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Did You Know?
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Though certain elements of modern-day Valentine's Day celebrations can be traced back to the 14th century, chocolate is not one of them. In his 1382 poem, "Parlement of Foules," English poet Geoffrey Chaucer became the first to connect romance with St. Valentine's Day. Over the next several centuries, the day's connection to romance only grew stronger, and by the Victorian era in England, it was not uncommon for lovers to profess their affections through songs, poetry and even the giving of roses as gifts. It was during the Victorian era that British chocolate manufacturer Richard Cadbury began searching for ways to use the cocoa butter that his company was extracting during the production of their drinking chocolate. In 1861, Cadbury decided to produce edible chocolates, which he even sold and marketed in heart-shaped boxes decorated with images of Cupid and rosebuds. It would be a few more decades before edible chocolates caught on in the United States, where they remain a must-have item for many Valentine's Day celebrants more than 150 years after Cadbury first began selling them.

Farmers.gov Interactive Website Unveiled



Grand Rapids, MI – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue unveiled Farmers.gov, the new interactive one-stop website for producers maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Farmers.gov is now live but will have multiple features added over the coming months to allow agricultural producers to make appointments with USDA offices, file forms, and apply for USDA programs. The website, launched at a breakfast hosted by the Michigan Farm Bureau, gathers together the three agencies that comprise USDA's Farm Production and Conservation mission area: the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Risk Management Agency.

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Military Training Operations Down East



U.S. Navy special boat teams will conduct navigation training in and around Cherry Point waterways February 12 - March 1. They will also conduct surface direct live fire training at Marine Corps Bombing Targets 9 and 11 as late as midnight each night during this period.

A small contingent of Marine forward air controllers will operate in and around the town of Oriental February 12-16. They will support simulated close air support missions as late as 10 p.m. above the town during this period - residents should expect to see both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, possibly low, over the town.

There will be an increase in military vehicular traffic in the vicinity of Marine Corps Outlying Landing Field Atlantic during this same period due to ground operations on the airfield in support of the training.

Boaters should remain clear of the restricted areas surrounding Bombing Targets 9 and 11. This is also a reminder to boaters and hunters that Bombing Target 11, commonly known as Piney Island in the southern Pamlico Sound, is a U.S. Government restricted area. Trespassers risk serious injury or death, as well as prosecution for trespassing.

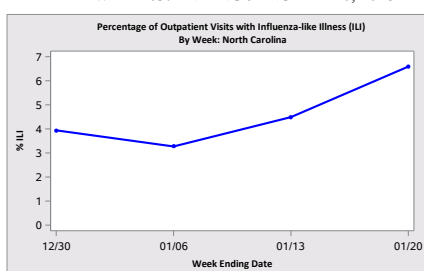


No Daffodils Yet!

But Meet Dustin Turnage and he will tell you that Spring is just around the corner. We ran into Dustin down in Minnesott Beach whose sandy elevation makes it drier than other targets in the county this day. Dustin says "the calls are starting to come in" asking him to break out his impressively slim but powerfully specialized machine and bush hog those overgrown lots into appealing pieces of land! Signs of impending growth could be interpreted in those calls. Either way, the ground hog has been rattled away from its shadow if Dustin Turnage is around.

You Flu Too?

NORTH CAROLINA WEEKLY INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY
2017-2018 INFLUENZA SEASON
WEEK 03: ENDING JANUARY 20, 2018



Statewide Updates
Influenza-like illness (ILI) increased during week 3. The geographic spread of flu was WIDESPREAD for the week ending 1/20/2018. Of the 14 samples submitted to the State Laboratory of Public Health (SLPH) for viral testing this week, 4 positive for influenza A(H3), 2 positive for influenza A(H1N1) and 1 was positive for influenza B. Hospital-based Public Health Epidemiologists (PHEs) reported 1,145 positive influenza results out of 2,501 samples tested during week 3 (ending 1/20/2018); 736 were positive for influenza A(unknown), 216 were positive for influenza A(H3), 144 were positive for influenza B, and 49 were positive for influenza A(H1).

Regional Updates
The proportion of visits due to ILI in Region 4 (Southeastern US) was above baseline at 7.30% for week 2 (ending 1/13/2018). The baseline for the region is 1.9%.

National Updates
The proportion of outpatient visits due to ILI nationally was 6.32% for week 2 (ending 1/13/2018). The national baseline for ILI is 2.2%.

International Updates
January 22, 2018 - Influenza activity continued to increase in the temperate zone of the northern hemisphere while in the temperate zone of the southern hemisphere activity was at inter-seasonal levels. Worldwide, influenza A accounted for the majority of influenza detections (62%) but influenza B (mostly from the Yamagata lineage) has increased proportionally. In North America, overall influenza activity remained high, with detections of predominantly influenza A(H3N2) viruses. In Europe, influenza activity increased above baseline levels in most countries. Influenza B remained the virus most frequently detected. In Western Asia, increasing influenza activity was reported in some countries, with influenza A(H1N1) and B viruses present. In East Asia, high levels of influenza activity were reported and influenza B-Yamagata lineage virus was predominant followed by influenza A(H3N2) viruses. In Northern Africa, detections of influenza A(H1N1) virus sharply increased in Algeria and Tunisia. Detections of influenza B virus remained high in Egypt and Morocco. In Western and Eastern Africa, influenza activity continued to decrease across the region. In the Caribbean and Central American countries, respiratory illness indicators and influenza activity remained low.

Flu Information and Guidance	
North Carolina www.flu.nc.gov	CDC www.cdc.gov/flu

N.C. Weekly Influenza Summary - January 20, 2018

Since this Flu Season has received so much National attention for its ferocity and frequency The Pamlico News wanted to uncover the true impact in our county. We found the statistics somewhat surprising!

Pamlico County Health Director, Scott Lenhart, says "it is indicative of the flu versus a 'cold' if you have a fever". If you have a fever, go to the doctor and get tested. If you test positive for the flu and catch it early enough, the doctor can prescribe an antiviral that will significantly ease

the progression of the symptoms whether you have had the vaccine or not". Up to now, it does not appear that our area has been unusually affected by the flu like some others in the state or nation.

Although, this week's data from the N.C. Weekly Influenza Summary (www.flu.nc.gov) published in conjunction with the CDC (www.cdc.gov/flu) shows a small uptick of flu cases in our region (Region 1) over the last few weeks just as it has state-wide. As of January 31st,

See Flu, page A

PCC Cosmetology, Esthetics Students Team Up For Valentine's Project

By Sandy Wall, Pamlico Community College

Hand-on training is an integral part of Pamlico Community College's Cosmetology and Esthetics programs - but no one said it couldn't be fun, too!

Students in the two Bayboro-based program are teaming up for a special class project that will enhance their respective skills and give community residents a chance to indulge their sweeties - or even themselves - for Valentine's Day.

Students and instructors Cosmetology and Esthetics will be offering a special Valentine's week package from Monday, Feb. 12, through Thursday, Feb. 15.

The package includes a rejuvenating 30-minute strawberry and chocolate facial by Esthetics students, plus a makeup application. Next, participants will enjoy an invigorating shampoo, blow-dry and styling from Cosmetology students.

The entire package costs \$16. Instructors say it's a great way for students in the two programs to apply what they've learned and for residents to treat themselves to something out of the ordinary.

"It's a win-win," said Debi Fulcher, who leads PCC's Cosmetology program. "It's a chance for our students to practice, and it's an opportunity for residents to enjoy a package at an attractive price. It's also a chance to show

Birding Enthusiasts Visit Mattamuskeet



(From Left to Right) Diane Midness, Elaine Hill, Bill Lynn, Christine Root and Sheryl McNair are in high alert seeking out local birding observations.

The 5th annual Winter Birding Class through Pamlico Community College recently completed its course on 1/30 with trips to various spots in the County. Led by Master Birder Sheryl McNair (who is President of the Carolina Bird Club) and with the assistance of Diane Midness, approximately 12 people experienced a variety of birding locales each Tuesday during the month of January. The highlight is always the annual trip to Mattamuskeet, which found a disappointing amount of Snow Geese this year. Class highpoints included seeing White Pelicans, Woodcock,

Snipes and Pipits.

In past years participants observed hundreds of Snow Geese in a 'take off', visiting the Pungo Wildlife Refuge seeing 'Cooperative Farms for Wildlife' in action and a Swamp Sparrow singing on a picnic table during a lunch break.

The Birding Class was a result of the visionary Liz Lathrope and eventually expanded to spring and fall sections. Many times the courses have a waiting list and attract people from as far away as Morehead City.

There are still slots left in the upcoming Spring Birding Class, which will begin March 20th.

PCMS Boys' Basketball To Host Championship



Jakobi Blackman gets one of his 8 blocks Zymir Best at the foul line for the Hurricanes

Submitted by Henry Rice, PCS Director of Student Services

The Pamlico County Middle School boys' basketball team defeated Grover C. Fields Middle School, 38 - 22, on Thursday, February 1 in the semi-finals of the Coastal Middle School Conference tournament. The Hurricanes came out slow and fell behind early in the first quarter, but were able to climb back and tie the game at the half, 15-15. It was a different story in the third quarter as the Hurricanes' tenacious defense forced turnovers which led to easy points. The Canes were led by J.D. Gibbs with 17 points and 5 steals. Zymir Best added 13 points. Dez Bragg had 2 points and 5 rebounds and Isaiah Godette scored 2 points with 4 rebounds. The big man in the middle, Jakobi Blackman, blocked 8 shots and also scored 2 points. The Hurricanes now advance to the championship game, which will be at home on Wednesday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m. The girl's championship game, H. J. MacDonald vs. Havelock, will begin at 4:00. Come out and support our middle school Hurricanes.

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OBITUARIES

- Mrs. Frances H. Mayo, age 94, of Aurora
- Danny Craig Perry, age 64, of Hobucken



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Traffic was backed up on 304 in Grantsboro on Mondya when bystanders say a truck hit a DOT truck and forced it to tip over into a ditch along the side of the road.

NOTABLES

Goose Creek State Park Palmetto Boardwalk Hike

Saturday, February 10th at 2 p.m. Meet at the visitor center to discover why our wetlands are so very important and absolutely amazing! Call the park office at 252-923-2191 for more details.



