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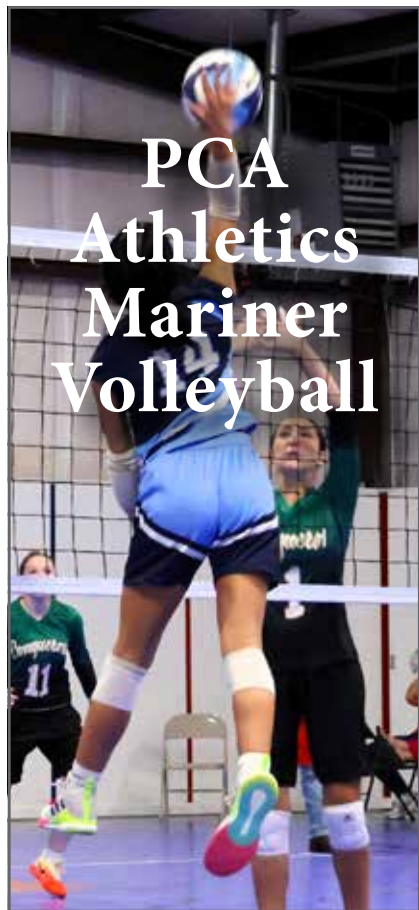
Singer-Songwriter Caleb Caudle Brings North Carolina Roots to Ol' Front Porch Music Festival

Riverfront Stage — Friday, Oct. 2, 3–4 p.m.

Caleb Caudle will perform on the Riverfront Stage Friday, Oct. 2, from 3 to 4 p.m., during the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival in Oriental, N.C.

The performance is part of the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival, a free, two-day celebration of folk, Americana, bluegrass, country, gospel and jazz held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2–3, 2026, in the waterfront village of Oriental, N.C. Now in its 12th year, the festival features a main stage overlooking the Neuse River along with performances on porches throughout the walkable town. There is no admission charge.

A Winston-Salem native who got his start on North Carolina's punk rock circuit as a teenager, Caleb Caudle has spent nearly two decades building a catalog of introspective, roots-steeped songwriting. He left his day job in 2012 to pursue music full time and has released a string of acclaimed albums, including "Carolina Ghost," "Forsythia" and this year's "Heavy Thrill," which he self-produced at Nashville's storied Cash Cabin studio on his own label, Handplow Records. A regular at AmericanaFest, Caudle has had his songwriting featured on CMT's "Nashville" and continues to draw comparisons to fellow North Carolina-rooted songwriters for his plainspoken, deeply personal style.



PCA Athletics Mariner Volleyball

Ferry Tolling "Listening" Session

by: Hiram Lupton

Last week the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Ferry Division began hosting a series of Public Listening Sessions designed to inform the public and collect concerns and comments about new ferry tolls set to begin in January of 2027. Last Wednesday, Pamlico County had their chance to participate in one of these sessions, held at the Delamar Center on the campus of Pamlico Community College, and the county showed up, with roughly 150 citizens present at the floating event.

Many attending had hoped for an opportunity to speak publicly and express their opinions to ferry and NCDOT officials, but this was not your typical public hearing and many in attendance expressed some frustration at the format. Information stations with ferry division representatives were there to speak with and distribute information to the public. There was also a survey that attendees could fill out either at the event or to take home and mail in. The survey is also available online.

Many county officials were present including four of the seven County Commissioners, along with several mayors and



Pamlico County turned out at the "Listening" Session



Attendees sign in at the Ferry Toll Listening Session

municipal managers, including Pamlico County Manager Mark Brewington, who expressed that he had not given up hope that there could possibly be some sort of exemption still granted to county residents. "Tolls will be enacted on January 1st of next year, that is a fact. The Ferry Division and NCDOT Board of

Transportation is tasked with coming up with a schedule of fees by November and we hope they will consider exempting permanent residents of counties where ferry terminals are located."

Commissioner Ken Heath, long an opponent of ferry tolls, echoed those feelings.

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New Security Measures at Courthouse

by: Hiram Lupton

Visitors to the Pamlico County Courthouse should be aware that there are new security measures in place that apply to all visitors to the building. For some time now, visitors to the courtroom have been screened, but starting last week, anyone entering the building whether it be to the Register of Deeds, Inspections Office, Tax Office, Clerk

of Court, Board of Elections, or any other office will be subject to screening. The designated public entrance to the courthouse is at the west end of the building, off Third Street. You could be screened by a Pamlico County Deputy Sheriff which would include passing through a metal



New security and screening station at the Pamlico County Courthouse entrance.

regular meeting several weeks ago, Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis told the Commissioners that 99 of 100 counties in North Carolina had similar security measures in place with, at that time, Pamlico being the only county not implementing these screenings.

detector. Backpacks, briefcases, purses, tote bags, messenger bags, or any enclosed container are subject to inspection. Weapons of any kind are prohibited from being carried into the courthouse. This includes firearms, scissors, box cutters, and pocketknives. In a discussion with the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners at a

Please join SPVFD Station 19 for our annual 9/11 ceremony Friday, 9/11, 08:30.

At the Towndock on Hodges St (across from The Bean).

This event will coincide with the National Moment of Silence at 08:46am and be finished by 9.



PAMLICO COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



A North Carolina Community Foundation Affiliate

Pamlico County Community Foundation awards more than \$3,000 in grants

Sept. 3, 2026 – The Pamlico County Community Foundation, a North Carolina Community Foundation affiliate, has awarded \$3,380 in grants to four organizations supporting the local community.

The board of advisors granted:

\$500 to Autism Society of North Carolina for autism resource specialists and support group in Pamlico County

\$1,380 to Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. for support for Pamlico County residents in need of civil legal services

\$1,000 to Pamlico Community College for Pamlico Pantry, supporting food insecure students

\$500 to The Salvation Army of New Bern, NC, to support Pamlico County residents with winter rent and utilities assistance

"We're proud to support local nonprofits and community organizations doing the work on the ground," said Joy Baker, advisory board president of the Pamlico County Community Foundation. "By partnering with donors, we turn generosity into impact and build lasting community support that our community can rely on year after year."

Funds for 2026 grants came from the community grantmaking fund. Each year, PCCF's advisory board uses dollars from its endowment fund to make grants to eligible local organizations, including nonprofits, local governments, schools and churches.

