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Alt-Country Veteran Robbie Fulks Closes Out Friday at Ol' Front Porch Music Festival

Riverfront Stage — Friday, Oct. 2, 5–6 p.m.

Robbie Fulks will close out Friday's Riverfront Stage lineup with a performance from 5 to 6 p.m. at 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.

Robbie Fulks spent part of his childhood in the North Carolina Piedmont and Virginia's Blue Ridge before settling in Chicago, where he has lived for decades. He cut his teeth playing bluegrass with Greg Cahill's Special Consensus Bluegrass Band, taught for years at the city's Old Town School of Folk Music, and worked as a staff songwriter on Nashville's Music Row in the 1990s. His early albums "Country Love Songs" and "South Mouth" helped define the alternative country movement, and his 2016 record "Upland Stories" earned a Grammy nomination for best folk album. Known for sharp wit and an encyclopedic command of American roots music, Fulks remains one of the genre's most respected songwriters.

Antiques & Collectibles Sale to Benefit Oriental's History Museum

When: Saturday, September 26th from 9am-1pm No Early Birds Please

Where: Oriental's History Museum front porch, 802 Broad St. Oriental, NC

We started our Fall cleaning early and want to share our finds with you. This sale includes antiques, vintage pieces, collectibles, jewelry, silver, toys, some furniture from private collections and unique pieces retired from our collection. Start your holiday shopping early for that special gift for someone or for yourself!

Proceeds will go towards improvements at Oriental's History Museum (painting, lighting upgrades, flooring, etc.). Cash and Checks only.

Oriental's History Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 802 Broad St., Oriental. Follow us on Facebook, or email us at orientalhistorymuseum@gmail.com.



Pamlico County High School Celebrates Student Success and Growing Opportunities

Written and Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick, Public Information Officer, Pamlico County Schools

BAYBORO, N.C. - September 10, 2026 Students and teachers at Pamlico County High School have much to celebrate as recent results show strong academic performance, significant growth in Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education, and expanding opportunities for students to prepare for life after high school.

The successes reflect a larger goal at PCHS: helping students discover the path that is right for them and preparing them to take the next step - whether that means attending a university or community college, learning a skilled trade, entering the workforce or serving in the military.

In the state's recently released 2025-2026 school accountability results, PCHS earned a B School Performance Grade and met expected academic growth, meaning students made the academic progress expected of them during the school year. The school's overall performance score increased nine points from the previous



year to 79, placing PCHS just six points away from an A School Performance Grade. Other measures included a 93.1% Math Course Rigor rate, an 88% four-year graduation rate and a 77.9% ACT/WorkKeys performance measure.

Success is also evident in the school's Advanced Placement program, where both participation and achievement have grown significantly. In 2026, 77 PCHS students participated in AP courses and 108 AP exams were taken, with nearly one in five PCHS stu-

dents enrolled in at least one AP class. In comparison, 46 students participated and 49 exams were taken in 2021.

As participation has increased, so has student success. In 2021, eight PCHS AP students earned a score of 3 or higher. In 2026, 65 students, or more than 84% of AP students, earned a score of 3 or higher. Overall, 81% of AP exams taken by PCHS students received a qualifying score that may be eligible for college credit.

Students posted strong AP results across subjects, including

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Pamlico County Remembers 9/11 Observance

by: Hiram Lupton

It was a beautiful morning in Oriental, much like that fateful day 25 years ago. In what has become a reverent tradition, members of the Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire Department along with fellow first responders from the Florence-Whortonsville Volunteer Fire Department and the public gathered at the Oriental Town Dock on the Hodges Street waterfront to commemorate and remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our country on September 11, 2001. This year, guest speaker retired Marine aviator Lt. Colonel Matt Howard spoke of his recollections of that day and the days following the attack. Lt. Colonel Howard was a pilot assigned to Marine One, the helicopter unit responsible for transporting then President George W. Bush to Ground Zero in New York City following the attack. Following his remarks, the SPVFD began the ceremony at 8:46 AM, the time that the first hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center's North Tower, and included the 5-5-5-5 code, the ringing of the bell with 4 sets of 5 rings, which signals a death of a firefighter, along with observance of the National Moment of Silence and the raising and lowering of the flag to half-mast.



Bridge Climb

In recent years, many firefighters and first responders across the country have been honoring their fallen brothers who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, by performing a memorial stair climb. The event symbolizes ascending the 110 flights of stairs at the World Trade Center. "In our area, we don't exactly have a lot of tall buildings with multiple flights of stairs to climb," explained Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eric Kindle. "We roughly calculated that going from the Town Dock, down Hodges Street and over the bridge would simulate the distance, about one mile." Escorted by the Oriental Police force and Pamlico County Sheriff's Department, about 20 members of the SPVFD and their fellow first responders of the Florence-Whortonsville VFD made the climb in full turnout gear and packs. This was a tribute of remembrance that symbolically completes the climb that many first responders could not finish that day. The event was done prior to the 9/11 observance at the town dock on Hodges Street. "This year was a bit of a trial run to see how things go," said Chief Kindle. "We hope to make it a part of our annual ceremony."



LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

 Saturday, September 19th **87°Hi** Scattered showers and warm

 Sunday, September 20th **89°Hi** Clouds and sunshine. Hot



BOC Approves Tourism Development Board

by: Hiram Lupton

Showing the world what Pamlico County has to offer and bringing people here, whether it be for a day or week, along with the dollars they may spend will be the goal of the newly approved Pamlico County Tourism Development Board. The Board of Commissioners approved the formation of the Board at their September 8 meeting. Initiated by Commissioner Candy Bohmert, the new Board would seek ways to make Pamlico County a destination. "We have so much to offer here," stated Bohmert. "The boating, fishing, and hunting already attract many visitors. We would like to further promote that and explore other ideas as well. We have growing air B & B accommodations available and bringing visitors here would help our economy and tax base. The idea of forming a Board has been discussed before and I feel the time is right to proceed. Partnering with our municipalities will be essential." If you have an interest and feel you may have ideas to help promote tourism in the County, go to the Pamlico County website (pamlicocounty.org), click on County Government, Boards and committees, Application. Fill it out and return to the County Manager's office.



