



New vice president plans to build relationships, make a difference

by: Sandy Wall



Experienced educator Eddie Gibbs recently joined Pamlico Community College as its new vice president of Extended Learning and Partnerships. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, gardening, crabbing and playing the piano. Contributed photo

Not only does Pamlico Community College’s newest vice president have nearly four decades of experience in public education, he also has owned a restaurant, a flower shop and a catering business. The key to all of it? Building connections with people, he says. “I think my secret power is building relationships,” said Eddie Gibbs, who started work earlier this month as the college’s new vice president of Extended Learning and Partnerships. In his role, he will oversee PCC’s Career & College Promise program for high school students, its robust prison education program at Pamlico Correctional Institution, and other programs and initiatives based at the college’s Bayboro Center.

PCC President Zac Schnell said the college is fortunate to have someone with Gibbs’s experience and talent come to Pamlico. “We are excited to have Mr. Eddie Gibbs as part of our Pamlico Community College team,” the president said. “He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new role at the college. We are certain he will be able to help us provide more exciting new opportunities for our local students here.” Although he recently moved to the county, Gibbs says he already feels at home here. After all, he’s in familiar Eastern North Carolina surroundings. Gibbs, 62, was born in Washington, N.C., and grew up in rural Hyde County. He earned his bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and Educational Specialist (EdS) from East Carolina University, and he spent many years as a teacher and child nutrition director in Hyde County. Gibbs left education for a while to open and operate a restaurant in downtown Washington – the By George Café. He also ran a flower shop and a catering business there. “I’ve always had an entrepreneurial spirit,” Gibbs said. He later returned to the public schools, teaching for many years in Beaufort County and in Craven County. Gibbs then traded the flat, sandy Coastal Plain for the mountains, taking a job at Asheville Middle School. He later became assistant principal at Lucy Herring Elementary School in Asheville before deciding it was time to come back east. “At age 62, I thought it was time to stop chasing children around,” Gibbs said with a chuckle, adding he is excited about making the transition from K-12 education to a community college. “I now will have the opportunity to work with adult students,” he said. As always, Gibbs said the key to success would be building relationships – with high school students, prison-based students, his Bayboro-based colleagues, and the community. “I’m not a fancy person. What you see is what you get,” he said. “I work with great people at Pamlico – I can already tell that. I’m here to help.” Gibbs also said he recognizes that he has some big shoes to fill in Bayboro: The late Michelle Willis Krauss, a beloved instructor and college vice president, was based there for many years and was responsible for many of the programs that he now oversees. He said he admires and respects the work Krauss did for Pamlico and plans to build on it. “I’m here to make a difference,” Gibbs said.

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**Land/Home Sales
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Agent of the Week
Susan Adams
Broker/Veteran
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Susan Adams performed a miracle and found a buyer for our lot. We started working together in August 2022 and she worked very hard for the next 4 years to find a buyer who was not concerned about a failed perk test. Susan had many showings and followed up with open houses as opportunities came up. Several potential buyers showed interest but were spooked by the sewer approval issue. Susan saved us from our major headache and rapidly increasing association fees. Susan didn't give up and worked hard for us. She ultimately found a willing buyer, and we can't thank her enough. She's the best!
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- August 26th – Today is National Dog Day.
- August 27th – 1990, Guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughn was killed in a helicopter crash.
- August 28th – Today is National Red Wine Day. For a ribeye steak, serve Cabernet Sauvignon. For Filet Ninon, serve Merlot. For Vienna Sausage, serve Boone’s Farm Red Sangria.
- August 29th – 1898, The Goodyear Tire Company is founded in Akron, Ohio. I guess 1898 was a good year.
- August 30th – Today is National Beach Day. I love the scenery at the beach.
- August 31st – Today is National Eat Outside Day. Hope it cools off a little.
- September 1st – Today is National Forgiveness Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 27th – 1952, Actor Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman)
August 28th – 1965, Singer Eilleen Twain (Shania Twain)
August 29th – 1920, Jazz Saxophonist Charlie “Bird” Parker
August 29th – 1958, Singer Michael Jackson
August 30th – 1945, Musician George Morrison (Van Morrison)
September 1st - 1922, Actress Peggy Middleton (Yvonne DeCarlo)
September 1st – 1933, Singer Harold Jenkins (Conway Twitty)
September 1st – 1957, Singer Gloria Estefan



OBITUARIES



Jane Watson Brown, 87, of Rose Hill died August 12, 2026, in Raleigh. Jane was born in Lowland in Pamlico County on March 28, 1939. She was very proud of her life on “the island” and loved to say her family had the first TV on the island. She graduated from Pamlico County High School and Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College). Jane is survived by her children Davis Lee Jr. (Colleen) of Union Grove, Alabama, Wendy Lee of Raleigh, and Melinda Hughes (Rod) of Cary, her granddaughter Elizabeth Hughes of Winston Salem, and her stepchildren Ron Brown and Belinda Brown of Wilmington. Also surviving her are her siblings Merritt Watson (Linda), Anne Watson (Steve), and Gladys Hopkins (Dale), and many nieces and nephews and their children. She is also survived by numerous grandpets. She was predeceased by her husband Homer Brown, her parents Merritt and Mary Jane Watson, and her beloved brother Ronnie Watson. If you knew Jane, you knew that she did not suffer fools (sorry to the fools). She was a NC State Wolfpack fan, and she and Homer were present at both the 1974 and 1983 National Championships won by the Wolfpack. They followed the Pack everywhere until Homer’s health declined. Jane still attended home games and the ACC Tournament for many years after his death. She tolerated Duke but despised UNC.

She and Homer enjoyed traveling around the US and Canada in their motor home, often meeting other RV friends and traveling together. They also traveled to Europe (not by RV), seeing the sites and revisiting Homer’s wartime locations. She still drove the motor home after his death and was very sad to see it go. Another point of pride for Jane was her fingernails. She kept them long and beautiful until the end of her life. In her career as an English teacher, she used her nails as a “teaching tool” for her students when they misbehaved. Her children suffered through many stories of her discipline, and some said they had scars- doubtful but possible. Jane loved to state her opinions on ALL matters. Her medical knowledge was abundant and readily shared with her family. She was a lifelong Republican and was involved in the establishment of the party in Duplin County, much to the dismay of those in power at the time. She lived a full life and will be greatly missed. Her bluntness (a family trait) will especially be missed. She was loved! Private graveside services were held August 22, 2026. Donations may be made to Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle Raleigh, NC 27607 or to your local SPCA. You may share your memories and send your condolences to the family at quinnmcgowen.com.

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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 D55/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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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor
NCGA is asking voters to permanently change our state constitution in ways that would tie the hands of future elected leaders, gut local control, and protect big corporations.

FOUR NORTH CAROLINA AMENDMENTS will appear on the November 3, 2026 ballot. Unlike regular laws, constitutional amendments are extremely difficult to undo. Before you vote to lock anything into the NC Constitution forever, ask: what problem does this actually solve?

Amendment 1: Senate Bill 1080 — "Lower Taxes for All NC"

WHAT IT DOES

This amendment would permanently cap North Carolina's income tax rate at 3.5% in the state constitution, down from the current 7% cap. NC's rate is already scheduled to drop to 3.49% under current law — so this amendment doesn't actually lower your taxes. What it does is prevent any future legislature from raising revenue, no matter what North Carolina faces.

