Michelle & Richard, Oriental*



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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- by: Hiram Lupton
- October 8th – Today is National Emergency Nurse’s Day. I like nurses, especially the ones that kiss it and make it better.
  - October 9th – Happy Leif Erikson Day.
  - October 10th – 1965, The Red Baron made his first appearance in the “Peanuts” comic strip as an adversary of Snoopy.
  - October 11th – Today is National Sausage Pizza Day.
  - October 12th – Today is National Farmer’s Day. Thank a farmer today. They grow what you eat.
  - October 13th – 1775, The Continental Congress authorized the first American naval force.
  - October 14th – Today is National Dessert Day.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- October 8th – 1968, Actress Emily Proctor (in Raleigh, NC)  
October 9th – 1940, Musician John Lennon  
October 12th – 19??, Master fiddler and a great lady of Pamlico, Dixie Gatlin  
October 12th – 1935, Singer Sam Moore  
October 13th – 19??, Pharmacist Lori Altman  
October 13th – 19??, Running Coach and esteemed Jurist Paul Delamar III  
October 13th – 1959, Singer Marie Osmond  
October 14th – 1927, Actor Roger Moore



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear readers:

I am a Democrat. I am also a Pamlico County voter with lots of Republican friends. I see myself as an honorable citizen of the county and a supporter of our community, financially and with my time and talent. So, when the President of the United States says Democrats are “scum,” “vermin,” “animals” and “enemies of the people” it hurts. I do not think I am evil. I am not a Communist or a Socialist. I do not want to violently overthrow the government. I do not want “crazy lunatics on the left” to hurt Republicans. I pay taxes and own stocks and bonds and real estate. I think that makes me a Capitalist.

It would be sad, but understandable, if that language was being used by some uninformed and mostly unknown blogger or an anonymous person commenting on the Internet. But it's the President. When he says someone is evil there are people who will interpret his words as permission to use violence against Democrats. This is not just a hypothetical idea. It's happened.

So, I ask you, my Republican friends, am I what the President says I am? Or, is the President wrong about me? If he is wrong about me, isn't it the case that perhaps he is also wrong about a lot of other people who happen to disagree with him? .

We need to talk to one another. Not just about Trump, but about how we see our country and our community and the rules we agreed to live by. And, how we will treat each other with respect even while we disagree substantially. But, I want you to know up front, "if you think it is OK to dehumanize people, then conversation between you and me is probably not possible."

Doug Sligh  
Oriental, NC

Danger ahead! Headlines from the Wall Street Journal September 24, 2025: "Autozone had lower profit in fourth quarter as tariffs led to high prices for auto parts," "Tariffs will hit U.S. in 2026 OECD predicts," "U.S. business activity softens," "Mid-Atlantic manufacturing activity slows." What do you think about the future of the economy?

Bill Deighton  
Arapahoe

*To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.*  
— Theodore Roosevelt

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## Concerned about your drinking?

**You are not alone, there is help available!**  
**Come join others who have found a Solution!**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898**  
**Meetings in Pamlico County:**  
**(If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)**

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

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor: Turning Point USA Has No Place in Our Schools

I am deeply troubled by the decision to allow a Turning Point USA (TPUSA) club at Pamlico County High School. This is not about political diversity or free speech — it's about protecting our schools from organizations that thrive on division, intimidation, and disinformation. TPUSA's track record speaks for itself. The group is infamous for its “Professor Watchlist,” which targets and publicly shames educators for supposed “liberal bias.” This is a modern-day blacklist — a tactic meant to silence teachers and chill open discussion in classrooms. What possible educational value does that serve?

Across the country, TPUSA chapters have become flashpoints for harassment, hostility, and misinformation, not civil debate. Students and teachers deserve a learning environment grounded in respect and inquiry, not one infiltrated by a national political organization intent on exploiting young people for its ideological agenda.

Let's be clear: free speech does not require our public schools to endorse or provide platforms for groups that undermine education itself. Turning Point USA has repeatedly demonstrated contempt for facts, for teachers, and for the very principles of academic freedom our schools are built on. Our district should be fostering critical thinking, civic responsibility, and mutual respect — not importing culture-war politics into the classroom. Allowing TPUSA into our schools betrays those values and endangers the trust that binds our community together.

Our students deserve better. Our educators deserve protection. And our schools deserve to remain places of learning, not political manipulation.

Diane Lemieux  
Arapahoe

“To The Residents of Oriental,

A question.

Is it appropriate for a town manager to suggest—either directly or indirectly—that her continued employment depends on the outcome of a local election?

This conversation is happening in our town.

This very question raises serious legal, ethical, and professional concerns for our community.

North Carolina law (N.C. General Statute 160A-169) prohibits municipal employees from using their position or authority to influence elections. Federal law (5 U.S. Code 1502) likewise bars state and local employees from using official influence to affect election results. Even the appearance of such influence can erode confidence in the fairness of our democratic process.

Beyond the law, the ethical implications are troubling. When the authority of public office is used to favor or oppose candidates, it undermines public trust. Citizens expect town management to remain impartial, not to pressure voters, commissioners, or employees with suggestions of what might happen if certain candidates win or lose.

Professional standards, such as those upheld by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), require that managers refrain from partisan activity and avoid even the appearance of political pressure. A manager's duty is to serve the entire board, regardless of who is elected. Tying one's position to election results represents a conflict of interest and weakens confidence in local government.

So, I ask again: Shouldn't we expect our town manager—and all public officials—to keep their conduct above reproach, free from even the hint of political coercion? “

Respectfully  
Butch Rasmussen  
Oriental, NC.