Visit nccommunityfoundation.org/Pamlico to learn more about PCCF and its work or to make a tax-deductible donation.

Pamlico County Community Foundation Advisory Board Members

Founded in 2002, PCCF is led by a local volunteer advisory board that understands community needs. In addition to Baker, board members include Christa Krutz (vice president), Scott Askew (secretary), Sally Belangia, Mary Helen Boone, Myra Hardison, Ben Hollowell, Leslie Kellenberger, Todd McFadden and Flora Moorman.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation The North Carolina Community Foundation transforms the collective generosity of our donors into a permanent source of community support, with a focus on the state's rural areas.

NCCF partners with donors and a network of affiliates to sustain over 1,300 endowments totaling over \$600 million in assets. Nearly \$360 million has been awarded as grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to students, creating stronger communities for generations to come.

To learn more about how we turn generosity into impact, visit nccommunityfoundation.org.



Light Week for Lady 'Canes Yields Win

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LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND



Saturday, September 12th

84°Hi

Scattered thunderstorms and rain



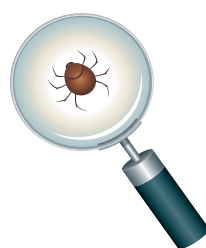
Sunday, September 13th

87°Hi

Showers and thunderstorms



October 2-3, 2026
Music Begins Friday at 1pm
Saturday at 11am
Complete Schedule is Available at
olfrontporch.org



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Pamlico Community College

Silver edition: PCC Foundation’s 25th annual fundraising golf tournament set for Oct. 17

By Sandy Wall





Join us at the 25th Annual CarolinaEast Cup Fundraising Golf Tournament!

Play a round for a good cause!

Superball tournament! Flighted by handicaps!

Lots of fun, contests and prizes!

Closest to the Pin prizes, Putting Contest, Closest to the Curve prizes, raffles and more!

Entry fee only \$85 per player, which includes green fees and cart, continental breakfast, luncheon, mulligan and tee, plus giveaways!

Registration form available at: <https://pamlicocc.edu/about-pcc/pcc-foundation/> or contact Heather Arevalo at 252-249-1851, ext. 3084, or harevalo@pamlicocc.edu

Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026

Tourney check-in: 9 a.m. * Shotgun start: 10 a.m.

All proceeds go to support the PCC Foundation and deserving students!

Register now! Registration closes Oct. 12, 2026.



www.pamlicocc.edu



The Pamlico Community College Foundation is inviting you back to the links to play a round of golf for a great cause! The Foundation will be hosting the 25th Annual CarolinaEast Cup Fundraising Golf Tournament Saturday, Oct. 17, at Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club.

Check-in will begin at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10 a.m.

The entry fee remains \$85 per player, which includes green fees and cart, continental breakfast, lunch, mulligan and tee, plus giveaways. Proceeds go to support the Pamlico Community College Foundation and deserving PCC students.

“This year, 2026, marks a milestone of fundraising for student scholarships through this event for 25 years,” said PCC Foundation Executive Director Heather Arevalo, who is the lead organizer of this year’s event. “We are tremendously grateful for the continued support of our sponsors, golfers and volunteers.”

She continued, “We look forward to seeing everyone join us again to have a great time for a great cause.”

This year’s event will come at a busy time for the college: PCC’s inaugural Fall INTO Pamlico festival is scheduled for the following Saturday, Oct. 24. In the event of inclement weather, the golf tournament will be held Oct. 31.

As in recent years, the tournament will feature a Superball format, with the four-member teams flighted into divisions by their handicaps. The tournament again will feature a putting contest. Players also will compete for Closest to the Pin and Closest to the Curve prizes. A 50-50 raffle and a silent auction also will be featured.

“All golfers of all skill levels are invited to join us for a fun and friendly competition,” Arevalo said. “We can’t wait to see who is crowned the CarolinaEast Cup champion at the end of this silver anniversary tournament.”

Participants can register for the tournament on the college’s website – www.pamlicocc.edu. The deadline is Oct. 12.

For more information, please contact Arevalo at 252-249-1851, ext. 3084, or harevalo@pamlicocc.edu.

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

“It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. It took one afternoon on the golf course.”

–Hank Aaron (Professional Baseball Player)



Golf has been played for centuries, and is one of the most popular pastimes in North America. The National Golf Foundation says 48.1 million people ages six and up play golf across traditional courses, driving ranges and simulators. There are golf courses across the United States and Canada, and both countries are home to some golf courses that have stood the test of time. The Savannah Golf Club in Georgia was established in 1794, but its current layout was designed much later. The Dorset Field Club in Vermont was established in 1886 and is the oldest continually operating American golf course. The Foxburg Country Club in Pennsylvania was founded in 1887 and is widely recognized as the oldest public course in continuous use. In Canada, the Royal Montreal Golf Club was founded in 1873 and is the oldest continuously operating golf club in North America.



Household Hazardous Waste



THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

COASTAL REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Fall 2026 Collection Events

PAMLICO COUNTY

Saturday, September 12, 2026
9:00am - 1:00pm
Pamlico County Courthouse
202 Main Street, Bayboro

Craven County

Saturday, September 26, 2026
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Craven Community College
800 College Court, New Bern

Carteret County

Saturday, October 10, 2026
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Carteret Co. Health Dept.
3820 Bridges Street, Morehead City

Accepted Materials

- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Drain openers
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Paint: Latex* and oil based; paint thinners
- ✓ Automotive fluids: gasoline, used motor oil, anti-freeze
- ✓ Pesticides: Lawn, garden, and farm pesticides and fertilizer

10 gallons max per vehicle. *Dried latex paint may be disposed of via normal waste collection.

Non-Accepted Materials

- ✗ Commercial waste
- ✗ Infectious, biological, or radioactive wastes
- ✗ Explosives
- ✗ Ammunition

No Mystery Cans! Everything must be labeled or easily identified.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

You will be asked to remain in your vehicle at all times. We will remove your items from your vehicle. Contractors are **not** permitted to bring items for disposal (residential wastes only)



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Agent of the Week

Linda Hoff
Broker

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

We are so grateful we chose Linda Hoff as our realtor. Some people do their job then quit at 5:00 and forget all about it until the next day. Linda stands out above the crowd and does her job whenever necessary. Thank you Linda for going that extra mile in the sale of our home. We wish you continued success in future transactions.