CAREFULLY CONSIDER YOUR VOTE

It solves a problem that doesn't exist. The income tax rate is already dropping to 3.49% in 2027 by existing law. Lawmakers don't need a constitutional amendment to keep taxes low — they already have that power. The NC Budget and Tax Center notes that "the real purpose of this amendment is not to create a limit. The purpose is to make today's tax-cut agenda much harder for future voters and lawmakers to undo." It could cost NC more than \$14 billion a year.

According to the NC Budget and Tax Center, this cap would block the state from generating over \$14 billion in annual public revenue — money that currently funds schools, teachers, child care, health care, infrastructure, and disaster recovery.

Two-thirds of the tax cuts go to the wealthiest. The NC Budget and Tax Center found that two-thirds of personal income tax cuts benefit the richest 20% of North Carolinians. And \$9 out of every \$10 in corporate tax breaks leave the state entirely, going to out-of-state shareholders and executives.

It handcuffs future leaders during emergencies. Sen. Jay Chaudhuri warned it "permanently handcuffs the General Assembly's responsibility for passing fiscally sound, responsible budgets." After Hurricane Helene, we know NC needs revenue flexibility for disaster recovery. As Sen. Sydney Batch noted: "We are going to be stuck at 3.5% in one of the fastest-growing states in the entire country... If you start seeing the increase in sales taxes, that's really going to hit consumers in their pocketbooks."

Diane Lemieux
Arapahoe

Dear Editor
I am writing to raise an important question about the proposed property revaluations:

Who will actually pay for the resulting tax increase? Based on the information being presented if the county uses the 2026 property appraisals approximately 50% of property owners would likely see no increase in their property taxes. While that may sound reassuring it also means that the remaining 50% of property owners would be responsible for absorbing 100% of the additional tax burden.

That raises a serious issue of fairness.

Under the current moratorium if the county continues using the 2020 property appraisals my understanding is that any necessary increase in property tax revenue would be distributed across the entire tax base. In other words all property owners would contribute to the increase rather than placing the full burden on only half of them.

The proposed increase appears to work out to approximately 19.5% above the original 2020 property-tax amount.

For many homeowners particularly retirees people living on fixed incomes and families already facing higher costs for insurance utilities and basic necessities that is not a minor adjustment.

Before a final decision is made taxpayers deserve a clear explanation of how the two approaches would affect individual property owners. The public should be shown who would pay more who would pay nothing additional and how much of the total increase would be carried by each group.

A property-tax system should be transparent and fairly distribute the cost of local government. If one approach requires only 50% of property owners to pay the entire increase while another spreads the increase among all property owners that distinction should be clearly explained and openly debated.

I fail to see the logic in the recent Commissioners comment on raising tax rates, the rate varies depending on the assessment used (2020 or 2026). What is important is the amount of the proposed increase (19.5% approx; over the 2020 budget) and who pays for it.

Sincerely
John Hackett

Letter to the editor 23 Aug 26

Ferry Tolls are coming unless we do something about them. There will be a “Public Listening Session” from 6-8 PM on 2 September 2026 at the Pamlico Community College’s Delamar Center. I am not sure what a public listening session is but it may be our only opportunity to directly impact the process of tolling the Minnesott Beach/Cherry Branch ferry. I guess that our current state representatives have been unable to convince other legislators, that our ferry, like a bridge, is primarily a way to get to work rather than a free boat ride. It was planned to help residents of a poor county get to decent jobs. The Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) is now, one of the largest employers East of I95. That need for good jobs still exists. Several hundred MCAS civilian workers, active-duty military members and others use the ferry for their daily commute. While Pamlico County has actually lost population, it has experienced an increase in the percentage of retirees. 30.6% of the population is now over 65. A significant portion of those retirees are veterans. Many of them chose this area because of access to the military facilities at MCAS. Now the State wants to establish a new system of tolls. The only toll/tax cost, indicated in the State Budget Bill, was an annual pass for \$150. The specific tolls will then be up to the State Board of Transportation, in coordination with the Joint (NC house and Senate) Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. Transportation Department (NCDOT) funding comes from Fuel Tax, DMV Fees, Highway use Tax, and a portion of the state sales tax. With 12 years of income tax rate reductions, both corporate and individual, causing shortages in the General Fund, the state has been reducing the percentage of sales tax going in to the “Highway Trust Fund” and diverting that into the General Fund. This has reduced funding available to NCDOT. The Ferry Division, in recent years was given bare bones maintenance dollars and even less for ferry replacement. A 2024 State Transportation Report said that while the Federal Government would pay up to 85% of the replacement costs, the state fund for this purpose was largely neglected Come to the “listening session” and help keep our commuter ferry service free.

Larry Summers
Retired Vietnam Veteran Oriental, NC

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Build confidence in your 401(k) decisions



Dan M. Roberts

In its simplest form, saving can mean putting money into a jar, adding to it and letting it grow slowly. A 401(k), or other workplace retirement plan, is a step beyond that. It's more like a garden than a jar. Once you understand the basics of your 401(k), it becomes easier to feel confident in your decisions. In a jar, your money only grows when you add more. In a garden, what you plant can begin to grow on its own. Your investments can earn returns, and those returns may in turn earn additional returns. That's called compounding, and it can have a meaningful impact over time. Like a garden, however, growth is not guaranteed. Markets can rise and fall, and investments can lose value.

Most workplace retirement plan contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, which lowers today's taxable income; you'll pay taxes when you withdraw it in retirement. Some plans also offer a Roth option: you contribute after-tax dollars and withdrawals in retirement can be tax free. Your plan administrator can provide more information.

Many 401(k) plans include an employer match, either up to a set dollar amount, perhaps \$500, or a percentage of your salary, typically 3%–5%. Contributions you make, as well as those from your employer, can grow over time. Try to contribute at least enough to capture the full match; anything less means you're leaving money on the table.

Now the question is how to invest your contributions inside your 401(k). The menu of investment options may seem complicated, but most fall into a few common categories.

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4H Fun! Its Electric!



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

STEM, or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, has been a buzzword in youth development for decades—so prevalent in the conversation that sometimes we don't even hear it. Is STEM education really still so important? Yes. As a hard skill, STEM education is very important.

“The progression of learning occurs with each science and engineering experience and is magnified by frequency and intentionality.” – National Science Teaching Association

Opportunities for our youth to have hands-on, experiential learning in STEM are important—not only for their academic success and continued growth, but also in opening doors for further study and future careers. Early exposure can guide youth toward careers they might not have considered, and give them experiences that will help them reach their academic and professional goals later in life.

In 4-H, we offer several programs that allow youth to explore, learn, and develop skills in STEM. One of our major programs in Pamlico is It's Electric. We started last summer with the It's Electric Day Camp, which served as an introduction to learning and exploring the world of electricity. We learned about insulators versus conductors and gained basic skills in soldering.

Our Its Electric program is beginning its third year! So far, we have built mini-Tesla coils, photo sensing cars, and a retro game cube. A mini-Tesla coil is a smaller version of the original Tesla coil, often designed for educational use, entertainment, or as a fun science project. It uses electromagnetic induction to generate a high-voltage, high-frequency electromagnetic field. This field can create arcs, light up neon lights, or even wirelessly power certain devices.

Our It's Electric Program will be kicking off in September, and will carry into the spring. Registration for the fall series will open this week. Its Electric is for youth ages 10 – 18. We will meet on the second Tuesday of the month September through November from 4:30 – 6 pm. Cost to participate in the fall program is \$16. Registration fees cover the supplies to make the project and snack. In addition to building our projects, such as retro game cubes, mini-tesla coils, and remote-control cars; youth will be developing their record keeping and communication skills by

- Stock or equity funds focus on stocks, which represent ownership in companies. Because they're tied to company performance, they have the potential for higher growth over time, but their value can go up and down in the short term. When you're decades from retirement, that short-term volatility matters less; you have time to ride out the swings.
- Bond funds invest in loans made to governments or corporations. These tend to be more stable than stock funds but typically grow more slowly. They can help balance the ups and downs.
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- Target-date funds combine different types of investments in one fund. As you move toward a specified retirement year, the fund gradually adjusts to focus more on stability and less on growth.

