



Canada's coldest day ever: Snag, Yukon, hit -63 °C February 3, 1947 — without wind chill
As Snag, Yukon, locals stepped outside, their breath hissed as it froze mid-air. It was -62.8 C in the tiny village — the coldest day in Canadian history



Students At PCPS Enjoyed Celebrating The 100th Day Of School

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Marine Saves Mother and Child From Burning Vehicle

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. – Lance Cpl. Alyssa David, of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, will be the recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. The Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal is, “awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Navy or the U.S. Marine Corps, distinguishes himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service.”

On September 25, 2020 David came upon the scene of a vehicle collision, observing a truck in a ditch with smoke coming from the engine after being struck by a tractor-trailer. She immediately took charge of the scene, directing bystanders to call 911. She observed an unconscious woman in the driver’s seat, covered in glass and bleeding. She ensured the woman was breathing, but was unable to free her from the damaged vehicle. Noticing a baby in the rear, she directed another responder to stay with the woman while she tended to the child. She triaged and was able to pull the baby from the smoking vehicle.

Old Wives’ Weather Forecasting

“Did you hear that? I think I just heard thunder. You know what that means.” This was a statement quite a few people were making or heard in our area, either in person or on social media last Monday. It refers to an old weather proverb or “old wives’ tale,” if you prefer, which predicts that if you hear thunder in the winter, you will have snow within seven days. Did it come true? If you were up early on Thursday morning, you could see for yourself that it did, as snow was falling in many parts of eastern North Carolina, including Pamlico County. This is just one example of weather folklore handed down through generations as a way to predict upcoming weather. Are they always accurate? Certainly not, but then again neither are the TV meteorologists we watch daily for our weather forecasts. Although weather folklore is based on years of observations and is often given with the preamble of “old-timers used to say,” many of these predictions can have a scientific basis. Take the above-mentioned snow predictor. In winter, eastern North Carolina can have a bit of a rollercoaster of temperatures. If relatively warm air is in place and a cold front approaches,

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The Story Behind the Monument

by: Hiram Lupton

If you walk through any cemetery you will see many gravestones and markers. Many only give a birth and death date, but some lead you to ask the question, “I wonder what’s the story behind the monument”. While researching some family genealogical history, Mrs. Donna Haskins Medford of New Bern discovered one such monument in the cemetery located on Silverbrook Road in Oriental and alerted us to it. The stone was placed in memorial to Mr. Braxton Haskins. Mr. Haskins grew up in Oriental and was the son of a postmaster for the town in the early 1900’s, Mr. Claude Haskins. Like many young men who grew up in Pamlico County, it can be assumed that Braxton chose the water as a way to make a living and through the course of events, he and his childhood friend, Oscar Perkins became employed with the Old Dominion Steamship Company. It was while doing this job, that Mr. Haskins lost his life. His obituary states that he was “one of Oriental’s best and truest young men”. It goes on to say that “His death cast a gloom over our whole town.”

The memorial stone itself stands out first because of its size and most notably its resemblance of a tree trunk. This grave marker was provided by the Woodmen of the World organization (WOW). WOW is a national fraternal benefit society founded in Omaha, Nebraska by Joseph Cullen Root in 1890. One of the basic concepts of WOW was to make affordable life insurance available to its members. A part of this life insurance was providing a grave marker for its policy holders. These stones were provided free of charge to members from 1890 until 1900, and then until the mid-1920’s, for a \$100 rider on the policy. After that they were discontinued due to high cost and because many cemeteries began limiting the size of their grave stones. Mr. Haskins’ stone has the WOW symbol inscribed near the top with the Latin phrase “Dum Tacet Clamet,” meaning, “Though silent, he speaks”.

As well as his birth date of Aug. 2, 1891, Mr. Haskins marker also has the inscription “Drowned

JANY 31, 1914”. This is where the story becomes a tragedy. The 22-year-old Haskins was a crewman on the passenger steamship SS Monroe which was operated by the Old Dominion Steamship Company and had a regular overnight route between Norfolk, Virginia and New York City. Mr. Haskins was the third assistant engineer on the 366-foot vessel. The Monroe left Norfolk



around 7PM on January 30th and in heavy fog was struck by the southbound steamship SS Nantucket around 2AM about 50 miles off the Virginia capes. The Monroe rolled on its side and sank in 10 to 12 minutes after being struck. The Nantucket was able to rescue 85 survivors out of the icy water, but 41 people (19 passengers and 22 crew) lost their lives that winters night, among them, Braxton Haskins. Oscar Perkins, also a crewman on the ship, survived and was picked up by the Nantucket. Just a little of the story behind the monument.

Johnson Guilty Of First Degree Murder, Sentenced To Life Imprisonment Without The Possibility Of Parole



New Bern, North Carolina – District Attorney Scott Thomas announced that ANTHONY LAMAR JOHNSON, 24, of Fayetteville, NC was found guilty by a Craven County jury of First Degree Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery with a Firearm, Attempted Robbery with a Firearm, and Possession of Firearm by a Felon. The Honorable Joshua W. Willey, Jr. presided over the trial and sentenced JOHNSON to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, followed by two consecutive sentences of 29 to 47 months and 14 to 26 months’ imprisonment.

The jury verdict and sentence came after a one-week jury trial in Craven County Superior Court during which the State presented 14 witnesses and introduced over 200 pieces of evidence. The trial involved the attempted armed robbery of the Cove Country Store in Cove City, NC and the murder of Scottie Allen Morton, 43, of Cove City, NC on August 3, 2017.

Following the jury verdicts and sentence, District Attorney Scott Thomas made the following statement, “We are very appreciative of the jury for their work in this case. They listened carefully to the evidence and reached the correct verdicts on these charges. Assistant District Attorneys Karen Hobbs and Matthew Wareham did an excellent job preparing this case for trial and presenting evidence to the jury. They were assisted by Legal Assistant Beverly Lynch. The Craven County Sheriff’s Office worked diligently and professionally during the investigation and prosecution of this case. They were assisted during this investigation by local and state law enforcement agencies, the North Carolina State Crime Lab, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Our sympathies and condolences continue to be with the family of Scottie Morton. We have worked closely with the family since the murder of Scottie to achieve justice in this case. We will continue to work with them as cases involving the other two co-defendants involved in these crimes are prosecuted.”

PCC’s CE Classes Starting in February

- Notary Public course, a one-day class that will meet Saturday, Feb. 6, at the college’s Bayboro Center.
 - Microsoft Excel course, which will begin Monday, Feb. 8.
 - A new section of the popular Nurse Aide I course, which will begin Monday, Feb. 8.
 - A daytime section of the Nurse Aide II course, which will start Tuesday, Feb. 9.
 - Cardiac Monitor Technician course, which will begin Tuesday, Feb. 9.
 - Physical Therapy Aide course, which is scheduled to start Tuesday, Feb. 16.
 - An evening section of Nurse Aide II, which will begin Tuesday, Feb. 16.
 - Medication Aide course, a three-day class that will start Thursday, Feb. 25.
 - Forklift Training, a one course set for Saturday, Feb. 27.
- Also launching in February will be new courses in Medical Coding and Pharmacy Technician. Dates are TBA.
 For more information about these courses, please contact Lori at 252-249-1851, ext. 3015.

