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In-Custody Death at Pamlico County Detention Center Under Investigation

BAYBORO, NC – On July 11, 2026, detention staff at the Pamlico County Detention Center identified an inmate experiencing a medical emergency within the facility.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was immediately requested, and detention staff, along with responding emergency personnel, initiated lifesaving measures. Despite these efforts, the inmate was pronounced deceased.

In accordance with North Carolina law and established procedures regarding all in-custody deaths, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI) was contacted and has initiated an independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) was also notified as required protocol for all in-custody deaths.

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office extends its sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased during this difficult time.

The investigation remains ongoing. Additional information may be released as appropriate and in accordance with applicable laws and investigative procedures.



Feeling Ghostly? Need Some Spirit?

Audition August 1 for Historical Society's Fall Ghostwalk

NEW BERN, NC The New Bern Historical Society is looking for a few good ghosts. Whether you are a spirited novice or have lots of ghostly experience, the Historical Society wants you to portray the historic characters in this year's Ghostwalk. Ghostwalk brings to life noted personalities from New Bern's past who tell their stories. There's no need to worry though, all the apparitions in these stories are from the pages of history, not from science fiction. Each year a new and different batch of spirits appear. Auditions will be on Saturday, August 1, 11am-1 pm at the Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern.

The Historical Society is looking for volunteers, both men and women to play the phantom roles.

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Sheriff's Department Receives Grant Funding

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center.

The Governor of North Carolina, Josh Stein, placed his signature on the 2027 budget last week, and Pamlico County benefited from several grant allocations. The Sheriff's Department and Detention Center will receive \$757,200 from the state to assist with needed jail upgrades as well as the purchase of body cameras. "We are very thankful for our relationship with our legislators and their willingness to provide much needed funds to help us offset the costs of needed upgrades in

our detention facility," says Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis. "We are also going to purchase new body cameras. As it stands today, only our uniform patrol deputies have body cameras. These funds will allow us to outfit every deputy and investigator with a body camera. This all helps our department with our top priority, keeping Pamlico County citizens safe and protecting their property." Pamlico County also received a directed grant of \$100,000 to help fund disaster related capital projects.

Children's Theater Workshop Session I

by: Hiram Lupton

Last Thursday was a time to take to the stage at Oriental's Old Theater for the first session's sharing night of the Children's Theater Workshop. This marks the 30th year of the event that is a summer theater camp for youth from our area. Session, I featured performers from the 1st and 2nd grade level and 5th through 7th grade ages. Drama Coach Naomii Hayes and her team of teen assistants did a great job bringing out the talent in these

young thespians. The younger group performed "The Far Away Land of the Old Theater" while the middle school group gave the audience a double feature. The class was split into two troupes, both performing "mash up" fairy tales, where familiar stories are combined into one. The first ensemble performed "Hansel and Gretel and the Poison Apple" while the second presented "Beasthood." A fun-filled evening filled with laughs.



1st & 2nd graders perform "The Far Away Land of the Old Theater"



1st and 2nd grade cast



Middle School Group two performs "Beasthood"



Cast of "Hansel and Gretel and the Poison Apple"



Middle School group one performs "Hansel and Gretel and the Poison Apple"



Cast of "Beasthood"

"To love theatre is to love life in its purest, most exaggerated form."

Town of Bayboro Receives Grant

by: Hiram Lupton

The Town of Bayboro received some welcome news in this year's North Carolina State Budget in the form of a \$250,000 directed grant for park related improvements. "We applied for this quite a while ago and finally got approved," said Town Board member Christopher Broughton. "This will go towards completing several things at our new Veterans Park. The concession/restroom building, installing a separate pickleball court, and paving the parking lot are the priorities." The park is located at 610 Vandemere Road (NC Hwy 304).



A State grant will help see further progress on Bayboro's Veterans Park



Reelsboro VFD to Receive Upgrades

by: Hiram Lupton

Thanks to a \$312,800 legislative grant, the Reelsboro Volunteer Fire Department will be able to provide some much-needed upgrades to their facility and also purchase some new equipment. "There hasn't really been a whole lot done to our building since we moved in back in the early 1990's," says current Chief Curtis Grant. "Our old asphalt parking lot is in poor shape, and we will now be able to replace it with thicker, stronger concrete, as well as put a concrete driveway to our back building. We also plan to replace the existing garage doors with newer, insulated doors which are much more energy-efficient and will save some money on our electric bill. We will also be getting some needed equipment including 20 sets of turnout gear and an air compressor." The grant didn't come overnight, the Department has been working on getting funding for quite a while. "We started the application process 3 years and 7 months ago," said Grant. "Beth Bucksot (Pamlico County Economic Development Director) was a tremendous help to us. I don't think we could have got it done without her help. A big thank you also goes out to Senator Norm Sanderson for his help." Grant also thanked the community for their support. "We appreciate everyone who turns out for fundraisers and department events. Their financial contributions are always important, but it is those who volunteer who make a difference. Just like most volunteer fire departments, we are in dire need of new members. If you have an interest in serving your community, stop by and see us sometime, we will show you how."



Lib Litchfield's store window decorated for the 4th of July at A Cut Ahead Salon in Aurora

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PCC’s new Mathematics instructor brings enthusiasm – and cool accent – to job

By Sandy Wall

Pamlico Community College’s new full-time Mathematics instructor says she wants students to see the subject as something they can apply to their interests and careers and not just a collection of intimidating, difficult-to-understand rules and concepts.

Kirstie Eastwood, a native of South Africa and a current resident of New Bern, also says she’s excited to return to full-time teaching after several years of working as a research consultant and quantitative methodologist.

“The passion is teaching,” the 33-year-old said recently. “I want to be back in the classroom. I need the energy of people around me, live and in person.”

She continued, “I want to show students you can attach math to the real world. When students see the relevance of mathematics, their confidence grows, and the subject becomes far more accessible.”

Eastwood, who speaks with a distinctive, but warm accent, started her new job at Pamlico July 1. In her post, she will be teaching math courses and serving as the academic advisor for students in the college’s Associate in Science program.

Eastwood hails from Port Elizabeth, a city of about a million people on South Africa’s coast. Her father is a retired accountant, her mother is a retired computer programmer, and her older brother is a leader at Amazon.

“A math-y family, I guess,” she said with a chuckle.

After growing up in Port Elizabeth, which is known as South Africa’s “windy city,” she enrolled at Nelson Mandela University in her hometown to become a high school math teacher but discovered a love for statistics.

Eastwood earned an undergraduate degree in Mathematics & Mathematical Statistics, graduating as the student with the highest academic performance across the entire university. She went on to earn a master’s degree in Mathematical Statistics.

