

BOC Vote to Fill Vacant Seat Fails With 3-3 Vote

by: Hiram Lupton



Chairman of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners Ed Riggs

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting on Monday, once again took up the issue of filling the vacant seat representing Township #5 on the Board. The meeting was relocated from the commissioner's room to the courtroom to accommodate the attending crowd. It is required by law that the seat be filled by a resident of the township the seat represents, and be of the same political party of the most recent commissioner elected to that seat. The vacancy was created on October 2 when Township 5 Commissioner Missy Baskervill, a Republican, submitted her resignation to become effective the following day. The Republican party nominated Sarah Davis to fill the remainder of Baskervill's term. The seat would be up for election in the 2024 election. Controversy has arisen due to the fact that Davis is the wife of the current sheriff of Pamlico County, Chris Davis. At the last commission meeting in October, Commissioner Kari Forrest requested that a vote on Davis's appointment be tabled until the next meeting in order to give more time to hear from her constituents. That next meeting came Monday evening with the appointment on the agenda for a vote again. Preceding that vote, the Board had their usual 1st Monday public comment period and 5 of the 6 speakers signed up spoke in reference to the potential Davis appointment, with four of those supporting the appointment and one speaking out against it. At the conclusion of the public comment period, each of the commissioners spoke on the issue. All of the commissioners agreed that Mrs. Davis had all the qualifications to be a fine commissioner and if seated would be an asset to Pamlico County. There was also reference given to the legality of the matter. Research of North Carolina General Statutes done by the attorney for the Board, David Baxter, found no law prohibiting the appointment. The dividing line between the commissioner's opinions on the matter, and ultimately their votes, came down to the feedback they were getting from the constituents in their districts. Commissioner Pat Prescott (Township #1) stated that it had been a long time, if ever, that she had received as many phone calls and comments on a subject from the citizens she represents. Conflict of interest, whether real or perceived, was expressed by the majority of

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Pamlico Community College honored once again as one of America's best community colleges: PCC President praises "amazing PCC employees" for repeated national honors!



Pamlico Community College President Dr. Jim Ross, left, presents Connor Daniels with his Welding Technology I certificate during the 2023 Commencement ceremony. Contributed photo

In addition, WalletHub, a personal finance website, recently once again ranked PCC among the top 10 community colleges in America for student educational outcomes. "PCC faculty and staff serve with their hearts and truly want to make students' lives better," said Ross, "and this is seen in the elite ranking as No. 6 among community colleges throughout our nation in student educational outcomes." These national rankings, which were based on a review of federal education data and other materials, follow a strong string of national honors and recognitions Pamlico Community College has received in recent years. Ross said, "These recognitions demonstrate how effective our faculty and staff are at helping students achieve their academic dreams so they can improve their lives and the lives of their families. It is an honor to work with these fantastic professionals." According to its report, SmartAsset analyzed data for 845 two-year colleges, ranking them based on their student-to-faculty ratios, retention rates and the cost of tuition and fees. Southeastern Community College in Whiteville took the top spot in Smart Asset's analysis, and nine of the top 25 are from North Carolina.

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The CPRL Book/Tech Mobile Adds Stop in Arapahoe



You may have seen the Craven-Pamlico Regional Library's Book/Tech Mobile at various special events and regularly scheduled stops in our area over the past few years and starting this month they have added a new stop in Arapahoe. They will be at Town Hall from 2 PM - 4 PM every first Friday of the month. This is in addition to their morning stop at the Piglet in Oriental from 10 AM - Noon. If you remember the library bookmobile from many years ago, the Tech mobile is a modern take on that. It's not quite as large, and does not carry as many volumes of material, but it now offers so much more. This is where the "Tech" comes in. You can now check out mobile hotspots (wifi's) or wifi enabled Chromebooks to use at home. They, of course, still have plenty of books to check out for your weekend reading pleasure. This is all part of the CPRL Community Outreach Program and if you'd like more information about the Book/Tech Mobile or to request a book just contact the CPRL via their website (www.mycprl.org) or at 252-638-7804. Their next scheduled date in Pamlico County is December 1.