Hurricane Hardcourt Report

The Hurricanes only had one game date last week as both the Men’s and Ladies’ teams traveled to Robersonville to take on the Cougars of South Creek High School last Tuesday night. There was only varsity action as the JV was not in action. The Lady ‘Canes maintained their unbeaten record (4-0) with a 71-25 victory. Pamlico was paced by Senior Anari Barron with 21 points. The Hurricane Men also won to complete the road sweep. They were led by Michael Pool with 20 points in their 74-58 road win. The Men’s record sits at 4-1.



Pamlico County Drug Dealer Sentenced to 100 Months

RALEIGH, N.C. – A Pamlico County man was sentenced on Thursday, January 28, 2021, to 100 months in prison for the distribution of methamphetamine and cocaine.

According to court documents, Curtis Trevore Bell, 38, began selling methamphetamine and cocaine almost immediately after serving a ten-year sentence for murder. In a thirteen-month period, authorities purchased narcotics from Bell, a known member of the United Blood Nation, fourteen times. During the same time frame, U.S. Marshals removed Bell from a Federal courthouse in Elizabeth City when Bell appeared at a trial of a notorious drug dealer in New Bern to intimidate the Government’s witnesses.

Robert J. Higdon, Jr., U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Terrence W. Boyle. This case is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force in the Eastern District of North Carolina focusing on narcotics distributors in Pamlico County. The Pamlico County Sheriff’s Office, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney J.D. Koesters prosecuted the case.

Related court documents and information can be found on the website of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina or on PACER by searching for Case No. 4:20-cr-00043-BO.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Sat 06 | Day Partly cloudy skies. High 47F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph **Sat 06 | Night** Cloudy with occasional rain showers. Low 36F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Sun 07 | Day Rain showers in the morning becoming more intermittent in the afternoon. High 47F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50%. **Sun 07 | Night** Cloudy with rain and snow showers in the evening. Clear late. Low 23F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 30%.



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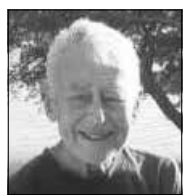
Brenda Sue Barnette Van Winkle, 74, of New Bern passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at home. She is a member of Spring Hope FWB Church. She loved being outside and working with her flowers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vance and Phoebe Barnette and brothers, Jack and Roy Barnette. She is survived by her husband, Marshall

Van Winkle; sister, Clara (Richard) Grady; and sister-in-law, Annis Barrington. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, 2020 Wrightsville Ave Suite 111, Wilmington, NC 28403. Arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home & Cremations, Alliance.



Larry Earl Smith, 69, of Aurora, passed away Monday, January 25, 2021, at Carolina East Medical Center. A man of Godly character, he was a member of Meeting Place Church where he served as a senior council member. He retired from PCS Phosphate after 38 years of service. He more recently owned and operated Larry Smith Stump Grinding, many called him "Santa". A man of few words, he loved God above all, but loved all. He was preceded in death by his father, Murray Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Evlynn "Bootsie" H. Smith; mother, Lucille Smith; sons, Aaron (Helene) Smith and Steven (Pearl) Smith; brother, Danny (Marie) Smith; sisters, Sandra (Marvin) Sartin, Teresa Swain and Brenda (Mitchell) Roberson; and five grandchildren, Dylan, Grace, Anna, Lily and Julia Smith. His graveside service was held Thursday, January 28th at White Hill FWB Church Cemetery with the Rev. Phillip Lewis officiating. Arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home & Cremations, Alliance.



George J. Pawlikowski of Minnesott Beach, NC passed away peacefully on Tuesday January 26, 2021 at age 84. He survived by his wife of 58 years, Regina; two loving daughters, Regina Phillips and Teresa Romano; a son David Pawlikowski; two son-in-laws, Erik Phillips and Joe Romano; and his five precious grandchildren, David Phillips, Caroline Phillips, Christopher Romano, Olivia Romano, and Alex Romano. He is survived, as well, by many nieces, nephews and cousins whom he loved deeply. George was born on September 8, 1936 in Bloomfield, NJ. He graduated from Bloomfield High School and then went on to Allegheny College, Meadville, PA where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. He then graduated from Boston College, Boston, MA with a Masters of Mathematics. He furthered his studies at the University of Louisiana and UCLA for Computer Science. He then resided in Hopewell, NJ. He was a teacher at Bloomfield High School and then went on to become a professor at The College of NJ (formally known as Trenton State College), where he

worked for 30 years. During his summers, he worked as a lifeguard and beach manager on the beaches of New Jersey, where his love of water originated. George was also very handy in carpentry and building; skills he acquired from his father while growing up. Sailing and the beautiful waters brought him to retire in North Carolina. He took pride in building his retirement house. He loved being outdoors and working on and around the house. His love of sailing, swimming, rowing, gardening, golfing, woodworking, and carving kept him very busy in his retirement. George was a devote Catholic and attended mass weekly at St. Egberts Church, Morehead City, NC and St. Peter the Fishman in Oriental, NC. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no public memorial service. In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate in honor of George, please do so to St. Egberts Catholic Church, Morehead City, NC (<https://www.crystalcoastcatholic.org/>) and/or St. Peter the Fisherman, Oriental, NC. (<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/parish/saint-peterfisherman-oriental>)

Hope Clinic's New Beginnings

Recovery support group meetings open to anyone in recovery. Using principals from NA, AA, and Smart Recovery is hosted by Hope Clinic's New Beginnings program. Meetings occur every evening at 7pm, except for Saturday. Most meetings are online and 2 are in-person at this time. There are no requirements to attend and meetings are free. For more information, please call Caitlin at (252) 745-5760 or email her at caitlin@hopeclinic.net

Horoscopes

- ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**
Aries, your ideas may seem a bit fantastical to the people who are closest to you. It could be time to expand your reach a little bit and pitch your thoughts to others.
- TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**
A financial surprise may require extra attention early in the week, Taurus. Take a step back and look at things from a new perspective as you try to adjust.
- GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**
Gemini, expressing how you feel to someone special is key to your personal growth this week. Don't hesitate to share your thoughts and open yourself up.
- CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**
Cancer, sometimes routines can be a good thing — even if you feel as though change is needed. Knowing what to expect when other things are off-kilter can be comforting.
- LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**
A supervisor may ask you to take the lead on a project that is right in your wheelhouse, Leo. Put in the extra effort to help ensure the results will be top notch.
- VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**
Your perception may be altered through a sudden modification in the way you think, Virgo. This can be a refreshing change for you and open up new possibilities.

- LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, facilitate conversations with new people to broaden your opportunities for social interaction. This may lead to friendships or even promising business opportunities.
- SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**
Thoughts may pop in and out of your mind, Scorpio. The trick is to figure out how to weed out the pertinent ideas from the fluff. Ask others to weigh in if need be.
- SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**
Emotions run high between you and your partner this week, Sagittarius. Enjoy the ride as this outpouring of emotions will strengthen your bond.
- CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**
Sometimes others do not even need to speak for you to infer what they are feeling, Capricorn. This is a good gift to have and can bring you closer to those around you.
- AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, a recognition of your specific talents and skills is conveyed to you by others. It may inspire you to work on a new project or change departments.
- PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**
Knowing and expressing just how you feel can help you to troubleshoot areas that need a bit of modification, Pisces. Be honest with yourself.

AQUARIUS Traits & Overview

The 11th sign of the zodiac, Aquarius is represented by the Water Bearer, a symbol of the Gods bringing nourishment to Earth. People born under the Aquarius sign are said to be progressive, independent, intelligent, unique, and idealistic. Their elemental sign is air, the same as that for Gemini and Libra. Like air, Aquarians don't have a single, clear shape and seem to defy categorization. While some Aquarians are quiet and gentle, others are exuberant and energetic. That said, even these two different types of people share many of the same inner qualities. For one, Aquarius loves to spend time deep in thought, especially when it pertains to matters of society. The world is their oyster, and they want to do whatever they can to improve it and help others within it. This is where their

humanitarian side comes into play; they long to initiate positive change, an essential quality of Uranus, the ruling planet of Aquarius. Mental stimulation is one of the main keys to happiness for Aquarians. Without it, they quickly become bored and uninterested. They also need plenty of alone time to think and recharge. Finally, being an Aquarius usually means being original and a little eccentric. It's not uncommon for Aquarians to embrace their creativity and uniqueness, even if it makes them stand out from others in a slightly odd or unconventional way. This quality tends to draw them toward anything new, interesting, or "out there," such as edgy fashion, sci-fi/fantasy, the avant-garde, and the latest technology.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- February 3rd – 1913**, The most reviled and despicable amendment to the U. S. Constitution was ratified. The 16th Amendment authorized the government to impose and collect income tax.
- February 4th – 2004**, The social networking website Facebook.com was launched and the downfall of society as we know it began.
- February 5th – 1870**, The first motion picture was shown at a theater in Philadelphia. I wonder if they sold popcorn.
- February 6th – 1894**, The bottle opener was patented by William Painter. The twist off was patented at a much later date by Bud Weiser.
- February 7th – 1983**, The first female U. S. Secretary of Transportation was sworn in, North Carolina native Elizabeth Dole.
- February 8th – 1862**, The Battle of Roanoke Island was fought during the Civil War. It ended in a Union victory and effectively gave them control over Pamlico Sound.
- February 9th – 1964**, The Beatles appeared for the first time on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Those boys with the funny haircuts were pretty good.

Birthdays This Week

- February 3rd – 1894**, Artist Norman Rockwell
- February 4th – 1913**, Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks
- February 5th – 1934**, Baseball player Hank Aaron
- February 6th – 1911**, Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States
- 1945**, Musician Bob Marley
- February 7th – 1812**, Writer Charles Dickens
- February 8th – 1940**, TV Journalist Ted Koppel
- February 9th – 1773**, William Henry Harrison, 9th President of the United States

Old Wives' Weather Forecasting

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the colder air often overrides the warmer air below creating an unstable atmosphere that is conducive for thunder. Once the front passes, often cold air settles in and the next approaching weather system, if it contains moisture, may produce precipitation of the frozen variety. Another old weather saying you may have heard is "Red sky at night, sailors delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning." I've also heard the opening line as "Red sky in the evening, sailors be leaving." This weather predictor goes way back, in fact, way back to the Bible. He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering.... -Matthew 16:2-3 If Jesus said it, I'm believing it, and it makes sense from observations. Most of the time, our weather systems move from west to east. At sunset, clouds in the east can produce brilliant reds in the sky signaling that the unsettled weather these clouds may have produced has passed. Conversely, if clouds cause a red horizon in the west at sunrise, these clouds may be approaching, and the day may be stormy. Although not weather related, I've heard a variation of this old saying applied to relationships. "Redhead at night, sailors delight. Redhead in the morning, she'll give you warning." While this speaks of the possible volatility of those with auburn tresses, this adage is pretty much false, as I have found redheads to be delightful and charming in both the evening and morning, but I digress.

Another saying I found is "When the ass begins to bray, surely rain will come that day." This is but one predictor based on the behavior of animals. It has long been accepted that the senses of animals can be much more sensitive than humans, and they are more acutely aware of approaching bad weather. It is thought that animals can better feel lower air pressures, and these lower pressures often signal the approach of bad weather. You often see birds become more active in their feeding right before a storm. Humans can also feel this. Lower air pressure can put less outside pressure on our bodies and in turn cause tissue and fluid around our joints to expand causing swelling and pain, so if your Grandfather says, "bad weather is coming, I can feel it in my bones," he's probably right. This corresponds to the saying, "When your joints all start to ache, rainy weather is at stake." "If a circle forms 'round the moon, 'Twill rain soon." I've often heard the circle referred to as a halo. At night you often can't see the high-level clouds that may contain ice crystals, but it is these crystals that cause the moon to have a halo effect. These high-level clouds may not be weather producers, but they are often the forerunner of the clouds that do. These are just a few of the many "old wives" weather predictors, many of which vary from region to region. When you hear these old sayings, don't be too quick to dismiss them. After all, old wives didn't get to be old by being stupid.

by: Hiram Lupton

QUICK REFERENCE

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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
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- PAMLICO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**
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Pamlico Community College

PCC President Dr. Jim Ross's son dies after battle with ALS

Dr. Robert James "Bobby" Ross, MD, PhD, son of Pamlico Community College President Dr. Jim Ross and his wife, Mrs. Pam Ross, died Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at his parents' home after a courageous six-year battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS. He was 38.

Dr. Bobby Ross passed away peacefully with his parents in prayer by his side. He had most recently lived in New Haven, Conn., before moving eight months ago to be with his parents and extended family in North Carolina.

Dr. Bobby Ross earned his MD with honors in 2016 at Yale University after earning his PhD with honors in 2014 from Yale. He was one of 10 students from around the world selected by Yale in 2006 to receive a full-tuition scholarship based on merit to earn both the MD and PhD degrees over an eight-year period. After earning both degrees, he was a resident physician in psychiatry at Yale until 2019 when the effects of ALS prevented him from continuing the work he loved so much. He specialized in serving military veterans during his service as a physician at Yale.

In his final months, Dr. Bobby Ross was able only to move his eyes, but his mind was as alert as ever. Through an assistive device that allowed him to communicate using eye movement, the younger Dr. Ross was able to engage in many deep conversations with his father, his mother, and others on many topics, including medicine, politics, higher education, sports, and his faith.

"The fact that Bobby contracted ALS, suffered tremendously from it, and died from it should not overshadow the unique brightness of his overall life," said his father. "Bobby had a life filled with astonishing achievements, great overall happiness, and abundant joy he spread wherever he went. Most importantly, wherever he went and whatever he did, he made lives better."