For Everyone Feb 9 from 5:30 to 10 pm at 802 Country Club Drive, Arapahoe. Cocktail Hour, Dinner and Dancing. Wine and Beer Cash Bar. Music by Bob Laverty. Call Terry Bobbin @252-249-0813 for reservations. Call Rock Rockwell @802-318-7493 for questions. Either Dinner (\$30) or dancing (\$20) can be enjoyed separately.

OUWC Women's Retreat

4th Annual Women's Retreat," A Divine Connection" will be on February 24 from 9 am to 4pm at Camp Caroline. Our presenter this year is Sally Robinson, a Presbyterian minister from Columbus Ohio. Engaging conversations centered around the book, "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant (recommended not required) about Dianah, the only daughter of Jacob and current women's issues. All are welcome. Hosted by Oriental United Methodist Women. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Please come! RSVP 249-0213

Turning 60 in 2018?

Anyone turning 60 in 2018? If you are interested in the "Party of the Year", please contact Sally Belangia at 252-671-9288.

Pamlico Amateur Radio Society

The Pamlico Amateur Radio Society holds it's monthly meetings on the last Saturday of the month. The meetings will be held in the back room of Brantley's Restaurant in Oriental from 9 am to 10 am. Everyone is welcome as well as amateur radio enthusiasts. Please park in the back to allow for customer parking. For more information go to www.n4prs.org or email: n4prs@arrl.net

Bingo At Minnesott Golf & CC

Minnesott Golf & Country Club BINGO Night is Back! February 21st! Everyone Welcome, Come and Join us! \$10 Packets on Sale at 5:30pm. Supper available at 6:00PM for \$8. PLAY Begins at 6:30PM. Minneo Bingo takes place on the 3rd Wednesday AFTER the Last Bingo Event. Next Date is February 21st!



Oriental Farmers Market

Open every Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Located on Hodges Street in front of Garland Fulchers Seafood. The market features a wide variety of goodies including locally grown produce, farm fresh eggs, home-baked breads, biscotti, cookies, cakes, pies as well as preserves and chocolates.



Pamlico Chorale

Make Music a Part of Your Life. Performing members and the artistic director of the Pamlico Chorale invite you to SING WITH US! Please join us on Mondays, 7:00-9:00 PM in the fellowship hall of the Oriental United Methodist Church* as we begin preparing for our Annual Spring Concert The Pamlico Chorale is a volunteer group sponsored by the Pamlico Arts Council. No auditions necessary.

OWC Chowder Cook-off

Oriental Woman's Club Chowder Cook-off, March 17, at Oriental Marina Courtyard, 11:30-1:30, taste different kinds of St Patty's Day chowders, vote for the BEST and enjoy music of Harbor Sounds. Call Sally Belangia at 252-671-9288 to be a Chef!

WoodmenLife CPR and AED

WoodmenLife members invite you to join them on Saturday, February 10th to learn about CPR and AED from Mr. Gregory Skelly. It is free and snacks will be provided. Mr. Skelly will be instructing from 9:00am-noon at the WoodmenLife Chapter Hall, 4923 Florence Road in Merritt. The discussion will be conversational and will not result in certification. Please RSVP to Kathy Kolan at 301-655-7795 or Verna Roberson at 252-249-0611 if you plan to attend.

PC Democratic Party Annual Precinct Organizational Meetings

Meetings will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM at the following locations: Alliance Town Hall; Arapahoe Fire Station; Bayboro Courthouse Annex; Grantsboro Town Hall; Goose Creek Island Community Center (Hobucken Precinct); Mesic Town Hall; Olympia Fire Station (Reelsboro Precinct); Oriental Town Hall; Stonewall Town Hall; and Vandemere Town Hall. Meetings are open to any registered Democrat residing in the precinct. Attendees will be electing delegates to the 2018 Pamlico County Democratic Party Convention on March 24th. For more information contact Jayne Stasser at 252 617-9219.



Minnesott Beach Golf & CC Valentine Dinner Dance

PAMLICO COUNTY SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, February 7

10 am -12 pm Crocheting & Knitting
10-10:30 am Bible Study

Thursday, February 8

10 am Health Screening Blood Pressure Ck/wt
10:30 am Talk & Exercise With Beth
1-2 pm Arthritis Exercise Class
1-2 pm Stain Glass Class

Friday, February 9

Fantastic Friday
10 am Bingo
1 pm Cards
1:30 pm Movie and Popcorn
2 pm Young At Heart Crafts

Monday, February 12

9-12 Acrylic Painting
9-12 Volunteers Paperwork
1-2 Arthritis Exercise Class
2 pm Alzheimer's /Dementia Support Group

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 Line Dancing
10:30 Singing
11 50+ Club
1 Wicker Basketry Class
1 Cards
5:30 Tops Meeting

WEATHER

Wednesday

A chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. South wind 7 to 16 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Mostly sunny, with a high near 54.

Friday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Wednesday Night

Showers, mainly before 4am. Low around 44. South wind 13 to 16 mph becoming northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Saturday
A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Saturday Night

A chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 51. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Sunday

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Sunday Night

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

QUICK REFERENCE

Emergency: Dial 911 for police, sheriff, fire departments, rescue squads, ambulance

Animal Poison Control Center: 1-888-426-4435

Carteret General Hospital: 808-6000

Coastal Carolina Regional Airport: 638-8591

Emergency Pet Care: 444-1399

Highway Patrol: 1-800-441-6127

Medical Assistance (CarolinaEast Medical Center): 633-8111

Nova Urgent Care: 745-7440

Pamlico County Departments

Board of Elections: 745-4821

County Manager: 745-3133

Emergency Management: 745-4131

Health Dept.: 745-5111

Recycling Center: 745-3283

Senior Services: 745-7196

Sheriff's Dept. (non-emergency) -
745-3101

Social Services: 745-4086

Tax Collector: 745-4125

Water Dept.: 745-5453

Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222

US Coast Guard (Hobucken): 745-3131

A Special Dog's Tale



by Jackie Schmidt, PAWS President

Hi, my name is Indy. As you can see, I was in really tough shape a while back. Just skin and bones and no hair. I was

sitting in this big run just trying to figure things out when two ladies showed up. They took me into this room, sat on the floor and said comforting words to me. They gently touched me and said they could make me feel better and help me find a loving forever home. They lifted me into the car and took me to a veterinarian. That was really scary, but they were so kind and gentle to me too! I was checked out, given some medicine and even got a bath. That was awful, but I felt so much better I gave everybody kisses to thank them.



I was taken to my foster home. Boy was I surprised when I met other dogs and CATS. They all made me feel welcome. The cats just tolerated me, but that was okay because I got FOOD. My foster mom said not too much food or you will get sick. She promised I would get more and I did. I got three meals a day and something called fish oil. I started gaining weight, and my hair started to grow back. My foster mom and vet were so proud of me!

Once I started feeling better, my mom told me

I would be going into the prison for training to a program called New Leash on Life. She said that I would have a man trainer who would love me and teach me all the stuff I needed to know so I could go on to finding my forever home. I learned so much in prison. I learned to sit, stay, lie down, walk on a leash and so much more. I learned a lot so I could find a home. But when graduation day came, there was no new home for me. I was so sad because I did my best. I didn't know what I did wrong. But my foster mom was there and she hugged me and kissed me and said that everything was okay and that I could come back to her home until we found the perfect home for me. So here I am waiting and hoping someone out there will love me and want to keep me. I have to find a home because my foster mom is getting more NLOL dogs to go into the program.

If you would like to meet me, please call my foster mom, Jackie Schmidt, at 252-649-5504.



NOTABLES

New Bern Farmers Market

Grow it, Sew it, Make it, Bake it... Now accepting SNAP/EBT. Saturday, February 10: Chocolate & Jewelry Day. Handmade, one-of-a-kind gifts for your sweetheart. Open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proudly accepts SNAP/EBT. Located at 421 South Front Street in Downtown New Bern. Vendor space available. Call 252-633-0043.

Partnership Play Group

Wednesday Mornings at Pamlico Primary School, Room 205. Choose from one of the following times to attend: 9:00-10:15 am Or 10:30-11:45 am. Children (birth to age 3) along with their caregiver are invited to participate in a FREE weekly Partnership Play Group, provided and lead by Pamlico Partnership for Children! Please contact Michelle Shields at Pamlico Partnership for Children for more information, 252-745-7850 or michelle@pamlicopartnership.org

Pamlico County Public Library

Thursday, 2/8: Beach Book Breakfast at 9 am; Friday, 2/6: Family Movie Night at 6 pm; Saturday, 2/10 - Wednesday, 2/14: Book Sale; Monday, 2/12: Girl Scouts at 6 pm; Tuesday, 2/13: Knitting at 1 pm



Alzheimer's Dementia Caregiver Support

Are you, or someone you know, caring for a loved on with Alzheimer's or Dementia? This can be very challenging, and there is support available. You are invited to the Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group Meeting at the Pamlico County Senior Center

the first and third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. For more information call Beth Hardison at 745-7196.

NAACP Monthly Meeting

The NAACP of Pamlico County will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Pamlico County senior Services Center at 800 Main Street in Alliance. All interested persons are invited and welcome to attend.

Pamlico Musical Society

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

A creative Writing Workshop with
Carrie Newcomer
**Writing Mindfully:
The Practice of Presence**

Thursday, February 8, 1:30 pm
Old Theater, 609 Broad St., Oriental

Horoscopes

February 2018 • Week 1



CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 20
Feeling needed this week can quickly recharge your levels of motivation, Capricorn. Helping others is a surefire way to realize personal satisfaction.



CANCER

June 22 - July 22
Cancer, in attempt to stay calm, you may be suppressing feelings that really should come to the surface. This may only lead to a blowout later on. Transparency is key.



AQUARIUS

January 21 - February 18
Aquarius, you have an opportunity to further your education by doing some traveling. Don't let responsibilities at home clip your wings this time around.



LEO

July 23 - August 23
Leo, it may be tempting to put on an overly cheery attitude, even if things are bugging you. Masking your true feelings may lead to miscommunication. Better to keep things honest.



PISCES

February 19 - March 20
Pisces, a busy work week is on the horizon, but you are set to make the most of every situation. Your confidence can make a difference.



VIRGO

August 24 - September 22
Virgo, your ego is strong enough to withstand some criticism this week. Use the feedback to develop an even better version of yourself, which will only benefit you in the long run.