BOC Chairman Ken Heath

Board of Commissioners Approve Ferry Resolution

by: Hiram Lupton

Ferry tolls have been in the news a lot lately and this week is no exception. At their regular meeting last Tuesday, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to waive all ferry tolls for locally registered vehicles as it pertains for use by a ferry serving that county. It is hoped that there is strength in banning together in opposition to the ferry tolls. Other counties that are served by a ferry connection are voting on the same resolution. In addition to sending the resolution to the State Legislature, it will also go to the Ferry Division and the State Board of Transportation. It is those two entities that are tasked with coming up with a fee schedule to be implemented by January 1, 2027. Earlier this year, the State Legislature passed legislation mandating new ferry tolls be placed on all previously non-tolled ferry routes.



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

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH





Pamlico Community College

Twenty-five years of accreditation



The Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB), a committee of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), recently congratulated Pamlico Community College for 25 years of accreditation of its Medical Assisting program. To mark the anniversary, the organization sent a copy of the original April 2001 letter notifying Pamlico of its initial accreditation, center image above. The Medical Assisting program, led by 2015 Pamlico graduate Tina Hardison, image at right, had its accreditation renewed for eight years in 2025. For more information about Pamlico's curriculum program in Medical Assisting, contact Hardison at 252-249-1851, ext. 3044, or thardison@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed image

Getting closer!

We're less than six weeks from the inaugural Fall INTO Pamlico festival at Pamlico Community College! The event is set for Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grantsboro campus. It will feature activities and attractions for all ages, including a cornhole tournament, craft and product vendors, food trucks, a pumpkin-decorating contest, a Touch-a-Truck exhibit, children's games and activities, and more! Admission will be free. College officials envision Fall INTO Pamlico as a signature harvesttime event that celebrates the community while showcasing the college and its programs. They also hope to capitalize on the nostalgia surrounding the Ole Country Fair, a popular on-campus event remembered fondly by longtime residents. For more information about the event, contact Shellie Saxby at 252-249-1851, ext. 3025, or ssaxby@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed image





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Build a Campaign That Inspires Donors

Wed., Sept. 16 | 10am – Noon | Pamlico County Library



2. AI IN ACTION:

Practical Tools for Small Businesses & Nonprofits

Sat., Sept. 26 | 9am – 3:30pm | Pamlico County Library



3. MAKE AI WORK FOR YOU

(WEBINAR SERIES)

Mon., Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6 – 7:30pm | Online



4. AIRBNB MASTERCLASS:

From Startup to Five Stars (WEBINAR SERIES)

Tues., Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6 – 7pm | Online



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Unlock Canva's Most Powerful Features

Sat., Nov. 7 | 9am – 3pm | Pamlico County Library



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Land/Home Sales Property Management Appraisals Development



Agent of the Week

Gregory Green
Broker-

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

I am writing to say how pleased I was with Gregory. I am so impressed by his performance listing multiple lots and achieving two sales in quick order. His enthusiasm is contagious and is so appreciated by me that I would not hesitate to recommend Gregory to my friends and associates. Gregory – you are a welcome addition to Mariner Realty's staff.

Susan, NJ



BAYBORO – Low maintenance **3BR/1.5BA** near the new Pamlico County High School. Will be sold as-is, offering an excellent opportunity for buyers who want to add their own updates and personal touches. Screened porch, outdoor BBQ pit, mature peach trees.

OFFERED AT \$225,000



ORIENTAL – **3BR/2BA** w/fenced lot ideal for dogs, children or horses. Unrestricted, no HOA, no zoning, no flood zone. Attached 1-car garage, detached storage bldg. & empty, door-way accessible grain silo ideal for protected firepit area or extra storage.

OFFERED AT \$375,000



ORIENTAL – **3BR/2BA** 1,152 sf on 1 ac in the Buccaneer Bay West community close to downtown Oriental. Convenient access to marinas, boating, fishing, local restaurants, unique shops, and community events. Built in 1996, open porch, deck, patio areas, multiple storage sheds and a fenced in, above ground swimming pool.

OFFERED AT \$399,000



ORIENTAL – **3BR/2.5BA** open floor plan, ideal for family gatherings or entertaining on 3 acres. Offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as is.

OFFERED AT \$415,000



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

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



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- September 16th – 1620, The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England with 102 Pilgrims bound for America.
- September 17th – 1787, Members of the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution and sent it on to each state for ratification.
- September 18th – 1947, The United States Air Force was recognized as a separate branch of the United States Armed Forces.
- September 19th – Today is National Talk Like a Pirate Day. Pass the Rum.
- September 20th – Today is National Pepperoni Pizza Day.
- September 21st – Today is National Pecan Cookie Day.
- September 22nd – Autumn begins today at 8:04 PM

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- September 16th – 1925, Blues guitarist Riley King (B. B. King)
- September 19th – 1928, Actor William West Anderson (Adam West)
- September 19th – 197?, PCA Coach Stephen Crabbe
- September 20th – 1934, Actress Sophia Costanza Brigida Villani Scicolone (Sophia Loren)
- September 21st – 1947, Writer Stephen King
- September 21st – 197?, PCMS Coach Jeremy Forbes
- September 22nd – 1958, Musician Joan Larkin (Joan Jett)
- September 22nd – 207?, Outstanding PCHS student Aniyah King