"As his father, I saw Bobby develop a deep faith and I believe that the most important essence of Bobby that brought such an incredible legacy of making lives better is that he consistently followed the teachings of Jesus Christ in caring more about others



Dr. Robert James 'Bobby' Ross, center, celebrates with his parents, Dr. Jim Ross, left, and Mrs. Pam Ross, right, at the May 2016 Doctor of Medicine (MD) commencement ceremony at Yale University. Contributed photo

rather than himself. I saw this consistently as he worked to help others throughout his life and the good this brought about."

"When Bobby earned his PhD from Yale, I was so proud for his academic achievements but something else made me just as proud," said his father. "Nearly every fellow student in his lab came up to me that day and revealed how Bobby had voluntarily helped them when they desperately needed academic help, encouragement, and friendship. Several said they might not have made it that far, or even dropped out, without Bobby's help for them."

"When Bobby earned his MD, Pam and I were so proud that he bravely did so while fighting the effects of ALS. After he then became a Yale resident physician in psychiatry, we were so proud of the love he showed and care he provided military veterans, which he specialized in. He did so as the horrible disease continued to profoundly devastate all his physical capabilities. Bobby earned a prestigious Yale award that year for outstanding clinical care of patients because of his inspired, loving, and effective work with veterans.

Dr. Jim Ross praised his wife Pam, who led the caregiving efforts for Bobby right up until the end. "Pam was like an angel on earth as she displayed amazing strength, courage, and love for our beloved son throughout Bobby's battle for life."

Because the younger Dr. Ross spent most of his adult life in Connecticut, there will not be any local viewing, funeral service or receiving of friends. The family requests no flowers or gifts, but welcomes emails to jross@pamlicocc.edu and greeting cards, which can be sent to the family via the college's address, P.O. Box 185, Grantsboro, NC 28529.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Ross wish to thank from the bottom of their hearts everyone in Pamlico County and elsewhere for their prayers on behalf of their son and their entire family, which they credit with giving them strength and comfort throughout the horrific medical ordeal their son Bobby went through.



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Then And Now' Pics That Show How Time Changes Things

by: Hiram Lupton

If you're not familiar with what rephotography is, it's the art of reshooting old photos of places in the modern day as accurately as possible. This can prove to be rather tricky, especially when it comes to really old photos, as the places often change dramatically over the years, and finding the exact spot where a picture was taken is really challenging. Nevertheless, we love a good challenge, and constantly provide us with amazing recreations of old photos in modern times, proving how time changes things – and not always for the better.

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Estate Planning for Blended Families



Dan M. Roberts

If you're in a blended family, you're already aware of the emotional and financial issues involved in your daily life. But what about the future? When it's time to do your estate planning – and it's never too soon for that – you'll need to be aware of the entanglements and complexities that can get in the way of your vision for leaving the legacy you desire.

You can take comfort in knowing that you're far from alone. More than half of married or cohabiting couples with at least one living parent, or parent-in-law, and at least one adult child, have a "step-kin" relationship, according to a study from researchers at the University of Massachusetts and other schools. That's a lot of estate-planning issues.

Nonetheless, the task does not have to be overwhelming – as long as you put sufficient time and thought into it. Here are some ideas that may help:

- Seek fairness – but be flexible. Even in a nonblended family, it's not always easy to be as equitable as you'd like in your estate plans – too often, someone feels they have been treated unfairly. In a blended family, these problems can be exacerbated: Will biological children feel cheated? Will stepchildren? Keep this in mind: Fair is not always equal – and equal is not always fair. When deciding how to divide your assets, you'll need to make some judgment calls after carefully evaluating the needs of all your family members. There's no guarantee that everyone will be satisfied, but you'll have done your best.

- Communicate your wishes clearly. When it comes to estate planning, the best surprise is no surprise – and that's especially true in a blended family. Even if you're the one creating your estate plans, try to involve other family members – and make your wishes and goals clear. You don't have to be specific down to the last dollar, but you should provide a pretty good overall outline.

- Consider establishing a revocable living trust. Everyone's situation is different, but many blended families find that, when making estate plans, a simple will is not enough. Consequently, you may want to establish a revocable living trust, which gives you much more control than a will when it comes to carrying out your wishes. Plus, because you have transferred your assets to the trust, you are no longer technically the owner of these assets, so there's no reason for a court to get involved, which means your estate can likely avoid the time-consuming, expensive and very public process of probate.

- Choose the right trustee. If you do set up a living trust, you'll also need to name a trustee – someone who manages the assets in the trust. Married couples often serve as co-trustees, but this can result in tensions and disagreements. As an alternative, you can hire a professional trustee – someone with the time, experience and neutrality to make appropriate decisions and who can bring new ideas to the process.

Above all else, make sure you have the right estate-planning team in place. You'll certainly need to work with an attorney, and you may also want to bring in your tax advisor and financial professional. Estate planning can be complex – especially with a blended family – and you'll want to make the right moves, right from the start.

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Winter Garden and Landscape Chores

Daniel Simpson, County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Winter is here but spring is just around the corner. Use this time to perform a few garden chores and starting planning for spring planting.

One of the easiest chores to perform this time of year is soil testing. Soil testing should be conducted every 2-3 years, and provides a snapshot of your current soil fertility and pH levels. You can pick up all the soil testing materials you will need to submit a sample at our office, and then submit that sample to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Agronomic Division for analysis <http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/>. By amending your soil now, you will be prepared for spring planting.

Winter dormancy pruning can also be conducted during the next couple of months. To learn more about pruning of fruit trees, review the Extension publication 'Training and Pruning Fruit Trees in N.C.' at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/training-and-pruning-fruit-trees-in-north-carolina>. You can also find several videos from Extension Tree Fruit Specialist, Dr. Mike Parker, for peach and pecan tree care through our NC State Extension YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/NCExtension>.

Remember to hold off on heavy pruning of spring flowering shrubs like Azaleas and Camellia. Wait until they have flowered then proceed to make those cuts. Pruning of these plants early may result in removal of flower buds. Summer flowering plants like Crape myrtle and evergreen shrubs can be pruned immediately. However, try not to remove more than 1/3 of the canopy of any plant during one year. Light, corrective pruning all year long is much easier than large, heavy pruning during winter. Winter pruning generally invigorates plants, so look out for a large flush of new growth in the spring. For specifics on when and how to make those pruning cuts, visit the NC State Extension publication 'General Pruning Techniques' at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/pdf/general-pruning-techniques/2014-09-29/general-pruning-techniques.pdf>.

Planting of trees and shrubs can be conducted almost year-round with containerized plants, but establishment is much easier when planting occurs during cooler parts of the year. With less demand for canopy growth, plants can focus energy on root

development before the spring warm-up begins. Remember not to plant too deeply and encourage root growth by pruning back restricted roots systems that occur in containers. For more planting tips, review the NC State Extension video series from Dr. Barbara Fair, Extension Horticultural Specialist, at <https://horticulture.ces.ncsu.edu/horticulture-ornamentals/landscaping/>

Lastly, do not forget about those winter lawn weeds. Winter annuals and perennials are much easier to control in the fall, but we can still take action now. Most winter weeds are broad-



leaf plants and can be controlled with mixtures of broadleaf herbicides like Ortho-Weed-B-Gone or Speed Zone Southern. However, cold temperatures will decrease efficacy of these products and add additional time before you notice results. Just be patient and follow the label directions. Stay away from "weed and feed" products during the dormant season. Save the fertilizer for after spring green up, as applications of nitrogen fertilizer during winter dormancy is not recommended for warm seasons grasses. For more information on controlling winter weeds follow this link to the N.C. State Extension Turffiles website at <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/>. Utilizing the weeds section within this portal will provide you with a list of lawn weeds and recommended control options.