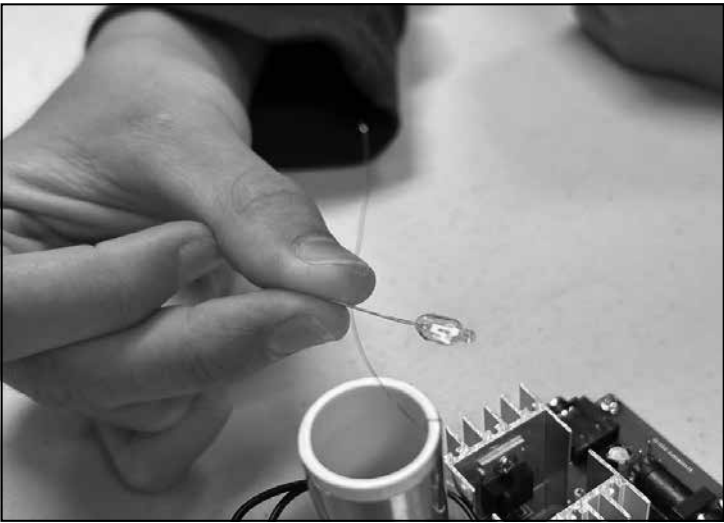
The earlier you start planting, the more time your money has to grow. Even small contributions early in your career can end up as large amounts later, simply because they had more time to compound.

If you change jobs, keep in mind that your employer's contributions may not be fully yours immediately. It depends on your plan's vesting schedule, so it's worth checking before you go.

The most important steps in a retirement plan are getting started, contributing consistently and taking advantage of what your plan offers. With a little knowledge, you can feel more confident moving forward. The garden is yours. Start planting.

completing a project record book.

This fall our Chopped International cooking program will also be picking back up! Chopped international is a program that allows youth to explore countries around the world, hone cooking skills, and learn about nutrition. Each month we will explore new country, with new recipes. We will have a Chopped International every month from September to November. Each Chopped has a separate registration, and each Chopped cost



\$15 dollars to participate. Chopped internation is for youth ages 9 – 18. Enrollment in 4-H Online is required to participate in all 4-H programs.

These 4-H Programs have been bringing the fun all year, and I can't wait to finalize our Upcoming Programs list! 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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CarolinaEast Medical Center Receives Multiple Awards and Accreditations in 2026 for Quality of Care and Clinical Outcomes

CarolinaEast recognized by U.S. News & World Report, American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association and Forbes

CarolinaEast has also recently received the Get With The Guidelines® - Heart Failure Rural Recognition Silver and Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Rural Recognition Bronze. These awards recognize CarolinaEast's commitment to following up-to-date, research-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease and stroke, ultimately leading to more lives saved, shorter recovery times, and fewer readmissions to the hospital. Heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 4 causes of death in the United States, respectively, according to the American Heart Association. Studies show patients can experience better outcomes when care teams consistently follow evidence-based treatment guidelines.

Forbes has named CarolinaEast Medical Center on its Top Hospitals 2026 list. The prestigious distinction reflects the excellence and dedication of local health care teams. According to Forbes, these ratings are designed to evaluate general



acute care hospitals in the U.S. and can be used as a resource for patients to find hospitals that can offer top-notch, high-value medical services.

“These recognitions reinforce what our patients and families experience every day: outstanding care delivered by a team that is committed to excellence,” said Michael Smith, President and CEO of CarolinaEast Health System. “Whether treating complex heart conditions, providing lifesaving emergency care, or supporting patients through

recovery, our team works tirelessly to achieve the best possible outcomes. We are proud to offer nationally recognized care right here in eastern North Carolina.”

About CarolinaEast Medical Center

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– Unknown

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New School Opens for Students

new opportunities and resources that will serve them well, and generations of Pamlico County children will benefit from that investment for many years to come.” He added, “Our theme this year is “Living the Legacy: Honoring Our Past. Building the Future.” I think this school represents that in a very real way. Pamlico County Schools has been serving this community for more than 140 years, through good times and difficult ones. This building is an important part of the next chapter, but our legacy has never been about buildings. It is about people and a community that are committed to doing what’s best for our children. I hope this school stands for many years as evidence of that commitment.” All remaining construction activity is scheduled to be complete in November, and a formal dedication of the new school is planned for December.

Pamlico County Building Inspector Ray Bennett and Director of Operations for Pamlico County Schools Henry Rice



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Hurricanes Win Season Opener

by: Hiram Lupton

Friday night lights are back for area high school football and that includes the Pamlico County Hurricanes who last week actually had Thursday night lights as their road game against KIPP Pride was moved up to avoid predicted rain for Friday. KIPP, which stands for Knowledge is Power Program is located in Gaston County near the Virginia border and after a nearly 3 hour ride, the Hurricanes were ready to get off the bus and get to work. They got the ball first and a bad snap on an attempted punt turned the ball over deep in their own territory. KIPP subsequently scored to make it 7-0 and many may have been experiencing flashbacks to last season when KIPP came to Pamlico and left with a 72-7 win over the Hurricanes. This is a new season and a new Hurricane football squad that was ready to show some resiliency. Jacob Bennett took a snap and galloped on successive three carries took the ball from mid field to the end zone to get 6 for Pamlico near the end of the first quarter. Kipp's next possession resulted in a Hurricane interception by Izir Benjamin. Bennett then found Benjamin on a 28-yard touchdown pass to put Pamlico in the lead, 12-7. Kharon Carrol pounded it in for the 2-point conversion and Pamlico was up 14-7. After an exchange of possessions, Pamlico found themselves with the ball deep in their own territory. No worry, let Jacob handle it. Bennett took a snap, went up the middle and outran the KIPP defense for a 75-yard touchdown to make it 20-7 Pamlico going to halftime. The two teams exchanged scores in the third quarter with Pamlico coming on yet another long run by Jacob Bennett. The Junior scored on a 55-yard run to make it 26-13. Going into the final period, KIPP showed they weren't done yet by scoring two successive TD's, one after a Pamlico fumble deep in their own territory to knot the score up at 26-26. So what would Pamlico do? Give the ball to that man Bennett again. The Junior reeled off a 93-yard touchdown run to put Pamlico up 34-26 to stay. The Hurricanes defense held on, stopping KIPP on downs on their final possession to seal the win. Jacob Bennett was certainly outstanding for Pamlico with 298 yards rushing, 4 rushing touchdowns, and a touchdown pass. He had plenty of help though. Izir Benjamin caught the Touchdown from Bennett and had a pair of interceptions. With the game still tight, KJ Outlaw blocked an extra point by KIPP. Late in the game, speed rusher A. J. Farley put pressure on the KIPP quarterback getting a sack and a QB hurry. Linebacker Caleb Paul seemed to be all over the field with several open field tackles. All in all, a team effort with good work by the offensive line and steady play from the defense. Pamlico goes into their home opener this Friday against Swansboro on a positive note with a 1-0 record.

"In football, the worst blindness is only seeing the ball.
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Proceeds from All That Glitters will help Broad Strokes Gallery continue its work promoting and showcasing student and local artists throughout Pamlico County, creating opportunities for young and emerging artists to have their work seen, celebrated, and appreciated by the community.