The Witches Make Check Presentation



Head Witch Jeanne Robertson (center) presents a check for \$10,000 to the President of Friends of the Pamlico County Public Library, Bonnie Cap (L) and Branch Manager of the Pamlico County Public Library, Sidney Phibbons (R).

At the annual post-dance convening of the coven with a cause, the Silverbrooke Witches showed what all the hard work was for, by presenting a check for \$10,000 to The Friends of The Pamlico County Library (FOL). This is the sixth year in a row that the dancing witches have presented a donation to a worthy nonprofit in our area. "This is a success because of the community," said Head Witch Jeanne Robertson. The presentation and celebration of this year's successful event was held on Thursday evening at M & M's Café. The total donation is expected to increase as some donations are still coming in and it is not too late to give. Log onto the FOL website and follow the link at <https://www.pamlicofol.org/donate>



Why November Eleventh?

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Although our Country has had war Veterans since before we were really a Country, a national holiday honoring all veterans hasn't really been around that long. The choice of November 11 for that day goes back to the end of World War I. The war officially ended on June 28, 1919 when the Treaty of Versailles was signed by the warring nations, but the fighting had stopped on November 11, 1918 when an armistice was declared. The armistice went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The following year, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 to be "Armistice Day", a day to honor those who served in World War I, and a day to celebrate peace. As more and more states began to declare November 11 as a legal holiday, the United States Congress, in 1938, passed a resolution officially declaring November 11 as a legal national holiday called "Armistice Day." In 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress acted again. At the urging of Veterans service



organizations, they removed the word "Armistice" and replaced it with "Veterans" and enacted legislation that November 11 would honor Veterans of all wars. Legislators weren't finished tinkering with Veterans Day yet however. A trend in the late 1960's to establish three-day weekends for federal employees led Congress to establish several of these floating holidays. We still have these in the form of President's Day, Memorial Day, and Labor Day. The first Veterans Day to be observed under this new Act was actually on October 25, 1971. Many States continued to use November 11 as their holiday and after public outcry that this Date was of such historical significance, President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479) which returned the observance of Veterans Day to it's rightful date of November 11 beginning in 1978. Any day is a good day to thank a Veteran for their service and sacrifice to this Country, but especially on November 11, recognize and honor them.

Pamlico Partnership for Children Halloween Parade

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Last Tuesday was Halloween and the Pamlico Partnership for Children invited pre-school children and their caregivers to put on their best Halloween costumes and come out for a parade around the track at Pamlico County High School. As the kids made their way around the track, they made stops along the way where volunteers passed out goodies. At the end there was an impromptu dance party to work off some of the sweet treats. Oh, and did I mention there was a different kind of "kid" present at the event. Two baby goats on hand to brighten the day for children and adults alike. Cuteness overload and a Great way to kick off Halloween.



The Baby Goats were a huge hit

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Saturday, November 11th **60°Hi** Drizzle throughout the day



Sunday, November 12th **57°Hi** Cloudy throughout the day



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OBITUARIES

Roy Penchansky of Brevard, NC, took his last cruise with his loving wife, Elizabeth W. Bates, disembarking this world on October 23 in Malta. Roy was born in Bayonne, NJ, Sept. 24, 1934, to Samuel and Florence (Bass) Penchansky. His father owned a wholesale kosher meat distributor with his two brothers. His mother, a homemaker, volunteered on behalf of the American Jewish Congress. Roy was Jewish, had a Bar Mitzvah, and passed that tradition onto his sons, although he was not religious. In his youth, Roy was active in Boy Scouts where he developed leadership skills and an early interest in cooking which he pursued throughout his life. He spent summers at a family cottage on Lake Hopatcong, acquiring a lifelong interest in boats. A graduate of Bayonne High School, Roy spent a year at Tulane University. He then returned to Bayonne and entered St. Peter’s College where he earned a BA in 1956. He completed graduate work in industrial and labor relations at Cornell University, receiving an MLR degree in 1958. He then attended Harvard University, earning a doctorate in Business Administration in 1962. He was assistant professor of administration in medical care at Harvard from 1963 until joining the University of Michigan in 1966 as associate professor of medical care organization. He was promoted to professor in 1972 and named professor emeritus in 1997. An innovator in healthcare education for community leaders and healthcare professionals, Roy worked with the US Office of Economic Opportunity to educate leaders in minority populations in managing community health centers. In the 1970s, he devel-