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## Food of the Month: Stuffing

PCFLO is selecting a Food of the Month for each month during 2025, and our selection for October is Stuffing. 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 Stuffing to the PCFLO collection box at the Food Pantry at 108 Straight Road in Oriental.

Looking ahead to November, the Food of the Month will be Pancake Mix. Thanks for your support!!

# Horoscopes



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
This week is all about fresh starts, Aries. The stars are aligning to give you the green light on a new project or personal goal. Don't hesitate to jump on the first step.



**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Focus on building a solid foundation this week, Taurus. Whether it's in your career or personal life, your hard work and persistence will pay off in a big way.



**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
Your social calendar is buzzing, Gemini. This week you could be a magnet for interesting conversations and new ideas. Don't be afraid to network and share your thoughts.



**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Expect a breakthrough in your personal life, Cancer. You'll gain a new sense of clarity and emotional understanding, allowing you to move forward with confidence.



**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Your leadership skills are on full display, Leo. This week you'll be called upon to inspire and guide others. Don't be shy about stepping into the spotlight at work or in a group setting.



**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
This is a week for practical improvements, Virgo. Take a look at your daily routines and find small ways that you can be more efficient. Organize your space or adopt a new health habit.



**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Harmony in your relationships is a prominent theme this week, Libra. Your diplomatic nature will help you resolve any lingering conflicts and form deeper connections.



**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
A powerful transformation might be underway, Scorpio. You might feel an urge to dig deeper and uncover hidden truths, both in yourself and in your life. Embrace the process of growth.



**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Expand your horizons this week, Sagittarius. You'll feel a strong pull to learn something new, whether it is a skill or a different language. Your optimistic outlook is contagious,



**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Your hard work is about to pay off, Capricorn. This week you may see progress on a long-term professional goal. Some well-deserved recognition may be on the horizon.



**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
This week you could find joy and inspiration by connecting with like-minded people, Aquarius. A collaborative project or a group event will be particularly successful.



**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, dedicate some time this week to new pursuits. You may be itching to try something new and this is the time to sign up for a class or get out and meet new people.

## LIBRA Traits & Overview

*Libra (September 23 - October 22) is an air sign represented by the scales (interestingly, the only inanimate object of the zodiac), an association that reflects Libra's fixation on balance and harmony. Libra is obsessed with symmetry and strives to create equilibrium in all areas of life. These air signs are the aesthetes of the zodiac: Ruled by Venus, the planet that governs love, beauty, and money, Libras adore high art, intellectualism, and connoisseurship. Suave Libras need to surround themselves with stunning objects and create environments that reflect their exquisite tastes. Accordingly, these air signs make excellent designers, decorators, art critics, and stylists.*

*While Libra's opposite sign, Aries, represents "me," Libra symbolizes "we." Relationships are paramount for Libras, who find balance in companionship. They love harmonious partnerships with fashionable mates, especially those who make attractive arm candy. (Libra governs the skin, and these air signs are highly motivated by physical appearance. There's no better way for a Libra to relax than with a luxurious face mask.)*



# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## The real meaning of diversification in investing



Dan M. Roberts

In the world of investing, we’ve all heard the phrase, “Don’t put all your eggs in one basket.” It’s solid advice that emphasizes the importance of diversifying your investments. Unfortunately, some people misinterpret this wisdom to mean they should avoid consolidating their investment accounts and keep their money spread across multiple financial institutions, often working with several different financial advisors.

However, when financial professionals talk about diversification, they’re referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There’s a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future.

**Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice.** When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you’re likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs.

Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You’ll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making.

Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may result in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don’t work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward reaching financial goals.

**There’s strength in consolidation.** Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You’ll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your

complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals.

Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed. It becomes simpler to gauge aggregate investment returns, assess your portfolio assets and rebalance when necessary.

For retirement planning, consolidation can be especially valuable. IRAs at different providers can be consolidated at any time without tax consequences when assets are transferred directly between providers. When you retire, your 401(k) can typically be rolled over into an IRA, streamlining your retirement income strategy.

**True diversification still matters.** While consolidating accounts makes sense, diversifying your actual investments remains crucial. A good financial advisor will help you carefully build a balanced mix of stocks and bonds appropriate for your age and goals. As you approach retirement, this typically means shifting toward a more balanced portfolio that still provides growth to combat inflation while offering stability and income.

Diversification goes beyond just stocks and bonds. Take bonds, for instance: You can diversify by bond type (municipal, corporate and government), bond maturity (through a strategy called “laddering”) and bond sector to spread risk across different parts of the economy.

**How to get started.** If your retirement savings and investment accounts are scattered among various financial institutions, consider consolidating everything with one trusted financial advisor. The streamlined record-keeping, potential for reduced fees and comprehensive financial guidance can help improve your wealth-building potential while making your financial life simpler to manage.

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Pamlico County

## Skills For the Future



Kait Neeland  
4-H Agent

4-H has been a major part of my life since I was five years old. From my first 4-H project raising a lamb for our tri-county livestock show, to volunteering as a college student, to now being a 4-H agent for nearly ten years. Each stage of my 4-H career has its own joys and unique experiences. Often this time of year I like to reflect, sometimes it’s hard to believe how many things have changed since I was a five-year-old with a lamb taller than

me. As I reflect, I consider how different things will be for our youth.