ARIES

March 21 - April 20
Aries, you give everyone the benefit of the doubt, and that's commendable. Such a positive outlook will serve you and your relationships well.



LIBRA

September 23 - October 23
A current situation has you feeling a bit pessimistic, Libra. But that outlook can be adjusted by looking into the future. Let upcoming plans restore your sunshine.



TAURUS

April 21 - May 21
Taurus, you may do a bunch of sitting around waiting at work in the days ahead. Stay patient and rest up, as you'll need energy reserves when things pick up again.



SCORPIO

October 24 - November 22
Scorpio, this is a good week to discuss an important issue with that special someone. It's fine to have differing opinions, just be sure to respect each other's point of view.



GEMINI

May 22 - June 21
Gemini, you may need to work on communicating with some coworkers. Mixed messages can lead to delays, so convene a meeting to clear the air.



SAGITTARIUS

November 23 - December 21
Sagittarius, your energy levels may start off very high at the beginning of the week, but they may quickly fizzle out. Roll up your sleeves and try to trudge through.



**Land/Home Sales
Property Management
Appraisals Development**



Agent of the Week

Allen Propst
Broker-In-Charge

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

I was in search of property in Coastal Carolina and used Zillow to locate interesting prospects. I found some houses on Zillow late one evening and used the Zillow app to contact the real estate agent.

Within minutes the agent, Allen Propst, called me! That was the first thing that impressed me about him, his sense of urgency. I met with Allen and found him to be a very likable person- kind and generous.

He is extremely knowledgeable of the area, including its history and future expectations.

He is friendly, honest and open, and not pushy. Allen found us the exact house we were looking for and attended to all the details from making the offer, negotiating price, and wading through all the legal stuff. He stuck by our side lining up home repairs, attorneys, and insurance.

I highly recommend this realtor.
Phil, Oriental



MERRITT - Move-in ready, unrestricted **3BR/2BA** on 1 acre surrounded by natural settings. Gas-log fireplace, master suite with his & hers walk-in closets & master bath with Jacuzzi tub. Split living arrangement with two spacious guest bedrooms. Outdoor entertaining from deck overlooking countryside. Detached 2-car carport, workshop, no HOA dues.
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OWC Holds Annual Student Art Festival And Artfest

On Sunday, January 28th, the Oriental Woman's Club honored Pamlico County students at the OWC annual arts festival. In addition to visual arts, local students participated in a short story and poetry contest. Also celebrated were pieces submitted by adults from the Caswell Center.

Students from Arapahoe Charter School, Pamlico High and Middle School, PCSC and Fred Anderson Elementary School submitted pieces for the competition. Over 200 students, family members, club women and community representatives attended the event to honor and view the creative work.

The OWC would like to thank all the dedicated teachers from our county schools who helped make this event a great success. Without their pursuit of excellence our community would be missing out seeing the talent of our local youth.

Winners include:
Elementary School PCSC and Fred Anderson

First Place: Hayley Cauley, Kiyashi Midgette, Alicia Barber, Wyatt Johnson and Melody Armstrong

Second Place: Anthony Chapparo Alvarez, Kylee Rodriguez and Kaitlynn Mizelle

Third Place: Catherine Lackey
Middle School Pamlico Middle Arapahoe Charter School

First place: Cia Beck, Isabel Nunley, Abigail Brett, Chloe Eaton, Kinsey Beddow, Morgan Kinsey, Edwin Candelano Ramos, Skykeen Harper, Emily Lago Picardo, Alyson Foreman, Bre Hudson, and Savannah Belfance

Second Place: Grace Gaskins, Kellie Lee, Steven Davis, Jayln Dunn, Kinsey Beddow, Ashli Bryant, Isabel Nunley, NiKayla Dotson Dillard, Whisper Johnson, and Morgan Kinsey

Third Place: Brooklyn Griffin, Sarah Henries, Jacob Reeves, Connor Hawkins, and Casey Shiley

High School: Pamlico High School and Arapahoe Charter School
First Place: Lindsay Potter, Emanuel Martinez Garcia, Jossel Gonzales, Kaylan Coombs, Samantha Jones, Emily Bond, Chelsea Dietz, Ceci Holton, Sabrina Holt, Chloe St Onge, Tiffany Gaskins, Jonathan Salem, Sydnee Shepard, Cameron Lee, Alexcia Blight, Cassie Jones, Isabel Rodriguez, Julissa Salgado, and Kaiden Severance. Many of the students won multiple awards.

Second Place: Mary Lewis, Corrine Coppola, Maci Hardison, Holley Brooks, Ragen Tindell, Brittany Conway, Haley Potter, Jazmine Tutti, Ceci Holton, Chad Hill, Jenna Baldree, Jossel Gonzales, Lauryn Walker, Chloe St Onge, Layla Perez, NaKayla

Curtis, Julissa Salgado, Lexi Powell.

Third Place: Jacob Hart, Jazmine Tutti, Jenna Jones, Jacob Barton, Kaylan Coombs, Holley Brooks, Layla Perez, Brianna Dunham, Chloe St Onge, Chelsea Dietz, Giovanni Madison and Kaiden Severance.

The Best in Festival award went to Miss Ceci Holton from Pamlico High School. Her winning ceramic sculpture will be displayed at the Village Gallery in Oriental for the month of February.

The Village Gallery on Hodges Street in Oriental assisted the OWC with additional awards to four senior high school students. In addition to a monetary award, the following students will have their pieces on display at the Village Gallery in Oriental for the month of February. They are: Miss Lindsay Potter-Black and White Ink-Marker; Mr. Emanuel Martinez Garcia- Pastel; Miss Samantha Jones -Mixed Media; Miss Sabrina Hill -Pastel



Emanuel Martinez Garcia

Portrait

We invite the public to come and view their wonderful pieces.
Short Story and Poetry Winners -Arapahoe Charter and Pamlico County Schools

Congratulations to all who participated in our literature contest. The winners for Poetry are: Elementary School First Place: Christian Smith; Second Place: Lilliana Jacobs; Third Place: Bella Hernandez. For Middle School First Place: Andrew Parker; Second Place: Savannah Borton; Third Place: Ian Potter. For High School First Place: Alivia Dove; Second Place: Lexi Powell; Third Place: James Reeves

For Short Story Elementary First Place: Jason Buckout; Second Place: Rachel Prescott; Third Place: Ethan Murray. For Middle School First Place: Christian Mitchel; Second Place: Brooke Bennett; Third Place: Nicolas Vitches. For High School First and Second Place: James Reeves.

Thank you to the OWC arts committee for their commitment to this program. Sharon Breitling, Cindy Potter, Jen Lazowski, Karen Van Gamper, Christine Garmin, Jean Chastang, Carol McAdoo, Marlene Miller, Suzanne Janzten and Rosalyn Kutchins, program Chairwoman.



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Mardi Gras Is The Theme For Uptown Music Jam

The Pamlico County Museum and Heritage Center announces the Uptown Music Jam for Friday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the museum in Grantsboro. This will be the first Jam in 2018 and follows two successful jams in 2017, so make your plans to attend and join in the fun.

The theme for this month's jam is Mardi Gras. It will be Pamlico County's own Mardi Gras with music and refreshments. The museum will be decorated to depict a Mardi Gras celebration including a display of vintage and masks.

Jazzy 4 will be the band. Band members are Herb Blue, Drums; Myra Blue, vocals; Glenn Kelly, Bass (Glenn is new to the band) and Al Krutulewiski (better known as Miss Al) on the flugelhorn. Again, beginning and experienced musicians are invited to play along with the band. If you would like to play, bring your instrument and sign up when you get here. You may play along with up to 3 songs or for approximately 20 minutes. If you have questions about the music, you may contact



Myra Blue. This will be an educational musical program but will be loads of fun with the Mardi Gras theme. Refreshments will feature a traditional King's Cake and who knows, maybe you will find the trinket hidden in the cake and will have good luck for the year 2018!

Reservations are not required but recommended. Seating will be limited and those with reservations will be seated first. Contact Myra Blue at mhblue@embarqmail.com or Pat Prescott at pchamusuem@gmail.com or call the Museum and Heritage Center at 252-745-2239. There will be no admission, but contributions will be welcomed.

The Pamlico County Museum and Heritage Center operates under the auspices of The Pamlico County Historical Association who is a 501(c)3 organization as designated by the IRS and is located at 10642 Highway NC-55 in Grantsboro between the Town Hall and the Post Office. The museum was built in part by USDA, the Harold H. Bate Foundation and generous contributions.

Attention Chowder Enthusiasts

Tired of the cold? Craving soups and chowders? Spring is just around the corner as is Saint Patrick's Day, a perfect day to end the winter and kick off spring with a bowl of chowder. The Oriental Woman's Club is hosting our 10th Chowder Cook Off on the grounds of the Oriental Marina on Saturday, March 17 from 11:30 AM till 1:30 PM. Restaurants and wanna be chefs will be serving all varieties of chowder: potato; corn; green; vegetarian; seafood; you name it where every cook is a winner and the grand prize winner is the People's Choice Award. Mark your calendars and save the date as all proceeds go to support the local charities and scholarships of the Oriental Woman's Club.



Celebrate Chinese New Year In Oriental

There will be a Dragon run and special events in Oriental to celebrate Chinese New Year on Saturday 17 February 2018. Since unofficially adopting the Dragon as a symbol of Oriental the running of the Dragon has occurred on New Year's Eve and on special occasions throughout the year. For the last five or six years we have also done a Dragon Run for the Asian or "Chinese New Year". The day will start with a Wok Cooking Demonstration from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Oriental Farmers Market near the Harbor on Hodges Street. Peter Chang from the Great Wall Restaurant in Grantsboro will conduct the Demo and hand out free samples. In addition he will discuss buying and seasoning a wok. The Dragon Run will take place at 2 p.m. on Hodges Street. This year is the "Year of the Dog" a theme that seems to occur every year in Oriental for the many dog



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For more information contact Larry Summers at 252-675-0467.

BCTMA Hosts The Barefoot Movement

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association's 10 Year Celebration continues with "The Barefoot Movement" on Friday, February 16. The concert will be held at the Turnage Theatre Main Stage, 7:00-9:00 PM, 150 W. Main Street, Washington.

This Nashville based young bluegrass group is as down to earth as their intention for their audience to sit back, relax, take your shoes off, and stay a while. This marks the fifth time this exciting group has performed for BCTMA. They are always fantastic!