Eastwood worked both as a senior statistical consultant and as a statistics professor at her alma mater. She also volunteered as a math instructor at underprivileged high schools and served as a tutor while working on her undergraduate and graduate degrees.



Kirstie Eastwood is Pamlico Community College’s new full-time Mathematics instructor. She is a native of South Africa. Contributed photo

Eastwood has taught distance education courses for universities in Europe and Africa. Additionally, she helped develop an online graduate-level statistics module for a German university.

In 2021, she accepted a job at a Raleigh-based research consulting firm for doctoral candidates. The job allowed her to work in South Africa but required occasional trips to North Carolina for some tasks.

On one trip to North Carolina, Eastwood and a colleague took a short trip from Raleigh to Beaufort. It was during that trip that she met Adam Beasley.

“It was a chance meeting,” she said with a smile. After a long-distance relationship in which both partners vowed never to move, Eastwood relented and relocated to the United States.

“It made sense,” she conceded. “So, I packed my house and sold my car.”

The couple wed in August 2024 and welcomed a daughter, Gracie, in August 2025. The family lives in New Bern.

Eastwood has spent her first few days at Pamlico setting up her office and learning the college’s internal processes. She is looking forward to the start of classes and is excited about working with students.

College leaders are pleased to have Eastwood on board in time for the new academic year.

“Pamlico Community College has once again been blessed in our search for a new math instructor,” said Vice President of Instructional Services Neil Callahan. “Ms. Eastwood really made an impression on the hiring committee. She brings a wealth of knowledge with her as well as a unique perspective. She will make a great addition to our growing roster of new, talented instructors.”

Registration for the Fall 2026 semester is scheduled to begin Aug. 4. For more information, please contact the college at 252-249-1851, ext. 3001.

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

OWC Yard of the Month

Between the summer heat and local hungry deer and rabbits, it is difficult to find a Pamlico County award-worthy front yard. But the Oriental Woman’s Club garden program did just that. July’s Yard of the Month award goes to Harry & Finola Corbett at 2101 White Farm Road in Oriental. The yard is a wash of bright color displaying hardy zinnias, gaura, Shasta daisies, sedum, ruellia and roses. Finola proudly showed off their not so “free gate” gardenscaping addition and shared a story about their five Jamaican parrots that add a permanent splash of color to the yard.



AEDs

Many people are curious about the small machines known as AEDs that can be seen in offices, schools and various public buildings. These devices are lifesaving tools. AED stands for automated external defibrillator, indicates the American Red Cross. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It analyzes the heart’s rhythm and can deliver an electrical shock (defibrillation), if necessary, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. The device is meant to be user-friendly. Awareness of what an AED is and how to use it could save someone’s life. Schools may offer courses on AED use, but certification courses also are available through the Red Cross. Although generally rare, cardiac arrest can occur even in youngsters. The American Heart Association says there is a higher incidence rate among male basketball and football players compared to other young athletes. Having an AED near sports fields and courts can be crucial for survival.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- July 15th – Today is National Hot Dog Day.
- July 16th – Today is National AI Day. I still think Artificial Intelligence is no match for Natural Stupidity.
- July 17th – Today is National Tattoo Day. I've never gotten a tattoo. Why mess with perfection.
- July 18th – 1994, Crayola begins to market scented crayons. When are they going to market flavored crayons.
- July 19th- Today is Ice Cream Day. Eat it fast before it melts.
- July 20th – 1969, The first humans, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, walked on the moon.
- July 21st – Today is National Junk Food Day.

Birthdays This Week

- July 15th – 1946, Singer Linda Ronstadt
- July 18th – 197?, Saxophonist Conner Daniels
- July 19th – 197?, The glue of The Pamlico News, Jeannine Russo
- July 20th – 1947, Musician Carlos Humberto Santana Barragan
- July 21st – 1924, Actor Don Knotts
- July 21st – 1951, Actor and comedian Robin Williams
- July 21st – 197?, Restaurateur Daniela Norman Harrison
- July 21st – 197?, Outstanding Pamlico Citizen Nicky White



“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

– Michelangelo

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As residents of Pamlico County evaluate their choice for representation in the North Carolina Senate, it is both prudent and necessary to consider the qualities and priorities that define effective public service. The decision before us should not be guided by personalities, but by a clear understanding of the principles that will best serve our community. Here is what we are looking for in the best candidate for the NC Senate. We seek a candidate who recognizes the fundamental importance of a strong public education system and is committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of geographic location, have access to high-quality educational opportunities. We seek a leader who will advocate for accessible and affordable healthcare, particularly in rural areas where availability remains limited and the need is especially acute. We seek an individual dedicated to supporting working families by promoting sustainable economic growth, strengthening local infrastructure, and fostering opportunities that benefit the communities of Pamlico County. We seek a candidate who will responsibly steward our natural resources, understanding that our coastal environment is both a defining characteristic of our region and a critical component of its economic vitality. We seek a representative who values transparency, accountability, and responsiveness in government, and who will faithfully serve the interests of constituents above all else. Above all, we seek a senator who will place the well-being of the people at the forefront of every decision, demonstrate a willingness to collaborate, and pursue thoughtful, practical solutions to the challenges facing our region. Vote carefully for the candidate who will take care of the people in Pamlico County.

Respectfully,
Diane Lemieux
Minnesott Beach

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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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Feeling Ghostly? Need Some Spirit?

Audition August 1 for Historical Society’s Fall Ghostwalk

All the roles are adult characters, but responsible teens with a parent are invited to audition to play the adult roles. Executive Director, Anthony Giardino explains “Whether you are a veteran actor or new to the stage, we would love to have you come out for this fun and exciting New Bern tradition.” No preparation is necessary. Participants will be asked to read from scripts. Those selected as ghosts will learn a script and participate in at least 5 rehearsals prior to Ghostwalk. They will perform at one of the many ghost sites including Cedar Grove Cemetery or historic porches, for all three nights. There are also some non-speaking roles available. Let us know if you are interested in those. Ghostwalk will take place the evenings of October 22-24, 2026.

If you are interested in participating in one of New Bern’s premier events as one of the ghostly specters from history, be sure to be at the Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street at 11am on Saturday, August 1. For more information, call or email the New Bern Historical Society office at 252-638-8558, adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and share the history of New Bern and surrounding areas through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.



A few ghosts who made appearances in last year’s Ghostwalk.

Advertisement for Application for Home Repair Pamlico County 2028 ESFRLP

Pamlico County is actively seeking applicants for home repairs in the 2028 cycle of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency’s Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP) Program. Program goals are to rehabilitate moderately deteriorated housing for low-and-moderate income persons. Eligible houses must be owner occupied, and total household income cannot exceed 80% of the county’s median income. The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency provides 100% of the funding for the Pamlico County 2028 ESFRLP program. The application phase will begin August 3, 2026, and will end on August 21, 2026. To obtain information regarding the program, please contact Tim Andrews with McDavid Associates, Inc. at (252) 753-2139.