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.
4. There are ice caves in Iceland that have hot springs.
5. The fastest recorded raindrop was 18 mph!
6. The US gets over 1200 tornadoes a year.
7. Lightning can, in fact, strike twice.
8. Clouds look white because they are reflecting sunlight from above them.
9. Yuma, Arizona gets over 4000 hours of sunshine a year, making it the sunniest place on earth. The least sunny place is the South Pole, where the sun only shines on 182 days a year. (Which would you rather live in?)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
"PHOTO ID" Proposed Amendment

WHAT IT DOES

This constitutional amendment would require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting. Currently, the NC Constitution requires photo ID for people voting in person. North Carolina law requires absentee by mail voters to include a photocopy of an acceptable form of a photo ID to be included with their ballot, or they can complete an ID Exemption form if they qualify. WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU VOTE:

The amendment, as proposed, would put the broader requirement in the North Carolina Constitution, changing the language from basically, “voters voting in person” to (all) “voters shall present photographic identification before voting.” And the General Assembly would continue to establish the specific ID requirements and what exceptions are allowable via state law.

- The referendum is not just asking if North Carolina should have Voter ID. NC already has voter ID requirements. This question is whether the NC Constitution should change it’s language to include beyond in-person voters to all voters.
- If the amendment fails, the existing language, including exceptions, would remain. And existing statutory requirements for absentee voters are a separate matter and don’t necessarily disappear just because the amendment failed.
- State law already requires identification for absentee voting and provides for voters who cannot reasonably provide ID. The proposed amendment would place the requirement that all voters present photo identification into the State Constitution without protecting those existing safeguards.
- This amendment could create additional barriers for military, student, rural, disabled and older voters. The exemptions may or may not be enacted by state law.
- The Heritage Foundation study of fraudulent voters from 1986 to 2025 found 123 fraudulent voters in NC out of 81,677,000 votes cast, or 0.0002%. This amount averages out to 3.15 people per year.

Diane Lemieux
Arapahoe

Guidelines for Letters to the Editor/Submissions:

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



Gary Jackson Brinson, 74, of New Bern, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2026, at The Gardens of Trent. Gary was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, faithful servant, and a friend to many. He lived his life by the Golden Rule, treating others with the same kindness, generosity, and respect that he hoped to receive in return. He had a genuine willingness to help others and was known throughout the community for his caring heart and generous spirit. A graduate of Pamlico County High School, Gary dedicated 45 years of his life to the banking industry. He began his career as a teller and worked his way through numerous positions, ultimately advancing to vice president. Throughout his years in banking, Gary became much more than a banker to the people he served. He helped many individuals and businesses take their first steps toward achieving their dreams, including providing some with their very first loans. His knowledge, honesty, and willingness to help made a lasting difference in the lives of countless people throughout the community. Gary was a lifelong member of Rock of Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church, where his faith was an important part of his life. Over the years, he faithfully served his church as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, choir member, and church treasurer. He loved his church family and found great joy in being involved in its activities and serving others. Those who knew Gary will remember many things about him, but perhaps most of all, they will remember his wonderful sense of humor, his generosity, and his dependability. Gary was famously punctual—if he was supposed to be somewhere at a certain time, everyone could count on him being there 15 to 20 minutes early. He believed in doing things the right way and being there when

people needed him. Outside of work and church, Gary enjoyed building houses and trading cars. He loved hunting, boating, and traveling, but some of his greatest enjoyment came from simply spending time with his family. He was a proud grandfather who loved attending his grandchildren’s sporting events and cheering them on. Whether gathered around the dinner table, traveling together, attending a ballgame, or participating in church activities, Gary treasured the time he spent with those he loved. Gary’s life was one of service, faith, hard work, and love. He leaves behind a legacy not only in the family he cherished, but also in the many lives he touched through his career, his church, and his kindness to others. He never hesitated to lend a helping hand, and his influence will continue through the countless people who were fortunate enough to know him. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Carol Brinson; his mother, Frances Brinson; and his sister, Phyllis Banks. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 53 years, Sharon Hardison Brinson; his daughters, Kimberly Brinson Potter and husband, Derek, and Megan Brinson Harper and husband, Benny; his grandchildren, Hunter, Dylan, Bryce, Khloe, and Madison; his nephew, Freddie Ethel and wife, Kelly; and his great-niece, Ryleigh Ethel. A funeral service was held at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home on Sunday, September 13, with the Rev. Ray Lewis officiating. Private interment followed in Grantsboro Cemetery. The family received friends and relatives prior to the service at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rock of Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church, PO Box 381, Grantsboro, NC 28529 in Gary’s memory.

Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance, NC.

Resource Fair for Substance Use Disorder

by: Hiram Lupton

Substance abuse, whether it be drugs, alcohol, or something else, has destroyed many lives in our community, not just of the abuser, but of their loved ones as well. There are avenues for help out there and last Saturday, many of the local groups and organizations offering that help were at the Motion Church parking lot in Grantsboro for the Resource Fair for Substance Use Disorder. Information was available on recovery and treatment options, mental health and wellness, reentry services, as well as assistance with housing and basic needs. There was also info that focused on family and peer support. The event was sponsored by the Hope Clinic and the New Beginnings Program. Connecting people with the help they need.



Oriental’s History Museum Fall Exhibit:

Honoring the Ol’ Front Porch Music Festival ~ Keeping the Music Alive

Exhibit Opens: Friday, September 25th and runs through December
Reception with wine and light refreshments will be held Saturday, October 17th from 1-4pm.

Oriental's History Museum's Fall special exhibit honors the History of the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival. Inspired by the Ol' Store where people gathered to play music, this three-day festival held each October celebrates the musical heritage of North Carolina on front porches and venues throughout historic Oriental's walkable village and on a Riverfront Stage at Lou Mac Park. Musicians present Folk, Americana, Bluegrass, Country, Jazz, Gospel music and more. Visit the Museum to learn more about the inspiration for the festival, how it all began and how it's grown over the years and view our amazing collection of festival memorabilia!