The truth is that every year that passes it seems harder and harder to prepare our teenagers and young adults to enter the workforce; this year has only highlighted that fact. Between new emerging markets and the robotizing of old positions, there is a constant need for the acquisition of new hard skills. However, even life-long dedication to learning isn’t enough to make one competitive in the labor market. According to the USAID Office of Education, workers also need to be fluent in several soft skills.

What are Soft Skills? For that matter what are Hard Skills? Hard Skills are the cumulation of all formal education and technical training with an emphasis on STEM. Soft Skills however, are knowledge of and ability to utilize relation skills and emotional intelligence. All of these soft skills are integral to a person’s ability to collaborate with coworkers and to provide superior understanding to clients. Many employers rate the importance of Soft Skills equal to a prospective employee’s skill and training with Hard Skills. Soft Skills that were deemed especially important were high-order thinking skills (or critical thinking/analysis), self-control, social skills or emotional intel-

ligence, and communication.

While all of these skills are important and valued across fields, communication was most often given extremely high importance. Employers found the ability for their employees to clearly and concisely articulate information to both coworkers and clients, through written and oral means, integral to their institution’s success. Further, effective communication often indicates good social and relation skills, increasing effectiveness in teamwork. Most employers actively seek employees who cannot only succeed in a team environment, but thrive in it.

Can these Soft Skills be acquired through traditional formal education? What else can be done to expand our young peoples’ Soft Skills? Soft Skills can be learned, to an extent, through school however, there can never be enough opportunities for teens and younger kids to practice communication and their social relation skills. Our 4-H prgrams are great opportunities for youth to engage with one another while building their oral and written communication skills, their critical thinking, and social skills.

Looking to sign up for one of our upcoming 4-H programs? You’ll find all the details and registration info on our website: pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu. To complete your registration, you’ll also need to enroll in 4-H Online it’s required for all NC 4-H programs. Don’t worry if you’re new to the process, the link is on our website, and if you have any trouble at all, just give us a call.

We’re happy to walk you through it step-by-step! Want to stay in the loop about future programs and events? Be sure to sign up for our Pamlico 4-H email list so you never miss an update. If you have questions or just want to learn more about what 4-H has to offer here in Pamlico County, reach out to Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121 or kait\_neeland@ncsu.edu



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SPORTS

Hurricanes at the Net  
Pamlico Remains Unbeaten in Conference

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School volleyball squad played a full slate of matches last week, two conference games sandwiched around a tough non-conference contest. On Tuesday, the Hurricanes hosted Jones and Pamlico took care of business, sweeping the Trojans 3-0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-18). The following evening, the Cougars of Croatan came to Bayboro for a non-conference matchup and the Hurricanes played their 5A opponent tough before losing to the Cats, 3-1 (20-25, 25-17, 18-25, 17-25). A big milestone was achieved in this match by Pamlico Senior Madison Anderson who recorded her 500th career kill. Congratulations Maddy. Pamlico finished up the week on Thursday as they traveled to Northside-Pinetown, hoping to drive a nail into any hope the Panthers may have had to overtake the Hurricanes in the Coastal Plains standings. The Hurricanes set the tone early, feeding frontline hitter Julia Bain often, and the Senior responded with 14 kills for the match. Pamlico swept the Panthers 3-0 (25-16, 25-7, 25-15). After last week, the Hurricanes sit atop of the conference standing with a perfect 8-0 record and only 2 matches remaining. They will travel to Southside Tuesday and hopefully host Lejeune for Senior night on Thursday. I say hopefully because with the federal government shutdown, Lejeune is prohibited from all extracurricular activities which includes sports. Pamlico hopes to complete an unbeaten conference schedule and claim their 4th consecutive Coastal Plains championship.



Dakota Schmidt sets up Hayden Gibbs for a kill



Madison Anderson

PCMS Football  
Hurricanes Earn Third Win

by: Hiram Lupton

“We’re playing hard and fighting to the end.” That is how the Head Football Coach at Pamlico County Middle School, Jack Taylor, Jr., characterized his team’s latest win, a come from behind victory last Wednesday evening over Grover C. Fields Middle School. Grover got off to a good start, moving the ball down the field against the Hurricanes but Pamlico’s defense stiffened and held the Grizzlies to a field goal. You could tell this would be a tight defensive struggle that has characterized Pamlico’s season so far. At the half, Grover held a 6-9 lead. Did Pamlico have a comeback in them? The defense really stepped in the second half and was able to hold the Grizzlies offense in check and it took a pair of big defensive plays to get the lead and seal the win. Late in the fourth quarter, with the score still at 6-9, defensive end Rhett Martinez chased down the Grover quarterback and not only came up with a sack, he forced a fumble. With time ticking down, Pamlico patiently moved the ball down the field, relying on the running of Damarion Roberts and Kharon Carroll. The drive looked like it might stall out just short of the goal. Pamlico faced a 4th down with the ball inside the Grizzlies 10-yard line and the clock under a minute. Carroll received the ball from quarterback Keegan Lang and after being nearly stopped trying the right side, reversed the field to the left and scored the go-ahead touchdown with :42 seconds left on the clock. Ashton Heath added the extra points to make it 14-9. There was still time remaining and Grover got a nice return to set up in good field position. Pamlico’s defense stepped up one more time as Cy Brothers broke through the line and chased down the Grizzlies Quarterback, sacking him and causing a fumble which sealed the win, the Hurricanes’ third in a row. “Once again, the win wasn’t pretty, but I’ll take an ugly win over a loss any day. They are finding a way,” said Taylor. “They are playing for each other, building a brotherhood, and representing their school and community. That’s the Pamlico way.”