A representative from McDavid Associates, Inc., will be available at the Pamlico County Senior Center, 800 Main Street, Alliance, NC 28509, on August 3, 2026, and August 21, 2026, to answer any questions concerning the program or to assist with the application process.

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Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, now is the perfect time to socialize with others. Romance is in the air and you are going to go out of your way to treat someone special in the days to come.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, some people express their affection for others by buying them gifts. You have the ability to know just what a person needs at a given time and provide that to them.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, a pleasant week awaits you, and one this inspires your compassionate and tender side to come to the forefront. You may feel unselfish and spiritual, and relationships will be easy.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Your idealism is aroused this week, Cancer. This is a time for you to become more involved with others, and you might find it rewarding to work with a charity.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
A friendship may turn romantic, Leo. You'll have to tread carefully depending on how you want to see things go. Listen to your emotions carefully in the days to come.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
This week you are compelled to use your influence to help someone directly or indirectly, Virgo. Figure out what you can do to affect change.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Expect to meet people under unique circumstances, Libra. You may engage with someone who needs your help or can teach you something new.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, enjoy spending time with friends and other groups because this is a feel-good time for you. If you feel affectionate toward someone, those feelings will become more passionate.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
People notice you more than usual, Sagittarius. This is an excellent time to enjoy the company of others, including, friends, your partner or spouse.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Look for ways to help a coworker who could use some help right now, Capricorn. You have the power to give them what they need right now, more so than others.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
This is a time for social outings and special dates, Aquarius. Figure out how to feel sensitive to the needs and feelings of loved ones as only you can do best.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
True generosity is giving what is needed, Pisces. Assist a relative as best as you can, even if that is simply serving as a sounding board.

CANCER Traits & Overview

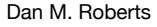
Emotional, intuitive, and practically psychic; ruled by the moon and characterized by the crab, Cancer has so much going on in its watery depths. Cancer signs may seem prickly and standoffish at first meeting, once they make the decision to become friends with someone, that person has a friend for life.

Most Cancer signs have been called psychic at some point, and with good reason—Cancer can often intuit relationships, ideas, and motivations before anyone has actually spoken. That can make for challenging interactions with this sign—Cancer hates small talk, especially when it contains white lies (like saying, "How nice to see you!" when it's clear that both parties would rather avoid each other). That's why social gatherings can be overwhelming for Cancers. They'd much rather spend time in small groups where everyone is on the same page.

Finally, Cancer is incredibly loyal, sometimes to a fault. Cancers will go to the ends of the earth and even against their own beliefs to help someone they love. Learning how to step up for what they believe in—even if it means turning down or against a friend—is a lifelong lesson for Cancer. As the emotional heart of the Zodiac, this sign teaches everyone else that, while there's so much in life that we may not be able to see, we should still pay attention to the unseen because it does exist—and we do need it!

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The Hidden Danger of Investing Too Cautiously



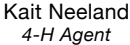
Many people focus heavily on short-term losses in the stock market and try to protect their savings by investing conservatively or avoiding stocks altogether. But that runs the risk that their savings won't grow enough to keep up with inflation or support future needs.

- **Risk tolerance** describes your emotional comfort with risk. If you'd want to pull your money out of the market during a downturn, that reveals something about your tolerance. Many financial advisors use questionnaires to help clients understand how they might react in different market conditions.
- **Risk capacity** refers to how much risk you can afford to take. Your timeline matters. A 35-year-old saving for retirement has decades to ride out market swings. A retiree drawing income from their portfolio doesn't have that same cushion.
- **Required risk** describes how much risk you may need to take to reach your financial goals. Higher returns generally come with higher risk, though higher risk does not guarantee higher returns. If you need strong growth to retire comfortably, you may need to accept more short-term volatility.

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A 4-H Summer



With every 4-H Project and program we always want to make sure that we are learning something. It is such an adventure! We have Dairy shows, Nutrition Competitions, 4-H Electric Congress, Book of the Year Contest, Egg-cellent Egg Contest. Over the next few weeks we will be traveling to Appalachian State University for 4-H Dairy School, a trip they earned for through their projects and projects.

Book Explorers isn't the only fun we've got coming up! This week our 4-Hers will be Journeying to Appalachian State University to attend 4-H Electric Congress. They will attend workshops, career expos, fun excursions, and meet other 4-Hers that share their

You can find registration and in for on our website. You will also need to register in 4-H online to complete your registration for any program. You can access the link on our website. If you have any questions about accessing 4-H Online or the enrollment process please give us a call and we will be happy to walk you through it. You can also sign up for our Pamlico 4-H Email list. To learn more about all 4-H programs in Pamlico County contact Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121, or kait_neeland@ncsu.edu, or check us out online at pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu. Don't FORGET to REGISTER, spaces will fill up!!

State invites applications for fiscal year 2027 North Carolina Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

The BIG Program in North Carolina was administered by the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) from 2002 to 2024. Administration of the program has since transitioned to the Division of Coastal Management (DCM), which has been awarded federal funding to develop and implement the program in North Carolina.

Eligible applicants include public and private marina owners and operators, local governments, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education and other entities that own or operate eligible boating facilities within North Carolina's 20 Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) counties. Eligible projects may include transient docks, piers, gangways, mooring buoys, breakwaters, wave attenuators, utilities, restrooms, showers, pump-out facilities, dinghy docks, signage and other boating infrastructure that directly benefits eligible transient recreational vessels.

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Did you know?

Parents may have heard varying iterations of the theory that listening to classical music can help students improve their academic performance and wondered if there’s any truth to that. And it turns out there is. A study from researchers at Baylor University released in 2020 found that college students who listened to Beethoven and Chopin during an interactive lecture on microeconomics and then heard the music again that night while sleeping performed better on a test the following day than did peers who were in the same lecture but listened to white noise while they slept. Students who listened to the music increased their performance on integration questions by 18 percent. That’s a notable boost, but researchers warned it was temporary, as test scores did not remain as high when students took a similar test nine months later.



OWLS Visits Library

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County Public Library is always a cool place to be and last Thursday it was the coolest and not just because their air conditioner was working on a hot day. They hosted some of the great folks from the OWLS Wildlife Center located in Newport. OWLS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of native wildlife in coastal North Carolina. Their representatives made a great presentation about how they have helped sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with the ultimate goal of returning them to their native habitat. They also brought along a few of their “ambassadors.” These animals were taken in by the shelter and after their rehabilitation it was determined that their injuries were severe enough that they most likely wouldn’t survive in the wild. These ambassadors, a turtle, snake, and owl, have become a part of OWLS educational program and give attendees an opportunity to see these species up close. If you’d like to know more about OWLS and the great work they do and how you can help, go to their website, outerbankswild-lifeshelter.com or follow them on Facebook. Just search for OWLS Wildlife Center.