oped the nation's first executive master's degree program in healthcare administration which served as a model for a number of executive programs at Michigan and has been emulated by numerous universities across the country. He pioneered research on HMOs, particularly with regard to enrollment choice, and authored papers and research monographs, most notably “The concept of access: definition and relationship to consumer satisfaction” with John William Thomas, that continues to be widely cited today. In 1996, Roy retired to Oriental, NC, where he could sail his boat, Academic Freedom, year-round. There he was key to starting the Pamlico Musical Society in 1997 and provided his expertise to the founding of Hope Clinic in 1998. After a decade in Oriental, and several more boats, he moved to Brevard, NC, where he enjoyed gardening, waterfalls, and classical music concerts. A diehard Michigan Wolverine, Roy wore his “Michigan” hat on his last hike in Malta where he was greeted with “Go Blue!” Roy is survived by wife, Elizabeth Bates; sons Seth (Hope) Penchansky and Lee (Katherine) Penchansky; stepdaughter Emily (William) Gold; brother Alan Penchansky; and seven grandchildren: Cassidy, Sacha, Parker, Charlotte, Abigail, Evelyn and Samantha. Donations in Roy’s name may be made to Hope Clinic, Bayboro, NC; Pamlico Musical Society, Oriental, NC; or the Brevard Music Center, Brevard, NC. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.moodyconnollyfuneralhome.com.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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- November 8th – Today is National STEM Day. Saluting those who study and teach Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.
- November 9th – 1965, The Great Blackout hits several northeast states leaving them without power for 13 hours. Nine months later the great baby boom of 1966 hits the same area.
- November 10th – Happy Birthday to the United States Marine Corps.
- November 11th – Today is Veterans Day. Honor those who have protected, and continue to protect, this Country and your freedom.
- November 12th – Today is National Pizza With the Works Except Anchovies Day.
- November 13th – Today is World Kindness Day. Why don't we celebrate this every day?
- November 14th – Today is World Diabetes Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- November 8th – 1949, Singer/Guitarist Bonnie Raitt
- November 9th – 1951, Bodybuilder and actor Lou Ferrigno
- November 10th – 1983, Singer/songwriter Miranda Lambert
- November 11th – 1974, Actor Leonardo DiCaprio
- November 12th – 1945, Neil Young
 - 1944, Musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. and the MG's)
- November 13th – 1967, Late night TV host Jimmy Kimmel
- November 14th – 1954, Condoleezza Rice



Spirit of Christmas December 8th & 9th

It will be here before you know it! Here are some ways you can get involved and who to contact:

- Kayak Parade** - Friday night 5:30ish. Larry Summers - (252) 249-3625
- Christmas Parade** - Saturday 1pm. Paul Fairbank (252) 675-0467
- Luminaries** - Friday & Saturday evening. Michelle Brooks - (443) 652-2189
- Program** - Marsha Paplham - (252) 249-0334 ~ Planning a happening? Make sure it gets in the program

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions you may have

2023 Tree of Names and Lights

Please help us decorate this tree to benefit Oriental’s History Museum. For a \$5 donation, a candle ornament “In Memory or In Honor Of” a person or beloved pet will be placed on the tree to be located in Lou-Mac Park. The official lighting of the tree will be on Wednesday evening, December 6 at 5:30pm. This tree, organized for many years by Grace Evans, has been taken over by her daughter, Meta Jones.

Please send donations to:

Meta Jones
301 Midyette Street
Oriental, NC 28571

Make checks out to: The Tree of Lights by December 1. Donations will continue to be accepted through December 31 and added to the tree.

Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!
Come join others who have found a Solution!
Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 633-3716

Meetings in Pamlico County:

(If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)
Thursday *7:30pm** - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)
Friday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).
Sunday *7pm – Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)
<https://aaeasternnc.org/> <https://aanorthcarolina.org/> <https://www.aa.org/>

OTHER RECOVERY RESOURCES IN PAMLICO COUNTY

Al-Anon Tuesday **7pm** - Meeting at 403 Mildred Street in Oriental, NC (Green House) (Members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem). <https://al-anon.org>
Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Monday 6:30-8pm (Open Meeting) and Saturday 6:30-8pm (Women Only) both meetings are held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55) (ACOA is concerned with the impact and after-effects of growing up in alcoholic or dysfunctional circumstances) <https://adultchildren.org/>
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Wednesday 7pm - Never Alone Group: Meeting held at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street, Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center) (NA is a group of peers who offers a plan for recovery and an ongoing support network for addicts who wish to pursue and maintain a drug-free lifestyle) <https://na.org/>


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Horoscopes


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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Play to your strengths to reach your goals, Aries. You do not have to change much about yourself to get ahead. In fact, people will appreciate you being honest about who you are.
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TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, do not worry about being passionate about what you do. If you weren't this passionate, you may not be able to persuade others to listen up and follow your suggestions.
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GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may not have had the entire story, but you certainly will get it this week. It's up to you to make up your mind how you want to act on the information you gather.
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CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
For some reason you are really interested in a friend or family member's behavior and comings and goings, Cancer. Are you having trust issues? Give them the benefit of the doubt.
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LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, this week's cosmic energy could see you pushing some boundaries. It's fine to take risks as long as you have someone to pull you back if you go a bit too far.
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VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
A romantic adventure may prove the catalyst for change in your life, Virgo. Many exciting prospects are ahead if you allow yourself to get swept along in the momentum of your feelings.

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LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Unchecked anxiety can lead you down a slippery slope, Libra. It's not easy facing new situations, but worrying about things before it is necessary will not do right now.
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SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are no stranger to psychic feelings. This week you know what a loved one is thinking and want to help this person out in any way you can.
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SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you cannot control the world or others' behaviors. All you can do is control how you react to situations. Don't be sidetracked by noisy distractions in the days ahead.
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CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you have been making pleasure and play time your priority of late. It's now time to get down to business. Own up to your responsibilities.
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AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Unraveling old patterns or actions will be good for you right now, Aquarius. If you can't do it on your own, work with a friend or therapist to get to the root of any issues.
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PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, think about collaborating with others to bring out the best in yourself. In fact, you might find any group activity transformative. Don't shy away from these ventures.

SCORPIO Traits & Overview

Passionate, independent, and unafraid to blaze their own trail no matter what others think, Scorpio signs make a statement wherever they go. They love debates, aren't afraid of controversy, and won't back down from a debate. They also hate people who aren't genuine, and are all about being authentic—even if authentic isn't pretty. Because of all of these traits, a Scorpio can seem intimidating and somewhat closed off to those who don't know them well. But what people don't realize is that even though Scorpio may seem brusque, as a water sign, they also are very in tune with their emotions, and sometimes may find themselves caught up in their feelings.

This leads to Scorpio's central conflict: Their feelings are what drives them and strengthens them, but their mutability can scare them and make them feel vulnerable and out of control. Because of this conflict, Scorpios, like their namesake, the scorpion, put up an outer shell and may seem prickly. But once people get beyond the shell, they find a loyal, loving person whose passion knows no bounds. Scorpio dives into all life has to offer with 110% enthusiasm. A Scorpio will be your most loyal friend, most dedicated employee—and your worst enemy, if they want to be.



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Pamlico Community College honored once again

“North Carolina’s community college system is the best in America in my opinion,” Ross said. “It is a tremendous asset for our state’s overall economic health, and it is appropriate to see our community colleges across North Carolina recognized for their exceptional work.”