Damarion Roberts



Game clinching sack by Cy Brothers



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overindulging

Dining out can provide a welcome respite from cooking at home and presents a great opportunity to socialize while enjoying a delicious meal. Diners concerned about overindulging on nights out should know those concerns are not necessarily unfounded, as a study published in the Journal of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics found that 92 percent of meals from large-chain and local restaurants contain more calories than is recommended for the average person. The study found that the average restaurant meal contained 1,205 calories, which is a little less than half the United States Department of Agriculture's recommended daily calorie intake for men between the ages of 36 and 40 and more than half the recommended daily intake for women in the same age group. The sizable portions restaurants provide need not be seen as a deterrent to dining out. Rather, diners should instead remind themselves to eat only a portion of their entrée when dining out. Leftovers can then be wrapped and taken home.



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Pamlico Musical Society Opens New Season with Vision Duo

Where Classical meets Contemporary! Performing classical works with a contemporary twist, Vision Duo features the incredible talents of violinist Ariel Horowitz and percussionist Britton-Rene' Collins. Join us on Sunday, October 26, when Vision Duo performs at the River Dunes Harbor Club beginning with light hors d'oeuvres at 4:00 PM and concert at 4:30 PM. You will be entranced by their fresh perspective to classical music, combining traditional techniques with innovative styles! Vision Duo will also conduct an Informance -- music, stories, and Q&A -- at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason Street, in Oriental same day at 12 noon, free and open to the public. The concert and Informance are presented by the Pamlico Music Society.



Ariel and Britt formed their duo after becoming co-winners of the Concert Artists Guild International Competition's Ambassador Prize. In doing so, the Duo quickly discovered their shared passion for post-genre and contemporary music, promoting systemic change, and centering equity and access in musical spaces— as well as a craving for soup dumplings and matcha, respectively. For the program on October 26th at River Dunes, Vision Duo will present “Moxie” -- an exploration of musical genres and sonic possibilities for violin and percussion (featuring a 5-octave marimba). This exciting, playful, spunky program presented by two best friends spotlights works by classical and contemporary composers and introduces multidisciplinary elements of modern performance. In addition to performing arrangements of other instrumentations, Vision Duo collaborates with and commissions composers, including percussionists Duncan Patton and Alexis Lamb, and performs their own original and improvised works. In recent seasons, Vision Duo has performed at venues such as Merkin Hall, the Phillips Collection, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, and Dumbarton Concerts in Washington, D.C.

Tickets to the concert are \$40 and are available in Oriental at Nautical Wheelers, 411 Broad Street, in New Bern at Nautical Wheelers, 202A Craven Street, and online at pamlicomusic.org.

For helping to make this concert possible, the Pamlico Musical Society wishes to thank our season sponsor: Beth Frazer Real Estate & Rentals; business sponsors: Delamar & Delamar, PLLC and Yawl's Cafe; and individual sponsors: Lauri & Jay Gates. We are also grateful for a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a Division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Celebrating 28 years of presenting great music for our community, the Pamlico Musical Society is a non-profit organization bringing quality musical entertainment, enrichment, and education to Pamlico County. We welcome your support! To learn more about the benefits of joining our group, including advance ticket sales and artist receptions, call 252-617-2125 or visit www.pamlicomusic.org, and like us on Facebook @pamlicomusic.

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## CarolinaEast Health System Completes 100th Aquablation Therapy Procedure

CarolinaEast Offers Innovative Treatment Option for Patients With Benign Prostate Hyperplasia

(New Bern, NC) – The Urology team at CarolinaEast Health System announced they are now offering Aquablation therapy and have completed their 100th treatment. Aquablation therapy treats the lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) due to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

CarolinaEast is pleased to highlight this advanced, minimally invasive robotic-assisted procedure that uses the power of water to remove obstructive prostate tissue and provide clinically proven, long-lasting BPH symptom relief while preserving sexual function and continence across all shapes and sizes. BPH is a condition in which the prostate gland enlarges, leading to various urinary symptoms. Without timely treatment, BPH can lead to severe health issues such as permanent bladder or kidney damage, bladder stones and incontinence. BPH affects one out of every two males between the ages of 51 and 60. CarolinaEast Physicians’ Drs. Jeffrey Goodwin, Amanda Ingram, Brian McGillick and Matthew Pierce are thrilled to offer Aquablation therapy as a proven, safe and effective solution.

Dr. Ingram, Urologist, who completed the 100th procedure milestone on September 19, states: “We have observed outstanding outcomes in our patients following Aquablation therapy. This innovative procedure offers significant relief from BPH symptoms and contributes meaningfully to an improved quality of life.”

In October 2024, David Hodges received Aquablation therapy by Dr. Goodwin at CarolinaEast Medical Center in New Bern. He was previously on medication for two years urinating every 20 to 30 minutes due to BPH, affecting both his work and relationships.

“This procedure has been life changing,” said Hodges. “I no longer take medication, I find myself having to remind myself to use the restroom and my relationship with my wife of 36 years is back to normal. Dr. Goodwin and his staff are amazing and I would recommend him and the procedure to anyone that is dealing with prostate issues. I pray that others have the success that I have had.”

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“We are committed to remaining at the forefront of medical technology for our patients in Eastern NC,” added Dr. Goodwin, Urologist. “Aquablation therapy offers a highly effective treatment option, and we are proud to contribute to the advancement of men’s health through its implementation.”

To learn more about Aquablation therapy and CarolinaEast Urology, visit [www.carolinaeast-health.com](http://www.carolinaeast-health.com).