OWLS Wildlife Center Presentation at the Pamlico County Public Library

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application for General Rate Increase and Public Hearings
Docket No. E-22 Sub 765

Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable to Retail Electric Utility Service in North Carolina

Why am I receiving this notice?

On April 30, 2026, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates it charges to its customers for retail electric service in North Carolina. DENC seeks a total increase of approximately \$37 million, which would be an increase of 11.99% over current base rates. DENC must prove to the Commission that the requested rates are just and reasonable and in the public interest. If approved, DENC’s requested increase would result in the following:

Summary of Requested Revenue Increase ¹			
Customer class	Present base revenues	Requested revenue increase	
Residential	\$167,781,134	\$25,870,737	15.42%
SGS	\$64,907,778	\$3,112,299	4.80%
LGS	\$31,700,644	\$2,850,755	8.99%
6VP	\$11,804,452	\$693,428	5.87%
NS	\$24,223,026	\$2,903,599	11.99%
Traffic	\$54,049	\$7,451	13.79%
Outdoor/streetlight	\$6,650,513	\$1,379,678	20.75%
Total Revenue Increase	\$307,121,596	\$36,817,949	11.99%

Why is DENC seeking a rate increase?

DENC states that its request is driven by investments made for the benefit of customers since its 2024 rate case, including:

1.

Investments in its nuclear fleet to ensure the continued safe, reliable, and efficient operation of these units;
2.

Investments in its fossil fleet to maintain the continued reliability and efficiency of these units and to implement uprates of certain natural gas units;
3.

Investments in its renewable energy (traditional hydro, pumped storage hydro, biomass, solar, and offshore wind) and battery storage facilities; and
4.

Investments to expand and strengthen its transmission and distribution infrastructure in North Carolina and throughout its system.

¹ DENC plans to make an update filing in September 2026 incorporating new expenditures that will likely result in an increase to these requested rates.

DENC also seeks authority to implement an annual rider to recover costs associated with the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Commercial Project that are in addition to the costs for this project that are included in base rates (Rider CVOW). In addition, DENC seeks authority to return to customers \$10.4 million in nuclear energy production tax credit benefits through a one-year rider (Rider NPTC).

Furthermore, DENC requests a rate of return on common equity of 10.50%. This number is the return customers pay investors on DENC’s capital investment, expressed as a percentage.

How are rates calculated?

- A typical residential bill has several components, including:
- The Electric Charge

covers the cost of generating electricity, including certain fuel-related costs, moving it through transmission lines and substations, and delivering it to a customer. This charge also includes

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A Basic Customer Charge, which is a fixed monthly fee that covers the utility’s baseline costs to maintain your account and connect your home to the electrical grid and

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Various annual riders that are designed to recover costs associated with the adoption of renewables, demand-side management and energy efficiency programs, and the recovery of certain coal ash remediation activities.

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The Fuel Charge

includes the cost for fuel used to produce electricity, including fuel shipment, and represents any changes in fuel costs not already covered in the Electric Charge. **The State Sales Tax** of 7% applied to Electric and Fuel Charges.

To learn more about each of these components, visit [dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/rates-and-tariffs/rates-101](https://www.dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/rates-and-tariffs/rates-101).
- DENC is requesting to update base rates, specifically the Basic Customer and Electric Charges. The Basic Customer Charge is a fixed amount for every customer depending on the customer’s class (residential, commercial, or industrial). The Electric Charge is different for customers of different classes and is a rate in cents/kWh applied to each customer’s energy usage. To learn more about each of these components, visit <https://www.dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/paying-my-bill/understand-my-bill>.
- If DENC’s request is approved, how will it impact my bill?
- If approved, the proposed total monthly bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, including base rates, the proposed Rider CVOW and Rider NPTC, and other currently approved riders, would be \$151.48, an increase of approximately 12.76% over current rates. At the conclusion of the 1-year Rider NPTC distribution, and assuming no other changes, the average customer bill would increase by \$3.44, making the average residential bill \$154.92.
- The proposed total monthly bill for a nonresidential customer served under one of the schedules listed below, including base rates, the proposed Rider CVOW and proposed Rider NPTC, and all currently approved rate riders would be as follows:
- | Customer Class | Before increase | After increase | Change (\$/month) | Change (%) |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| SGS (Schedule 5) | \$1,298.11 | \$1,351.97 | \$53.86 | 4.15% |
| LGS (Schedule 6L) | \$423,500.28 | \$451,469.60 | \$27,969.32 | 6.60% |
- The Commission may consider additional or alternative rate design proposals that were not included in DENC’s Application and may order increases or decreases in individual rate schedules that differ from those proposed by the DENC. In no event, however, will the Commission approve any increase in total revenues beyond the total increase in revenues requested by DENC.
- When will my rates change?
- Your rates will not increase immediately. The Commission has scheduled DENC’s request for investigation and hearing. DENC intends to implement its proposed rates on a temporary basis subject to refund on December 1, 2026, under the authority of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-135. Customers will receive another notice before temporary rates take effect. The Commission should make its final determination as to DENC’s requested increase in January/February 2027, and the approved new rates should go into effect on or around March 1, 2027. You will receive another notice when the new rates are determined that will indicate when they will go into effect.
- How can I participate?
- Your input on DENC’s requested increase can help the Commission make an informed decision. You may (but are not required to) participate in several ways, including:
- Option A:** You can file a written consumer statement of position in the docket by visiting ncuc.gov/contactus.html. Please include the docket number that is listed at the top of this notice.
- Option B:** You can testify at a public hearing. Your testimony will become part of the evidence the Commission considers in making its decision. For helpful tips on how to give public witness testimony, visit ncuc.gov/documents/ncucbrochure.pdf. Public hearings will take place as follows:
- | Date & Time | Location | Town/City |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Monday, September 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. | Halifax County Courthouse, District Courtroom
357 Ferrell Lane | Halifax, NC
27839 |
| Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. | Remote via WebEx* | |
| Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. | Dare County Commissioners’ Meeting Room
962 Marshall C Collins Drive | Manteo, NC
27954 |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. | Martin County Courthouse
305 East Main Street | Williamston, NC
27892 |
- * A link to view the WebEx hearing will be available at ncuc.gov. Members of the public who wish to testify at the virtual public hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2026, by completing the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister/html>. Only the first 20 individuals registered will be allowed to testify at the remote hearing. If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2026**
- Please note that, at the public hearings, the Commissioners cannot answer questions. However, representatives from DENC and from the Public Staff (the consumer advocate) will be available to answer questions before and after the hearing, and the Public Staff can answer questions before the hearing about how to testify.
- Some local courthouses prohibit the public from bringing electronic devices into the building, and therefore individuals with prepared statements on their devices may wish to bring a printed copy of their statement
- In addition, the Commission will hold a hearing solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties’ witnesses in this proceeding on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. If you’re interested in watching the expert witness hearing, you can observe in person or you can watch it on the Commission’s YouTube channel, which can be located at youtube.com/@NCUtilitiesCommission.
- If there are no complaints or contested issues between the parties, the public or expert witness hearings may be cancelled.
- Who can I talk to about this petition?
- The Public Staff represents customers in proceedings before the Commission. The Public Staff has a team of engineers, accountants, economists, and lawyers reviewing DENC’s requested increase and is scheduled to file its testimony outlining its recommendations by October 6, 2026. You can contact the Public Staff by mail at 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4300.
- Where can I find more information?
- DENC’s application was filed pursuant to the following legal authorities:
- | | |
|---|---|
| North Carolina General Statute Chapter 62, Sections 133, 134, and 135 | ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bychapter/chapter_62.html |
| Commission Rule R1-17 | ncuc.gov/ncrules/rulstoc.html |
- You can find the materials filed by DENC and other parties and orders issued by the Commission in this proceeding by typing “E-22 Sub 765” into the Docket Number entry at the following website: starw1.ncuc.gov/NCUC/page/Dockets/portal.aspx.
- You can learn more about the Public Staff at publicstaff.nc.gov.
- You can learn more about DENC at <https://www.dominionenergy.com/north-carolina>.