Richard & Judy, Oriental



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA 3 miles from town, 1.04 acre unrestricted site, fenced backyard. Surrounded by farm fields, not in flood zone, no HOA or HOA dues & no zoning. Roof replaced in 2018, package HVAC system replaced in 2014, crawl space sealed & dehumidified. Backyard deck & detached storage bldg.

OFFERED AT \$275,000



ARAPAHOE – Lakeview & golf course frontage, **3BR/2BA** not in flood zone, no HOA dues. Lifetime metal roof w/gutters & leaf guards. One-car finished garage w/ attached golf cart garage. Detached workshop and detached storage building.

OFFERED AT \$299,500



ORIENTAL – 4,000 hsf commercial, fully-insulated. Covered porch opens to reception, conference room & 2 offices. Carrier 2.5 ton heat pump for office area, 2 5-ton HVAC systems for warehouse. Attic, 208 3-Phase 200 amp elec system. Ingersoll Rand 200 PSI air compressor. Fabrication equipment does not convey.

OFFERED AT \$ 395,000



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA 1,894 sf open floor plan, deeded boat slip on 1 acre lot. Screened outdoor entertainment area & fire pit. Bright, open spaces indoors and inviting outdoor areas surrounded by mature trees and natural beauty. Being sold as-is.

OFFERED AT \$500,000



ORIENTAL – Waterfront 3BR/3BA on 10 acres with scenic gardens, and a dock and solar boat lift. Screened deck, sunroom, living room fireplace, completely remodeled kitchen. HVAC system replaced in 2023, and hot water heater replaced in 2026.

OFFERED AT \$615,000



MERRITT – 3BR/2.5BA Simpson Creek waterfront with concrete pier on the property & a 2nd deeded boat slip within walking distance. Great views, water depth of 4-5 feet, 3-car garage, 2 screened decks, open floor plan, located at end of the cul-de-sac.

OFFERED AT \$ 632,500

See all Listings & Visual Tours at www.orientalncwaterfront.com
1-800-347-8246 • 252-249-1014

Or contact **Allen Propst**
252-671-4644
704 Broad St, PO Box 750, Oriental, NC 28571

 REALTY

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- September 9th – Today is National Teddy Bear Day
- September 10th – 1955, The TV show “Gunsmoke” premiered on CBS. It stayed on the air for 20 seasons.
- September 11th – 9/11. Never forget.
- September 12th – Today is National Day of Encouragement. I try to say something positive to someone every day. Yesterday, I told a lady that for someone so fat, she really didn’t seem to sweat that much.
- September 13th – Today is National Grandparents Day. If you still have them, go see them or at least give them a call.
- September 14th – Today is National Cream Filled Donut Day
- September 15th – Today is National Double Cheeseburger Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- September 9th – 1890, Terrorizer of chickens Colonel Harlan Sanders
- September 9th – 1941, Singer Otis Redding
- September 12th – 1944, Singer Barry White
- September 12th – 1997, Actress Sydney Sweeney
- September 13th – 1944, Actress Winifred Jacqueline Bisset
- September 15th – 1938, Baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry (in Williamston, NC)
- September 15th – 1946, Actor Tommy Lee Jones
- September 15th – 19??, Pamlico County Schools Music Educator Dawn Wilson



“Negative words are powerful boomerangs so be careful what you say about people and yourself.” –

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor
This is the 3rd amendment that 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 3: Senate Bill 1081 — "Right to farm" Senate Bill 1081
WHAT IT DOES
Would add a "right to farm" to the NC Constitution, guaranteeing the right to grow crops, raise livestock, harvest timber, and other agricultural activities. The catch: North Carolina already has a right-to-farm law — one of the first in the nation, passed in 1979, and strengthened significantly in 2017 and 2018.
WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU VOTE:
North Carolina already has a right-to-farm law
NC has protected farmers since 1979. The law was amended in 2017 and 2018 specifically to limit nuisance lawsuits — after Smithfield Foods faced legal liability for pollution from hog operations. Even WUNC confirmed that this new amendment "would not provide further restrictions on nuisance lawsuits" beyond what's already in place.
Even supporters can't explain what it changes
When Sen. Julie Mayfield asked the bill's sponsor directly what the amendment would actually change, she noted: "I'm just curious why we're doing this. Normally what we do changes something, right?" The sponsor couldn't point to any specific threat to farming.
It could protect corporate agribusiness at neighbors' expense
The history here matters: the 2017 and 2018 right-to-farm amendments were passed in direct response to lawsuits against Smithfield Foods from neighbors suffering from hog waste pollution. Environmental and community groups challenged those laws, arguing they stripped neighbors of their property rights and their right to a jury trial. Elevating these protections to the constitution could further shield industrial agriculture from accountability.
Small family farmers in Transylvania County are not under attack
Sen. Brent Jackson, who sponsored the bill, cited no specific threat. Western NC's small farms, orchards, and Christmas tree operations are not facing the kind of litigation this amendment is designed to address. This amendment is primarily about protecting large industrial operations.

Diane Lemieux
Arapahoe

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Letters must be signed with town of residence (anonymous letters will not be published) and include a phone number in the event we need to verify information (this will not be included). We do not publish letters critical of a particular business on the grounds that such letters generally represent one opinion. By the same token, it is a general rule of thumb that we will not publish letters praising a business. Letters should be kept to no more than **400 words**. The views and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of The Pamlico News. Any content provided by authors are of their opinion, and are not intended to malign any religion, ethnic group, club, organization, company, individual or anyone or anything, or political party.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES



John Dalton Whitford, 91, of Grantsboro, passed away on Monday, August 31, 2026, at CarolinaEast Medical Center.
Dalton was a lifelong member of New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. Throughout his many years of faithful service, he served on the Deacon Board and Board of Trustees and taught Sunday school. His faith was not simply something he professed-it was something he lived each day
He was a farmer at heart and devoted his entire life to working the land. He loved farming and took great pride in caring for the land that had been such an important part of his life. His knowledge, dedication, and love for agriculture led him to serve in numerous agricultural and community organizations. He served on the USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee, the Pamlico County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Pamlico Soil & Water Board of Supervisors, and for many years on the local Farm Credit Board of Directors. He also served on the Pamlico County Health Board. Through each of these roles, Dalton gave generously of his time, knowledge, and experience, always striving to make his community and the agricultural community a better place.
In his younger years, Dalton enjoyed fish-

ing and hunting, finding much happiness in the outdoors. Following retirement, he and his beloved wife, Celia, enjoyed traveling together and visiting many places throughout the country. They especially enjoyed taking bus tours, making wonderful memories and sharing new adventures together.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm and Kittie Whitford and twin brother, Calton Whitford.
While Dalton took great pride in his farm and community, his Lord, church, and family were closest to his heart. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 66 years, Celia Spruill Whitford and brother, Scottie Whitford.
A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4th, at New Bethlehem FWB Church, with Rev. Ashley Trogdon and Pastor Dwayne Boyd officiating. Interment will follow immediately in the church cemetery.
The family will receive friends and relatives one hour prior to the service in the church sanctuary.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Bethlehem FWB Church Building Fund, c/o Scottie Whitford, 1903 Scotts Store Rd. Grantsboro, NC 28529.
Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance, NC.



David Buck, a beloved son, brother, stepfather, friend, and follower of Jesus, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, after a long and personal journey followed by a brief illness toward finding peace.
He was born on June 4, 1963, in Craven County and lived most of his life in Pamlico County. A true country boy, he loved the outdoors, the woods, farming, and hunting with his friends. Some of his happiest moments were spent working on the farm, being with his family and close friends, and spending time with his stepdaughter, Jessica.
He was a Christian who loved Jesus and held tightly to his faith. Strong on the outside and stubborn in his own way, he lived each day the best way he knew how. Like most of us, he experienced ups and downs, made mistakes, and carried regrets, but through it all, he continued to humble himself in his faith and trust that God was in heaven. He believed that one day he would join Him in that greater place of joy, where there is no pain or sorrow.

He will be remembered by those who counted on him to show up, those who waited for his calls when he could make them, and all who knew his heart. His presence, stories, stubborn spirit, and love for the people around him will be deeply missed.
He is survived by his father, Charles W. Buck; mother, Glenda Buck, both of New Bern; his sister, Trisha Howarth and her husband, Donald; his stepdaughter, Jessica Malone Jarmon and her husband, Chris; and his step-grandson, Grayson. He also leaves behind extended family members and close friends who loved him dearly.
A graveside memorial service was held Saturday, September 5th, at Sandhill Cemetery in Reelsboro. Family and friends were invited to gather and remember a man who lived his life in his own way, loved deeply, and is now at peace in the presence of Jesus.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Pamlico Christian Academy. P.O. Box 68 | Grantsboro, NC 28529 or online at <https://pamlicochristianacademy.org/>.
Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I was recently exploring options for volunteering and came across the Pamlico County Community Foundation. Their website is fascinating and includes a 2026 Community Needs Assessment compiled with data from a variety of sources. One of these sources was the 2025 NCACC County Map Book, which is created by county commissions in all North Carolina counties. The Pamlico County highlights are as follows:
14.8% of residents experience food insecurity
25.4% of children live in poverty
13.6% of residents participate in North Carolina’s food and nutrition services
26.4% of residents are enrolled in traditional Medicaid coverage
These statistics by themselves are concerning, but when you realize these are real people who are struggling with basic needs, it becomes heart wrenching.

Another portion of the needs assessment calculated the annual cost of basic needs in Pamlico for families of varying sizes. In a household with two adults and two children, it estimated that the cost of needs, including housing, childcare, food, healthcare, transportation, miscellaneous, taxes and savings, was \$85,310 per year. The average weekly wage in Pamlico County is \$757 per week or an annual \$39,364. You don’t need to be a mathematician to know this is quite a dramatic short fall even in a dual working household. Savings is a luxury and this “expenditure” most often reflects debt repayment at high level interest rates. Just FYI – the average rate on credit card accounts that carry a monthly balance and accrue interest is 22.15%.

If we just follow our collective conscience, the system needs to change. People continue to work hard to make ends meet and it’s proving to be an impossible task. Housing and health-care costs, groceries and gas prices continue to climb countrywide. The current administration has done nothing to mitigate these issues for any Americans let alone Pamlico County residents. Let’s remember we have voices and an opportunity to speak in November. Make sure that you are registered to vote. Support local and state representatives who care about the needs and struggles of working people. We can and should be the voices of change.

Sherry Owens
Minnesott Beach

Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!
Come join others who have found a Solution!
Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898
Meetings in Pamlico County:
(If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)
Thursday *7:30pm** - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/ Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)
Friday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).
Sunday *7pm – Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)
<https://aaeasternnc.org/> <https://aanorthcarolina.org/> <https://www.aa.org/>

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Simple budgeting tips that fit real life



Dan M. Roberts

Feeling financially fulfilled means so much more than the number in your bank account. It's being able to take your family out to dinner without calculating whether you can afford it. It means sleeping soundly on a Sunday night, knowing that if the water heater gives out tomorrow, you can handle it.

Yet true fulfillment is surprisingly rare. Only 16% of Americans consider themselves financially fulfilled, according to a 2026 study by Edward Jones and Gallup. But it's more achievable than you might think.

- Financially fulfilled people tend to share five habits:
- One: They build an emergency fund.
- Two: They create a retirement financial plan.
- Three: They save intentionally for major milestones.
- Four: They put an estate plan in place.
- And five: They work with a financial advisor.

These aren't complicated steps. They're foundational, putting you in control. And when you take them, money can stop feeling like a source of stress and start supporting the life you want.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
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Fall Gardens and Youth Farm to Table Education



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

More than a hundred years ago 4-H got its start in North Carolina with Corn Clubs in 1909. As it grew expanding programing to more than just corn clubs, small and home gardens, food preservation and nutrition, to so much more. Today 4-H has program's include robotics, computer programing, college and work force preparation like ARIE (Application, Resume, Interview, and Essay), presentation competitions, and digital literacy. As much as 4-H and the world has changed since, learning about agriculture, food chains, and how food gets to the table is important.

We have several 4-H Programs that help connect Pamlico youth to agriculture industry, food production, nutrition, and home gardening. Every spring Pamlico youth raise chickens for the Coastal Plainnes Chicken show. They learn about different breeds of chickens, and their uses, as well as, how to care and show for them. Youth also participate in our 4-H Dairy Project. The 4-H Dairy Project allows youth to raise dairy calves for two months. During this time, they learn about dairy production, and how to care for the animals.