## prostate cancers

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American Cancer Society reports that the five-year survival rates for localized and regional prostate cancers was greater than 99 percent. Localized indicates there is no evidence that the cancer has spread beyond the prostate, while regional means it has spread to nearby structures or lymph nodes. The high survival rates for local and regional prostate cancers underscore the effectiveness of screening for the disease. The ACS recommends men who are at average risk for prostate cancer discuss screening with their physicians at age 50, while those at high risk should open such a dialogue at age 45. Men at very high risk, which includes individuals with a first-degree relative who had prostate cancer at an early age, should discuss screening upon reaching age 40. When prostate cancer has spread to other parts of the body, the five-year survival rate is 34 percent.

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Ol’ Front Porch Music Festival

by: Hiram Lupton

It was a great weekend of music in Oriental on Friday and Saturday at the 11th annual Ol’ Front Porch Music Festival. Whether the artists came from right here in the county or from across the country, the talent on display at the Main Stage and on the porches was awesome. There was a little bit of something for everyone’s musical taste from traditional bluegrass, rockin’ blues, western swing, folk, gospel, and much more. Many of the artists were highly eclectic, mixing multiple genres to form their own unique style. While the Main Stage across from Lou Mac Park was the hub of the festival, the many porches around town hosted some great performers as well. Everything was located close enough for an easy walk (or golfcart

ride), but far enough apart so that each band performing would not conflict with one another. There was also much more than music. Vendor’s row was set up along South Avenue with some great arts and crafts, while there was a food park along the waterfront to satisfy your hunger and please your palate. Thanks to an awesome team of volunteers and sponsors, all of the music this year and every year was FREE. With this combination of beautiful weather and outstanding performers, the 2025 edition of the OFPMF will probably go down as the biggest, best attended yet. After catching their breath, the OFPMF will be right back at work planning the 2026 festival set for October 2nd and 3rd. We can hardly wait.



Sweet Megg on the Main Stage. My personal favorite of the festival.



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Pamlico County’s Volunteer Firefighters

by: Hiram Lupton

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GANTLEY H. HUHN, JR. File No.: 25E001154-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to LARS K. FORSBERG, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before DECEMBER 10TH, 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 17th OF SEPTEMBER 2025

ESTATE OF GANTLEY H. HUHN, JR.  
C/O LARS K. FORSBERG  
1250 CORTEZ AVE  
BILLINGS, MT 59105

Publish SEPTEMBER 17, 24, AND

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JULES HUGO WOODARD File No.: 25E001165-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JAY C. WOODARD, EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

This 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF JULES HUGO WOODARD  
C/O JAY C. WOODARD  
7889 NC HWY 306 S  
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

Publish OCTOBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 2025

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SARAH JONES, EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors

of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

This 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

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

Publish OCTOBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 2025

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SANDRA MCRAY FOREMAN-RICE File No.: 25E001164-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MARIANNE BANKS-RICE, CO ADMINISTRATOR CTA or LENWOOD LEE BANKS, JR, CO ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before DECEMBER 30, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATORS CTA.

This 1ST OF OCTOBER 2025

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

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

Publish OCTOBER 1,8, 15 AND 22, 2025.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF WILLIAM MICHAEL GATES File No.: 25E001167-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to WILLIAM JUSTIN GATES EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

This 1ST OF OCTOBER 2025

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

Publish OCTOBER 1,8, 15 AND 22, 2025.

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ELAINE WOLFINGER, EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 30, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

This 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

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

Publish OCTOBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 2025

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

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

This 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

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

Publish OCTOBER 8, 15, 22 AND 29, 2025

**PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

Having qualified as Administrator

of the Estate of Glyn Dykins, late, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them in care of the undersigned attorney on or before the 8th day of January, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

CHRISTY DYKINS-HOWARD (ADMINISTRATOR)  
25E001150-680

DSR Legal, PLLC  
PO Box 51596  
Durham, NC 27717

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29

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

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

This 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

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

Publish OCTOBER 8, 15, 22 AND 29, 2025

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TEMPORARY CHANGE OF WATER TREATMENT PROCESS**

From October 15, 2025, thru November 15, 2025, the Pamlico County Water Department will change its drinking water disinfectant from chloramines to chlorine. The purpose of this change, which occurs annually, is to help ensure a high level of disinfection in our community’s network of water mains.

In an effort to maintain compliance with the disinfection by-product requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) the Pamlico County Water System utilizes chloramination at its water treatment facilities. Chloramination is the controlled application of ammonia to chlorination, which does not react with naturally occurring organic material in the source water to form disinfection by-products currently regulated by the SDWA.

Water systems that utilize chloramination must periodically return to the free chlorine process. This change provides additional assurance that the proper disinfection of water in the system is maintained.

Most customers probably will not detect the difference; however, those with a keen sense of taste or smell may detect a slight chlorine odor in the water during this period. This would be due to the presence of residual chlorine rather than odorless residual chloramines.

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The soy beans on the farm have been harvested. The DOT has mowed the roadsides in Pamlico and Merritt and it looks a lot nicer when you ride on Straight Road.

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Pastors have awesome responsibilities and dedicate their lives to serving others by preaching and teaching the word of God and leading souls to Jesus Christ. Pray for your pastor, they need prayers daily.

The Ol’ Front Porch Music Festival was a big success from all reports. Pamlico Methodist Church celebrated homecoming on October 5, 2025. I know it was a good time of fellowship.