Staff of The Pamlico News and the Captain Bill Mason Award for Outstanding Service to the Community.



Oriental Rotary Club Officer Installation and Awards Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

Service Above Self. That is a core pillar of the Rotary Club and for seventy-five years the Rotary Club of Oriental has served the community through their own initiatives and volunteering support for other nonprofits. Monday evening the group gathered for their annual officer installation and awards ceremony and dinner at the Oriental Women’s Club. All the outgoing officers agreed to serve one more term at their positions and were sworn in by President Carol DeMoranville who will also be continuing on for one more year. Mr. Jim Kellenberger will assume the title of President in-waiting and will assume that title in July of 2027. Mr. Hugh Midyette was recognized with a Paul Harris Award for outstanding service to the organization. Also, The Pamlico News, was bestowed the great honor of receiving the Captain Bill Mason Award in “recognition of outstanding service to the community that helps promote goodwill and better friendships.” Accepting the award for the newspaper was owner Sandy Winfrey.



Rotary Club Officers for the upcoming year.



Rotary Club President Carol DeMoranville presents the Captain Bill Mason Award to The Pamlico News. Accepting the award is owner of The Pamlico News Sandy Winfrey.



Hugh Midyette receives a Paul Harris award for outstanding service to the Rotary Club.



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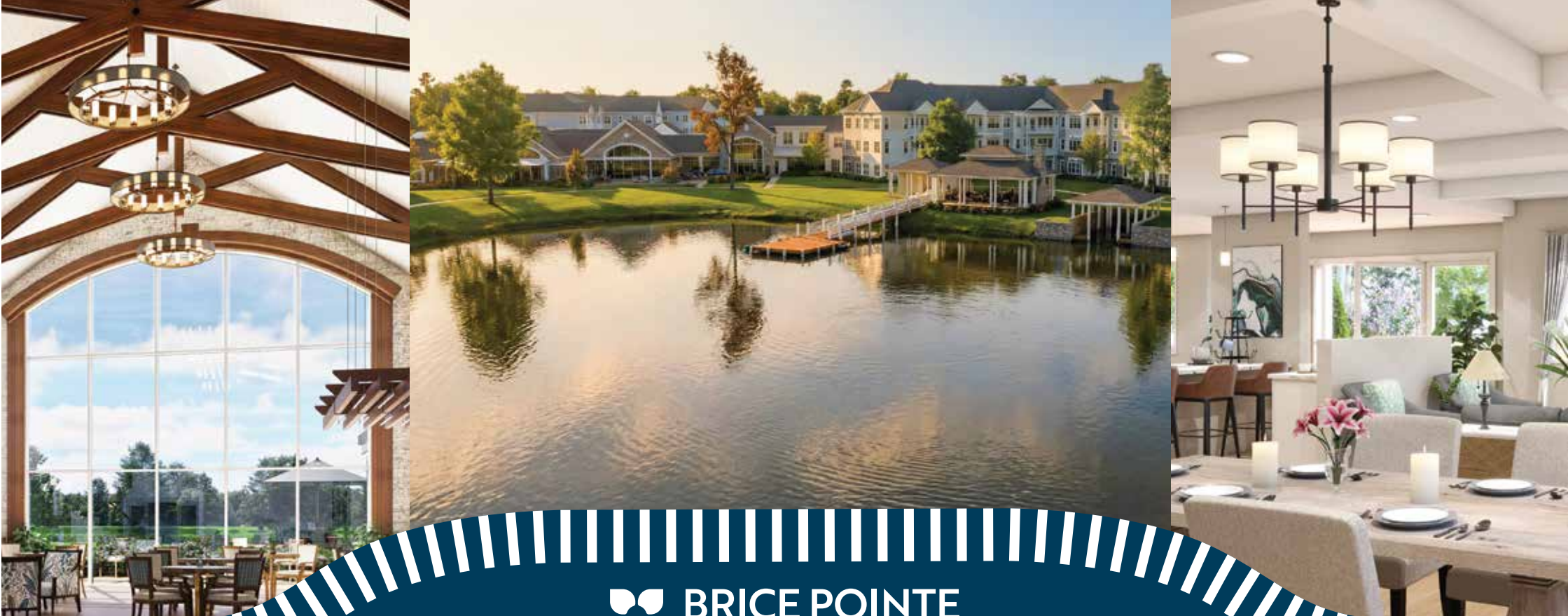
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Register Today
If you have any problems signing up or questions about the forum, please email Erik at erik.heden@noaa.gov.

**Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire Department
Station 19 Fundraiser**



Despite the warm weather, there was a good turnout at the Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire Department this past Saturday. There was food, fundraisers and a fishing tournament. See Betty Joe



Notable events in colonial America in 1776
The year the United States came to be was an interesting time to be alive, particularly for those living in colonial America. The American Revolutionary War began in 1776, and much of the year was marked by events stemming from that conflict. Below are some of the more notable events to take place during a year that has come to symbolize so much to generations of Americans.
• **Thomas Paine** publishes his 47-page pamphlet Common Sense in Philadelphia on January 10. Initially published anonymously, the pamphlet is considered a watershed moment in American history, as Paine's easily digestible writing style appealed to the masses, helping promote his arguments that encouraged common people to fight for an egalitarian government.