For more information on any of these subjects, please contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

USDA Offers New Forest Management Incentive for Conservation Reserve Program

WASHINGTON, Jan., 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making available \$12 million for use in making payments to forest landowners with land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in exchange for their implementing healthy forest management practices. Existing CRP participants can now sign up for the Forest Management Incentive (FMI), which provides financial incentives to landowners with land in CRP to encourage proper tree thinning and other practices.

"We are offering CRP landowners an opportunity to use forestry practices for a more targeted approach to improve forest health and wildlife habitat on their land," said Richard Fordyce, administrator for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "The Forest Management Incentive enables landowners to maximize the conservation outcomes on their land, such as supporting wildlife, conserving soil and improving water quality."

Right now, less than 10% of land currently enrolled in CRP is dedicated to forestland. But, these nearly 2 million acres of CRP forestland, if properly managed, can have enormous benefits for natural resources by reducing soil erosion,

protecting water quality, increasing water quantity, and diversifying local farm operations and rural economies.

Only landowners and agricultural producers with active CRP contracts involving forest cover can enroll. However, this does not include active CRP contracts that expire within two years. Existing CRP participants interested in tree thinning and prescribed burning must comply with the standards and specifications established in their CRP contract.

CRP participants will receive the incentive payment once tree thinning and/or other authorized forest management practices are completed.

The incentive payment is the lower of: The actual cost of completing the practice; or 75% of the payment rate offered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) if the practice is offered through NRCS conservation programs.

More about CRP Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended primarily to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved

over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marks its 35-year anniversary this month. Program successes include:

- Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.

- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95% and 85%, respectively.

- Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

- Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times.

- Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds.

More Information

CRP signup begins today, Jan. 19, 2021. FSA will announce deadline later this year. Interested producers should contact their local FSA county office.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Minnesott Beach Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of amending the Town of Minnesott Beach Code of Ordinance:

Section 151.016 LOCATION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES (A) Accessory structures shall not be erected in the areas between a street right-of-way and the nearest side of the principal building as built, the required side yard setback for the zoning district, within five feet of the rear property line, or within ten feet of the principal building.

The proposed change is to amend the wording as follows: to substitute the word "public" for the word "street." The proposed change may be viewed at Town Hall during regular business hours.

Carolyn Braly
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
OF JOHN SAMUEL LISKOWACKI
File No.: 21 E 4

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against JOHN SAMUEL LISKOWACKI deceased, are notified to exhibit them to LORI YANCHOK OR LISA SCHNORRBUSCH, Executor of the Estate, on or before April 13, 2021 at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-names Executor.

This 13th day of January, 2021.

Estate of John Samuel Liskowacki
c/o Lori Yanchok
135 Lakeshore Dr.
Arapahoe, NC 28510

Estate of John Samuel Liskowacki
c/o Lisa Schnorrbusch
159 Lakeshore Dr.
Arapahoe, NC 28510

Publish January 13,20, 27 and February 3, 2021.

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NORTH CAROLINA WAYNE COUNTY

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lawrence Alan Kearns, late of 1001 Old Mill Road, Oriental, Pamlico County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to file them with the undersigned at Post Office Drawer 1678, Goldsboro, NC 27533, on or before April 20, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12 day of January, 2021.

David Kearns
Administrator of the Estate of Lawrence Alan Kearns
EVERETT, WOMBLE & LAWRENCE, LLP
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Goldsboro, NC 27533

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
CARLA JAI SIMMONS,
Plaintiff

DUPREE ANTONIO
SIMMONS, Defendant

To: DUPREE ANTONIO SIMMONS
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Carla Jai Simmons
Plaintiff
118 Pine Tree Lane
Bayboro, NC 28515
(910) 824-0780

Publish: January 20th and 27th and February 3rd, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of ROGER ELLIOT HAMMER, JR., Deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before May 3, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make

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LESLIE M. HAMMER
Executor
c/o GREGORY T. PEACOCK
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Attorneys at Law
1001 College Court (28562)
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RALPH MAHONEY HARRIS, III
File No.: 21 E 16

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against RALPH MAHONEY HARRIS, III deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JULIA H. MCDONALD, Executor of the Estate, on or before May 4, 2021 at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-names Executor.

This 3rd day of February, 2021.
JULIA H. MCDONALD
76 BEACH RD
ARAPAHOE, NC 28510

Publish February 3, 10,17 AND 24TH 2021.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jan. 22, N/S NC Hwy 304; metes and bounds from Lillie Mae B. Pegram to Robert William Sutton, Jr., Theresa G. Sutton, \$10

Jan. 25, Sea Vista Oriental Heights, Two Tracts; One-Half Undivided Interest, PIN: J082-330-10 & J082-330-12 from Jennifer Anne Shultz to Elspeth J. Mitchell, 40

Jan. 25, Sea Vista Oriental Heights, Two Tracts, PIN: J082-330-10 & J082-330-12 from Elspeth J. Mitchell to Elspeth J. Mitchell/TR, Elspeth J. Mitchell, Elspeth J. Mitchell Family Trust, \$0

Jan. 25, One AC; S/S Old Bay River Road; metes and bounds from Horace C. Bennett, Jr. to Billy R. Bennett, \$260

Jan. 25, Ball Creek Lot: 6, PCA 69/2-4 from James A. Root, Christine S. Stoughton-Root, Christine S. Stoughton Root, Christine S. Stoughton Root to David Leroy Duvall, Amy Bishop Duvall, \$1,280

Jan. 25, Pecan Grove Marina Three Tracts from Cox Family Properties, LLC Cto Bruce Danforth Morton, Amy Haitcock Morton, \$30

Jan. 25, Two Tracts, PIN: H093-34 & H093-45 from Flora Jean Moorman, Geoffrey T. Aydelette to Paul Rossi, April Rossi, \$552

Jan. 26 River Dunes Lot: 114, Section 11; PCA 157/10-13 from William C. Scott, Jr., Marvana Scott, River Dunes Development, LLC, River Dunes Investment Property, LLC to Alan Fenner Boyd/TR, Pungo Trust, \$228

Jan. 26, Grace Harbor Marina Unit: A32, Condo Cabinet 1 Slide 12/3-12 from Janeleone, LLC to Alan Fenner Boyd/TR, Pungo Trust, \$0

Jan. 26, Two Tracts; SR 1123 from Spruill Family Limited Partnership, Jane Ives/PTNR to Jane Ives, Rodman T. Spurill, Nancy H. Spruill, Sarah Little, Tillman D. Little, \$0