The Museum is open Friday from 11am-3pm and Saturday from 1-4pm and available for private or group tours by appointment. Admission is always free, donations are gratefully accepted. Oriental's History Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 802 Broad St., Oriental. Follow us on Facebook, or email us at orientalhistorymuseum@gmail.com.

HEARTWORMS are a concern for pet owners, and some people may wonder if they should be concerned about heartworm disease for themselves. The National Institutes of Health notes heartworms can infect humans, but adds that it is extremely rare and generally not a serious health concern. Dogs are still the primary host for heartworms, but humans can become accidental hosts through mosquito bites. However, Healthline advises that heartworm larvae never fully mature in humans, and in many cases a person will not experience any symptoms. It's important to note that heartworms are transmitted exclusively by a mosquito bite; a human cannot contract heartworms directly from their pet.

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

Questions to Ask Your Financial Advisor



Dan M. Roberts

You should always be able to ask as many questions as you'd like when working with your financial advisor. So, before your annual review, think carefully about what you'd like to ask. Here are a few suggestions:

First, ask if your goals are still realistic. For example, are you still on track toward retiring at a particular age? If not, you may need to adjust your investment strategy.

Also, if you find yourself feeling nervous or uncomfortable about

your investment results, you might want to ask if your investment mix is still appropriate for your risk tolerance. Maybe it's time to rebalance your portfolio.

Here's another possible question: Ask if changes in your life — such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, new children or grandchildren — will affect the way you invest or the goals you've set.

Finally, ask how you should respond to external changes such as higher interest rates, stock market fluctuations or changes in tax laws. A financial professional can provide you with valuable guidance — so take advantage of it by asking the right questions.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

Rain Drops Are Falling, Catch Them!

Daniel Simpson, County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



It has been a long, hot, dry summer, and many crops have suffered as a result. However, more frequent rain events are starting to occur, and long-range forecasts predict a strong El Nino pattern that will increase chances of precipitation during winter months. To capitalize on this potential available moisture, homeowners might consider revisiting the ancient practice of rainwater harvesting.

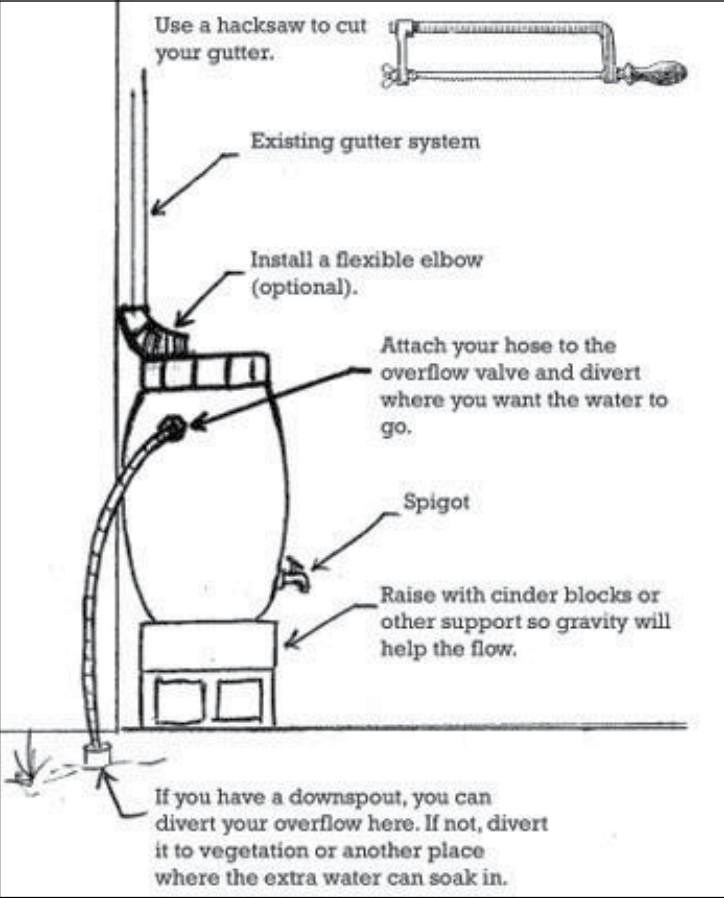
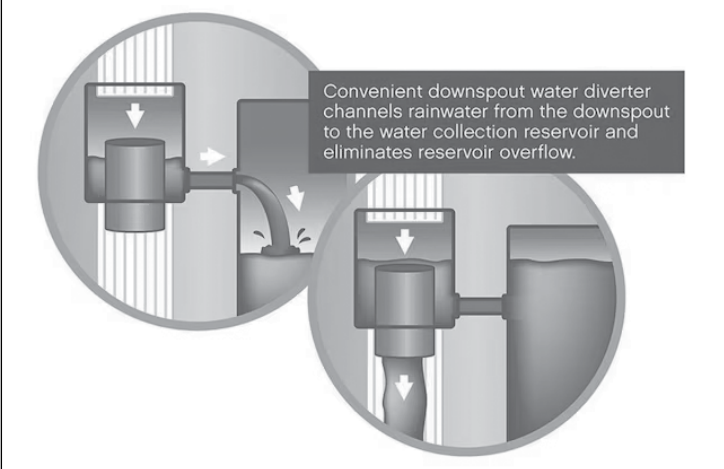
Rainwater harvesting is not a new or complicated practice, but it does offer an affordable method to store water for future periods of drought, and can help reduce the use of municipal water for activities like irrigation. One inch of rainfall (depth) over 1000 square feet produces 623 gallons of water. With the roof of many homes covering similar square footage, large amounts of water can easily be captured from this impervious surface that is often lost through our drainage systems (drainage is still very important in Pamlico County).