Broad Strokes Gallery believes that art belongs to everyone. Through exhibitions, educational opportunities, student showcases, and community outreach, the Gallery strives to make the arts an active and vibrant part of life in Pamlico County.

“Art has the ability to connect us in ways that few other things can,” said Rosalyn Kutchins of Broad Strokes Gallery. “This gala is a celebration of the artists who make our community special and the supporters who make it possible for us to continue creating opportunities for artists of all ages.”

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- Ingredients**
- 3 ripe avocados
 - 1 lime, juiced
 - 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
 - 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
 - 1 small tomato, diced
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp black pepper
 - 1/4 tsp ground cumin

- Instructions**
1. Cut the avocados in half, remove the pit, and scoop the flesh into a mixing bowl.
 2. Add lime juice immediately to prevent browning and mash the avocados to desired consistency.
 3. Stir in chopped cilantro, red onion, tomato, and minced garlic.
 4. Season with salt, black pepper, and cumin, mixing thoroughly.
 5. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary.
 6. Serve immediately with tortilla chips or as a topping.

Serving
Best served fresh; if needed, bring to room temperature and stir gently before serving.

Storage
Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator with a plastic wrap pressed against the surface to prevent browning for up to 2 days.

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2026 Pigskin Preview Raised Money for Area High School Athletic Programs

New Bern, NC – The Rotary Club of New Bern’s 2026 Pigskin Preview, which was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the New Bern Shrine Club, raised \$7,500 towards the needs of the athletic programs at Havelock High School, Jones Senior High School, New Bern High School, Pamlico County High School, and West Craven High School. This event has raised \$21,500 for the high school athletic programs in the area over the past 4 years.

This event was led by Stephen Clayton with Coastal Concierge, along with committee members Scott Allenspach (Boys & Girls Club), Walt Crayton (Crayton Commercial), Omar Gonzalez (North Carolina Farm Bureau), and Kelly Millington (Twin Rivers YMCA). We could not have done this event without our sponsors, who include: Moore’s BBQ, Craven County Independent Insurance Agents, Crayton Commercial, Overman Capital Management, Tom & Lorraine Greer, Harold Bate Foundation, Omar Gonzalez - North Carolina Farm Bureau, Georgiana Bowman - Edward Jones, Havelock-Cherry Point Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Vanceboro, The Charburger, ideas Inc., New Bern Chiropractic Care, Faye Perry, Kenneth & Sharon Woolard, Bill Rivenbark, Jim Findley, and UPS Store. We also could not have done this without our MC, Brian North from WCTI 12, along with our other media partners: Luke Schwartz (WCTI 12), Brian Bailey & Zach Kaplan (WNCT 9), Hiram Lupton (Pamlico News), Eric Queen (New Bern Live), and Mark Panichelli (252 Fox Sports).

Our event allowed the coaches and student-athletes from Havelock HS, Jones Senior, New Bern HS, Pamlico County HS, and West Craven HS to preview the 2025 football season and discuss their expectations. The coaches also had a question-and-answer session on various topics, including relationships with the band and the game officials, to name, image, and likeness (NIL), and coaching mentors.

Check presentations will take place at halftime on the following dates:
August 21 - West Craven (vs. Havelock)
August 28 - Havelock (vs. New Bern)
September 4 - New Bern (vs. West Craven)
October 2 - Jones Senior/Pamlico County (at Jones Senior)

All money raised from this event goes back to the participating schools to utilize best for their program. West Craven has used their Pigskin Preview money over the past 2 years to give an allotment of student tickets to home football games at no cost to increase school spirit and community. Other programs have reinvested the money in their football program.

The New Bern Rotary Club was founded in 1920, fifteen years after Paul Harris and three others formed the first club in Chicago. The oldest and largest Rotary Club in New Bern, we meet at 1:00 PM each Tuesday at the Chelsea Restaurant downtown. Our club is involved with numerous local charities such as Craven County Habitat for Humanity, Coastal Center for Hope and Healing, Bike Box Project, RCS, MERCI Clinic, and others. We also support community nonprofits with funding earmarked for special projects.

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Tropical Terminology

by: Hiram Lupton

As August rolls into September, we are now entering the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane season. Local TV meteorologists and various Weather channels give us daily tropical updates as well as those you find on websites and social media. There are a lot of terms and phrases we hear every year at this time and understanding them can be a key to understanding weather threats.

There are several levels of tropical development that draw attention. Tropical waves are often the first evidence something is brewing in the tropics. Although usually forming over water, they really have nothing to do with ocean waves. They are an air pattern, usually identified from satellite imagery that indicates an area of clouds and thunderstorms with indications of counterclockwise circulation. They come off the African coast in the hot summer months and can be the first indicator of a developing storm. Many never get their act together and dissipate but roughly 80% of hurricanes can be traced back to tropical waves. If they hold together and strengthen, they can become a tropical depression. This is the first official stage of a developing tropical cyclone as the system moves from east to west over open ocean water. It also begins to develop more thunderstorms and winds that reach 38 miles per hour. As it develops, it could strengthen into a tropical storm when meteorologists detect rotating thunderstorms and maximum sustained winds from 39 to 73 mph. Tropical storm status also means that it is given a name. If it continues to develop and strengthen it can become a hurricane when maximum sustained winds reach 74 mph. This is a category 1 storm and if the wind increases, it can go up to a category 5, with winds of 157 mph or higher. Does every tropical wave reach this intensity? Certainly not, but a few do if conditions are favorable for development.

Let's back track for a minute. When meteorologists first detect possible development, they often assign the area a special designation called an Invest which is short for "investigative area". It also gets a number and a letter. The numbers begin at 90 and go up to 99 and then start over at 90. The letter assigned for Atlantic storms is "L". Eastern Pacific storms are an "E" while Central Pacific Storms are a "C". When you see an area designated as Invest-92L it means meteorologists are watching and monitoring.

There are numerous things that can aid or hamper a developing tropical system. One you often hear about is wind shear. Wind shear is basically strong upper-level winds

which can disrupt the alignment of a circulating storm. They can "shear" off the top and cause the storm to tilt. They also can remove heat and moisture from the storm which are essential for development. Another hindrance to early development is Sahara dust, which upper-level winds push from the Saharan Desert to the ocean off the west coast of Africa and can act as a sort of fire extinguisher to tropical development.

Another term which we often hear concerning tropical development is El Nino and La Nina. These two terms refer to the warm and cool phases of ocean water in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather worldwide, and in particular development of Atlantic tropical storms. An El Nino period is the warm phase, and leads to warmer than usual Pacific Ocean temperatures and weakened west to east trade winds. This can dip the jet stream over the U.S. and Atlantic Ocean to the south and create the increased wind shear we covered earlier, hindering tropical development. El Nino can increase hurricane activity in the Pacific due to warmer water. A La Nina is basically the opposite, cooler than normal Pacific Ocean temps which lead to less wind shear and an environment of rising air in the Atlantic, Caribbean Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico which can fuel thunderstorms and development. This is a very basic explanation of El Nino and La Nina and the extremes in weather their presence in the Pacific Ocean can cause.

We are currently experiencing an El Nino and that is one reason why there is a slightly reduced prediction for the number of Atlantic storms this season. While El Nino may cause fewer hurricanes on the east coast of the U.S., it can cause weather extremes in other places, so it is not always a good thing. El Nino and La Nina are very unpredictable, and the extremes of these phenomena can last a few months to a year. South American fishermen first reported the weather extremes in the 1600's so although they have been around for centuries, scientists are still studying them and how to predict them.