Tickets are \$15 and are for sale at the door: Cash or check. Sodas and popcorn are available. www.thebarefootmovementofficial.com

BCTMA also presents their Winter Regional Concert Series featuring "Hank and Pattie" at the Turnage Theatre on Thursday, February 22, 7:00-



9:00 PM. This exciting bluegrass duo includes Frank Smith on banjo and Pattie Hopkins Kinlaw playing fiddle. Their skillful instrumentation and close harmonies are sure to please the crowd. Admission is free and donations are appreciated. www.hankandpattie.com

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association is a grass roots non-profit organization that has promoted the performance and enjoyment of traditional music in Eastern NC for ten years. Thanks to the assistance and oversight of Arts of the Pamlico, the BCTMA has grown into an active group of musicians and supporters dedicated to the nurturing and sharing of their love of traditional music. The group holds open jams on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, please visit www.bctma.org.

Flu

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Pamlico County Health Director, Scott Lenhart, had not received notification of any flu related deaths of anyone residing within Pamlico county this season although the report reflects that across the state, North Carolina has documented 67 Influenza-associated deaths from 10/1/2017 through 1/20/18.

Henry Rice, Director of Student Service of Pamlico County Schools stated so far this year flu-related absences are modest and in some cases represent more staff incidence than students... so far. Statistics also show that mid-February 2017 to mid-March 2017 the middle school experienced 42 report cases. To date this season, total reported cases in the same school only number 6. Does that mean the worse might yet be to come? Either way, Pamlico County Schools are encouraging cleanliness and making every effort to keep hard surfaces

clean and disinfected.

There are 12 weeks left in this flu season. Vaccines are available at the Pamlico County Health Department. They have the only available high dose or "super" vaccine for folks over 60 in the county. Quad (4 strain) Vaccines are available both at Pamlico and Bayboro pharmacies and cost right around the same at \$30.00 without insurance. Both, Holly Mannifield, pharmacy manager from Pamlico Pharmacy, pharmacist Bobby Bero from Bayboro Pharmacy and health director Scott Lenhart recommend to keep your hands washed or sanitized, use common sense hygiene cover your mouth and very importantly if you have not already, please go and get your flu shot. Just in case you need it!

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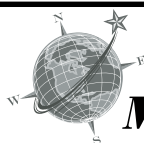


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Kitchen Chatter by Nancy Winfrey

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Financial Focus: What Should You Do With Your Tax Refund?



Dan M. Roberts, IV
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You may not get much of a thrill from filing your taxes, but the process becomes much more enjoyable if you're expecting a refund. So, if one is headed your way, what should you do with the money?

The answer depends somewhat on the size of the refund. For the 2017 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,760 – not a fortune, but big enough to make an impact in your life. Suppose, for example, that you invested this amount in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional IRA, and then did not add another penny to it for 30

years. At the end of that time, assuming a hypothetical 7 percent annual rate of return, you'd have slightly more than \$21,000 – not enough, by itself, to allow you to move to a Caribbean island, but still a nice addition to your retirement income. (You will need to pay taxes on your withdrawals eventually, unless the money was invested in a Roth IRA, in which case withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.)

Of course, you don't have to wait 30 years before you see any benefits from your tax refund. If you did decide to put a \$2,760 tax refund toward your IRA for 2018, you'd already have reached just over half the allowable contribution limit of \$5,500. (If you're 50 or older, the limit is \$6,500.) By getting such a strong head start on funding your IRA for the year, you'll give your money more time to grow. Also, if you're going to "max out" on your IRA, your large initial payment will enable you to put in smaller monthly amounts than

you might need to contribute otherwise.

While using your refund to help fund your IRA is a good move, it's not the only one you can make. Here are a few other possibilities:

- Pay down some debt. At some time or another, most of us probably feel we're carrying too much debt. If you can use your tax refund to help reduce your monthly debt payments, you'll improve your cash flow and possibly have more money available to invest for the future.

- Build an emergency fund. If you needed a new furnace or major car repair, or faced any other large, unexpected expense, how would you pay for it? If you did not have the cash readily available, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. To help avoid this problem, you could create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your tax refund could help build your emergency fund.

Look for other investment opportunities. If you have some gaps in your portfolio, or some opportunities to improve your overall diversification, you might want to use your tax refund to add some new investments. The more diversified your portfolio, the stronger your defense against market volatility that might primarily affect one particular asset class. (However, diversification, by itself, can't protect against all losses or guarantee profits.)

Clearly, a tax refund gives you a chance to improve your overall financial picture. So take your time, evaluate your options and use the money wisely.

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Prison Reform Draws Public Support, State Interest

By Kari Travis, Carolina Journal News Service

RALEIGH — While North Carolina leaders address a multitude of problems behind the state's prison walls, a new national poll shows growing support for criminal justice reform.

At least 75 percent of Americans think prisons need a makeover, show data from the Justice Action Network. Support crosses party lines, with 68 percent of Republicans and 80 percent of Democrats saying the system "needs significant improvements."

Top corrections officials in North Carolina agree.

Insufficient staffing and poor training are alarming trends inside state prisons, N.C. Public Safety Secretary Erik Hooks said during a Jan. 25 presentation before members of the General Assembly.

Underfunding, insufficient mental health treatment, and over-reliance on solitary confinement are big issues, too, said Chris Brook, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

Hooks, who took office one year ago, faced two prison tragedies early on. Five prison workers died in attacks at Bertie and Pasquotank Correctional Institutions in April and October. Several other employees and inmates were hurt.

The year was one of the most violent in North Carolina corrections history, but problems have gone on for years, Hooks said.

In 2014, a horrific ordeal at Alexander Correctional Institution in Taylorsville resulted in the death of Michael Kerr — a 53-year-old schizophrenic — during his transfer to Central Prison hospital in Raleigh.

In September 2012, inmates at Lanesboro Correctional Institution stabbed a member of a rival gang 13 times with crude shank knives. The event is just one of many investigated by the Charlotte Observer since 2015.

Last year, Hooks ordered a top-to-bottom evaluation of the N.C. Department of Public Safety. The agency is fueled to "bring about substantive change to make our prisons safer," he said.



Central Prison in downtown Raleigh. (CJ photo by Kari Travis)

Security and staffing at Pasquotank are a mess, a report from the National Institute of Corrections shows.

Prisons are home to the state's most dangerous criminals, and staff safety is a priority, said Kenneth Lassiter, director of prisons at DPS. The state must hire more corrections officers and beef-up security measures, said another review commissioned by the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission.

But the system should also focus on rehabilitating people to become productive, law-abiding citizens, Brook said.

An overwhelming majority of Republicans and Democrats agree.

Ninety percent of Americans think "we should break down barriers for people coming out of prison so they can get jobs, support their families, and stop being so dependent on government services," the survey states. Another two-thirds of voters support practices allowing job applicants to discuss their qualifications before they're asked about criminal records.

North Carolina falls short on inmate rehabilitation, said Susan Pollitt, senior attorney at Disability Rights North Carolina. The corrections system is the largest mental health provider in the state. Yet there are few treatment programs, and social workers are overloaded — and in short supply.

Among roughly 37,000 prisoners, about 5,000 are locked in solitary confinement. More than one in five of those prisoners suffer mental illnesses.

Isolation is used to punish inmates who suffer psychosomatic episodes. Most of the time, isolation worsens their condition, said Pollitt.

Prisoner violence and staff safety is a serious issue, Brook said. But since most prisoners end up back on the street, North Carolina should focus on retraining inmates for life on the outside.

"Folks at DPS have spoken candidly that they face some cultural challenges. I think some of the best practices they grew up with in the system is 'lock em up and throw away the key.'"

Pamlico Progressives Discuss Education Options

The Pamlico Progressives group hosted the third in an ongoing series of community forums at Oriental Town Hall on Monday January 29.

The discussion centered on education in Pamlico County. About thirty-five interested citizens, including educators from the Pamlico County Public School System and the Arapahoe Charter School, took a look at school performance, financing, and student options. A goal of the forum was to better understand the choices available to parents and students by looking closer at the major differences between traditional public schools, charter schools,



private schools, and homeschooling.

Future forum topics include an in-depth look at our Pamlico County water quality, including drinking water and the health of the Neuse River (2/26); the opioid crisis in our county (3/26); and critical Pamlico voting issues (4/23).

The discussions take place at 6 pm at Oriental Town Hall. The series is sponsored by Pamlico Progressives and all

interested citizens are welcome.

Letters To The Editor

Wind Power Industry

It is imperative that the public understand the constraints that have historically prevented the members of the military from speaking publicly about their concerns with the wind power industry.

As a county commissioner representing Pamlico County, I was part of a military/civilian committee of elected officials from four counties and towns that met with the commanding officer of Cherry Point Marine Air Base several times a year. All the commanding officers were able to speak of their grave concerns to us, as it was not a public forum.

The commanders were not permitted to speak publicly due to

formal obstructions put on them by a former federal policy.

We were told again and again that "wind farms" created issues with training their aircraft. We have had to speak for the military as they cannot candidly speak for themselves.

The wind industry is very, very powerful, well funded, enormously subsidized and has well paid representatives traversing the country representing their interests at meetings and writing and reporting glowing articles on their industry.

The public must be told that there is much more to this story than the glowing picture that is presented by the majority of the media.

Christine Mele, Pamlico County Commissioner (retired)

Dear Editor

Recently our coasts, as well as the coasts of the entire United States, were opened to drilling for oil and natural gas. While there is a possibility that order may change, there is a more immediate threat even if the drilling is halted: seismic blasting. If that phrase sounds ominous, it is. In a nutshell, this blasting is done in the ocean to find where oil and gas MAY be found. It involves ships pulling barges that set off huge blasts from "air guns". The ships move in grids. Slowly. The blasts are every few seconds or minutes, non-stop for weeks or months until the survey is complete. There are five separate requests currently to do this survey. That does not mean five people asking to do one job. That means five companies want to each do their own survey. These companies do not share information with each other. Once the surveys are complete, this information is assessed by the oil/drilling companies to determine where to position exploratory drill rigs.