Another of our programs is a school micro-farm at the Pamlico County Christian Academy. This program focuses on connecting youth to food systems, teaching them about many aspects of the agricultural industry, and giving them hands on experience growing crops. Youth have been learning about different methods of propagation, starting with seeds. There are several fall and winter crops starting with Zinnias!

Floriculture is a huge part of our agricultural industry. Floriculture – the production of cut flowers, nursery plants, and landscaping produces roughly around 10 billion dollars annually. We will be growing our own crop of fall blooming zinnias and discovering what affects the market price of a cut flower.

They have also started fall vegetables and herbs. In our zone – 8b – there are quite a few vegetables that can be started August through November. So far, we have started three varieties of lettuce, kohlrabi, bok choy, mustard greens, collards, thyme, sage, and endive. Youth will learn about market prices, what adds value to a crop, and marketing strategies. Further they will learn about nutrition, and proper preparation of their crops.

Connecting youth to agriculture and food production continues to be important for youth. Youth who have the opportunity for experiential education in agriculture allows them to gain knowledge and skill in growing crops. They will also explore many agricultural careers. However, agriculture education provides much more than practical knowledge in crop production and food preparation. Agricultural education also has been shown to improve problem solving, critical thinking, long term planning, and team work.

If you are interested in participating in any of our spring live-stock and poultry programs: Coastal Plains Livestock Show, 4-H Dairy Show, and the Coastal Plains Chicken Show, please give us a call or email! 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



OWC Thank you very much

The Oriental Woman's Club would like to thank all the businesses, individuals and golfer's who made our annual scholarship fundraiser a SUCCESS! It was held on August 29th at the Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club. We had winners on the Men's Team, Women's Team and Mixed Couple Teams. Lots of prizes and FUN!

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Answer: Gaten Matarazzo

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It's proof that this new season and this new field are finally here — built one gift, one practice, and one prayer at a time. A few naming opportunities remain along the field for anyone who'd like to be part of this story. **Learn more** at pamlicochristianacademy.org/capital-campaign.

Go Mariners!

Fall sports kickoff

Soccer is off to a strong start, taking on a preseason tournament competition and building momentum for the season ahead — coming off back-to-back Pamlico Cup wins. Cross country is already competing in conference, putting in the miles and racing with focus and heart. Volleyball is serving up a season of energy and grit on the court, and we can't wait to watch this team grow.

Three teams, one crew — **go Mariners!**

Welcome, Mariners!

The **2026-2027 school year** is off to a joyful start! Classrooms are buzzing with energy, new friendships are forming, and our teachers are already pouring into this year's students — including all of our newest Mariners joining the PCA family this fall.

We're so grateful for a peaceful, faith-filled first week — and for the community we get to build together, one year at a time.

As Mr. Sadler likes to say, "Ships aren't made to stay in port" — and this **Mariner crew** is ready to sail. We're so glad you're part of it!

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The prevalence of Crohn's disease and other IBDs is on the rise, particularly among young people.

Crohn's disease is an inflammatory bowel disease that affects millions of people across the globe, and the prevalence of Crohn's and other IBDs is on the rise, particularly among young people. A 2019 study published in The Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology found that between six and eight million people across the globe had some type of IBD in 2017, but those figures may rise given recent findings of researchers behind a study funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That study, released in late 2024 and led by researchers at the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Pennsylvania, found instances of Crohn's disease rose by 22 percent among the pediatric population between 2009 and 2020.

Rates of Crohn's disease rose by 22% among the pediatric population between 2009 and 2020.

PCA Athletics Mariner Volleyball

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico Christian Academy volleyball season is in full swing and last Thursday evening the Mariners hosted the Conquerors of Faith Christian Academy from Goldsboro with both Junior Varsity and Varsity in action. The JV's fell 0-2 (8-25, 13-25) and the Conquerors held serve and beat the Mariners in the Varsity matchup 0-3 (13-25, 12-25, 24-26). As evidenced by the final set score, there is no quit in these Mariners.



Makena Schafer



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Pamlico Vistas

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Mosquito Breeding Ditch – Near Hobucken

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Aurora Yard of the Month



Photo caption: Mr. Farrow (left) is congratulated by Mayor Curt Hendrix (right).

September's Aurora Yard of the month goes to Mr. John Farrow. His yard and house have been a showcase on Main Street for decades. There is a long established line of Crepe Myrtles along the fence line, a Bald Cypress in the backyard, mature and lovely Boxwoods and Marigolds started from seeds. While visiting with him we heard several happy sounding Blue Jays and numerous Cicadas.

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Ferry Tolling “Listening” Session

“The ferries across the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers are a part of our highway system (NC 306) and are primarily used by local commuters. They shouldn’t be tolled, but we need everyone to express that viewpoint to those in charge of implementing the tolls if we have any hope of making a difference.”

There were also couple of noticed absences at the session. Neither of Pamlico County’s elected representatives to the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh, House member Keith Kidwell or Senator Norm Sanderson were in attendance. It was of course the General Assembly where the bill imposing the tolls originated and was passed. One could actually feel some sympathy for the Ferry Division who, after the work of the General Assembly, now have to go out and face the public defending a bill they didn’t ask for.