Pamlico Community College has now been ranked five times among SmartAsset’s top 25 community colleges in the past seven years.

Meanwhile, WalletHub has once again ranked PCC in its top 10 community colleges nationally for students’ Educational Outcomes. This is the third time PCC has been ranked in the top 10 in the past four years.

According to the methodology it posted online, WalletHub determined its Educational Outcomes rankings by scoring 668 colleges on these factors: first-year retention rate; graduation rate; transfer-out rate; degree and certificates awarded per 100

full-time-equivalent students; student-faculty ratio; share of full-time faculty; presence of special learning opportunities such as dual enrollment or distance education programs; and credit for life experiences.

Southern Arkansas University Tech took the top spot in students’ Educational Outcomes, according to WalletHub.

In addition to its rankings by SmartAsset and WalletHub, PCC’s string of national recognitions has included a No. 1 ranking by Best Value Schools on its list of Best Community Colleges in North Carolina in 2021 and a designation as North Carolina’s best online community college for 2020 by Affordable Colleges Online (AC Online).

“I thank God for the remarkable blessings He has provided our college so that our caring employees can make lives better in Pamlico County, this wonderful community we proudly serve,” Ross said.

The Wall That Heals

by: Hiram Lupton



The Wall That Heals is a ¾ scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C. Since its unveiling on Memorial Day in 1996, it has been displayed in communities throughout the country, bringing the memorial to thousands who otherwise may not have the opportunity to travel to Washington to see it. Last week the memorial, and the mobile education center that accompanies it, was set up at the Walter B. Jones Park in Havelock from last Thursday through Sunday. This was the thirtieth of thirty-two cities it has visited this year from coast to coast. The next site on the tour will

be in Spartanburg, South Carolina from November 9th – 12th, and then it will be returning to North Carolina for its final stop in 2023 in Nags Head on November 16th – 19th. Each of the 58,281 names inscribed on the Wall represents someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their Country in the Vietnam War. A visit to the Wall can be a moving experience for veterans who served in Vietnam, their families, and the families and friends of those whose names are inscribed. Along with the Wall, there is also an education center with exhibits about the war, the soldiers who served, and our Country’s history during that time. To find out more information on the Wall That Heals as well as upcoming scheduled visits, go to their website at www.vvmf.org



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Dan M. Roberts

As you know, the gig economy has been booming over the past several years. If you’re thinking of using your skills to take on a side gig, what should you do with the money you’ll make?

There’s no one right answer for everyone, and the decisions you make should be based on your individual situation. And of course, you may simply need the extra income to support your lifestyle and pay the bills. But if you already have your cash flow in good shape, and you have some freedom with your gig money, consider these suggestions:

- *Contribute more to your IRA.* If you couldn’t afford to contribute the maximum amount to your IRA, you may find it easier to do so when you have additional money coming in from a side gig. For the 2023 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,500 if you’re 50 or older. (Starting in 2024, this extra \$1,000 “catch-up” contribution amount may be indexed for inflation.) The amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced, and eventually eliminated, at certain income levels.
- *Look for new investment opportunities.* If you’re already maxing out your IRA, you might be able to find other investment possibilities for your side gig money. For example, if you have young children, perhaps you could use some of the money to invest in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan offers potential tax advantages and can be used for college, qualified trade school programs, and possibly some K-12 expenses. Please keep in mind that potential tax advantages will vary from state to state.

- *Build an emergency fund.* Life is full of unexpected events — and some can be quite expensive. What if you needed a major car repair or required a medical procedure that wasn’t totally covered by your health insurance? Would you have the cash available to pay these bills? If not, would you be forced to dip into your IRA or 401(k)? This might not be a good move, as it could incur taxes and penalties, and deprive you of resources you might eventually need for retirement. That’s why you might want to use your gig earnings to help fund an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. To avoid being tempted to dip into your emergency fund, you may want to keep it separate from your daily spending accounts.
- *Pay down debts.* Most of us will always carry some debts, but we can usually find ways to include the bigger ones — mortgage, car payments and so on — into our monthly budgets. It’s often the smaller debt payments, frequently associated with high-interest-rate credit cards, that cause us the most trouble, in terms of affecting our cash flow. If you can use some of your side gig money to pay down these types of debts, you could possibly ease some of the financial stress you might be feeling. And instead of directing money to pay for things you purchased in the past, you could use the funds to invest for your future.