The noise and concussion from these blasts are disruptive to virtually all sea life. Anything under or near the guns when they go off will be affected. That means fish, shell fish, plankton—virtually everything in the water—but is particularly harmful to whales, dolphin and larger marine species. However, it also affects the size and numbers of shrimp, scallops and oysters. It even has an

adverse effect on the plankton. While the survey is to be off shore, many species migrate in and out of Pamlico and Abermarle sounds throughout their lives so even our inland waters will be affected. The resulting damage to fish stocks will undoubtedly impact both commercial and recreational fishermen.

Some members of the commercial fishing industry are under the mistaken understanding that this blasting request has been halted. It has not. The requests are currently being reviewed by the National Marine Fishery Service and will be authorized soon if the appropriate agencies do not stop the process. Even if our governor is successful in removing North Carolina from the coastal drilling initiative recently decreed by the President, this

seismic survey may still occur. It is being requested no matter if actual drilling is approved or not.

This is not a pie-in-the-sky issue. Its not a political issue. It is an economic issue for North Carolina. Please contact your senators, your congressmen, members of the North Carolina legislature, and your county and town representatives. Do it now. The public comment period ends March 9. If enough people say no, maybe seismic blasting can be stopped before it does long-lasting harm to our coast and our sounds.

Pat Stockwell and Enrique Garcia Pamlico County Residents

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6	9	1	8	2	4	5	7	6
5	4	7	8	9	6	9	1	2
6	9	2	7	1	3	5	8	4
2	8	4	3	1	6	5	7	9
4	5	3	6	7	2	8	9	1
1	7	6	5	8	9	3	4	2

ANSWER:

Pamlico



The fields are still full of Robin Red Breasts. Construction is still taking place at the Old Town N' Country in Oriental.

Friday morning I attended the funeral of Dorothy M. Comegys Parker at the New Bern Eastern Missionary Baptist Association Headquarters Building in Grantsboro.

There were many from Beaufort County and Pamlico County in attendance. Mrs. Parker had been an outstanding educator as well as an outstanding member of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners. Many of her former students were present for her home-going celebration.

She was a member of St. Paul's AME Zion Church in Aurora, NC and her pastor, the Reverend Lynn Godette preached her eulogy. Several musical selections were presented by the Community Combined Choir. Presiding Elder Avery Brown was in attendance and many ministers were present. Those participating in the service included Bishop Stewart Ham, Reverend Sterling Tripp and the Reverend John Ponds. Acknowledgements were made by Ms. Glenoria Jennette.

The upcoming Oriental United Methodist Women Women's Retreat will be at Camp Caroline on February 10th.

Tideland EMC announced their right of way maintenance update. In February, Lucas Tree Experts will be finishing trimming out the Blount's Creek circuit before moving to the Lowland circuit along highway 306, Rowe Road and Idalia Road. Mowing crews will be in Pamlico County mowing along Straight, Kershaw, and Janerio roads.

The day of romance we call Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century. A popular account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he

Goose Creek Island



Goose Creek Island 55 Plus Club met Thursday at the Community Center with Pres. Rosanne Rowe presiding. We enjoyed playing Bingo and winning great prizes (lots of sweets and chips, etc.). We sang Happy Anniversary to Bob and Edith Campen Johnson who are celebrating 61 years of wedded bliss! Rosanne presented several congratulatory balloons and we

enjoyed doughnuts and soda. Edith received a big kiss from Bob! Congratulation and we wish them many more!

Billy Jewell will be our special guest Feb. 8 speaking on "concealed carry." Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting. Feb 15 we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Members will invite guests to join us. Please bring finger foods or whatever you choose for lunch. Feb 22 we are looking forward to Joan Delamar Gracie and a group from Oriental visiting us! After the meeting the Rummikub ladies played and Brenda and I each won a game of Scrabble. We sure miss Mildred. Hope she will be back with us soon.

Prayer List: Terry Pate Norman, daughter of Ila Henries Clements and the late Kenneth Pate recently suffered a stroke and underwent surgery. She is presently in the Rehab Center in Vanderbilt, Tenn. Betty Swindell Cowell is a patient at Carolina East Hospital. She is in ICU and is finally showing improvement.

Lottie Caroon was bothered with gall bladder problems last week. She had a medical procedure Jan 31 and is now doing fine. Rosanne asked for prayer for her cousin Kirk Carawan of Rose Hill who underwent surgery last week and cousin Janice Whealton

Whortonsville



The forecast was correct and it poured rain this Sunday afternoon. Better than the snow they were having at the Super Bowl. Eighteen at church this Sunday with five children attending. Diane Hodges does a great job teaching the children in Sunday School.

We had our Super Bowl lunch with eight folks feasting on ham, chicken wings, potato salad, baked beans, green salad, and dark chocolate brownies.

Last Monday evening the Pamlico Chorale enjoyed a potluck meal before electing officers. Carla Byrnes is the new President, Cheryl Harris- Vice President, Carol Small- Secretary, and Wally Umbach- Treasurer. The Pamlico Chorale began in the fall of 1989 and has give this county quality choral music several times a year. The best part of it all is the joy that the singers have shown to the audiences when they share their love of music. I am so happy that Evelyn Stephenson talked me into starting this group many years

Aurora



The other day I was thinking of the old Aurora Museum that was housed in the former town jail. Along with other major damage to the town, the museum lost its collection to Irene. I'm glad I got to see it several years ago and host an open house to the public one Fossil Festival. I would like to see that energy return and be a part of its reestablishment.

My last Birding Class concluded with more visits to spots in Pamlico County. Again, we saw dozens of species. There is the Great Backyard Bird Count coming up. One would have to be signed up for eBird (<https://ebird.org/home>). This is a worldwide event, which will be held February 16-19. You would watch birds for 10-15 minutes and write down every bird seen, with the location.

The town of Aurora has now an official website: <http://auroranc.us/>. Interested parties wanting to know about the town's doings should visit there and offer any ideas for additions.

Snowden Elementary is collecting gently used coats and jackets for younger students. If you have any that your child or grandchild

healed the daughter of his jailer. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he hand wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Hand written Valentines, except from children, are almost a thing of the past since we live in the days of Hallmark and commercialism.

This year, Valentine's Day is the same day as Ash Wednesday. Warren Chapel UMC will have a special worship service at 1:00 am followed by soup and sandwiches and some Valentine games. Everyone is invited. On that same day, the Pamlico County churches will begin their Wednesday Lenten services at Bayboro UMC as well. They will begin with music provided by Fred Read and his friends and the message and imposition of Ashes by the Reverend Peg O. Witt. A donation lunch will be provided afterward. As I get more details about the Lenten services I will post them for you. I was told by the Reverend Riley Green that the Reelsboro Christian Church will not be having their morning Lenten services this year.

Last week I mentioned the change in the spiritual leadership in Pamlico County and I learned today that it is also changing in Beaufort County. The Reverend Peg O. Witt will be retiring as the pastor at Aurora UMC at the end of June.

Those celebrating birthdays in February include), Seth Michael Zimmer (2/10), Miss Mattie Cuthrell (2/11), Joe McClees (2/12), Mildred Harrison, Chris Fulcher & John Farmer (2/14), Sheryl Kaye Sanders & William McKinley Harrison (2/15), Esther Jane Lupton (2/20), and Tillie Roberts & John Daniel Brady Jr. (2/24), Elizabeth Cuthrell (2/25) and Penny Ford's will not get a year older since her birthday is February 29th. Lovebirds Karen and John Deaton celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 13. Remember February 14 is Valentine's Day so tell someone you love them.

Have a blessed week. Blessed? Take Spiritual Vitamin "B." Be confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

Annette Jones, 55 Plus Club Correspondent

DeYoung who hasn't been well. Kim O'Neal Sadler of Alliance and Buster Ireland of Oriental were added to the prayer list.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Danny Perry, resident of Grantsbrook. Our prayers and condolences go out his daughter Dorothy Sadler and the family.

Happy Birthday Martha Rawls Campen, Donald Elwood Williams, Ila Lee McKinney McHenry - Feb 8, Jessica Malone Jarman, Patsy Brinson Jones, - Feb 9, Bowen Tyron Carawan - Feb 11, Larry Flowers, Jr. - Feb 14. Happy Anniversary O.B. and Dean Howerin Feb 14.

The Church of Christ prepared and delivered lunches to folks who live alone, those not in good health and seniors Saturday. Sylvia Bell brought my plate and took time to stay and talk with me for a while. We had such a nice visit. I really enjoyed the barbecue plate. Thanks so much to the Church of Christ and all of our island churches for all they do for the community. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self" Matthew 22:39.

Linda Carawan, wife of Rev. John Carawan, was honored with a Valentines Birthday party Sunday. She received many presents and especially liked the many "gag" gifts! Guests enjoyed refreshments and good fellowship together. Congratulations Linda!

Mark and Jennie Jones joined Mark's co-workers from B-Shift for dinner in Bear Grass. They dined at Deadwood Restaurant and Theme Park and reported a very nice get-together. Granddaughter Jenna spent the night with me and we also had a nice time! I was happy that Carolina finally managed to get a win! Frank Alcock told me not to give up on them!

Reba Tiller Correspondent

ago. Many thanks also to the Oriental United Methodist Church for giving us a rehearsal hall all these years. Thanks to Joe Bliss and Wally for serving for so many years.

Spoke to Gayle Fohner this afternoon and she is still trying to get everything taken care of after the death of husband Jay. Congratulations to Michelle Bessette on the birth of a new grandchild.

Lots of Super Bowl parties going on around here. Big one over at Paradise Shores.

James and Elizabeth Cuthrell spent Saturday at school for Mattie's basketball game. Mattie's team won 20 to 8, so they have learned to "hang " with the big girls!

If you would like to learn CPR be at the Woodmen Lodge on Florence Road between 9a.m. and 12 noon. Snacks will be provided.

Spoke with Char Morgan tonight, she had her surgery on the 29th and is already home. Thought for the week-- When all else fails, just smile, and the world will be much brighter!

Joy McCracken Correspondent

may have outgrown, please consider dropping it off at the school. You can call the school at 252-322-5351 for further information.

Mary's Chapel Christian Church will be having their annual Pancake Supper to benefit Relay for Life on Friday, February 9. It will be from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Patrons may dine in or take out. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, bacon, a beverage and is \$6 per plate.

Eagle's Wings Food Pantry announces food distributions at the following locations and times: 1st Thursday of the month at Edward Christian Church from 10 a.m. to noon, 2nd Thursday at Mallard Creek Apartments from 10 a.m. to noon, and the 4th Thursday at Aurora Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Aurora Library will forgive all fines during the month of February. Time to look under those couches and in the car.