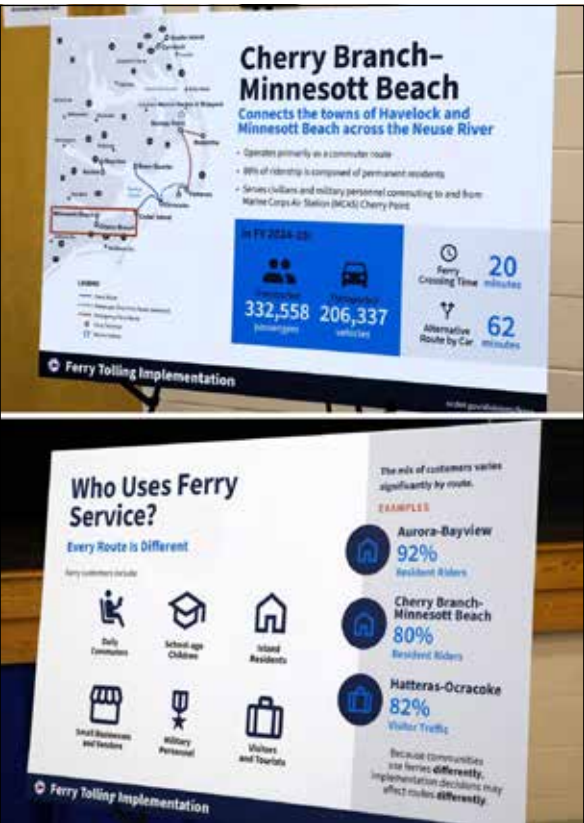
Can the public make a difference? We definitely can’t if we don’t try. If you were in attendance and picked up a survey, be sure to mail it in. If you were not there, go online at <https://bit.ly/4A6vREH> and fill out a survey there. Don’t delay. Surveys must be submitted by September 14th.



John E. “Jed” Dixon, Director of the North Carolina Ferry Division



The Division 2 Representative of the North Carolina Board of Transportation, David Womack



Two of the information station placards illustrate what the public has been saying all along. The Neuse and Pamlico River Ferries are primarily local commuter ferries and as such should not be tolled.



Rotary Club of Oriental Happenings – 75th Anniversary September 10th, 2026

By Jim Kellenberger & Beth Obenshain for the September 9th edition

Hello folks, it has been a minute since my last missive. I am now safely back in the ole US of A for the second time this year to pick up with this edition of “Happenings”. Captain Bill Mason’s journey to bring Rotary to Pamlico County culminated with the Charter Dinner for the Rotary Club of Oriental on September 10th, 1951. Now on September 10th, 2026, this Rotary Club will celebrate 75 years of making a difference for the citizens of Pamlico County with another dinner to honor the past and present members.

So, what have we been doing to help this County during our Club year ending July 1, 2026. The list below shows how we have used the money you helped us raise through tent and chair rentals, our Annual Boat show, our car related fundraisers, and local donations. Nearly \$56,000 has been donated to local, national, and international projects in our 2025/2026 fiscal year .



Just last week we held another volunteer event to thank local folk that are not Members of the Rotary Club of Oriental but think enough of what we do to help out as needed. Nearly 75 folks gathered to enjoy a BBQ pig with trimmings served up by our Past District Governor, Brownie Futrel at the Women’s Club. We also had a few people climb on board the Rotary Train as members.

Upcoming events include the Rotary car show on tap for Saturday October 10th along South Avenue from 9 Am til Noon. Contact Ken Gilbert at 919-817-1046 to get your car in the show. Spectators are free.

Join this merry band of members and volunteers by contacting our Membership Chair, Jim Kellenberger at 919-621-0362 or jimkellenberger05@gmail.com and he will get you involved. Until next time... Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Oriental, NC		
Club Donations		
	Grant Awards (Hope Clinic)	\$ 2,277
	Library	1,500
	Rotary Foundation	3,650
	Hospice	1,000
	Hope Clinic	1,000
	CARTs	1,500
	Inn at Pamlico	4,500
	Neuse Neighbors Network	1,000
	Fishes & Loaves	2,600
	Polio Plus	1,000
	International Projects	525
	Heart Works	2,000
	Pigskin Preview	300
	Total Club Donations	\$ 22,852
Scholarship Awards		
	High School Scholars	\$ 7,500
	College Tuition for 4 year school	15,000
	PCC Scholarships	9,000
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by: Hiram Lupton

Pirate Jam 2026

The Labor Day weekend tradition continued last Saturday as watercraft of all shapes and sizes gathered around Teach’s Point in Oriental for some great music at Pirate Jam. Pirates don’t fear the weather but respect it and they also know how to listen to a forecast. The predicted afternoon thunderstorms moved the start time up with music beginning at noon. Congratulations to the Pamlico Arts Council for another outstanding event.

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Those who complete all the quests and return to the starting point by 4:00pm will be eligible for both prizes and bragging rights. Put on your “thinking cap” because there will also be a prize for the best team name! Newly added this year will be a prize for the best team shirts or outfits.

Gather your teams and join the fun! They can be family, both adults and children; friends and co-workers; or other teams you may belong to. We wonder who has the best sleuthing skills -- your office team, the dentist’s office team, the Police Department, or the Fire Department? The Smiths or the Joneses? Need team-building exercise? This is it!

Each team may have up to 6 people, that’s adults or children. They’ll travel in one vehicle. Smart phone use is allowed. In fact, you may use any source for information, smart phone, library, or favorite Aunt.

Registration is now available online at www.NewBernHistorical.org or call 252-638-8558. Registration fee is \$25 per carload with a maximum of 6 people per vehicle. The event starts and ends at New Bern Battlefield Park.

New Bern Historical Society Historian, Dana Hall invites everyone to join in. “We’ve worked hard to make this a fun and exciting event. You’ll be surprised at what you’ll discover hiding in plain sight!

And look for our mascot, Sherlock T. Bear who wants in on all the action!

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.



Just a few of the teams who had lots of fun at past Quests. Join them this year!

Sherlock T. Bear, official bear of the New Bern History Quest invites everyone to test their sleuthing skills in a lively and entertaining, puzzle-solving hunt.

Fun Facts About the Weather

- 1. Some tornadoes can be faster than Formula One race cars!
- 2. There are 2,000 thunderstorms on Earth every minute.
- 3. The wind is silent until it blows against something.
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Light Week for Lady ‘Canes Yields Win

by: Hiram Lupton

There was only a single match on the Pamlico County High School Volleyball schedule last week as the Hurricanes made a road trip to Martin County to tangle with the Bears of Bear Grass Charter School. Pamlico used the power of Hayden Gibbs-Ireland (14 kills) and the playmaking of setter Lila Mehring (10 assists) to

take down the Bears 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 26-16). The Hurricanes will be in action this week with a pair of home matches. On Wednesday (9-9) they host West Carteret and the following evening (9-10) they open their Coastal Plains Conference schedule when Lejeune visits Bayboro.