As we’ve seen, your side gig money could open several promising windows of opportunity — so take a look through all of them.

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4-H Fun At Home



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

As impossible as it seems Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The holiday season rushing in right behind it. I love the holidays. The decorations, the company, the food I only get to eat once a year. What I don’t always love is the moment after the foods been eaten, and the dishes are done, and the company has all gone back to their own homes. So much time and so many possibilities, what should I do with it. What am I going to do with my niece and nephew while they’re on school break?

While we could all get cozy on the couch for some Netflix, and snacks, we get spend the whole break watching TV. Lucky for them and me I work in 4-H which gives me a whole host of fun activities to do at home. My favorite are science experiments! Science experiments are always satisfying. The questions that get asked. The laughter. The MESS! Many 4-H Science Experiments can be done with things you already have in your home. 4-H has a ton of super fun experiments. I have a few favorites, one of those is ‘What’s an Experiment?’ which is all about teaching kids about the scientific method. It’s a great way to get kids asking questions, and even better seeking answers.

What is an Experiment? An experiment is the process used to test a hypothesis (idea), or to demonstrate a fact. So how do we go about learning? By actually observing, hypothesizing, and conducting an experiment. We start with an empty 16 oz bottle, ½ a cup of white vinegar, one side of a tissue pulled apart, and two tablespoons of baking soda. (If you want to have a lot of fun add some food coloring.) Place your bottle in a tray to catch the over through. Gather the kids around, add the vinegar to the bottle, add the two tablespoons of baking soda, and let the kids observe.

Ask the kids what they observed. Then hold up a plastic baggy and ask them if they think they can make it explode with the right combination of vinegar and baking soda. Ask them to choose three amounts of vinegar ranging from ¼ a cup to 1 ½ cups of vinegar. Then ask them to choose three amounts of vinegar between 1 tablespoon and 5 tablespoons. Then ask them to hypothesize which combination will make the baggy explode. It’s important to remember to use the tissues as a delayed release, otherwise the gas created by the reaction will escape and will not make the baggy explode.

While ‘What’s an Experiment’ is great for a cold or blustery day. Seeds, Seeds, Seeds: A Pine Cone experiment is a great experiment when the weather is nice and you want to get out for some fresh air and some exercise. Take a romp through a park, or your

own yard collect four pine cones. When you get them home lay them out and let them dry for a day. For the experiment you will need: four clear containers (one with a lid, or you can use a plate as a cover), hot water, cold water, and a time keeping device.

Stick a piece of paper under each to label them: Hot Water, Cold Water, No Water Uncovered, Hot Water Uncovered. Place each of the pine cones in a container add the hot water and the cold water, cover one of the containers with no water. Then Set the timer for ten minutes. When the time is up, make note of any changes in the pinecones. Then set the timer for another ten minutes. Note which of the pine cones have opened and which have closed.

If you’d like a print out of these experiments, or some of our other science experiments including kitchen chemistry give us a call or an email. If you’re hoping for some boredom busting with some other people, we can help with that too. We are taking registration for next years 4-H Sleep Away Camp, as well as the 4-H Chicken Show.

If you can’t wait to until the summer for some 4-H Fun, we have several programs coming up our schedule will be out soon. We are always happy to talk about all of the opportunities 4-H has stop by the office anytime!

You can get a head start by enrolling in Pamlico County 4-H Online. You can access the link on our website. If you have any questions about accessing 4-H Online or the enrollment process please give us a call and we will be happy to walk you through it. You can also sign up for our Pamlico 4-H Email list. To learn more about all 4-H programs in Pamlico County contact Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121, or kait_neeland@ncsu.edu, or check us out online at pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu. Don’t FORGET to REGISTER, spaces will fill up!!