Arapahoe Methodist Church will have a 3 day revival on October 12-14 at 7:00 pm each night. The Reverend Greg Meadows will speak Sunday, October 12 with special music by Brent Meadows; the Reverend Betty J. Rodgers will bring the message on Monday, October 13 with special music by Minister Carnell Barrow; and the Reverend Scott Fitzgerald will close out the revival Tuesday, October 14 with special music by Roy and Kari Brinson. Everyone is invited to come and be revived by the Holy Spirit.

October 19, Stonewall Methodist Church will celebrate “Miracle Sunday,” and will have a catered fellowship meal after the service. They will open


the time capsule that was placed in the church in the year 2000. Everyone’s invited to attend.

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

Celebrating birthdays in October are James Wood (10/9), Amanda Carey, Joannis Rodgers, and Michael Spain (10/10), John Paul Wood (10/11), Dixie Gatlin (10/12), Elena Hamilton (10/13), John Deaton (10/15), Barbara Carey (10/19), Bilinda Gwaltney and Connor Russo, (10/22), Linda Lane (10/24), George Bennett (10/25), Polly Taylor (10/27), Jeremy Freeman (10/29), and Linda Gail Lupton (10/31). Jesse & Lynette Rodriguez will celebrate their anniversary on October 4, and Charles & Ann Stackhouse will celebrate their Anniversary on October 16.

Have a blessed week. Lonely? Take Spiritual Vitamin L. “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:20)

## Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*




Almost forgot to write my news this week. It has been a busy week with a lot of company. My grandson from Durham came to go to hear the Ol’ Porch Music. I understand it was wonderful but I did not get to attend either day because after my grandson came for the weekend I had company coming in on Sunday for the week so I was busy getting beds ready. Did manage to get to church to play and it was a good Sunday with 17 folks attending the service. I was so surprised when I opened the news last week that Charlie Carpenter had written an open letter to me after he heard I was retiring. Charlie was with me when I began the Chorale because his wife Milly was a member of the group and was a great help to me in many ways.

When Milly died, thanks to the generosity of her family we were able to establish scholarships for any young person who joined the Chorale. I am not sure how many scholarships were given but I know it was over 20 and we also were able to help the band at Pamlico High School. Thank you to Charlie’s family and many others that helped us establish the scholarships. We still have funds for scholarships. Thank you again Charlie and your family for helping to establish this fund. The Chorale will continue with Beth Burch as director so we encourage anyone who likes to sing to join. We named the scholarship fund the Milly Carpenter Scholarship Fund.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK---IF IT WASN’T FOR THE GENEROSITY OF OTHERS, WHAT KIND OF WORLD WOULD THIS BE?

## Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



When I see the Mullet flinging themselves out of the water that line from the Doobie Brothers comes to mind from Black Water: Catfish are jumping. Three Mullet jumps in a row bring you good luck.

All that series of weather from the two storms only brought us .78 inches of rain. Currently the brisk Fall tides are in effect and washing away more houses on the Outer Banks. There just has to be a proactive solution to avoid all of that.

Pine needle season is in full swing and will soon have to blow off the roofs. I love the look of them on the green grass. Sasanquas are starting to bloom.

You can see the Fire Ants are getting ready for winter from all the raised mounds.

White Pelicans have been spotted on the mine pond in good numbers which is very early for their return. I’ve seen groups of Ducks flying by; one settled over by the causeway. A Kingfisher is back proclaiming his territory with constant chittering. A Heron is doing back and forth flybys. I’ve seen a lone Cormorant hunting around the dock. The birdbath has become a hotspot of activity with this dry weather.

Campbell's Creek Methodist Church

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Everyone is welcome to join us for this historical celebration!



SUNDAY- OCTOBER 12, 2025

11:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE  
CAMPBELL'S CREEK METHODIST CHURCH


12:00 PM FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP  
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I love the look of Fall with the Marsh Reeds showing their grassy seeds. Late Summer Cicadas are still singing. The rays of the sun are starting to bunch up on the water acting like a giant sundial. Saw a cute sailboat go motoring by and the boat traffic has been busy.

I was happy to see a former student of mine, Jasmine Little, working at Bojangles. I bought the lady behind me her breakfast. I love this gesture and hope it brought her happiness.

My Photo of the Week is of the upcoming Campbell’s Creek Celebration. Go by and visit; they’ll be glad to see you!

## Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Hello from Vandemere!

We are so thankful that once again we were blessed with a beautiful weekend, one filled with memorable moments that truly captured the heart of our little river town.

Early Saturday morning, the Fishers of Men hosted their annual Fishing Tournament at Vandemere Waterfront Park. The docks were lined with eager anglers before sunrise, as boats eased out onto the calm waters of the Bay River. Their event brought together fishermen of all ages for a friendly day of competition, fellowship, and appreciation for the beauty of our local waters.

As the day went on, the river became a place of remembrance and reflection when the Simeon Family and their friends gathered by boat for a special memorial tribute to their son, Brad Simeon. With the sun glistening on the water, the group paused together on the Bay River for prayers and reflected on fond memories of Brad’s life. The moment was serene, heartfelt, and a powerful reminder of the strength and closeness of our Vandemere community.


Later in the afternoon, the river once again became a scene of joy and celebration as a wedding party made their way across the water. The groom and his groomsmen arrived by boat to meet the beautiful bride at the Kitchin Family Estate, where family and friends gathered for a stunning waterfront ceremony. The weather could not have been more perfect for such a happy occasion.



would like to pass out candy can call 252-745-5480 for more information. Let’s show up for our community kids and have a little fun!