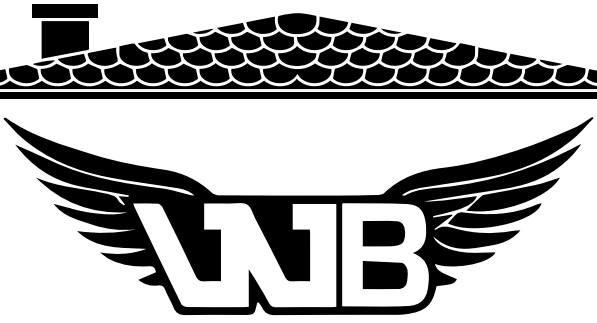
Pamlico Setter Lila Mehring



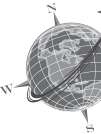
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BELLVIA BASKERVILL, EXECUTOR, on or before NOVEMBER 24, 2026, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent 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

Publish AUGUST 26 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 9 AND 16 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JANET BRYANT
File No.: 25E001188-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit 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
2004 NEW BERN AVE
NEW BERN, NC 28562

Publish AUGUST 26 AND 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 corporations 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

Publish AUGUST 26 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DEBRA M WATTS
File No.: 24E000180-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit

them to MATTHEW B. JONES, ADMINISTRATOR on or before DECEMBER 1, 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

ESTATE OF DEBRA M. WATTS
C/O MATTHEW B. JONES
465 HARE HOLLOW
NEW BERN, NC 28562

Publish SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, AND 23, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of THEDAA. BUTKUS (a/k/a THEDA RAE BUTKUS), Deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representatives listed below on or before December 2, 2026 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 2nd day of September 2026.

MARY DILLON
WILLIAM BUTKUS
Co-Executors
c/o GREGORY T. PEACOCK
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
1001 College Court (28562)
Post Office Box 867
New Bern, NC 28563-0867

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO.: 26SP000041-680
IN RE: REGISTERED ESTATE NUMBER 4A NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 43-17.2

TO: All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in Registered Estate Number 4A.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition was filed by Petitioner CBR Properties, LLC, by and through its attorney Steven K. Bell Attorney at Law, P.C., in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, alleging that the Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 4A had been lost under the circumstances stated therein, and praying that new duplicate certificates of title be issued to the Petitioner.

The land referred to in Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 4A is bounded and described as follows:

Lying and being on the south side of the highway leading from Merritt to Florence, in Number Two Township, Pamlico County, North Carolina, and bounded on the southwest by Hugh G. Swan's Brite Farm, BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of said highway located North 49 degrees 30 minutes West 15 feet from the beginning point of Registered Estate Number 4A as the same appears in the Owner's Certificate of Title issued to John T. Taylor, Jr. and wife, Dora W. Taylor, dated March 17, 1953 and recorded in Book 1 of Registration of Land Titled at Page 16, Pamlico County Registry, and running thence from said beginning point South 49 degrees 30 minutes East along the first line of said Registered Estate, a ditch and Hugh G. Swan's

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northeast line, 1075 feet to a ditch angle; thence North 57 degrees 45 minutes East along a ditch 138 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes West along a ditch 1,045.5 feet to a point in the centerline of said highway; thence South 74 degrees 30 minutes West along the highway centerline 158 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 3.14 acres, more or less.

Said Registered Estate No. 4A and the portion thereof above described are shown on a plat attached to the instrument transferring said portion by John T. Taylor, Jr. and wife, Dora W. Taylor to Ralph Muse and wife, dated June _____, 1962 and of record in Pamlico County Registry.

See also Registered Estate No. 4A recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Pamlico County, North Carolina in Book No. 579, Page No. 249-250.

ESTATE: 38.05282% UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN FEE SIMPLE.

Said petition will be heard and considered and an order entered thereon at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, on the 7th day of October, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

This 2nd day of September, 2026.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO.: 26SP000042-680
IN RE: REGISTERED ESTATE NUMBER 4A NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 43-17.2

TO: All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in Registered Estate Number 4A.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition was filed by Petitioner CBR Properties, LLC, by and through its attorney Steven K. Bell Attorney at Law, P.C., in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, alleging that the Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 4A had been lost under the circumstances stated therein, and praying that new duplicate certificates of title be issued to the Petitioner.

The land referred to in Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 4A is bounded and described as follows:

Lying and being on the south side of the highway leading from Merritt to Florence, in Number Two Township, Pamlico County, North Carolina, and bounded on the southwest by Hugh G. Swan's Brite Farm, BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of said highway located North 49 degrees 30 minutes West 15 feet from the beginning point of Registered Estate Number Four as the same appears in the Owner's Certificate of Title issued to John T. Taylor, Jr. and wife, Dora W. Taylor, dated March 17, 1953 and recorded in Book 1 of Registration of Land Titled at Page 16 in the Office of the Register of Deed of Pamlico County and running thence from said beginning point South 49 degrees 30 minutes East along the first line of said Registered Estate, a ditch and Hugh G. Swan's northeast line, 1075 feet to a ditch angle; thence North 57 degrees 45

minutes East along a ditch 138 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes West along a ditch 1,045.5 feet to a point in the centerline of said highway; thence South 74 degrees 30 minutes West along the highway centerline 158 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 3.14 acres, more or less.

Said Registered Estate No. 4A and the portion thereof above-described are shown on a plat attached to the instrument transferring said portion by John T. Taylor, Jr. and wife, Dora W. Taylor to Ralph Muse and wife, dated June _____, 1962 and of record in Pamlico County Registry.

See also Registered Estate No. 4A recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Pamlico County, North Carolina in Book No. 382, Page No. 840.

ESTATE: 61.94718% UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN FEE SIMPLE.

Said petition will be heard and considered and an order entered thereon at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, on the 7th day of October, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

This 2nd day of September, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JOHNY BERT ARMSTRONG
File No.: 26E000154-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JOY ARMSTRONG BARTLE, ADMINISTRATOR on or before DECEMBER 8, 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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

ESTATE OF JOHNY BERT ARMSTRONG
C/O JOY ARMSTRONG BARTLE
14923 HESTIA CT
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78245

Publish SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23 AND 30, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BENNY DALE SCOTT
File No.: 26E000018-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to TRAVIS DALE SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR on or before DECEMBER 8, 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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

ESTATE OF BENNY DALE SCOTT
C/O TRAVIS DALE SCOTT
2407 OAK VIEW DRIVE
NEW BERN, NC 285662

Publish SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23 AND 30, 2026.