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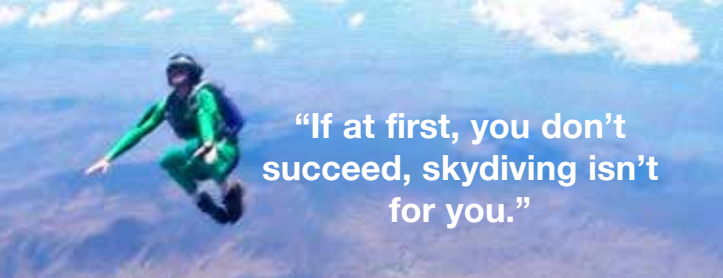
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Phyllis H. Styron
Administrator CTA
c/o TERRI W. SHARP
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 867
New Bern, NC 28563-0867

**NORTH CAROLINA
PAMLICO COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Paul J. Miller, deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before September 24, 2026 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 24rd day of June, 2026.

Mary T. Skinner, Executor
For the Estate of Paul J. Miller, deceased
c/o Mary T. Skinner
Attorney for Dunn, Pittman, Skinner & Ashton, PLLC
P. O. Drawer 1389
New Bern, NC 28563

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
NICHOLAS ADAM HYDUKE
File No.: 26E000103-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to NICHOLAS ADAM HYDUKE, EXECUTOR, on or before SEPTEMBER 22, 2026, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

This 24TH OF JUNE 2026

ESTATE OF NICHOLAS ADAM HYDUKE
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**In the General Court of
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File No. 26SP000027-680.**

In the matter of the Partition of Real Property: Daniel Eric Mitchell, Petitioner, vs. Alonzo Farrow, and all persons unknown claiming an interest in the property. Two: Alonzo Farrow, respondent, take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled Special Proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is a Petition for Partition of Real Property to clear title, resolve ownership interests, and potentially force the sale or equitable division of a specific tract of real property situated in Pamlico County, North Carolina. The real property subject to this proceeding is commonly known as 2398 Lee Landing Road, New Bern, NC 28560, and is more particularly described in the deed

recorded in Book 269, Page 911 in the Pamlico County Registry. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than August 9, 2026, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to file an Answer or response within the time required, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Petition, which may result in a judgement ordering the partition of sale of the Property, terminating your record interest, and distributing proceeds accordingly. This the 1st day of July, 2026.

Petitioner: Daniel Eric Mitchell,
2390 Lee Landing Road, New Bern, NC, 28560, contact number 252-497- 5881

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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
MARVA FISHER BALDWIN
File No.: 26E000112-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MARVA FISHER BALDWIN, EXECUTOR, on or before OCTOBER 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-named EXECUTOR.

This 8TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF MARVA FISHER BALDWIN
C/O SPENCER L. BALDWIN
511 LAKE TYLER DR
NEW BERN, NC 28560

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
SUE G. IRELAND
File No.: 26E000114-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SUE G. IRELAND, EXECUTOR, on or before OCTOBER 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-named EXECUTOR.

This 8TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF SUE G. IRELAND
C/O JACKIE F. IRELAND, JR.
636 DAWSON CREEK BLVD
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
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PAMLICO COUNTY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JAMES EDWARD COX, JR.
File No.: 26E000115-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JAMES EDWARD COX, JR., EXECUTOR, on or before OCTOBER 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-named EXECUTOR.

This 8TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF JAMES EDWARD COX, JR.
C/O MICKEY WILSON
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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY**

**SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
MARYANN C. BRINSON
File No.: 25E001230-680**

This 8TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF MARYANN C. BRINSON
C/O GARY L. BRINSON
8626 NEUSE RD
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF PAMLICO
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
26CV000108-680**

JAMES DOWE JR., et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
ZACHARY HAWKINS, et al.,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: OAKRIE JUNIOR JORDAN
a/k/a OAKRIE JORDAN, JR.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

1. Plaintiffs seek a declaratory judgment to quiet title to that certain real property more particularly described below and currently assigned PIN 6428474747000 by the Pamlico County Tax Office, North Carolina:

TRACT I:
Beginning at Quince GARNES N.E. corner and runs with the cart road to a lightwood stump thence with W. F. Buck's line Goose Creek, thence with said creek to Quince GARNES line, thence with said GARNES line to the beginning, containing 20 acres more or less.

TRACT II:
One tract. Beginning at the place where J. W. Pipkins line crosses the Wesel Landing road & runs with the old wood Landing road to near the corner of the aforesaid Daws old field to an agreed croner [sic], thence with a straight line to the run of a branch that heads near the corner of Daws old field, thence down the run of said branch to the main swamp, thence with the run of said swamp to James Alexanders line thence with said Alexanders line which runs along the edge of the Muse old field to a pine in Alexanders line, thence to Alexanders corner at the edge of the Sand hill, thence nearly with Alexanders to J. W. Pipkins line & with said line to the beginning, containing 20 acres. The other tract. Beginning at the Peter Allen corner, on west side of Wood landing road & runs with said road to an agreed corner opposite branch head, thence with run of said branch to the marsh thence on to Goose Creek, thence up said creek to Peter Allens line & with said line to the beginning containing fifteen acres more or less.

TRACT III:
Lying in number one township on the West side of Brig Point road. Beginning at a stake in the mouth of a ditch by the side of the tram road running thence Northwardly course with the said ditch to the fence thence on a straight line to the (Bennett) now the Adolphus Tripp heirs line, thence with the said Tripp line Southwestwardly to a lightwood stake by the side of a small marked pine supposed to be the Miller North west corner

thence with the Miller & Daw line Southwestwardly to a ditch on the North side of the tram road thence with said ditch to the beginning containing two acres more or less.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 17th day of August, 2026, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so Plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 8th day of July, 2026.

Chad A. Archer
North Carolina Bar No. 49051
Attorney for Plaintiffs

OF COUNSEL:

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
BARBARA ANN BENTON
File No.: 25E001131-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BARBARA ANN BENTON, EXECUTOR, on or before OCTOBER 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-named EXECUTOR.

This 8TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN BENTON
C/O MICHELLE ANNE LUZAR
10657 NEUSE RD
ARAPAHOE, NC 28510

Publish JULY 8,15, 22 AND 29 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Amy Laverne Heath, deceased, late of Pamlico County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before October 15, 2026, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment.