Simple containers like trash cans or barrels can be repurposed to capture rainwater, or commercial models can also be purchased. Larger containers called cisterns can also be utilized, but their size and weight make planning for their use an important concern. Whether cistern or rain barrel, there are four essential components of each structure: the actual storage vessel (barrel or cistern), a gutter system to gather and direct water into the vessel, a means of controlling overflow (when the vessel is full, water must be directed elsewhere), and a means to remove water from the vessel (spigot, pump, or pipe to utilize collected water).



Adapting an existing gutter is the most coinvent method to capture rainwater, with numerous commercial gutter adapters available that can both fill a rain barrel and then redirect flow when the barrel is full. A gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds, and is an important consideration when choosing barrel materials and siting collection locations. Once a barrel is full of water, it is unlikely you can move it easily and the ground or structure on which you place your barrel should also be strong enough to support this weight.

If you plan to harvest rainwater for irrigation, consider how much water you will need and how far from the rain barrel your target plants or crops will be. Toting multiple gallons of water over long distances is tiresome and will quickly decrease the likelihood that you will utilize a rain barrel. Plants generally require one-inch of water per week during active growth (maybe more when it is hot and dry), and smaller rain barrels can quickly be depleted with little rainfall. Always have a backup plan when that barrel runs dry.



If you would like more information on rain water harvesting, visit the NC State Extension Water Resource website at <https://waterresources.ces.ncsu.edu/news/rainwater-harvesting-guidance-and-resources/>. You may also contact Daniel Simpson at the Pamlico County Extension office by calling 252-745-4121 or emailing Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

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Pamlico County High School Celebrates Student Success and Growing Opportunities

100% in Calculus AB, 96% in Precalculus, 86% in Art History, 86% in English Language and Composition, 86% in English Literature and Composition, and 80% in Physics.

Opportunities for PCHS students extend well beyond Advanced Placement. During the 2025–2026 school year, 97 students took at least one college course, giving students another opportunity to begin advanced coursework while still in high school.

Career and Technical Education students also reached a major milestone, earning 683 industry credentials during the 2025–2026 school year, compared with 313 the previous year - more than doubling the number earned in a single year.

Those credentials represent practical skills and qualifications across a wide variety of fields. Examples include credentials connected to electrical trades, drone technology, Adobe Academy programs such as Photoshop and Illustrator, Emergency Medical Technician training and OSHA workplace safety.

Together, these opportunities demonstrate that there is no single path to success after high school. Some PCHS students are earning college credit before graduation. Others are completing advanced academic courses or gaining industry-recognized credentials and skills that can help prepare them to enter the workforce.

“We are incredibly proud of the work happening at Pamlico County High School,” Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Johnson said. “Preparing students for the future means recognizing that success will not look exactly the same for every student. Our job is to provide opportunities, support students as they discover their strengths and interests, and make sure they leave us prepared for their next step.”

The results reflect the hard work of PCHS students who have accepted new challenges and the teachers who have worked diligently alongside them. Pamlico County Schools is proud of their accomplishments and excited about continuing to build opportunities that prepare students for life beyond high school.

Whether the next step is enrollment, employment or enlistment, the goal is the same: every Hurricane prepared for what comes next.

OWC Holds Open House

by: Hiram Lupton



Last Sunday afternoon, the Oriental Woman's Club held an Open House event to emphasize the newly refurbished interior of their building highlighted by fresh new flooring. “We felt it was time to spruce the place up a bit,” said Club President Maryellen Bickel. There was an interesting find when club members began cleaning out some of the old space in the building. Club scrapbooks dating back to the mid 1950's. This treasure trove of information includes old newspaper clippings and photographs that chronicle not only the history of the club, but the town of Oriental. The hope is to possibly donate these books to the Oriental History Museum or the Pamlico County Heritage Center in Grantsboro. The Oriental Woman's Club is available to rent for meetings and private functions. Give them a call at 252-671-5317 for more information.



Photograph of the Bob Scott Bridge under construction from April of 1974.

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Answer: Joint

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.”

– T. S. Eliot

PCPS Begins New School Year Rooted in Community and Connection

By: Elizabeth Harwick, Public Information Officer, Pamlico County Schools

BAYBORO, N.C. — Before students ever walked through the doors of Pamlico County Primary School for the 2026–27 school year, their teachers began the year somewhere a little unexpected - out in the community.



On their first day back, PCPS staff members traded classrooms for local businesses and community organizations as they participated in the school's "Pups Pay It Forward" scavenger hunt.

Working in teams and following clues to stops throughout Pamlico County, staff members were given a simple assignment at each destination: thank the people who support their school, support a local business and spread a little kindness along the way.

The activity was a fitting beginning to a school year at a school where the connection between classroom and community is never very far away.

Throughout the year, local businesses, organizations, families and community members support PCPS students and staff in countless ways. Pups Pay It Forward gave teachers and staff an opportunity to turn that relationship around and begin their year by showing their appreciation for the community that continually shows up for them.

That community support was evident again as PCPS prepared to welcome its youngest learners back to school.

Open House



Open House brought students and their families into the building ahead of the first day, with classrooms ready, teachers waiting and a colorful balloon arch welcoming families at the entrance.

The arch has itself become something of a PCPS tradition thanks to Mrs. Vicki Thomas, who has generously given her time and talents to create the school's balloon displays. Thomas has become known for taking the school's ideas and turning them into elaborate creations that help make special occasions even more memorable for students and families.

When the first day of school finally arrived, PCPS was filled with new and returning students and plenty of smiles. For the school's youngest students, however, the first days of school are about much more than academics.

Teachers spend those early days intentionally building relationships, establishing classroom routines and helping children learn what it means to be part of their school community.