INCIDENTS

Aug. 27, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, urinating in public
Aug. 28, Main St., Bayboro, resist/delay/obstruct public officer
Aug. 30, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, attempted robbery - firearm/dangerous weapon, simple assault, communicating threats
Aug. 30, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods < = \$1,000
Aug. 31, Bayleaf Rd., New Bern, email fraud

Sept. 1, Smokey Dr., New Bern, larceny of property or goods < = \$1,000
Sept. 1, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, property damage
Sept. 1, Cross Rd., Grantsboro, warrant for arrest
Sept. 2, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, injury to personal property
Sept. 2, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, cyberstalking, harassing phone calls
Sept. 2, N. Third St., Bayboro, assault employee state/local detention center cause physical injury



Food of the Month: Turkey Gravy

PCFLO is selecting a Food of the Month for each month during 2026, and our selection for September is turkey gravy. Help provide PCFLO clients with holiday meals by bringing turkey gravy to your church during any Sunday this month. You can also bring your donations to the PCFLO collection box at the Food Pantry at 108 Straight Road in Oriental or collection boxes at First Citizens Bank, Village Health and Fitness, Piggly Wiggly and Brantley's in Oriental, First Citizens Bank and Sweet Annie's in Bayboro, and Minnesott Golf and Country Club in Arapahoe.

Looking ahead to October and November, the Foods of the Month will be holiday side dishes (stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, etc.) as we begin preparing for Thanksgiving. Thanks for your support!!



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Health&Wellness

Tick Borne Diseases

Part 2 of 2

by: Hiram Lupton

Last week we ran an article about those nasty little blood suckers known as ticks and some of the ways you can avoid being bitten. Despite our best efforts, if you spend time outdoors, you may still fall victim to these little parasites, and those bites can be more than a local irritant, they can be life altering and even deadly. Now, before you lock yourself in your home and never venture out again, not all tick bites cause severe illness. Only between 1% and 5% of all tick bites result in a severe or symptomatic infection. Most just result in a somewhat painful, often itchy, irritating bite which goes away in a few days after the tick is removed. You should be aware, however, of the more severe illnesses and their symptoms. The Lone Star Tick is the most common carrier of this disease.

Ehrlichiosis is a general name for several bacterial diseases that can affect both people and animals. The symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, and muscle aches. You may also experience nausea, diarrhea and possibly a rash. These symptoms occur within one to two weeks after a tick bite. Ehrlichiosis can be treated effectively with antibiotics but if left untreated can become severe and even fatal.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is another tick-borne illness that can potentially be fatal. RMSF is carried by several different types of ticks including the American Dog Tick and the Brown Dog Tick. It also has fever, headache, muscle aches as well as nausea and vomiting as symptoms. Without prompt treatment the disease can be fatal, but if started soon after symptoms appear, antibiotics can be effective in treating the illness. Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (SFR) is another similar tick-borne disease that has the same symptoms and is also treated with antibiotics.

Lyme Disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected blacklegged tick and can cause often lingering life changing effects if untreated. Fever, headache and fatigue are early symptoms as well as a “bullseye” shaped rash around the bite area. If untreated a patient may develop problems in their joints, heart and nervous system. A few weeks of antibiotics are the usual treatment.

The Lone Star Tick is also the culprit in a relatively new tick disease that has been identified, Alpha-gal Syndrome. This condition causes a severe allergic reaction to eating meat such as beef, pork, lamb, and dairy products. The reaction includes hives, abdominal pain, nausea and even anaphylaxis. The symptoms often occur from 3 to 6 hours after eating. This disease is caused from being exposed to the saliva of an infected tick during the bite. Right now the only treatment readily available is time. How much time seems to vary from patient to patient, from a few weeks to a few years. During this time, avoiding the trigger (meat and dairy products), is the only prevention from becoming sick. New tick bites can also worsen or prolong the symptoms.

These are just a few of the most common and most severe diseases associated with tick bites. As is the case with many diseases, early detection and identification is a key for effective treatment. It is important that if you or a loved one is bitten by a tick, that you remember it and record the date and area of the body where the bite took place. This information can give doctors a clue to the link in your illness to the bite.



“There is one consolation in being sick; and that is the possibility that you may recover to a better state than you were ever in before.”
– Henry David Thoreau



Joint CAMA Land Use Plan Update
Unincorporated Areas of Pamlico County, Towns of Grantsboro, Arapahoe, Mesic, Vandemere, Stonewall, Alliance, Bayboro, & Minnesott Beach

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We need your input to help shape the Pamlico County Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Plan. Here's how you can get involved!

1. Join us at the September 16th Public Workshop
2. Complete the online survey
3. Place pins on the online map

Contact Information

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828 Main Street Alliance
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Pamlico Falls to Wake Prep

by: Hiram Lupton

Another week and another tough opponent for the Hurricanes as Pamlico hosted the Wake Prep Academy Guardians. The Hurricanes found themselves in the hole early, going down 7-0 in the opening minutes. That was the only score of the first quarter but in the second period, the Guardians capitalized on Pamlico fumbles to tally three scores. It could have been worse. The Pamlico defense stepped up to stop one Guardian drive as defensive back Izir Benjamin picked off a Wake Prep pass. This was his third interception of the season.

Pamlico finally found the endzone just before halftime. The Hurricanes started a drive on their own 20-yard line and marched down the field with Gavin Moody scoring with :16 left in the quarter. Jacob Bennet powered in for the 2-point conversion to make the score 28-8 at the half. Coming out of the break, Wake Prep took control of the game, adding twenty points in the quarter to make the score 48-8. Pamlico was still putting forth the effort and AJ Farley recovered a Guardian fumble late in the final period to set up an 18-yard run by Moody to make the score 48-14. Wake added a meaningless touchdown in the final seconds, running the score up to a final of 55-14. Gavin Moody led the Hurricanes with 79 yards rushing on 17 carries to go along with his 2 touchdowns. Caleb Paul was the defensive leader with 9 total tackles. Pamlico has a bye week this week will try to regroup and get on the winning side of the score on September 18th when they host Southeast Collegiate Prep Academy from Halifax, North Carolina.



Caleb Paul (#44) stops a Wake Prep ballcarrier



Freshman Running Back Gavin Moody (#14) headed to the endzone



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