These are just a few tropical terms we need to know and understand. There are many articles on the web relating to tropical weather but be sure to get your information from trusted sources such as the National Weather Service or the National Hurricane Center. Always remember that even in a year of reduced hurricane activity, if there is only one storm and it hits your location, it is a bad year.



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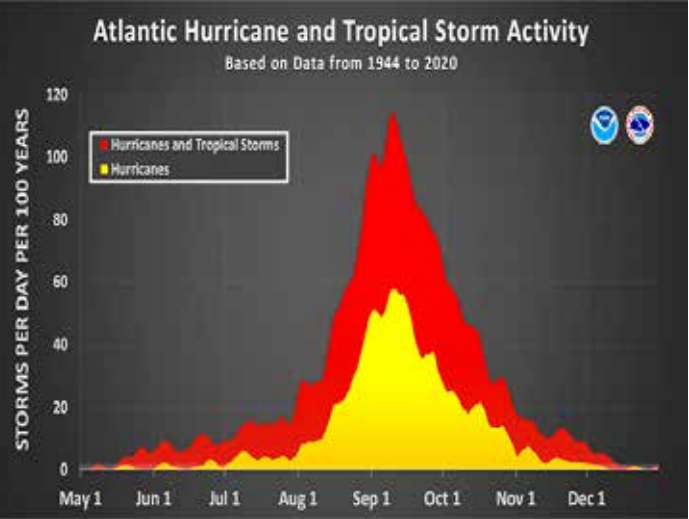
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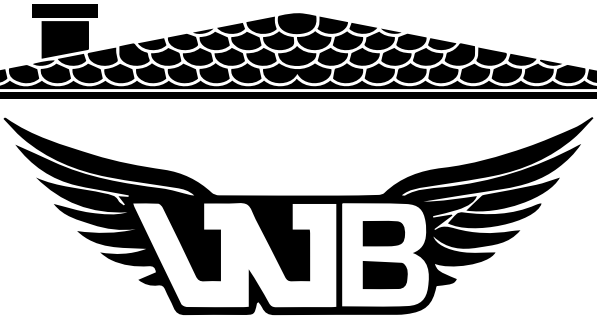
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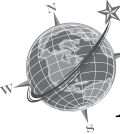
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the decedent are asked to make
immediate payment to the above-
named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 5TH OF AUGUST 2026

ESTATE OF WILLIAM ODELL
SPAIN
C/O STEVEN O. WALKER
93 ROBIN RD
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

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26, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JULIAN BECTON BROUGHTON, SR.
File No.: 26E000136-680

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against
deceased, are notified to exhibit
them to EUGENE BROUGHTON,
EXECUTOR, on or before
NOVEMBER 3, 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 5TH OF AUGUST 2026

ESTATE OF JULIAN BECTON
BROUGHTON, SR.
C/O EUGENE BROUGHTON
163 N TRENT RD
MERRITT, NC 28556

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INCIDENTS

Aug. 13, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, order
for arrest child support

Aug. 13, Orchard Creek Rd., Oriental,
stalking

Aug. 13, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, vehicle
collision

Aug. 14, Main St., Bayboro, assault
on a female by male at least 18 years
of age

Aug. 15, Chair Rd., New Bern, citizen's
complaint - all other offenses

Aug. 16, Neuse Rd., Grantsboro, injury
to personal property, larceny of property
or goods < = \$1,000

Aug. 16, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, com-
municating threats, second degree tres-
pass, injury to personal property

Aug. 16, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, larceny
by servant or other employee

Aug. 17, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro,
tenant possessing a gun in the land-
lord's house, communicating threats

Aug. 18, Nonsuch Lane, Merritt, resist/
delay/obstruct public officer, disorderly
conduct

Aug. 18, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro,
stalking, communicating threats

Aug. 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, injury
to real property

Aug. 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, med-
ical assist

INSPECTIONS

July 29, Valerie Merkler, New Bern,
mechanical, \$50; Aaron Watson, New
Bern, mechanical, \$50; Carl Wall,
Bayboro, sign, \$0

July 30, David Wise, Oriental, mechan-
ical, \$100; Frederick & Ann Knowles,
Arapahoe, mechanical, \$100; Turn the
Tide, LLC, Arapahoe, CAMA, \$89

July 31, John Tilman, Arapahoe, CAMA,
\$385.44

Aug. 3, Pamlico County Schools,
Bayboro, plumbing, \$50; Tammie
Murray, Arapahoe, mechanical, \$290;
Jefferson Decker, New Bern, new resi-
dential, \$1,509-28

Aug. 4, Pamlico County Schools,
Bayboro, electrical, \$1,619.48; Robert
Myer, Oriental, addition; Lisa Murray,
Grantsboro, electrical, \$150; Terri Clark,
New Bern, fire \$75; Bobby Terry, New
Bern, metal building; Jerry Stancil,
Merritt, electrical, \$50; Lori Waters,
Arapahoe, plumbing; Craig Odom,
Arapahoe, CAMA - Pier, \$224.08; Ben
Hollowell, Grantsboro, garage, \$484

Aug. 5, Nancy Crain, Merritt, mechani-
cal, \$100; Ralph Boldyga, Oriental, pool,
4150; David Wise, Oriental, mechanical,
\$100; John Cassio, Arapahoe, mechan-

26, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JONATHON TYLER LOWERY
File No.: 26E000131-680

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against
deceased, are notified to exhib-
it them to ERVIN NOBLES,
ADMINISTRATOR, on or before
NOVEMBER 3, 2026, at the
address listed below or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of
the decedent are asked to make
immediate payment to the above-
named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 5TH OF AUGUST 2026

ESTATE OF JONATHON TYLER
LOWERY
C/O ERVIN NOBLES
1206 OLD BAY RIVER RD
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
FRED A. JOHNSON
File No.: 26E000137-680

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against
deceased, are notified to exhib-
it them to PAULA J. DAVIS,
ADMINISTRATOR, on or before
NOVEMBER 3, 2026, at the
address listed below or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of
the decedent are asked to make
immediate payment to the above-
named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 5TH OF AUGUST 2026

ESTATE OF FRED A. JOHNSON
C/O PAULA J. DAVIS
615 GIBBTOWN RD
MERRITT, NC 28556

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ical, \$100; Sweet Annies, Bayboro,
replacement of windows, \$50; Marvin
Pate, Bayboro, demo, \$0; Kerry Moles,
Arapahoe, electric t-pole, \$100; Kerry
Moles, Arapahoe, electrical, \$62.80

Aug. 6, Kevin Clark, Vandemere, new
residential; Eric Stewart, Oriental, new
residential, \$1,023; Anthony Reardon,
Bayboro, pool, \$150

Aug. 7, Jerry Fry, Arapahoe, plumbing,
\$50; Rob McDonald, Oriental, plumb-
ing, \$411; Harry Roberts, Grantsboro,
electrical/mechanical, \$200; Curtis
& Phyllis Ormond, Merritt, electrical,
\$100; Eileen White, Oriental, pool,
\$150; David Jones, Merritt, CAMA gen-
eral, \$146.40; Robert Millican, Merritt,
CAMA, \$77.04

Aug. 10, Jimmy Talvacchio, Grantsboro,
mechanical, \$100; Allen Asher,
Arapahoe, mechanical, \$100; Ron
Scottie, Oriental, mechanical, \$100;
David Crawford, New Bern, doublewide,
\$260; Alton Sibley, Merritt, electrical,
\$50; Allen Gant, Bayboro, new resi-
dential; Buck Jones, Arapahoe, CAMA,
\$100.40; Marine Con, Alliance, sign,
\$100; Alicia Pito, Grantsboro, electrical
& mechanical, \$200