Life is good here in Vandemere — and nothing is better than a community that keeps what matters most at the forefront. Check out all that’s happening at [www.vandemerenc.com](http://www.vandemerenc.com)

## Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Whew, has it been a busy week or what? I feel like I have played catch up all week but being busy is good. There have been some great things going on in our beautiful community lately. The new urgent care looks like it is off to a good start as the parking lot seems to show a steady amount of customers. It definitely gives people an option as far as care.

I had the pleasure of attending the New Bern Cancer Ride. This is a ride that over the years has evolved with the times. This was the return of the event and there was a huge amount of support for it. Almost all of us now know someone personally that either has cancer or suffered from it. Journey of Hope and the other places in New Bern are a huge support for our community and those suffering from the effects of cancer. 130 riders attended and over \$6,000 was raised in donations. It was beautiful to see everyone pull together and make this event a great success.


My wife and I were also able to attend the Ol’ Front Porch Music Festival. This is the first time I have gone and I must say all the music was phenomenal. The one group I thoroughly enjoyed was “The Wildmans.” They are from Appalachia or from the mountains. Their sound is a cross between bluegrass and folk. For me it was just good ol’ mountain music that I have heard so many times living in the mountains. If you were not able to hear them I would highly suggest looking them up on Youtube.

Pamlico Methodist Church had their homecoming this past weekend and from what I heard it was a wonderful time for all that attended. I know my Uncle Zeff and Aunt Tillie’s hearts were full from the attendance of their family members.

The fall Babe Ruth league has been in full swing with practices and games. This weekend I will have the pleasure of photographing the boys and taking team pictures. I am excited to do this but pictures like that

always make me nervous as there aren’t any do overs so I have to get them right the first time. The good news is I was just able to acquire a complete photography studio setup. I now have most everything I need to succeed.

This weekend I will be attending the Pamlico Arts Council’s event for local artists. I have taken the chance and have entered three photos. These are my first entries into a local competition and with so many great artists in our community I hope to walk away knowing that a lot of people will be able to see my work and even though I probably won’t place, just being in it is my reward.



I hope that all of you have a great week and I will see you all out and about. I will leave you with this photo taken on Pamlico Road.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dog adoption.

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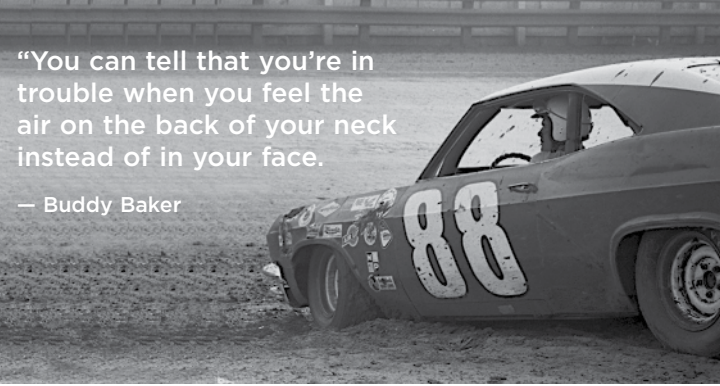
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Answer: Crate

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in Delaware on October 6, 1963. I acted in commercials before moving on to bigger roles. I was Michael J. Fox’s girlfriend in the second and third installments of a movie series and a karate kid’s love interest.

Answer: Elisabeth Shue



**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

[Municipal Government Input Meeting – Opioid Settlement Fund]

Pamlico County will hold a public meeting on Monday, November 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm regarding the Opioid Settlement Fund. This meeting will be held In-Person at:

Pamlico County Courthouse Annex  
Commissioners Meeting Room  
202 Main Street  
Bayboro, NC 28515

This meeting will provide an opportunity for municipal governments to provide input on how they would like to see the county spend its allocation of the Opioid Settlement Funds. More information on the settlement fund can be found at <https://ncopioidsettlement.org>.

The purpose of the public meeting is to gather input from municipalities on how the county should spend its allocation of the settlement fund prior to consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Those persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written questions or comments to the Grants Administrator before the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted up to 24 hours after the public hearing. Any written comments may be submitted via email to [sara.deskar@pamlicocounty.org](mailto:sara.deskar@pamlicocounty.org) by mailing to:

Grants Administrator  
Pamlico County  
PO Box 776  
Bayboro, NC 28515

Citizens with disabilities requiring special needs to access the services or public meetings of Pamlico County Government should contact the County Manager’s Office five days prior to the meeting by calling (252) 675-5880.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, October 20, 2025, a public hearing, as required by N.C.G.S. 105-317, will be held by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pamlico, North Carolina (the “Board”) regarding the proposed adoption of 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. The hearing will commence at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and will be held in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 202 Main Street, Second Floor, Bayboro, NC 28515.

The schedules were submitted to the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2025. A complete copy of the schedules is available for public inspection 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](http://www.pamlicocounty.org), under the “Proposed 2026 Schedules of Values” portion of the Tax Administration section.

The hearing will provide a reasonable opportunity to be heard for persons wishing to express their views on the proposed adoption of the schedules. Prior to any regular meeting of the Board or during normal business hours, citizens may submit written comments by addressing them to: Board of Commissioners of Pamlico County, c/o Tracy Boyd, Clerk to the Board, PO Box 776, Bayboro, NC 28515. Citizens who wish to speak must sign up in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room prior to the meeting.

COUNTY OF PAMLICO, NORTH CAROLINA

Tracy Boyd, Clerk to the Board

Dated: September 15, 2025



# Hurricane Spirit

Between the costumes, competitions, court, and celebrations, it's truly one of the best weeks of the school year. Homecoming is more than just a game or a dance—it's a tradition that brings us together as one Hurricane family.