Jan. 26, Two Tracts; DB 210/967 & DB 294/249 from Jane Ives, H. Frasier Ives to Adam Little, Stacy S. Little, \$149

Jan. 27, Oriental Harbor Village Marina Boat Slip 1; Dock B; Condo Book 1/78-79; CB 1/101-102; CB 104-105 & CB 135-138, PIN: J082-173-B-1SL from Patricia P. Murray to Kenneth C. Vanhook, Sr., Sandra H. Vanhook, \$24

Jan. 27, 0.93 AC; SR 1209; Chinchilla Drive; metes and bounds, PIN: H041-202; Substitute Trustee's Deed; 19SP64; DT 589/90 from Albertelli Law Partners North Carolina, P.A./TR, Johnnie Edward Tripp, Sr., Engar Aileen Tripp to American Advisors Group, \$34

Jan. 27, Arlington Place Lot: 11, Phase 1; Minnesott Beach; PCA 153/17-20 & 154/1-8 from Daniel R. Ricci, Jr., Karen D. Ricci to Richard Dale Caraway, Jenna Layne Caraway, \$70

Jan. 27, Broad View Lot: 9, map book 8/75 from Debra Harris to William L. Corley, Malinda C. Corley, \$60

Jan. 27, Two Tracts Deed of Correction from William W. Keeney to William W. Keeney, \$0

Jan. 28, 0.71 AC; map attached, PIN: F094-22 from William G. Smithson, Nancy L. Smithson to Norwood Mark Holland, \$400

Jan. 28, 4.27 AC; map attached; see map DB 345/271 from Matthew B. O'Kelley, Matt O'Kelley, Nancy S. O'Kelley to William Jackson, Deborah L. Jackson, \$220

Jan. 28, Lake Minnesott Estates Section V Lot: 9, map book 6/10; metes and bounds; Lake Minnesott Estates Section V Lot: 10, map book 6/10; metes and bounds, 04E51 from Lewis I. Rawls, Jr., Teresa Rawls, Teresa L. Rawls to Christopher T. Murray, Lauren A. Murray, \$0

Jan. 28, 234.31 AC; E/S Seawell Farm Road, N/S Bay River, S/W Chapel Creek; PCB 4-10, Correction Deed; DB 673/844; see instrument from Dorothy P. Seawell to Bay River Farms, LLC, \$0

Jan. 28, Breighmere Section One A, Lot: 10, PCA 183/3-4, PIN: C051-99-10 from Steven J. Lofy, Lauren Lofy to Christopher Roland Rand, Britni Nicole Rand, \$515

Jan. 29, Davenport Landing Lot: 11, PCA 113/5-6, PIN: I06-89-11 from Jeffrey Jordan Idol/TR, Jaifre Wayne Idol/TR, The Jeffrey Jordan Idol and Jaifre Wayne Idol Revocable Trust, Jeffrey Jordan Idol, Jaifre Wayne Idol to Trevor Wayne Holton, Kassi Liegh Aultman, \$130

Jan. 29, Forest Park Lot: 2, map book 4/33, Address: 122 Forest Park Cir Alliance, PIN: G041-106-2 from Radcliff Rentals, LLC to Brian Woods, Marrie Woods, Merrie Woods, \$300

INSPECTIONS

Jan. 21, Daniel Lamont, Grantsboro, reconnection, \$40; Pamlico Community College, Grantsboro, electrical, \$75; Curtis Media Group, NC Hwy 55, building/electrical, \$80; Charles Foxworth, Hobucken, electrical, \$40; Michael Ridout & Roberta MacKenzie, Oriental, screen porch, \$250.76

Jan. 22, Lan Chen/Peter Lin, New Bern, NR, \$1,481.12; John Whittmore, Oriental, mechanical/electrical, \$160

Jan. 25, Mark Roach, New Bern, mechanical, \$96.64; Piggly Wiggly, Granttsboro, fire, \$0; Phyllis Chaplik, Oriental, electrical, \$115

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Jan. 21, Main St., Bayboro (Pamlico County Detention Center), warrant for arrest for possession of firearm by felon, warrant for arrest robbery with dangerous weapon, warrant for arrest conspire to commit robbery with dangerous weapon

Jan. 21, Main St., Bayboro, (Pamlico County Courthouse), report for documentation only

Jan. 21, Old Bay River Rd., Grantsboro, obtain property by false pretenses

Jan. 22, NC Hwy 55, Bayboro, (Merritt Post Office), found property

Jan. 22, NC Hwy 55, Oriental, death investigation

Jan. 25, Olympia Rd., New Bern, failure to appear larceny from merchant, failure to appear larceny, failure to appear fictitious tag, failure to appear no insurance

Jan. 25, Lynchs Beach Rd., Bayboro, break or enter building, simple assault

Jan. 25, Whittaker Point Rd., Oriental, all other offenses/NC Sex Offender Registration violation

Jan. 26, Blackhorse Run N., New Bern, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age

Jan. 26, Hale Rd., New Bern, verbal dispute

Jan. 26, Fisher Rd., Merritt, IVC

Jan. 28, Longleaf Dr., New Bern, assault by strangulation, assault on a female by a male at least 18 years of age

Jan. 28, Hardison Lee Farm Rd., Arapahoe, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny



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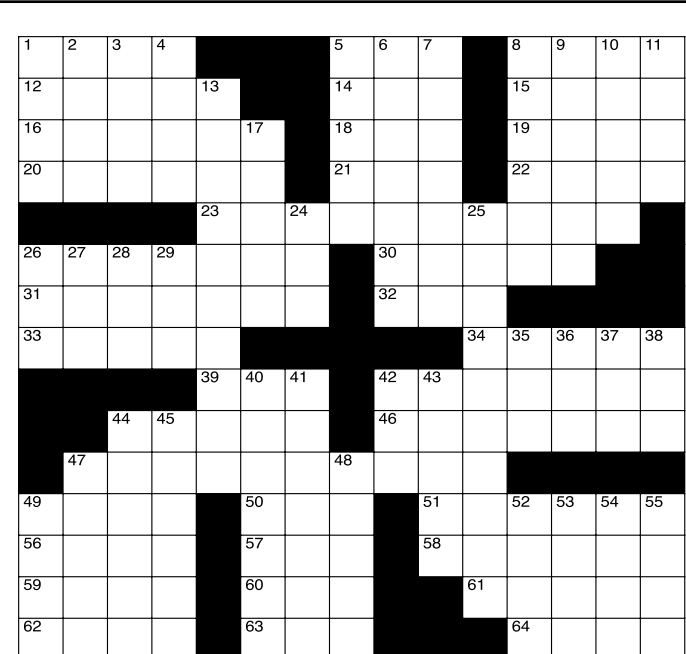
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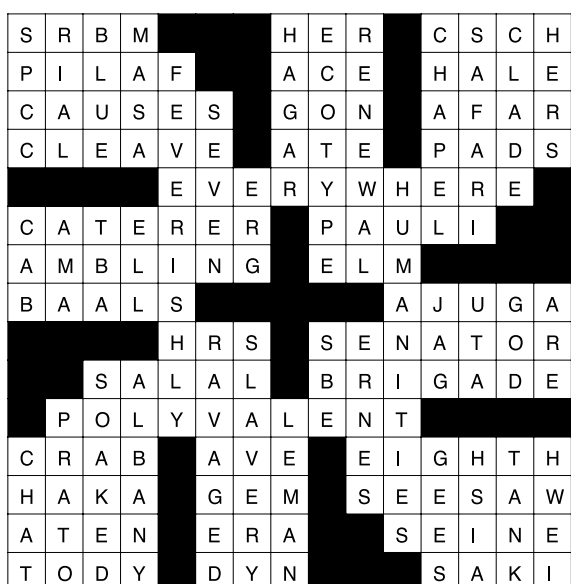
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nuclear near reach weapon
- 5. Of she
- 8. Hyperbolic function
- 12. Rice dish
- 14. A team's best pitcher
- 15. Strong and healthy
- 16. Induces
- 18. Popular manga series
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Split
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Cushions
- 23. All over
- 26. One who provides food
- 30. St. ___ Girl, brand of beer
- 31. Walking slowly
- 32. Wood
- 33. Semitic gods
- 34. Bugle
- 39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
- 42. Congressman
- 44. Plant of the heath family
- 46. Subdivision of an army
- 47. Having many different forms
- 49. Shellfish
- 50. Latin for hail
- 51. Between sixth and seventh
- 56. Maori war dance
- 57. Precious or semiprecious stone
- 58. Teeter totter
- 59. Deity
- 60. A major division of geological time
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Small Caribbean bird
- 63. Field force unit
- 64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevents oil spills
- 2. Monetary unit
- 3. The color of the sky
- 4. Dough used to make tortillas
- 5. Popular comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Has its own altar
- 9. Expedition to see animals
- 10. Group of related organisms
- 11. His and ___
- 13. Frenetically
- 17. Small integer
- 24. Unit of energy
- 25. Studies of culture
- 26. Taxi
- 27. Doctors' group
- 28. Don't know when yet
- 29. Former measure of length
- 35. Popular CBS series
- 36. Skin condition
- 37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
- 38. They ___
- 40. Caused severe damage
- 41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
- 42. One point east of due south
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Drenched
- 45. State capital
- 47. Italian city
- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 49. Brief talk
- 52. Popular disco group: Bee ___
- 53. First Chinese dynasty
- 54. Military vehicle
- 55. Chinese Moslem

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Goose Creek Island *Annette Jones, 55 Plus Club Correspondent*



Prayer List: Niki Goldsby, Hobucken Post Mistress, Dean Howerin and Ariel Moore were added to the Prayer List. Please continue prayer for Julius Elmo Flowers. Jesse Voliva and Nancy Rhoden are doing well following recent surgeries.

Happy Birthday: Kevin DeOliveria -Feb 4, Bruce Wayne Morris, Kylee Thele Jones and Leighann Jones - Feb 5, Darrow Hopkins Paul and Julius Elmo Flowers - Feb 6, Wendy Ireland Morris, Tricia Coleen Ireland, Rhonda Jones Mayo, Johnny Cahoon and Hannah DeOliveria Feb 7, Martha Rawls Campen and Donald Elwood Williams - Feb 8, Jessica Malone Jarman -Feb 9, Happy Anniversary Trevor & Tina Sawyer Gray Feb 7.

Cody and Kaitlyn Hannah of Mesic proudly announce the birth of a daughter Ryleigh Zuria Hannah proud paternal grandparents are Terry and Pam Hannah of Lowland. Congratulations Hannah family!

Rhonda Mayo cared for baby Ragan Drew Friday while his mother Violet continued remote teaching from home. Violet is a 3rd grade teacher at Pamlico Primary School. Grandmother

Shirley Ireland is the "regular" babysitter. but had lots of work to do at Mayo's Restaurant.

Percy and Joy Guidry and children Kayley, Josie, Loni, and Lil Percy drove to Williamsburg Virginia to visit the Great Wolf Lodge Jan 11. The family enjoyed the indoor water park, arcade, bowling alley and water slides they reported a fun vacation.

Trevor and Tina Sawyer Gray traveled to Avon North Carolina on the Outer banks this weekend to celebrate their 23 Wedding Anniversary while Trevor is home from tugboat. Rita Gray, Shilah Gray and Jessica Malone Jarman and son Grayson joined them the next day. They stayed in the home where Ronnie Gray was raised and is now owned by his sister family and has been remodeled. The house was built in the 1900's they also visited the grave of Ronnie's parents and visited the lighthouse. Happy Anniversary Trevor and Tina!

Goose Creek Island VFD meets every Monday night at 7 PM at fire department in Lowland. Ever one is encouraged to attend. Percy and Joy Guidry were recently welcomed as new members. Please come out and support the fire dept.

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



There is sadness in the Pamlico Community this week. Jamal Ahmed Jones died on January 20, 2021. His interment was at Broad Creek United Church of Christ Cemetery on Straight Road, January 26, 2021. Jamal graduated from Pamlico County High School. He also received a BS degree in Information Technology from N.C.A. & T. University. He was a nice young man, and condolences are extended to his parents, Greg M. Jones and Vickie Moseley-Jones.

Ella Louise Green Linyear, 90, of Oriental died January 29, 2021. Her funeral service will be at 11:00 am, Saturday February 6, 2021 on the grounds of Broad Creek United Church of Christ, Straight Road, Oriental. Interment will follow at the Greene Family Cemetery, Orchard Creek Road, Oriental.

Ellen Kraus from Mills Road has moved near Washington DC to be close to her son. Pamlico will miss her. She was known for her care and feeding of stray cats and dogs.

Stonewall United Methodist Church resumed inside services January 31, 2021, but also have Facebook live services Sunday at 11:00 am.

Since it was 5th Sunday, the fifth Sunday Fellowship Union for Galilee United Church of Christ and Broad Creek UCC was held

on January 31, 2021. The Union of five churches in the county had a virtual meeting. I don't know which church sponsored the meeting, but since it was rainy today, they were probably glad to be meeting virtually.

Many are beginning to get their COVID-19 vaccines; it is more important than ever that we "wear, wash, and wait." Do not assume the vaccine has made you invincible. People who have had the vaccine are still susceptible to get the virus.

Those celebrating birthdays in February include Bruce Morris (2/5), Darrow Hopkins (2/6), 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), Tillie Roberts (2/24), Elizabeth Cuthrell (2/25) and Penny Ford 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. Empty? Take Spiritual Vitamin E. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (Psalms 100:4)

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



Another Sunday washout. Reminds me of a little verse we used to say, "rain, rain go away, come again another day" but I am changing it to "rain, rain go away and don't come back for several days."