Estate of Amy Laverne Heath
Thomas A. Kellis, II, Administrator
The Carolina Law Group, PLLC
1919-B S. Glenburnie Road
New Bern, NC 28562

Publish July 15, 22, 29, and August 5, 2026.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
BRIAN P. KEARNEY
File No.: 26E000066-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BRIAN P. KEARNEY, ADMINISTRATOR, on or before OCTOBER 13, 2026, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 15TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF BRIAN P. KEARNEY
C/O FLORENCE KEARNEY
139 LAKE ANNE DR
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411

Publish JULY 15, 22, 29 AND AUGUST 5, 2026.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The Oriental Volunteer Fire Department Station 19 had a fund raiser on Saturday afternoon. There was a good turnout and plenty of support from the community even though it was extremely hot. There were hot dog and hamburger plates for sale as well as cookies, root beer floats and other items. Eric greeted everyone and took their orders and accepted their money. There was also a boot for donations on another table.

Charles Stackhouse also reminded me that there was a list of the Hook and Ladder fishing tournament winners posted. In the Age 16+ Adults – Number of spots on a red drum: Keith Silver 13; Russ Cook 6; Justin Holt 6; Mark Wyatt 5; Jim Cobb 5; John Philyaw 4; Christopher Gilbert 4; Keith Silver 4; Justin Holt 3; Matthew Bolyard 3; Russ Cook 2; William Wallace 2; John Philyaw 2; Jeff Fish 2; Tom Lehman 2; Jill Hamilton 2; Jim Cobb 2; Keith Silver 2 (unverified); and Daniel Neal 2. In the Age 15 and under – Ben Samosky 2 and Ben Samosky 1.

Pamlico received much-needed rain this week, but we still need more to get out of this drought situation. There have been extremely high temperatures this past weekend. I saw turkeys crossing Trent Road, probably looking for water to drink. The high heat index takes a toll on everyone, young and old.

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Come on up on the porch and sit awhile.

This weekend I spent some time wandering the back roads of Pamlico County, camera in hand, stopping whenever an old barn caught my eye. By the time I made it home, I realized I hadn't really been photographing barns at all.

I had been photographing memories.

One of the first barns I stopped at was on Neuse Road. It's one of the first tobacco barns you come to. I have heard stories all my life about tobacco being picked by hand, tied to tobacco sticks, and carefully hung inside those old barns to cure. If you've ever stepped inside one, you know they still hold that familiar smell that those of us who worked tobacco immediately recognize. It's a smell that never really leaves you.

As I made my way around to Goose Creek, I stopped in the road at a barn where I spent many days as a young man. The old Brinson Farm pack house still stands there, holding on to what remains of the white paint it has always worn. After the tobacco had cured in the barns, it would be wrapped in large burlap sheets and moved into the pack house to wait for auction.

There were many evenings we'd climb up and sit on top of those big bundles after a long day, tired, dusty, and just shooting the breeze before heading home. Looking back now, I wish I could remember every one of those conversations. At the time they were just everyday talks. Today, they would be pieces of history.

The next barns I visited were on the old Banks family farm in Arapahoe, a place that's part of my own family's heritage. I remember going there for the annual Banks family reunion and riding a horse in the pasture for what I believe was the very first time. People were everywhere. Families sat beneath the trees talking, laughing, and catching up. The tables were always overflowing because everyone brought a dish or two to share.

Those reunions weren't just about food. They were where family history was passed from one generation to the next. Names,

Remember to stay hydrated and in the shade as much as possible. This week's Spiritual Vitamin says it all. The heat makes us all eXhausted.

On Tuesday night, the Stonewall Methodist Women will have their annual Salad Supper Event. All women are invited to attend even if they are not members of the Methodist Women. Minister Carnell Barrow will share her testimony and her God given talent of singing with the ladies.

Aurora is planning to have a grand celebration of the 250th birthday of America on July 25th. Ms. Lib Litchfield has her beauty shop window well decorated for the event. She will also be singing patriotic songs with the community choir that evening.

Celebrating birthdays in July are Charles Stackhouse (7/15), Annette Jones (7/17), Jeannine Russo (7/19), Joanne Gwaltney Ashton (7/22), Mark Norman (7/23), Stephen Carey, Kenneth Dixon, and Karen Keast (7/24), Doug Spain, Chris Spain (7/25), Gladys Wright (7/26), Ed Kelleher (7/29), and Bertha Gilliam (7/31). Celebrating their anniversary in July are Cathy and Brent Fulcher (7/24).

Have a blessed week. eXhausted? Take Spiritual Vitamin X. "But refuse profane and old wives' fables and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." (1 Timothy 4:7)

stories, and memories were shared without anyone realizing how important those conversations would one day become.

As the older generations passed on, the reunions slowly faded away with them. Life became busier, families spread farther apart, and somewhere along the way we stopped gathering the way we once did. I don't think anyone meant for it to happen. We just didn't realize what we were losing until much of it was already gone.

One of the last barns I stopped at was just outside Aurora. It's a majestic old barn whose size alone leaves you standing in awe. With its broad front, dormers lining the roof, and pasture stretching out behind it, you can't help but imagine what life was like there years ago. Sitting nearby is an old refrigerated truck with Southern Sea Food Corp. still faintly visible on the door. Time and weather have slowly taken over, but it makes you wonder where that truck traveled, who drove it, and how it eventually found its final resting place beside that old barn.

Every old place has a story.

Some stories are happy.

Some are difficult.

But every one of them helped shape the communities we call home.

Maybe that's why I find myself taking the back roads more often these days. I'm not looking for another old barn. I'm looking for another story before it's gone.

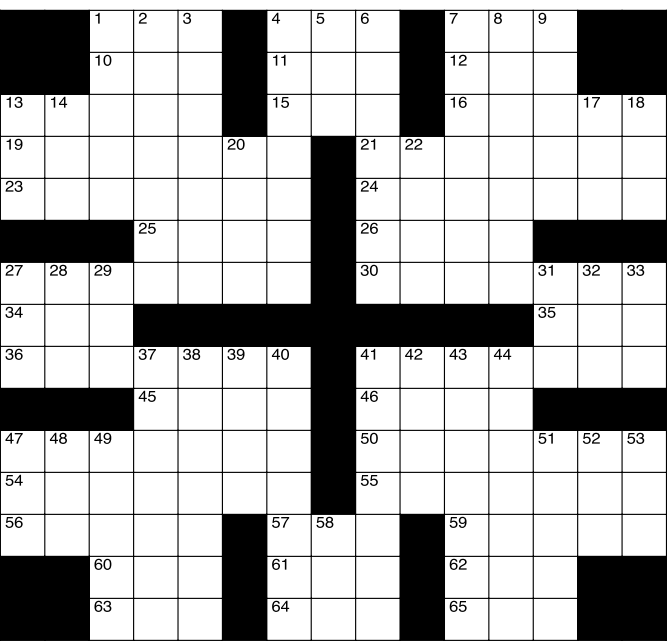
I use my camera to open a doorway into the past. I use my writing to invite others to walk through that doorway with me, even if it's only for a few minutes. These old barns, trucks, boats, and forgotten places still have something to teach us because they were built by the people who built these communities.