So, if you happen to pass through the halls this week and spot a group of students dressed as decades-old disco dancers or living memes, don't be surprised. Around here, that's just the unmistakable sign that Homecoming has arrived. Come join us at our Homecoming game this Friday, October 10th at 7pm.



## PAMLICO

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# PAMLICO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

## Homecoming Week at Pamlico County High: Spirit, Fun, and Tradition

If you see some strange (and maybe hilarious) happenings around the halls of Pamlico County High School this week, don't be alarmed—it only means one thing: Homecoming is here! From quirky costumes to big rivalries, our Hurricanes are gearing up to show off their school spirit in the best way possible.

### Spirit Week Themes

This year's Spirit Week is packed with creativity and fun:

- **Monday, October 6 – Decades Day:** Students travel back in time (or jump ahead) by dressing from their favorite decade—whether it's poodle skirts from the '50s, groovy bell bottoms from the '70s, or neon windbreakers straight out of the '90s.
- **Tuesday, October 7 – Meme Day:** The internet comes to life as students dress up as their favorite memes—expect some laughs and maybe even a few viral-worthy moments.
- **Wednesday, October 8 – Rhyme Without Reason:** Grab a partner, find two things that rhyme (but have nothing to do with each other), and let the fun begin. Think “bee and referee” or “pirate and carrot.” The sillier, the better.
- **Thursday, October 9 – Country vs. Country Club:** It's cowboy boots vs. polos and pearls as students pick their style and represent their team.
- **Friday, October 10 – Black and Gold Day:** The tradition continues! The entire school unites by wearing our Hurricane colors in preparation for the big game.

### The Big Game & Dance

The week leads up to Friday night's **homecoming show-down against Northside**, where the stands will be filled with black and gold pride. After the final whistle, the celebration continues with the **Homecoming Dance**—a chance for students to swap their jerseys for dress shoes and dance the night away.

### Meet the Homecoming Court

Adding even more excitement, here are this year's candidates for **Homecoming Queen**:



Mya Klein – Cheerleader, Youth & Government member, and debate competitor known for her spirit and involvement.



Emma Smith – A volleyball, cross country, and track athlete who's also active in Beta Club, FCA, and The Black & Gold newspaper.



Coralene Ellis – Cross country runner, competitive dancer, Youth & Government president, and founder of The Black & Gold publication.



Claire DeLancey – Senior, volleyball and cheer team member, track athlete, Pamlico Drama Department performer, and active club participant.



Mia Felix Osuna – Known for her love of pink, sushi, and advocacy, she promises fun and dedication to the role.



Alyssa Anderson – Cheerleader, artist, and wrestler who also loves fishing, frozen yogurt, and time with friends.



Nazri Williams – (profile pending, but full of Hurricane pride!).

### And for Homecoming King:



Isaiah Rodriguez – Senior, cross country runner, band member, NJROTC cadet, and future Marine.



Elijah Pauley – Soccer player, JROTC member, and weekend fun-seeker who loves spending time with friends.



Raul Saucedo – Raul brings his own spirit to the court).



Brian Brothers – another strong contender for King).

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# Fire Prevention Week

## Did You Know...

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire.

NFPA is celebrating Fire Prevention Week, which will be held October 5-11, 2025.

The 2025 Fire Prevention week campaign is "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."

Following safe practices when purchasing, charging, and disposing of lithium-ion batteries can help prevent fire hazards in your homes.

Top Safety Tips

Fire is Fast! You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely, once your smoke alarms sound.

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger.

Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas, and on each level of your home.

Knowing two ways out of every room is an important piece of your home fire escape plan.

Have an outside meeting place, that is a safe distance from your home, where everyone should meet.



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## HEALTH & SAFETY EXPO



Wednesday, October 15, 2025 10am - 2pm

Oriental United Methodist Church

10 am - Noon	Vaccinations- COVID-19 boosters, High dose flu, regular flu,Pneumonia, RSV, and tetanus shots (Insurance cards required)
10 am - Noon	Screenings - Blood Pressure, Balance Assessment, Oxygen Saturation
10 am - Noon	Exhibitors - Bayboro Pharmacy, Contentnea Health, Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home, First Citizens Bank, Hope Clinic, Neuse Neighbors Network, Pamlico County Animal Control, Pamlico County Health Dept, Pamlico County Rescue Squad, Pamlico County SHIP (Insurance/Medicare), Physical Therapy of Oriental, Prime Time & Village Health & Fitness
Noon - 2 pm	Seminars- "Balance for Life" with Dr. Ben Alexander of Physical Therapy of Oriental; "Sleep Well, Live Well" with Lori Altman, PharmD, Bayboro Pharmacy & Wellness; 2026 Medicare Updates, "First Call for Care: When & Why to Dial Pamlico County Rescue" with Chief TW Harris; "Keeping Your Animals Safe & Reading the Body Language of a Dog" with Berkley Hill, Animal Control Officer





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## COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025  
9 AM - 12 PM

Grantsboro Town Hall Parking Lot  
(next to Heritage Center & Chamber of Commerce)  
10628 NC 55 Highway, Grantsboro, NC

There will be an onsite shred truck to quickly and confidentially shred your personal & sensitive information


This is a FREE community service provided by a grant from NCSMP-the North Carolina Senior Medicare Patrol, a program brought to you by the NC Department of Insurance in conjunction with the Pamlico County Department of Senior Services.




Questions: Call Ann Whitman at 252-745-4629

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