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to: 2/7- Katie Parker and Ann Austin; 2/9-Tanisha Cratch, Barbara Merritt, Denise H. Bonner and Tuesday Lowe; 2/10-Jeremy Longo and Hailey Jones; 2/11-Leslie Mills, Ronnie Mills (in memory) and Anna Jones; 2/12-Nicole Pool Hutcheson, Luke Andrew Upton, Autumn Richards and Gary Gibbs; 2/13- Gary Kidney (in memory) and Holly Midyette.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
OF ANDREA L. BOTWAY
File No.: 17 E 201

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against KATHARINA S. BURT deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Ingrid A. Stephan, Executor of the Estate, on or before April 9, 2018, 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 18th day of January, 2018.
Ingrid A. Stephan, Executor
Estate of Katharina S. Burt
2107 Old Cherry Point Rd.
New Bern, NC 28560

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against HAYWOOD B. BOONE, JR. deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Alfretta B. Johnson, Executor of the Estate, on or before May 1, 2018, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.
This 1st day of February, 2018.
Alfretta B. Johnson, Executor
Estate of Haywood B. Boone, Jr.
7483 Kershaw Road
Arapahoe, NC 28510

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against MOSES J. SMITH deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Richard L. Smith, Executor of the Estate, on or before May 1, 2018, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.
This 1st day of February, 2018.
Richard L. Smith, Executor
Estate of Moses J. Smith
1449 Olympia Road
New Bern, NC 28560

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against ANDREA L. BOTWAY deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Paul R. Dorf, Executor of the Estate, on or before May 1, 2018, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.
This 1st day of February, 2018.
Paul R. Dorf, Executor
Estate of Andrea L. Botway
39 Lilline Lane
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Reports

Incidents
Jan. 28, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, overdose
Jan. 29, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, burglary-non-forced entry and larceny-from buildings
Jan. 29, Seafarer Road, Arapahoe, found property
Jan. 29, Neuse Road, Grantsboro, larceny
Jan. 30, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, larceny-from buildings
Jan. 31, Trent Road, Merritt, flee/eldue arrest and carrying a concealed weapon
Feb. 1, Crystal Court, New Bern, animal cruelty
Feb. 2, Black Bear Lane, Grantsboro, motor vehicle theft-recreation vehicle

Property Transfers
Jan. 29, 6.366 AC; Alliance, from Carol H. Bryant to Carol H. Bryant and Jerald D. Bryant, \$0
Jan. 29, Buccaneer Bay West-Section Three Lot: 86, from Lawrence P. Doyle to Susan M. Rinaldi, \$2
Jan. 29, Buccaneer Bay West Boat Slips Boat Slip 15, from Lawrence P. Doyle to Susan M. Rinaldi, \$2
Jan. 29, 4.43 AC, from Kate Buck Radcliff to Justin Lawrence Radcliff, \$0
Jan. 29, Metes & Bounds; Oriental, from Harriet K. Lowry and Harriet Williams to Patty L. Montgomery, \$750
Jan. 29, 1.95 AC; W/S SR 1328, from Nancy R. Dickinson to Michael Holsomback, \$380
Jan. 29, Indian Bluffs Lot: 2 Section III, from Edward B. Hagy, Edward B. Hagy Jr., and Helen C. Hagy to Robert S. Persan and Jessica Nancy Persan, \$800
Jan. 30, Oriental Harbor Place Condominiums Unit: a-11 Condo Cab 1 Slide 9-4, from William P. Burns Jr.,

Lynne E. Burns, Philip R. Clarke III, Diane L. Clarke, John A. Stout Jr., John A. Stout Jr. AIF, and Alice Stout to Ray Mark Heatherington and Donna Beard Heatherington, \$660
Jan. 31, N/S NC Hwy 55; Metes & Bounds, from MORTGAGE EQUITY CONVERSION ASSET TRUST 2011-1, MORTGAGE EQUITY CONVERSION ASSET TRUST 2011-1, MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES 2011-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION/TR, and REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC./ AIF to Brian P. Ashley and Emily T. Ashley, \$304
Jan. 31, 40.37 AC; Tract One, from Jasmine Trail LLC to Lucky Properties LLC, \$436
Jan. 31, 3.53 AC, from Peggy Sisk Wooster EST, Peggy Hardison, Lynn Wooster EXR, and Terry Michael McCoy EXR to Shannon L. Wing \$280
Jan. 31, Buccaneer Bay Section Three Lot: 73, \$0
Feb. 1, Lot 29; NW/S Lee Landing Road, from Linda R. Beck and Maynard

G. Beck to Nick G. Wicker and Darcus K. Wicker, \$34
Feb. 1, S/S Chinchilla Drive; Metes & Bounds, from Lillie M. Monk to Larry D. Monk and Frances B. Monk, \$0
Feb. 1, 1.58 AC, from Ross Trailer Park LLC to Ted Frederick and Dorothy Frederick, \$220
Feb. 1, Bell Point Lot: 12 Phase 1, from Samuel P. Reynolds and Susan Y. Reynolds to Harvey H. Blackiston and Angela H. Blackiston, \$581
Feb. 1, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: F Lot: 18 Tract One; Tract Two: 0.40 AC; Windmill Pointe Lot: 39 Tract Three, from Teterpie LLC to Oriental Consortium LLC, \$500
Feb. 2, Four Lots, from McCotter Family LLC to Patterson L. McCotter, \$0
Feb. 2, Dees Lot: 4, from Mary E. Smith and Donald T. Smith AIF to Mary E. Smith and Donald T. Smith, \$0
Feb. 2, Dog Town Lot: 4 Oriental and Dog Town Lot: 5 Oriental, from Teddy Green and Tanisha Fenderson to Teddy Green and Lorenzo Green, \$0

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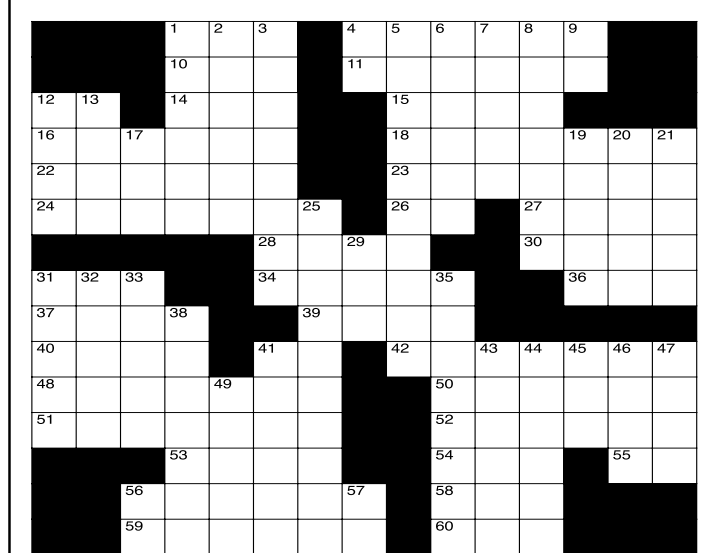
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Cooper Asks Feds To Hold More Hearings On Drilling

By Dan Way, Carolina Journal News Service
RALEIGH — Gov. Roy Cooper announced Wednesday he sent a letter to U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke seeking to delay any decision on drilling or seismic testing of the ocean floor in search of oil and gas deposits off North Carolina's coast.
Cooper wants the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to hold public hearings outside Raleigh in the coastal communities of Kill Devil Hills, Morehead City, and Wilmington. He has threatened a lawsuit if oil and gas drilling is permitted in Atlantic Ocean waters off of North Carolina's coast. For now, he's now asking for a 60-day extension of the federal public comment period.
"This extension is necessary to allow for public hearings in coastal areas, and to give the public especially the people of eastern North Carolina, sufficient time to submit comments on offshore drilling proposed for nearly the entire U.S. Outer Continental Shelf," Cooper said in the letter.
Lt. Gov. Dan Forest chairs the state Energy Policy Council. In an email, Forest representative Jamey Falkenbury said: "To ask for another 60 days of public comment is delaying the inevitable decision of Gov. Cooper's administration to block any exploration off the coast of North Carolina. The time to start exploring was yesterday."
"I think it's clear it's just a delay tactic, and they're going to pull out every stop," said David McGowan, executive director of the N.C. Petroleum Council. He said Cooper isn't interested in the pros or cons of drilling based on scientific testing that has yet to be done.
McGowan said he supports further public comment. It would take 10 to 15 years before drilling produced any oil or natural gas, and there would be plenty of time for additional public input.
And he said if Cooper is concerned about seismic testing's effect on marine life, he should have the same level of alarm about other activities that could disturb sea animals.
"I'll be very interested to learn whether he also opposes seismic surveys for installations of offshore wind turbines once we come

to that point in the process with developers of those facilities," McGowan said. The intensity might be higher in oil and gas seismic testing, but wind seismic is "essentially the same technology, and the same vessels pulling the same type of equipment."
To be consistent, McGowan said, Cooper should be concerned about the effects on aquatic creatures of beach renourishment, inland dredging, and even National Science Foundation research from 2014 conducted off the coast about potential climate change.
U.S. Rep. Richard Hudson, R-8th District, is a proponent of Atlantic oil and gas exploration and production.
"It's about time we had a president who shares my desire to responsibly open North Carolina to energy exploration while protecting our beautiful coastal waters as well as our tourism and ocean industries," Hudson said when President Trump reversed Obama-era regulations in April, opening the Outer Continental Shelf for leasing.
Economists have projected offshore drilling would create 15,000 to 17,000 jobs in North Carolina and add between \$116 million and \$171 million to annual state government revenue.
Zinke yielded to Florida Gov. Rick Scott's request to exempt Florida from Atlantic drilling earlier this month. Scott made the case that Florida's beach industry, tourism, and coastline were unique as economic drivers for the state. Cooper requested the same exemption Jan. 20 in a phone call with Zinke.
"If North Carolina is not exempt from offshore drilling, we will sue the federal government," Cooper said Jan. 22 during a visit to Wrightsville Beach.
In a press release announcing his letter to Zinke, Cooper said at least 30 coastal communities have passed resolutions opposing drilling, joining hundreds of businesses and a bipartisan group of North Carolina's congressional delegation. He said the only scheduled public hearing — an open house in Raleigh — was not sufficient, and people living in the affected communities should have an opportunity to speak for the record.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Plural of be
 - 4. Dress
 - 10. Nothing
 - 11. Relating to apes
 - 12. They protect and serve
 - 14. Swindle
 - 15. Show's partner
 - 16. Lift
 - 18. Raise up
 - 22. Do something to an excessive degree
 - 23. Occupies
 - 24. Power-driven aircraft
 - 26. Indicates position
 - 27. Matchstick games
 - 28. This and
 - 30. No longer here
 - 31. Health insurance
 - 34. Spore-producing receptacle on fern frond
 - 36. Monetary unit
 - 37. Sweet potatoes
 - 39. Tropical Asian plant
 - 40. Guilty or not guilty
 - 41. Carbon dioxide
 - 42. Able to arouse intense feeling
 - 48. Earl's jurisdiction
 - 50. Omitted
 - 51. Heartbeat
 - 52. Albania capital
 - 53. Fashion accessory
 - 54. Interaction value analysis
 - 55. Symbol of exclusive ownership
 - 56. More promising
 - 58. ___ student, learns healing
 - 59. Nonresident doctor
 - 60. Midway between east and southeast