Aug. 11, Glenn Davis, Grantsboro, elec-
trical & plumbing, \$100; Jake Maher,
New Bern, new residential; Bruce
Mattice, Arapahoe, t-pole, \$100; William
Hemming, Merritt, electrical 400 amp,
\$200; Jennings Cahoon, Grantsboro,
electrical reconnect, \$50

Aug. 12, Ken Timmons, Oriental,
mechanical, \$100; Evie Henderson,
Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Blake
DePriest, Merritt, plumbing, \$50;
Complete Renovation, Oriental, remodel
& deck; Dana Monk, New Bern, fire
inspection, 475; BTOC - Gen
Supercenter, Arapahoe, electrical &
mechanical, \$200; BTOC - Gen
Supercenter, Arapahoe, electrical &
mechanical, \$200

Aug. 13, Mary Chester, Oriental, elec-
trical, \$150; Lindsey Loson, Oriental,
window replace, \$50; Pamlico County,
Bayboro, X2 electric 200 amp, \$300;
Livingston Franklin, Oriental, new resi-
dential, \$977.38

Aug. 14, Vince Santoro, Oriental, addi-
tion; Michael Guderian, Grantsboro,
doublewide, \$260; Jeff Manache,
Oriental, solar panel, \$158

Aug. 17, Debbie McCotter, Vandemere,
electrical, \$50; Raymundo Cancel,
Merritt, electrical, \$50

Aug. 18, Benard Tingle, Grantsboro,
gas line, \$50; Vince Conley, Arapahoe,
electrical, \$150; Pat Stockwell, Oriental,
electrical, \$150; Judith Walsh, Bayboro,

LEGALS

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26, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corpora-
tions having claims against the
Estate of Jane Haley A/K/A Jane
Limbocker Haley Deceased, of
Pamlico County, N.C., are noti-
fied to present the same to the
Personal Representative listed
below on or before November 12,
2026, or this Notice will be plead-
ed in bar of recovery. All debtors
of the said Estate are asked to
make immediate payment. This is
the 12th day of August 2026.

SARITA PORTER
Executor
c/o TERRI W. SHARP
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 867
New Bern, NC 28563-0867

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JACQUELYN ERTAN
File No.: 26E000140-680

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against
deceased, are notified to exhibit
them to BELLVIA BASKERVILL,
EXECUTOR, on or before
NOVEMBER 24, 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 26TH OF AUGUST 2026

ESTATE OF JACQUELYN ERTAN
C/O BELLVIA BASKERVILL
384 BEARDS CREEK DR
ARAPAHOE, NC 28510

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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

electrical

Aug. 19, Deborah Wall, Merritt, deck,
\$97.52; Max Rushing, Grantsboro,
electrical, \$50; Pat Stockwell, Oriental,
gas line/generator, \$100; Christopher
Welton, Grantsboro, plumbing, \$50;
Town of Oriental, Oriental, CAMA
gen., \$362; John Audilet, Merritt, deck/
roof/\$82; Robert Taylor, Stonewall, new
residential;

Aug. 20, Ed Hagy, Oriental, CAMA boat-
lift, \$77.04; Leigh Woodall, Arapahoe,
CAMA riprap; Patrick Porter, New Bern,
addition, \$689.80; Tommy Wheeler,
Oriental, electrical, \$150

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

April 1, Lot 2 Dragontree LLC; NW/S
South Water St & NE/S New St Map DB
482/149 from Robert D. Baskervill, Jr.,
Bellvia H.W. Baskervill, \$300

April 1, 0.22 AC Tract PCB 22-18 from
OW World, LLC to Danilo G. Castillo/
TR, Nancylita C. Castillo/TR, Castillo
Family Revocable Trust, \$0

April 1, 78.05 AC Lot 3A PCB 22-18,
PCB 21-15 & PCB 20-16 from OW
World, LLC to Spear Fish, LLC, \$313

April 1, 78.05 AC Lot 3A PCB 22-18,
PCB 21-15 & PCB 20-16 from Spear
Fish, LLC to Kevin Ernest York/TR,
Theresa Hage York/TR, York Living
Trust, \$420

April 1, 18.22 AC Tract PCB 22-16 from
Frank Carl Alcock, Jennifer Alcock to
Vance D. Keyes, Latocia L. Keyes, \$80

April 2, PIN J032-79; Property DB
69/495 from Sherry Fisher, Sherry A.
Fisher to Camp Vandemere, Inc., \$24

April 2, 1.02 AC NCSR 1324 & NCSR
1325 from Bryan Todd Hardison to
David Alan Pritchard, Mary Paige Lloyd
Pritchard, \$520

April 2, Caraway Cove Lot: 26 PCA
164-11, Caraway Cove Lot: 26A PCA
164-11 from Maher Construction, Inc.
to Phallavuth Chea, Daravuthy Heng
Chea, \$170

April 6, Arlington Place Lot: 224 Phase
1 PCA 153-17 from David Fudala,
David G. Fudala, Martha Fudala, Marth
Farmer to John Will Herrod, Jr., Rhonda
Ellen Polfus-Herrod, Rhonda Ellen
Polfus Herrod, \$1,132

April 6, Shine Landing West Lot: 20
PCA 142-17, PIN H092-4-20 from Terry
Williams, Terry Lamont Williams, Lewis
Legacy, LLC to Linda Marie MacPhail,
\$74

April 7, PIN M031-78; 18 AC S/S NC
Hwy 33-304 & N/S Jones Bay Hobucken
from Charles William Pearson, III, CW

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JANET BRYANT
File No.: 25E001188-680

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against
deceased, are notified to exhib-
it them to VONDERA SMITH,
ADMINISTRATOR on or before
NOVEMBER 24, 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 26TH DAY OF AUGUST,
2026

ESTATE OF JANET BRYANT
C/O VONDERA SMITH
204 NEW BERN AVE
NEW BERN, NC 28562

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SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JACK DUFFY HANCOCK JR.
File No.: 26E000149-680

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against
deceased, are notified to exhibit
them to BRADLEY HANCOCK,
ADMINISTRATOR on or before
NOVEMBER 24, 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 26TH DAY OF AUGUST,
2026

ESTATE OF JACK DUFFY
HANCOCK, JR.
C/O BRADLEY HANCOCK
3400 WINDSOR RD SOUTH
THEODORE, AL 36582

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Pearson, III to Jason Lee Pearson, \$0

April 7, Bay Shores Estates Lot: 20 PCA
9-6 from Steven Fuerst, Karen Fuerst to
Fredric L. Polka, \$1,192

April 7, Indian Bluffs Lot: 2 Section III
MB 12/68 from Jessica Nancy Persan,
Jessica N. Persan to Rodney James
McConville, Jennifer Valas McConville,
\$1,500

April 7, PIN H041-282; 2 Lots See
Instrument from Lynstar Management
Group, LLC to PHD Land Group, LLC,
\$80

April 8, Arlington Place Lot: 46 Phase
1 PCA 153-17, Arlington Place Lot: 47
Phase 1 PCA 153-17, PIN F09-33-47;
Und Int from Dan A. Ragle, Susan T.
Ragle to Susan T. Ragle/TR, Susan T.
Ragle, Dan Allen Ragle/TR, Dan Allen
Ragle, The Susan T. Ragle Revocable
Living Trust, The Dan Allen Ragle
Revocable Living Trust, \$0