The ditches, yards, and fields are full of water and it doesn't seem to be going away any time soon. Not to many at Bethel for church today, but remember the old saying "Where there are two or more gathered together" so we carried on with eight and Sam the service dog. In this upside down world we are living in we need the Lord more than we ever have. Just spoke to Minda Harris who headed up the Arts Council for many years here in Pamlico County. Years back the Arts Council did shows like Mame, Lil Abner, etc. When they did the Lil Abner show they used a real live pig on stage furnished by Mr. Spruill. The first night they had a real gentle pig but the second night he brought the wrong pig, so since he did not live far away he decided to drive home real fast and get the gentle pig. He was speeding and got pulled over so you can imagine what the patrolman thought when he told him he was taking the pig to be onstage. The patrolman could see he had the pig, so

he let him go, but I imagine he was saying as he drove away "I've heard it all now! Minda Harris, Eva (Evie) Henderson, Gordon Kellogg, Cynthia Delamar, Fannie Hines, and I served along with several others on the Arts Council and one of the highlights was when we brought the Air Force Band to the Pamlico High School Auditorium. It was free but we had to guarantee a certain number of people, so we all went out and beat the bushes to get enough in the audience. At that time Hardees was open so we fed them fried chicken and the members of the Art Council furnished side dishes, so we gave them the leftover to take back to the motel. They were happy young men and women when they left. Spoke with my friends at Hospice this week. Will never forget the love and care they gave my husband and also to me as the caregiver. I never felt like a caregiver because it was a gift of love to my husband for all he had given me for sixty two years. Crashed at my friends Ed and Char Morgan's house this week. What a way to make an entrance! Everyone in our neighborhood is still sheltered in and doing well. Just waiting for the needle to go in our arm!

Thought for the week--You can close your eyes to reality but not to memories

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



We went on an excursion to Morehead City where we first visited the Patsy Pond Nature Trail which is part of the Croatan National Forest. It is a remarkable place

with Longleaf Pines and many are home to Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. We didn't see any (although did see a Northern Flicker and a Lifer Bird for me: Yellow-rumped Warbler) but saw many of their huge holes in marked trees. We were treated to seeing several fellow hikers with their beautiful dogs. We toured around Morehead finding a future place we'd like to try that serves High Tea. We finished the trip by stopping by a (new to us) specialty grocery store.

The bird feeders have been getting a good workout. The Mockingbirds post themselves on the roof now trying to keep them all monitored. The Wrens seem to like the front yard feeder the best along with the Cardinals. I got another new feeder that is of the donut design, pretty with cut glass. A squirrel



has been coming around and strangely the chickens don't chase him or flocks such as Blackbirds. For the first time I can recall I had a flock of 8 Mourning Doves just before the alleged snow which turned out to be just a 'trace'. My Phoebe was back for just a day hanging out on the weather station. I've deployed a camera for the station but am having tech issues with it not updating except at night. I think the problem is that it's inside pointing out a window and will relocate it soon.

We had a thunderstorm squall come through the morning of 1/26 and I believe that was the coldest it's been for such an event: 45 degrees!

A pair of Buffleheads spent time by the dock for a few days and the Ruddy Ducks

are still in decent numbers out in the creek. A small group of White Pelicans floated calmly by and it was really neat to see them in the distance while observing the feeders. Such a grand experience birding has been here at the house!

There's this huge Bald Eagle nest near the old mine dragline and we noticed an adult nearby.

I've got the spring planting fever and have acquired some bulbs for the planters (Elephant Ears and Caladiums) and am on the lookout for Petunias. I'm giving up on tomatoes and peppers after last year's dismal performance.

One of the seed pods finally opened up on my Oleander that I've had wintering on the porch. I will hopefully propagate them.

My exciting news is that I won WITN's Sunrise Photo for this past week. It's a similar looking picture that I had in the column two weeks ago. The community has been very gracious and supportive with my picture. (See Page 8)

Here's a special shout-out to Lisa Santimaw!

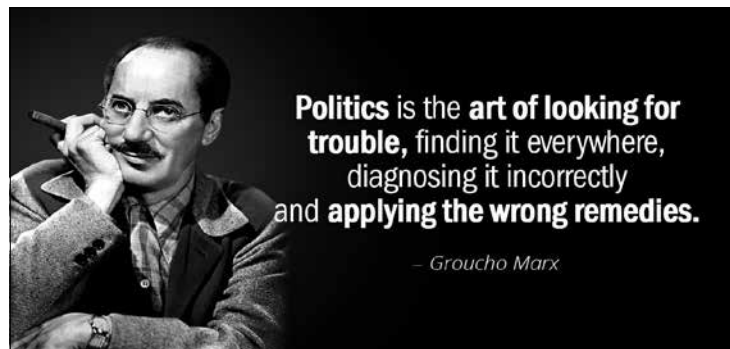
WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to tea.

R N E G E

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Answer: Green



Groundhog Day 2021: Punxsutawney Phil predicts 6 more weeks of winter

Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog emerged from his burrow on a snowy Tuesday morning and saw his shadow, declaring there would be six more weeks of winter. Shortly after this year's prediction was revealed, one of the members of the inner circle shared a message he said Phil had told him earlier in the day: "After winter, you're looking forward to one of the most beautiful and brightest springs you've ever seen."



Health & Wellness

Helping Children Navigate Social Distancing

Children may be more deeply affected by social distancing than any other group of people. In a matter of weeks, millions of young children and adolescents went from attending school in the classroom to being told they had to work exclusively from home. At the same time, children also were asked to give up their sports teams, clubs, meetings, and play dates. Older children may understand the how and why of social distancing, but no matter their ages, kids may be left emotionally adrift as social distancing guidelines stay in place.



No one is certain about what the long-term effects of social distancing will be on both children and adults. Amy Learmonth, Ph.D., a developmental psychologist at the Cognition, Memory and Development Lab at William Paterson University in New Jersey, notes that early social development takes place mostly within the family. As children age, their peer group becomes the more important hub of social development. The longer social distancing restrictions are in place, the more these developments may adversely affect youngsters.

Parents can take steps to help kids cope during these uncertain times.

- Set up digital play dates. The connectivity of the internet enables people to keep in touch even if they cannot be together physically. Encourage children to engage their friends via online chats, ideally ones that feature video so they can see and hear their friends. Parents of young children can reach out to one another and establish digital play dates via FaceTime or another virtual meeting app.
- Lighten up on screen time restrictions. Each person has a different way to cope with social distancing and pass the time. Children may spend more time on tablets, watching television or playing video games. For now, parents can be a bit more lenient and understanding about how technology can fill the void created by social distancing.
- Participate in a scavenger hunt. Join or organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt. Walk around the neighborhood looking for school mascot pictures in windows or rainbows on doors, advise the childcare experts at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This activity can maintain a sense of connection with your community.
- Create time for physical activity. Exercise can tame stress, improve mood and be great for the body in myriad ways. Children and teens should exercise each day. Families can exercise together to make physical activity more fun.
- Set new goals. Ask everyone to do their part to complete "to-do" lists or make a set of goals to achieve while social distancing. Checking off items on the list as they're completed can give everyone a sense of accomplishment.

Children may need a morale boost while practicing social distancing, and parents can help in various ways.



WITN-TV Bojangles Sunrise Photo Contest Winner...

Congratulations to Joy McCracken of Aurora for being the WITN-TV Bojangles Sunrise Photo Contest winner of the week. Joy is one of our correspondent writers for Aurora, see her column in this weeks' issue.

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