Grade-level assemblies during the opening week gave students an opportunity to learn and review bus safety, practice the school's PUPS behavior expectations and hear about some of the activities they can look forward to during the year.

PCPS has also introduced a new way for families and community members to hear about school directly from the people experiencing it.

"This Week at PCPS" features students talking about what they have learned, enjoyed and experienced during their week at school. The new feature gives students a chance to use their own voices while giving families a glimpse into everyday life inside PCPS.

And on Friday, September 11, the connection between school, family and community was on full display as PCPS continued a favorite tradition! Breakfast with Grandparents.

More than 150 grandparents came through the doors to spend the morning with their grandchildren, filling the school with multiple generations of Pamlico families.

For students, it was a chance to bring some of their favorite people into their world at PCPS. For grandparents, it was an opportunity to share a little piece of their grandchildren's school experience. And for the school, the turnout was another reminder of what is possible in a small community where families continue to show up for their children and their schools.

In many ways, the morning brought the first few weeks of the school year full circle.

PCPS staff began their year by leaving the school building and heading into Pamlico County for Pups Pay It Forward, thanking the businesses, organizations and people who continually support their students.

Just a few weeks later, more than 150 grandparents came through those same school doors.

From local businesses and former families who continue to give back, to grandparents sharing breakfast with their grandchildren, the opening weeks of 2026–27 have shown that the connection between PCPS and the community surrounding it goes both ways.

It is a relationship built over years and generations - and one that continues with every new group of Pups who walks through the doors.

Grandparents Lunch



New “Home” for Books



Another familiar PCPS family also left a lasting gift behind this summer.

Former PCPS parent and PTO member Sam Gay took the school's library book return home and gave it a complete transformation, turning the ordinary book return into a miniature house - a special "home" for the books students return to the library. Ms. Sam even provided seasonal decorations so the little house can change throughout the year.

Although her son has now moved on to Fred A. Anderson Elementary School, the project is one more reminder that families don't necessarily stop being part of a school community simply because their children move on to the next building.



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HOPE Celebrates 10 Years of Animal Rescue

by: Hiram Lupton



HOPE founder Sharon Vandiford

There have been many long days for Sharon Vandiford in the last 10 years. Lots of hard work and lots of worry about how to make ends meet. But for the founder of Horses of Pamlico, etc. (HOPE), it all comes from her love of animals and the desire to give them a better life. “It’s hard to believe it has been 10 years, but we are still here doing what we can to make a difference,” says Sharon. That difference is improving the lives of abused or abandoned animals. Of course, the “H” in HOPE stands for Horse, but the “etc.”, means pretty much any animal from dogs to cats to pigs to cows and donkeys. “We nearly took in a snake one time, but thankfully another group that had more experience with reptiles stepped up and fostered it. I’ve never cared for a snake, but if I needed to, I was willing to learn.” While the epicenter of HOPE is at Vandiford’s ranch on Moore’s Swamp Road in Reelsboro, it is really a network of area animal lovers like herself who are willing to devote their time and resources to fostering and caring for animals while they hopefully await adoption to their forever home. Sometimes for the animal,

that time is spent in rehabilitation, both physically and mentally. The ultimate goal is finding a forever home for these animals, but some may not be adoptable due to age or health issues. For them, the aim is that they can live their best life in a loving caring environment. Last Saturday, HOPE held an open house and 10th anniversary celebration. It was an opportunity to meet some of the horses and the caring volunteers who make



this a great organization. Donations are always welcome, but donations don’t always come in dollars. “If anyone wants to volunteer their time, we can always find something for them to do, even if they don’t know anything about horses. All that is required is a love of animals.” HOPE is located at 135 Moore’s Swamp Road, New Bern, and can be reached at 252-474-7838. They have a Facebook page, Horses of Pamlico, and a website, horsesofpamlico.com.



– Some of the Residents and Volunteers of HOPE & Residents of HOPE

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Oriental Rotary Celebrates 75th Anniversary

by: Hiram Lupton

There are many excellent civic organizations in Pamlico County, and you would be hard pressed to find one more active, giving, and charitable than the Rotary Club of Oriental. You would also be hard pressed to find one with the longevity of the group. They had their first meeting on September 10, 1951, and appropriately enough, last Thursday, September 10, 2026, they celebrated their 75th anniversary with an evening of great food, recollections, and thoughts on the future at the Oriental Woman's Club. Club President Carol DeMoranville welcomed attendees and introduced the speakers for the evening. Past club President, and current Mayor of Oriental, Sally Belangia, read a resolution from the town congratulating the club on their years of outstanding service to the community. Several of the longest serving club members, Mr. Hugh Midyette and Mr. Jack Mason reminisced about the early history of the club. Mr. Midyette has been a member since 1959. Mr. Tony Santore spoke about some of the more recent history of the organization. Also on hand were Rotary Club District 7720 officials who added their voice in congratulating the club on 75 outstanding years. District Governor Brownie Futrell spoke that the Oriental Rotary not only has "quantity of years, but the quality of service," and have set the standard for the district. Service above self. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Oriental for 75 great years, with 75 more to come. A special thanks to Mrs. Phyllis Yodlowski for her hard work putting this anniversary celebration together.



PCHA Opens Fall Season

Last Saturday turned into a beautiful afternoon for the Pamlico County Horseman's Association (PCHA) first game show of their fall season. There were plenty of chances for riders to show off their skills and walk away with a few ribbons. After a break during the summer heat, the George Brinson Memorial Riding Arena will have plenty of action until the end of October.