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Enrages
 - 2. Capital of Saudi Arabia
 - 3. Uses in an unfair way
 - 4. Cesium
 - 5. Written works
 - 6. Breakfast item
 - 7. Found in showers
 - 8. A way of fractioning
 - 9. Unit of measurement
 - 12. Sailboat
 - 13. Indian goddess
 - 17. For each
 - 19. Farewell
 - 20. Ethnic group of Sierra Leone
 - 21. German industrial city
 - 25. Measures intensity of light
 - 29. Small, faint constellation
 - 31. Promotes enthusiastically
 - 32. Malaysian inhabitant
 - 33. Ancient units of measurement
 - 35. An unspecified period
 - 38. Frame house with up to three stories
 - 41. Lassie is one
 - 43. Martinis have them
 - 44. Rant
 - 45. Famed journalist Tarbell
 - 46. Opening
 - 47. Round Dutch cheese
 - 49. Archaic form of do
 - 56. Once more
 - 57. Registered nurse

Maysville Man Arrested For Theft At Hobucken Marina

On January 30, The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael Scott Winbourne, age 26, of Jones County in connection to a breaking and entering that occurred at the Hobucken Marina the previous week. Several items were stolen from the Marina including cigarettes, lottery tickets, and beer. The investigation led deputies to believe that Winbourne was involved after he attempted to cash-in the stolen lottery tickets, which are tracked by the North Carolina Lottery



Commission. Pamlico County Deputies along with Jones County Deputies located Winbourne at his home in Maysville where he was arrested.
Winbourne was arrested and charged with the following: Felony Breaking and Entering; Felon Larceny After Breaking and Entering; and Obtaining Property by False Pretense. He was placed in the Pamlico County Detention Facility on a \$15,000.00 secured bond.

Obituaries



Mrs. Frances Hudnell Mayo, age 94, a resident of Dublin Run Road, Aurora, died Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Vidant Beaufort Hospital in Washington.
Graveside services held Monday, February 5, at Cuthrell Cemetery, White Hill Community of Aurora, conducted by Rev. Raymond Lagher.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.paulfuneralhome.com
Paul Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington is honored to serve the Mayo family.
Danny Craig Perry, 64, of Hobucken, passed away very peacefully at Grantsbrook nursing and rehab facility on Friday, February 2nd, 2018 after a long battle with COPD. He leaves behind a daughter, Dorothy Sadler, two grandchildren Sara Fugate and Noah Sadler. He also leaves two sisters, Ellen Jones and Tammy Stowe, and one brother, Fred Simpson. The Services will be held Saturday 10th at 1 PM @ Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church, 221 Neuse Road, New Bern, NC. In lieu of flowers please donate to a hospice facility.

The Family of Charlie Griffin would like to Thank everyone for their heartfelt concerns for Our loss of our Dad.

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Watch For The Socially Civic Section Of The Pamlico News Coming Soon!



Pamlico County Democratic Party Precinct Organizational Meetings

Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM at the following locations:

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| Alliance Town Hall | Mesic Town Hall |
| Arapahoe Fire Station | Olympia Fire Station (Reelsboro Precinct) |
| Bayboro Courthouse Annex | Oriental Town Hall |
| Grantsboro Town Hall | Stonewall Town Hall |
| Goose Creek Island Community Center (Hobucken Precinct) | Vandemere Town Hall |

For more information contact Jayne Stasser at 252 617-9219.

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NC Certifies New State Record Red Grouper

MOREHEAD CITY – The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries has certified a new state record red grouper.

Robert L. Dean of Creedmoor reeled in the 35-pound, 11-ounce fish June 10 while fishing on the Cheerio Lady charter boat in the Atlantic Ocean 43 miles off Carolina Beach.

The fish measured 37 inches total length (from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail) and had a girth of 37 inches.

The former state record for red grouper was 33 pounds, 8 ounces. It was caught off the coast of Atlantic Beach in 2007. The world all-tackle record for red grouper is 42 pounds, 4 ounces and was caught off the coast of St. Augustine, Fla. in 1997.

Dean caught his fish using cigar minnows and squid for bait on 80-pound line test with a custom rod and Penn 3/0 reel

For more information, contact Carole Willis, with the North Carolina Saltwater Fishing Tournament, at 252-808-8081 or carole.y.willis@ncdenr.gov.



Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Board To Meet

MOREHEAD CITY – The Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Board to the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries will meet at 10:30 a.m., March 28 at the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries' Central District Office, 5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City.

The board will consider applications deemed complete and submitted by March 9.



The board meets two to three times a year to consider license applications. For directions on applying for a commercial fishing license, go to <http://portal.ncdenr.gov/web/mf/commercial-fishing-license-information> and click on the Eligibility Pool Application link.

For more information, contact division License Eligibility Clerk Ann Bordeaux-Nixon at 910-796-7261 or Ann.Bordeaux-Nixon@ncdenr.gov.

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“Rally to Raleigh” To Oppose Offshore Oil And Gas Off Of Our Coast



Buses will be leaving from Wilmington, Morehead City and Nags Head to bring coastal residents to the Feb. 26 public meeting in Raleigh.

The federal government proposes to allow drilling for oil and gas just three miles off of North Carolina's beaches, but coastal residents are being asked to travel hundreds of miles to Raleigh to talk with officials about this plan.

The North Carolina Coastal Federation and 13 other groups opposed to offshore drilling have chartered buses on Feb. 26 to make it easier for coastal residents to attend the only public meeting to be held in North Carolina on this proposal.

The “Rally to Raleigh” buses will leave from Wilmington, Morehead City and Nags Head to bring people to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's public meeting in Raleigh on Monday, Feb. 26. These meetings will be in an open-house format. For \$10 each, coastal residents can secure their seat on one of the buses. Those riding the buses must show up 30 minutes prior to departure time.

“The federal government picked Raleigh to hold the open house event for the new lease plan for offshore oil and gas development,” said Mike Giles, coastal advocate at the federation. “This decision seems to be a direct effort to suppress the voices from the coast who would be most affected by this destructive activity. We decided it was important to bring those voices to Raleigh for an opportunity to be heard loud and clear.”

The federation and partners also encourage those who are able to drive or unable to make the bus, as well as people from other parts of the state, to attend BOEM's public meeting.

BOEM staff will be at the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown from 3-7 p.m. to answer questions about the plan. There will also be a press event and rally at 6 p.m. at the same location. State leaders and

experts will also stand with participants in opposition to proposed oil and gas exploration and seismic testing off North Carolina's coast.

The following organizations have provided financial support to charter the buses: North Carolina Coastal Federation; Oceana; Cape Fear Chapter of the North Carolina Sierra Club; Cape Fear and Outer Banks Chapters of the Surfrider Foundation; Crystal Coast Waterkeeper; Citizens Protecting the Atlantic Coast; Southern Environmental Law Center; NC Conservation Network; NC League of Conservation Voters; Environment North Carolina; Center for Biological Diversity; Save Our Sea NC; and Brunswick Environmental Action Team.

The Outer Banks Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation is encouraging local businesses to close on Feb. 26 to allow coastal residents to attend the meeting.

To register and for more details, go to nccoast.org/rallytoraleigh.

Learn more about this issue at nccoast.org/oil and dontdrillnc.org. Comments can be submitted online at the regulations.gov website.

Please contact coastal advocates Mike Giles or Michael Flynn for more information at 252-393-8185 or at mikeg@nccoast.org or michaelf@nccoast.org.

Departure: Morehead City: Kmart Parking Lot 4915 Arendell Street Morehead City, NC 28557 Depart: 1:30 p.m. Return: 9:30 p.m.

About the North Carolina Coastal Federation: The North Carolina Coastal Federation is a nonprofit membership organization that works to keep the coast of North Carolina a great place to live, work and play. Through a variety of programs and partnerships, the federation provides for clean coastal waters and habitats, advocates to protect the coast and teaches and informs people about the coast and what they can do to protect it.

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Arapahoe Charter School



ACS first graders reach out to help shelter animals

First graders at Arapahoe Charter School are working hard to collect food to feed shelter cats and dogs. The project currently underway will continue through February when students will deliver the collected food to the local animal shelter.

Both Mrs. Partridge's or Mrs. Guthrie's first grade classes are participating in this community outreach project in an effort to raise awareness of the need to help shelter animals as well as involve children at an early age about helping in their community. Donations will gladly be accepted at ACS during school hours through February 28th.

ACS Holds Annual Spelling Bee

Arapahoe Charter School held its annual spelling bee on Thursday, Feb. 1 for grades 4-8. After an exciting afternoon of competition, 7th grader Savannah Belfance was declared the winner, followed by 5th grader Coleton Hall in 2nd place and 6th grader Juliana Harding in 3rd.

Savannah will represent ACS at the Downeast Regional Bee at the Turnage Theater in Washington on March 10.

According to Sandi Prescott, ACS Media Coordinator and teacher, the spelling bee is a welcome tradition.

"The school spelling bee is a time honored tradition that takes place throughout our country's school system," Mrs. Prescott said. "While there have been many welcome and needed changes to our education system, the spelling bee always brings us back to basics of what makes our schools so successful."