April 8, PIN K051-49; One Tract Rice Ave
See Instrumetn from Adam Webster,
Ashley Webster, Philip Webster, P.A.
Webster, Jennifer Layton, John Layton,
Rebecca Wall, Joseph Wall to Rebecca
Wall, Joseph Wall, \$0

April 8, Neuse Heights Lot: 76B MB
4/42; Map DB 680/304, PIN J082-463
from Anthony Bryan Perry, Patricia T.
Perry to Gordon Kyle Quillen, Kelly
Lynn Abbrescia, \$2,300

April 8, Dawson Creek Hills Lot: 1 MB
6/28; Map DB 547/730, Dawson Creek
Hills Lot: 2 MB 6/28; Map DB 547/730
from Eric Martin, Leisa Martin to Bruce
Robert Hollenbeck, \$1,255

April 9, River Dunes Lot: 11 Marina
Vilalge-Harbor Village II PCA 148-
12 from Joni Marie Pentifallo to The
Amended and Restated Joni M.
Pentifallo 2007 Revocable Trust, Joni
M. Pentifallo, \$0

April 10, 6.22 AC & 2.33 AC Map DB
624/763; 0.79 AC Map DB 342/897 from
Carl E. Goble, Jr., Rebecca C. Goble to
Amy Somers, Joseph Allen, \$250

April 10, PIN M011-121 & L021-54; One
Tract S/S NCSR 1230 (Lowland Rd);
One Tract Fulford Point Rd & Lowland
Rd; Excepting Lupton Cemetery from
Mary L. Kirk/EXR, Arthur S. Kirk/EXR,
Arthur Lee Kirk/EST to Mallard Creek
Farms, LLC, \$0

April 10, 1.05 AC & 0.58 AC Map
DB 367/252 from David Bruce Spain,
Bruce Spain, Brenda T. Spain, Brenda
Spain to David Bruce Spain, Brenda T.
Spain, \$0

April 10, 9 Ac & 5 AC Vendrick Rd
from Annie Grant Willis to Angela Willis
Mumper, Deborah Willis Fulcher, \$0

AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



A very busy week for me. A last trip to the doctor for a shot in my knee. About a month ago a gust of wind blew the storm door shut on me and knocked me flat on the floor in the sunroom. I haven't driven my car in weeks. I have been housebound for sometime, don't get me wrong, I love my house but I don't want to sit in it all day every day! I had not been able to go to church for weeks and they had to depend on two men to provide some kind of music. Two weeks ago I finally got back to play for church. Hopefully my leg is healing so I can be there every Sunday. I had 10 for Sunday lunch . We had a roast with carrots and potatoes with Angelfood cake, pecan pie and birthday cake. I have not been able to get my news to the paper for a long time so I will cut off now to see if it will go.

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



Last Wednesday morning, I noticed that the corn on the farm had been harvested. Now it is safer for me to pull out of my driveway, because I can see traffic from both directions. Several fields in Pamlico have had their corn harvested this past week.

Wednesday was a busy morning with the clergy breakfast at Charlies Restaurant at 8:00 am followed by Bible Study at Stonewall Methodist Church at 10:00 am. Then I was privileged to tour the new Pamlico County Middle and High School building with the Pamlico County retired teachers group. There is a picture of the retired teachers sitting outside the office area with the cafeteria behind them. The new building is a beautiful facility, and I pray our students will benefit from all the new innovations.

Speaking of prayer, several clergy and community members gathered at Fred A. Anderson Elementary School to pray for all the staff, students, faculty, administration and bus drivers on Saturday morning. The Reverend Joseph Cole from Galilee United Church of Christ in Pamlico led the group. There was a good turnout of Pamlico County clergy, parents, teachers, and children. One young man, Connor Russo, was one of the ones praying for this new school year.

Sunday morning, I attended Vandemere United Methodist Church for their early Worship service. The Reverend Dennis Goodwin brought a good message from the book of Matthew. I then slipped into Stonewall Methodist Church to hear Bobby Meadows bring the message at 11:00 am. The children started off the service singing a song. Stonewall Methodist Church prayed over the backpacks and bookbags for all school students and personnel. Bobby finished up his message about Paul that he had begun last week.

Mrs. Reba Tiller turned 93 on Sunday. I called her up and sang happy birthday to her. She and I share puzzles and a dear friend-

ship. I wish her a simply wonderful birthday and many more to come.

Celebrating his birthday in August is Chris Meadows (8/27). Celebrating birthdays in September are Karen Deaton (9/2), Beth Hudgins and Tommy Spain (9/5), Stephanie Banks Henries (9/11), Ginger McLawhorn (9/12), Julia Tingle (9/13), Carey Smith (9/15), James Paul (9/17), Peg Witt (9/18), Asa Gatlin IV (9/20), Sue Sanders (9/27), Donna Gordon and Fay Bond (9/29), and Tim Carey and Reid Carey (9/30).

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

Have a blessed week. Downhearted? Take Spiritual Vitamin D. “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.” (James 4:8)



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Larry Pittman. I am originally from New Bern, where I graduated from New Bern High School in 1972. My father was head of the Management and Assistance Office at Cherry Point for several years prior to his death in 1970. I am a retired Presbyterian minister. I have lived in Concord, NC since November 1, 1990. I served in the NC House of Representatives from October, 2011 through December 31, 2022. I currently serve as a Cabarrus County Commissioner. My wife, Tammy, and I bought a house in the Arapahoe / Minnesott Beach area this past April and hope to be able to move there by some time this October.

I know that a lot of folks who live in Pamlico County and work on the other side of the Neuse River at Cherry Point and various other places have depended for some time on the Minnesott Beach / Cedar Point ferry to get to and from work, as well as for other needs. Tammy and I were particularly excited at the prospect of using the ferry to go to the beach once we move. The decision by the North Carolina General Assembly to begin charging tolls for riding the ferries is an atrocity! The ferry system is part of our State's transportation system, for which we pay taxes to build and sustain it. No taxpaying citizen should be saddled with the extra expense of paying tolls to

use a system for which our taxes are already paying. When I was in the Legislature, on the House Transportation Committee, I tried to put a stop to adding any new toll roads in this State, and I am even more opposed to charging tolls on the ferries. If it is not feasible to build a bridge there because the river is so wide, or for other reasons, the ferry is the necessary alternative, paid for by our existing taxes just as much as are the roads, and no tolls should be charged, PERIOD! I would urge the citizens in the areas where the ferries exist to demand that their Representatives and Senators in Raleigh actually represent them and repeal these tolls, and if unsuccessful in those efforts, to vote them out of office at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,
Larry G. Pittman

ARAPAHOE

— CHARTER SCHOOL —

30TH Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting of the Arapahoe Charter School founding organization.

MEETING DETAILS

DATE:
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

TIME:
7:00 PM
(Doors open
at 6:30 PM)

LOCATION:
ACS SCHOOL CAFETERIA
9005 HWY 306 S.,
ARAPAHOE, NC
(PAMLICO COUNTY)

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

STATE OF THE SCHOOL:
Reports on academic
performance and
financial health.

FUTURE OUTLOOK:
Updates on new
and continuing
programs for the
upcoming school year.

BOARD ELECTIONS:
Nominated candidates
for vacant Board
positions will speak
to the membership.

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Anyone residing in North Carolina can become a voting member.

FEE:
\$5.00
annual membership fee.

DEADLINE:
Fees must be paid by
7:00 PM on
September 3, 2026.