September 26th – PCHA Schooling Show – 9 AM
October 3rd – Little Fork Ranch Show – 9 AM
October 10th – PCHA Gaming Show – 10 AM
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Heritage Day at Pamlico County Heritage Center

Submitted by: Brandi Prescott Robertson

Pamlico County Historical Association will host its annual Heritage Day on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., celebrating the traditions, history, and community spirit that define Pamlico County. The event will feature historical exhibits, live demonstrations, children's activities, live music, local vendors and food.

Heritage Day continues to grow each year, offering residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy a family-friendly day focused on the culture and craftsmanship of Eastern North Carolina.

Craft Vendor Invitation - PCHA is currently seeking craft vendors, artisans, and makers interested in participating. Vendors offering handmade goods, traditional crafts, or heritage-inspired items are encouraged to apply. Space is limited, and early registration is recommended.

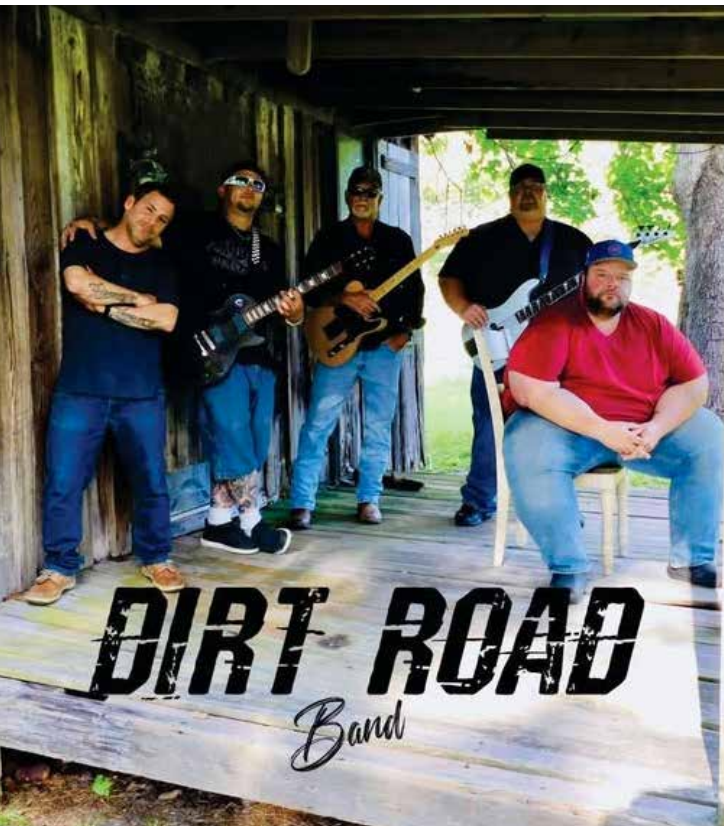
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Lady ‘Canes Split for Week

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Volleyball squad played a pair of home matches this week and earned a 1-1 split. On Wednesday, Pamlico welcomed an always tough opponent, 5A West Carteret to Bayboro. A tough task got even tougher as Pamlico would be without one of their key players, particularly on defense, Sidney Whitley-Reese. She suffered a broken middle finger on her right hand during flag football practice and will miss several games but hopes to possibly return to the court before the end of the season and plans to definitely be ready for basketball season. The Patriots came to play and dominated Pamlico the first set, taking a 25-6 win. Many teams would go ahead and roll over and call it a short night, but these are the Hurricanes and they don't roll over for anybody. Although they dropped the next two sets, both by scores of 25-22, you saw the never say quit attitude that April Rose coached teams are famous for. Final score 3-0 (25-6, 25-22, 25-22) West Carteret. The



Emma Charles-Craft digs it out



Avery Hettinger (#4) goes high for a kill

following evening, Pamlico saw their first conference action of the season as they took on Lejeune. Pamlico went to work, taking the first two sets before dropping the third. They then closed things out in the fourth against the game, but overmatched Devil Pups, 3-1 (25-16, 25-14, 17-25, 25-17). Hayden Gibbs-Ireland had an awesome match for Pamlico with 19 kills. She had

some help from Avery Hettinger who knocked down 11. All those kills mean that somebody is doing an outstanding job setting and that somebody was Lila Mehring who had 31 assists. This week Pamlico will enjoy some home cooking with three home matches on the menu Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. East Carteret, Havelock, and Jones Senior all visit Bayboro.

Pamlico Middle School Athletics
Volleyball

by: Hiram Lupton



Head Coach Jeremy Forbes goes over pregame strategy with the team

The Pamlico County Middle School Volleyball team opened their season last week in a brand new gym. On Tuesday they welcomed Grover C. Fields Middle School to Bayboro and earned a split, losing the first match 0-2, while coming back in the second to take a win 2-1. In middle school volleyball the two



Kayton Forbes with a kill at the net



Ada Spangler gives maximum effort

teams typically play a best, 2 out of 3 doubleheader. Thursday the Hurricanes hosted West Craven Middle School and Pamlico was on top of their game as they swept the Wildcats 2-0, 2-0. This week PCMS will host H.J. MacDonald on Tuesday and travel to Tucker Creek on Thursday.