One day these barns will fall. The old trucks will rust away. The people who remember them won't always be here to tell us their stories.

I can't stop time, but maybe I can preserve a small piece of it.

If these old barns could talk, I think we'd all stay a little longer just to listen.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure measurement

4. Request

7. Clairvoyance

10. 007's creator

11. Adult male

12. God of battle (Scandinavian)

13. Cloths spread over a coffin

15. Breeze through

16. Ladyfish genus

19. We all take them

21. Earl's jurisdiction

23. Members of U.S. Navy

24. Rummy-like card game

25. Affected by injury

26. Member of a Semitic people

27. Withdrew from a union

30. Woman's cloak

34. Spanish river
35. Prohibit

36. Something you can take

41. Dish soap brand

45. Ottoman military commanders

46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

47. Makes somber

50. Discuss again

54. A tool to inject

55. Support

56. Informal term for money

57. Catch doing something wrong

59. Prehistoric people

60. Large African antelope

61. Vehicle

62. Georgia rockers

63. High resolution microscope

64. Pitching statistic

65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant

2. Marketable

3. Rather

4. Collected

5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal

6. Irish hip-hop trio

7. Ageless

8. Course requirements

9. Pokes at

13. TV channel

14. They ___

17. Cooking material

18. Investment account

20. Iron-containing compound

22. Swiss river

27. Small coin (French)

28. Electronic countermeasures

29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms

32. Unhappy

33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Glowing

38. Item to be addressed

39. An informal body of friends

40. Intrinsic nature of something

41. Neural structures

42. Brews

43. A place for ships

44. One who sings holiday songs

47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

48. Scottish town

49. The most worthless parts

51. Sticky

52. Put to work

53. Precursor to the EU

58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)



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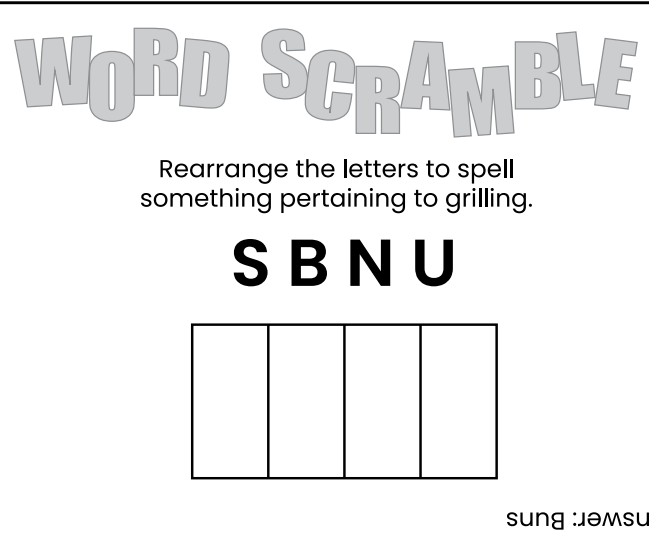
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grillmasters may want to marinate meats...

Grilling is a summertime tradition, but health-conscious grillmasters may want to marinate their meats before cooking them over an open flame. Heterocyclic aromatic amines (HAAs) are compounds that can form when meats are cooked over an open flame. HAAs are suspected carcinogens, but a 2008 study published in the Journal of Food Science found that, with a few exceptions, spice-containing marinades inhibited the formation of heterocyclic amines, thus providing reduced exposure to some of the carcinogens formed during grilling.

Health&Wellness

How to avoid food poisoning when grilling this summer



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Cooking over an open flame produces a unique flavor that's difficult to match. The smoky flavor of grilled foods is hard to resist, especially on summer nights that seem tailor-made for cooking and dining outside.

Cooking over a flame comes with certain safety risks, and those risks are easily mitigated with some simple strategies. It's equally important that grilling enthusiasts make an effort to reduce the risk of food poisoning when grilling. Dishes used to cook indoors are routinely scrubbed clean after a good meal, but grills rarely garner the same level of post-meal attention, which can increase the risk for food poisoning. And a less-than-spotless grill grate isn't the only food poisoning risk linked with grilling. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer these tips to avoid food poisoning when grilling in the months ahead.

- **Separate raw foods before grilling.** Cross-contamination can contribute to food poisoning. The CDC suggests efforts to prevent cross-contamination should begin at the grocery store. Foods should be kept separate in grocery carts and bags, and packages of raw meat and poultry should be kept in their own individual bags.
- **Keep foods cool at all times.** The CDC recommends picking up meat, poultry and seafood right before checking out so the food remains as cool as possible at all times. If it's a long drive from the store to home, which can be the case when grilling foods that must be purchased at specialty stores or fisheries instead of traditional neighborhood grocery stores, shoppers can place items in insulated coolers and keep them at 40 F or below. All raw meat, poultry or seafood should be refrigerated until cooks are ready to place it on a grill.
- **Thaw foods safely.** The CDC notes that

foods should never be thawed on a counter, even if they're in a pot or bowl of lukewarm water. Foods should be thawed in a refrigerator or by utilizing the defrost function on a microwave.

- **Marinate safely.** Like thawing, marinating should always be done in a refrigerator, regardless of which type of marinade is being used. When marinating foods are ready for cooking, discard the marinade and clean the dish immediately to avoid contamination.
- **Routinely clean hands when handling raw meat, poultry and seafood.** Cooks should wash their hands thoroughly after handling raw meat, poultry or seafood. Wet hands, lather them with soap and then scrub for at least 20 seconds. Make sure hands are dried on a clean towel, and repeat this process any time raw meat is touched.
- **Clean the grill thoroughly.** A grill should be given a thorough cleaning before each use. The CDC urges individuals using a wire bristle brush to thoroughly inspect the grilling surface before lighting a flame and cooking. Wire bristles can be dislodged during cleaning, and then end up on food, where they can pose a significant health hazard once foods are eaten.
- **Always place cooked foods on clean dishes.** Cooked foods should never be placed back on the dishes or in the containers where they were stored prior to being cooked. Doing so can lead to food poisoning and illness.
- **Cook foods to the appropriate temperature.** Foods require different cooking temperatures, and cooks are encouraged to determine those temperatures for each food they grill. Utilize a meat thermometer to ensure foods are cooked hot enough to kill germs.
Safe grilling includes doing everything possible to prevent food poisoning.

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