The winner of the Downeast Regional Bee will travel to Washington DC to compete in the national spelling bee.



(Left-right) Coleton Hall (5th grade) took 2nd place, 7th grader Savannah Belfance was the winner and 6th grader Juliana Harding came in 3rd.

Also participating in the spelling bee were 4th graders Johan Gonzalez-Garcia, Liliana Jacobo, Holden Popperwill. Representatives of the 5th grade were Derrick Findley, Rachel Prescott while Kamarin Smith, Jaden Wong represented the 6th grade. 7th graders included David Hurst, Cheyenne Sanders and Ashli Bryant, Chloe Eaton, Aaron Foreman representing 8th grade.



Building Bridges to Watch Them Fall

A group of Arapahoe Charter School middle school students began with a theme of bridges and ended with a model bridge competition.

Students led their own learning through experimentation and research and then taught each other what they had learned - students created a website about the history of bridges and how bridges were used in warfare and also learned about famous bridges and different bridge types.

Other students developed a newscast explaining about a bridge disaster while another authored a clip on the history and meaning of the poem, London Bridge. Several students learned about the forces and stresses that act upon bridges and built models to test their strength. One group even made a youtube video of themselves walking on a bridge that they made of paper!

Some students learned how to use CAD modeling software to create bridge models using our 3D printer while others showed their expertise in using greenscreen video technology. One student explained how mental bridges can be built person-to-person, especially in treating depression. After learning so much about bridges, students participated in a model bridge competition to see who could build a bridge spanning 35 cm and which would hold the most weight.

In addition to the required 35 cm span in length, bridges could be no more than 8 cm wide. First place went to Ramon and Nathan with a beam bridge named, Experiment #2



which held a whopping 422 pounds! They credit their success with places their planks both horizontal and then vertical in the fashion of plywood. Second place went to Dani and Clarissa with their truss bridge, Gladys, which held 256 pounds. Another truss bridge wrapped up third place. This beauty, Holey Bridge, was built by Mya and Nick and held 205 pounds.

Congratulations to all of the participants.

Spruce Up Your Wardrobe at ACS!

Just in time for Spring (almost!) - stop in the new clothing shop at Arapahoe Charter School to refresh your wardrobe!

OCS students at the school have adopted a service project through a partnership with Hospice of Pamlico County.

The group will be selling donated clothing on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:20-3:00 in Mrs. Newman's/Mrs. Cathy's classroom. All items will sell for \$2.

There will be a new shipment each week including both girl's and boy's clothes as well as a great selection of accessories. All proceeds will go back to Hospice.

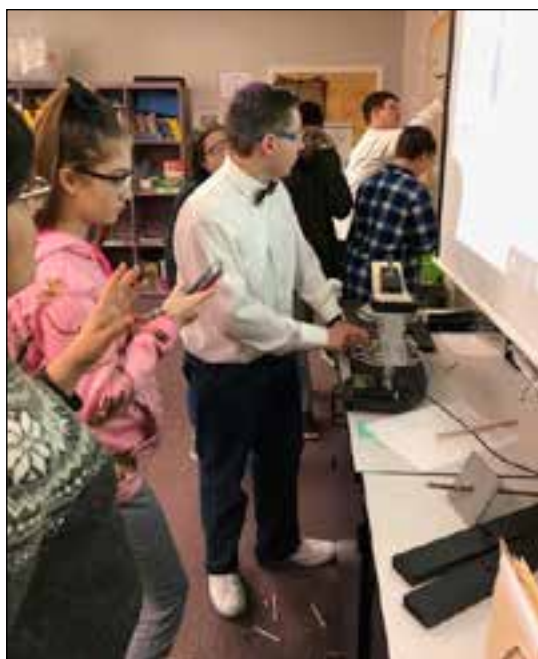


Touring the New School

Arapahoe Charter School journalism students were given a sneak preview of the new school by ACS Financial Director Chris Watson last week.

The group had the opportunity to see the new facility from "top to bottom" as well as ask questions about the project.

See the next issue of Paw Prints for the complete rundown on the new construction.



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CarolinaEast Medical Center to Implement "Quiet Time"

Two Hours Every Day Promotes Rest and Healing

Beginning Thursday, February 1st most patient care areas at CarolinaEast Medical Center will observe a two hour "quiet time" with the goal of allowing patients an opportunity to rest with minimal interruption. "Assuring a quiet environment for our guests has proven to promote healing and enhance the patient experience," said Megan McGarvey, Director, Public Relations. "We understand that being hospitalized can be angst inducing - this is our latest initiative to alleviate that anxiety and encourage relaxation," added McGarvey.

Quiet time will be observed daily between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. During this period, time sensitive tests and procedures will be performed and visitors, while we ask to be mindful of quiet time, will be allowed to visit. Nurses, depending on patient preference, will draw blinds, close doors and either turn off the television or change it to the CARE Channel which features calming scenes and relaxing music.

"We implemented Quiet Time on our 2 IMC unit several years ago and it has been very successful. We decided it was time to introduce it in other areas of the medical center," McGarvey said. "While we cannot guarantee absolute peace and quiet, we most definitely can make every effort to minimize noise for our guests."

How To Register To Become An Organ Donor

February 14 is National Donor Day, an annual reminder that organ donation is a life saver. More than 118,000 people in the United States are waiting for organs, and every 10 minutes, someone is added to the national transplant waiting list, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Average people can make a big difference, simply by adding their names to The National Donate Life Registry. Indeed, one organ donor can save up to eight lives. You can register to become a donor at the DMV when applying for a driver's license or by visiting registerme.org. With more organs needed than are actually available, consider learning more about how organ donation works and how you can get involved.



State Employees' Credit Union Supervisors Honored With ESGR Patriot Awards

Raleigh – SECU employee and North Carolina National Guardsman Richard Warner recently returned from a two-month stint in Puerto Rico – the second service deployment for the Army National Guard Captain. Leading up to and during his deployment there were many things he had to prepare for quickly, but two things he never worried about was the status of his job at the Raleigh-Capitol Square branch or the backing he would receive from his co-workers. SECU Vice President Neil Piner and Senior Vice President Sandra Coburn provided ongoing assistance for Richard, helping with financial matters and being a supportive resource for his wife while he was away. To show his appreciation, he nominated his supervisors for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Awards, which reflect efforts made to support citizen warriors prior to, during and after deployment, including flexible schedules, leave of absences, and caring for families.

ESGR Volunteer Griff Bartlett presented the Awards to Piner and Coburn during a surprise ceremony last week at SECU's Raleigh-Salisbury Street office. Mr. Bartlett noted, "There are 24,000 active Guard and Reservists in North Carolina with about 12,000 in the Army National Guard. Since 9/11, some of these service members have been deployed more than once. That doesn't work unless employers like you support them while they're on duty. On behalf of the Secretary of Defense James Mattis, we're pleased to be able to present Neil and Sandra with a Patriot Award for their outstanding support of Richard's deployment in Puerto Rico."

Captain Warner added, "Nominating both of you for the Patriot Award was our way of thanking you for all the support that you gave me and my wife while I was away – it was above and beyond what I could have anticipated. It brought me great relief knowing that when there was no service, no internet and no connectivity with my family, you all were there for us and we're extremely grateful."

Upon receiving the award, Ms. Coburn responded, "This was such a gracious thing for Richard to do for us – I am truly honored and humbled by the award. I want him to know how thankful we are for him and all the military service members for the incredible sacrifices they make for us through their valiant service to our country. I'm also proud to work for State Employees' Credit Union, an organization that takes great measures to ensure strong support for our SECU personnel who serve in the Guard and Reserves."

SECU is no stranger to ESGR awards, having received numerous honors for its support of military staff, including the Above and Beyond Award, Pro Patria Award and the prestigious Freedom Award, which is the U.S. Department of Defense's highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of their employees serving in the Guard and Reserve. To date, nine SECU supervisors have received Patriot Awards. In 2010, over 300 SECU managers participated in the Nation's largest ESGR Statement of Support signing, acknowledging their commitment to fellow employees serving in the military.

About SECU: A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members, SECU has been providing employees of the State of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for over 80 years. The Credit Union also offers a diversified line of financial advisory services including retirement and education planning, tax preparation, insurance, trust and estate planning services, and investments through its partners and affiliated entities. SECU serves over 2.25 million members through 263 branch offices, nearly 1,100 ATMs, 24/7 Member Services via phone and a website, www.ncsecu.org



Hyde County's Octagon House Awarded \$20,000 Grant

The Octagon House Restoration, Inc. (OHRI) has just received a \$20,000 matching fund grant from the Marion S. Covington Foundation. The Foundation, headquartered in Greensboro, has long had an interest in North Carolina historic preservation.

The application was submitted in 2017 to help cover the costs of Phase II of the current restoration/repairs planned for the Octagon House. Thanks to generous contributions from supporters of this 1857 historic Hyde County landmark, the match was raised in less than three months, and the necessary work will take place during the spring and summer of 2018.

Phase II addresses the severe moisture problems and will include the raising of the House; foundation and pier work; and chimney foundation work.

The OHRI has just finished replacing the wood-shingled roof during Phase I of the process. The final Phase III will deal with exterior surfaces, window repairs, restoration of the interior chimney areas, and other issues which will make the House more usable for visitors wishing to learn the story of this mid-19th century – one of two remaining antebellum eight-sided structures in North Carolina.

The Octagon House during a recent snow in Hyde County. Photo Credit: Jason Cutrell

The OHRI was formed in 1976 to preserve, protect, and maintain the House which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. The initial restoration took place in the 1980s, with the assistance of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resource's State Historic Preservation Office, which continues to provide excellent guidance.

Walter Baum, Board Chairman of the OHRI, has expressed his feelings on the latest progress: "We are excited that the next restoration phase of our beloved Octagon House will begin soon. Without the assistance of the Covington Foundation, and the generosity of our supporters, none of this would be possible."

For more information about the Octagon House email octagonhouse.nc@gmail.com. To follow the restoration, visit www.facebook.com/octagonhouse.nc. Donations are still encouraged and may be mailed to the OHRI, PO Box 35, Engelhard, NC 27824 or made safely and securing online on the Facebook page. The OHRI is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by Law.





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We are privileged to live and work with a community populated by the most generous and caring people anywhere in the world. We are so thankful for everything you have done for us and are looking forward to another fulfilling year with your continued help.

Thank You!

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