REQUIREMENT:
Members must be
present at the meeting
to vote in the
Board of Directors election.

GET INVOLVED:
Your membership
supports our mission
and helps shape the
future of ACS!

ONE SCHOOL. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE FUTURE.

Fact: The world’s oldest wooden wheel has been around for more than 5,000 years

Talk about one old tourist attraction! This wheel was found in 2002, approximately 12 miles south of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and is now housed in the city's museum. Radiocarbon dating was used to determine the wheel's age, which is somewhere between 5,100 and 5,350 years old.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

DO NOT PASS A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS FROM EITHER DIRECTION IF THE LIGHTS ARE FLASHING AND THE STOP ARM IS EXTENDED.

TEACH CHILDREN NEVER TO WALK BEHIND A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS, AND LEAVE PLENTY OF SPACE WHEN THEY HAVE TO CROSS IN FRONT.

ALWAYS BE VIGILANT AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN WHO MAY RUN INTO THE ROADWAY TO CATCH THEIR BUS.

North Carolina SCHOOL BUS STOP LAW

Two-lane roadway: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

Four-lane roadway without a median separation: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

Any divided highway with a median separation: When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane: When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles
School Bus & Traffic Safety
3117 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27697-3117
Phone: (919) 715-7000
Fax: (919) 715-3306
www.ncdot.gov/dmv

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Back-to-School Safety Series: School Bus Safety!

We’ve made it to the final post in our Back-to-School Safety Series, and with the first day of school right around the corner, we want to talk about something that involves all of us — school bus safety.

In the coming days, school buses will once again be traveling our roads and making frequent stops to pick up and drop off students. Whether you’re a parent, student, or driver, we all have a part to play in keeping our children safe.

Drivers: Know when you are required to stop for a school bus. The rules can be different depending on the type of roadway you are traveling. Take a look at the attached North Carolina School Bus Stop Law flyer for a helpful breakdown.

Never pass a school bus when you are required to stop. When those red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, there may be a child getting on or off the bus.

Parents: Talk with your children about bus safety. Remind them never to walk behind a school bus and to leave plenty of room when crossing in front of one.

Stay alert: Children can be unpredictable. Slow down around school buses and bus stops, put away distractions, and always be prepared for a child to enter the roadway.

As everyone settles back into their school-year routines, please give yourself a little extra time in the mornings and afternoons. A few extra seconds of patience behind a school bus is a small price to pay for keeping our children safe.

We hope everyone has a safe, successful, and exciting school year!

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Auctions
ESTATE AUCTION, Saturday, September 5th @10am
2505 White Thorne Lane Waxhaw, NC . Vehicles, Trailers, Trucks, Boat, Zero Turn Mower, Tractor/ Equipment, Guns, Jewelry, Household.. See website. www.ClassicAuctions.com, 704-791-8825
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Miscellaneous
WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-866-489-0571. Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

Miscellaneous
We Buy Houses for Cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-919-925-6362.

Miscellaneous
Get a High Quality, Modern Design bath or shower transformation in as little as One Day. \$0 Down, \$0 Installation, \$0 Payments for 12 months! Call: 1-877-243-7050.

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Miscellaneous
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Back to School - Safety Tips, Apps, Classes for Students and Teachers Alike



CHARLOTTE, N.C., — The countdown to the first day of school has begun and the American Red Cross offers tips to help ensure kids have a safe start to their school year. In addition, there are also Red Cross apps and classes that provide additional safety information for teachers and students alike, and safety reminders for drivers to slow down and obey the school bus rules.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY STEPS

- 1. Teach Young Children Important Personal Information**
Make sure younger students know their phone number, home address, how to contact their parents at work, another trusted adult they can call, and how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- 2. Remind Kids Not to Talk to Strangers**
Teach children never to accept rides, gifts, or invitations from someone they don't know.
- 3. Walk on the Sidewalk Whenever Possible**
If there's no sidewalk available, children should walk facing traffic so they can see approaching vehicles.
- 4. Walking to School? Look Both Ways Before Crossing**
Kids should stop at every street corner and look left, right, and left again before crossing. Encourage students to cross only at corners, obey crossing signals, and stay within marked crosswalks. Children should avoid running into traffic or crossing between parked cars where drivers may not see them.
- 5. Does Your Student Ride a Bus? Arrive at the Bus Stop Early**
Students should get to the bus stop early and wait a safe distance from the curb. Teach kids to wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and only board when instructed by the driver or attendant. Children should stay where the driver can see them and never walk behind the bus.
- 6. Always Wear a Bike Helmet**
If your student bikes to school, a properly fitted helmet is one of the best ways to prevent serious injuries. Kids should ride on the right side of the road and follow the same direction as traffic.
- 7. Buckle Up Every Time**
Whether driving across town or just to school, everyone in the vehicle should wear a seat belt.
- 8. Use the Right Car Seat or Booster Seat**
Younger children should stay in a car seat or booster seat until the seat belt fits correctly — usually when they are between ages 8–12 and taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Children under 13 should ride in the back seat.
- 9. Make Sure Teen Drivers Wear Seat Belts**
Teen drivers should always buckle up before starting the car, no matter how short the trip.
- 10. Eliminate Distracted Driving**
Remind teens to avoid texting, calling, eating, or drinking while driving to school.

APPS, CLASSES ENHANCE READINESS

Both students and teachers alike can benefit from taking different Red Cross classes or by downloading our free apps. For instance, anyone with a cell phone can download our free Red Cross First Aid and Emergency apps to get access to first aid tips for common emergencies and alerts if bad weather is coming. You can find the apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps. Kids age 11 or more and people in childcare positions can take one of the Red Cross Babysitting and Child Care courses to not only learn unique babysitting skills, but also how to respond effectively in emergency situations. Whether someone prefers an online course or in-person training, these classes provide skills needed to care for kids of all ages. The Red Cross Anaphylaxis and Epinephrine Auto-Injector Training is an online course that could be perfect for teachers and staff. They will learn to recognize severe allergic reactions and how to properly administer epinephrine.

DRIVERS, SLOW DOWN!

Drivers should slow down as children head back to school. Know that yellow flashing lights indicate a school bus is getting ready to stop - motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.



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Senior Sunrise

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County High School Seniors gathered on the football field early Monday to celebrate their last, first day of school. Rebecca Lansche, Principal of the high school, snaps a photo to commemorate the occasion. Good luck PCHS Class of 2027, may you have an outstanding year.

Bidding on Old Middle School to Begin August 26th

by: Hiram Lupton

The bid process to sell the property formerly known as Pamlico County Middle School will begin this week. The Pamlico County Board of Education approved the plan and timeline at their regular monthly meeting Monday evening. The bid process which was approved at last month's meeting is an "upset bid" method where bids are placed during a set timeframe (30 days). The accepted bid, and bidder, are made public and there is a 10-day period following that public disclosure that a higher bid may be entered. If a new bid is accepted, the 10-day process starts over until no additional higher bid is entered. Bids for the approximately 12-acre site, which includes all buildings on the property but excludes the baseball and softball fields, can be made beginning on August 26th and for a period of 30 days, ending at midnight on September 24th. Informational packets for potential bidders are available at the Pamlico County Schools Central Office and online at their website, www.pamlicocountyschools.org. The packets contain all the guidelines and criteria for bidding as well as the bid forms as well. "After going over all the options stipulated by state law, we feel this is the most transparent process allowed," stated Dr. Jeremy Johnson, Superintendent of Pamlico County Schools. The beginning minimum bid established by the Board at last month's meeting was set at \$100,000.



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