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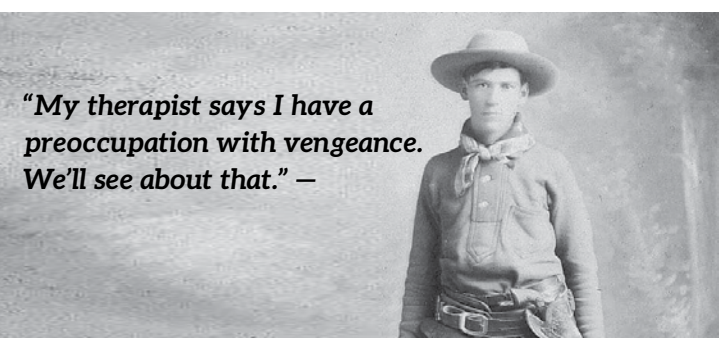
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File No.: 26E000140-680**

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FILE NO.: 26SP000042-680
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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 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

ESTATE OF JOHN DALTON WHITFORD
C/O M. SCOTT WHITFORD
1903 SCOTTS STORE RD
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

Publish SEPTEMBER 16, 23, 30 AND OCTOBER 7, 2026.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
JOHN DALTON WHITFORD
File No.: 26E000167-680**

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

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

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Health&Wellness



National Preparedness Month: Simple, Budget-Friendly Steps to Help Your Family Prepare for Emergencies

The best way to protect yourself and the people you care about is to be prepared before an emergency happens

CHARLOTTE, N.C., September 9th, 2026 — September is **National Preparedness Month**, a reminder that small steps taken today can make a big difference during an emergency. But for many families, preparing for emergencies can feel financially out of reach. What if getting your household ready doesn't have to break the bank? The American Red Cross has put together a few simple, low-cost or no-cost steps you can take to put your household on the road to preparedness.

1. A great place to start, and it won't cost a thing, is to develop an emergency plan.

Pick two places to meet - right outside your home and another outside your neighborhood. Think about how you'll evacuate - where will you go and how will you get there? Don't forget your pets - make them part of your plan. Make up emergency contact cards for the whole family in case the internet is down and save the information on everyone's phone.

2. Another simple, low-cost or no-cost step is to build a go-kit and a stay-at-home kit.

What should be included? Find out here. Could this be a budget breaker? There are ways to keep the costs down. Does your area have tax-free days for emergency supplies? Build your kit slowly, get one item at a time. Look for sales - buy one, get one free, clearance bins, clip coupons, shop discount stores.

3. Download the Red Cross Emergency app which helps you and your loved ones before, during, and after a disaster.

This step is absolutely free. The app includes guides to help you prepare, National Weather Service alerts, live weather maps and help locating Red Cross shelters. It's available in English and Spanish, and designed with accessibility in mind. Find it by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or visiting redcross.org/apps.

4. Sign up for emergency alerts from your local government.

Find out how officials get out critical local information — like evacuation notices — during an emergency. Learn what disasters or emergencies may occur in your area. These events can range from those affecting only you and your family, like a home fire or medical emergency, to those affecting your entire community, like an earthquake or flood.

5. Is your business, school or organization prepared for an emergency?

Anyone who interacts with your facility is depending on you to be ready. The Red Cross offers a free service - the Ready Rating Program - that helps businesses, schools and organizations become prepared for emergencies. Ready Rating members have access to tools, resources and information for improving their ability to withstand disaster, maintain operations, and protect lives and property. Whether your workplace is large or small, you can join this free, self-paced program. As a member, you will complete easy self-assessments to measure your level of preparedness and find areas that need improvement.

Disasters don't wait for a convenient time. They can strike overnight, during your commute or while your children are at school. The best way to protect yourself and the people you care about is to be prepared before an emergency happens. National Preparedness Month is a great time to take these simple, low-cost or no-cost steps to help keep your household safe when the unexpected happens.



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Alliance Presented Painting of Old Stone Bridge

by: Hiram Lupton



At Monday’s Board meeting, the Town of Alliance received a very special presentation. Renowned local artist Joan Leary presented the town with an original painting she did of the old stone bridge on Main Street. The Bridge, built in 1921, spans the West Ditch Canal, an extension of the Southwest Prong of Bay River and is a local landmark. The 105-year-old, one-lane bridge is currently on the NCDOT’s list for future replacement, with that possibly coming as soon as 2027. The painting will be hung in Town Hall. The Town of Alliance expresses it’s upmost appreciation to Mrs. Leary for her outstanding piece of art depicting this landmark of the town.

– Mrs. Joan Leary and her painting of the Old Stone Bridge.



Artist Joan Leary presents her painting to Mayor Will Riggs and the Alliance Town Board.

white meat or dark meat

Chicken is a wildly popular food source that contributes 90 percent of the world’s poultry meat production according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Chicken lovers may wonder if white meat really is, as some suggest, a healthier option than dark meat. That answer is somewhat elusive, and a side-by-side comparison of the two conducted by a registered dietitian for EatingWell affirms that elusiveness. One cup of dark meat (3.4 grams) is higher in saturated fat than the same size portion of white meat (1.4 grams), and that’s arguably the reason behind the former’s reputation as a less healthy option than the latter. But some may note that the fat content in dark meat makes it juicier and therefore requires less seasoning than white meat. Chicken seasoning tends to be high in sodium, which can offset some of the nutritional benefits of white meat compared to dark meat, particularly since the sodium content in each type of meat is roughly the same (133 milligrams for dark meat, 104 milligrams for white meat). Individuals who have certain health conditions, such as diabetes and pancreatitis, should opt for white meat over dark meat because they have much to gain from eating a low-fat diet. Others can consult with their physicians to determine if their best option is white meat or dark meat.



Did you know?

Training a dog can help dog owners ensure the safety and well-being of their furry friends and foster a stronger relationship between an owner and their pet. The professional trainers at the Texas-based Dog Alliance report it typically takes four to six months to teach basic obedience commands. But no two dogs are the same, and some may take to training more readily than others. Other dogs may experience behavioral challenges that extend the length of time it takes to train the animal. The Dog Alliance also notes that additional variables unique to each dog, including age and breed, also can affect the time it takes to train a dog.



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3	\$ 81,960	\$ 6,830	\$ 1,839
4	\$ 99,000	\$ 8,250	\$ 2,221
5	\$ 116,040	\$ 9,670	\$ 2,603
6	\$ 133,080	\$ 11,090	\$ 2,986
7	\$ 150,120	\$ 12,510	\$ 3,368
8	\$ 162,450	\$ 13,930	\$ 3,750
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2026 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

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