Notable Purple Heart Award Recipients

The Purple Heart is the oldest military award in the United States. The commendation is unique in that it is awarded automatically to individuals when certain criteria are met, which includes being injured or killed in battle or during terrorist attacks. According to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, roughly 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since the decoration’s official establishment in 1932.

There is no limit to the number of Purple Heart Awards a person can receive. Many brave men and women have been issued this special commendation. All of these people are remarkable in some way, particularly for their bravery and sacrifices in service of the United States. However, some people are more famous than others. Here is a look at some of the more well-known recipients of the Purple Heart.

- Army General Douglas MacArthur (the first service member to receive the modern-day Purple Heart), World War II
- Actor James Arness, World War II
- NFL great Robert “Rocky” Bleier, Vietnam War
- Actor Charles Bronson, World War II
- Actor James Garner, Korean War
- Marine Corp Sergeant Ron Kovic, Vietnam War
- Journalist Ernest “Ernie” Pyle, World War II
- Screenwriter Rod Serling, Philippines combat
- Filmmaker Oliver Stone, Vietnam War
- NFL player Pat Tillman, friendly fire incident in Afghanistan
- Novelist Kurt Vonnegut, World War II
- K-9 war hero Sergeant Stubby, World War II
- Combat nurse Cordelia “Betty” Cook, World War II
- President John F. Kennedy, World War II
- Secretary of State John Kerry, Vietnam War
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- Chronic Disease Prevention/Management
- Healthy Lifestyles (Food Security, Nutrition Education, Physical Activity)
- Substance Misuse
- Behavioral Health

The grants will be awarded as part of the 2024-2025 Community Benefit Grants Program; the grant cycle period is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Grant funding will be restricted to Beaufort and Hyde counties and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

We are now accepting Letters of Intent through an electronic process. Visit <https://www.ecuhealth.org/about-us/community/grant-programs/> to access this process. There will be a description of the grants program and a link to the Letter of Intent process. Please ensure that you select the ECU Health Beaufort Hospital’s Community Benefit Grants Program. Letters of Intent must be submitted online by November 30, 2023.

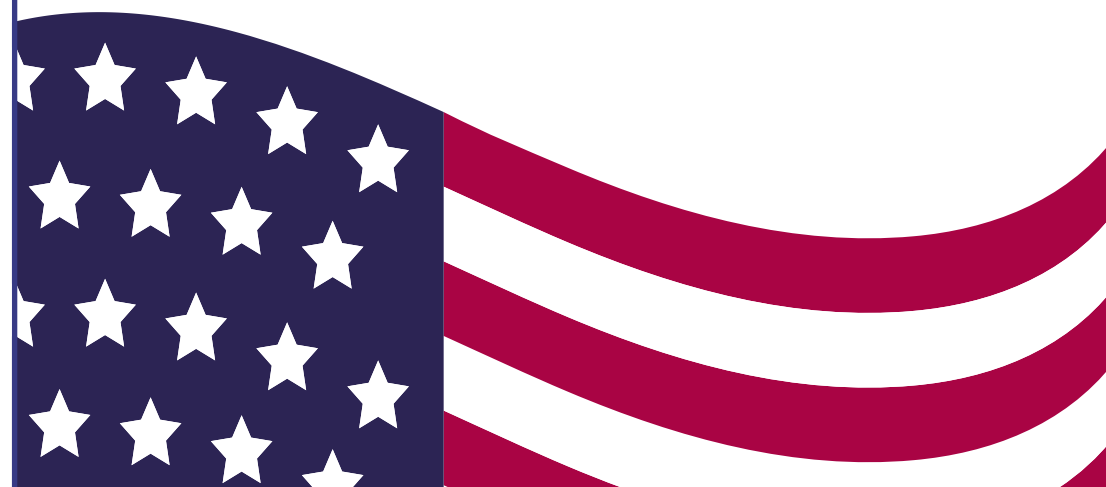
Funding for the Community Benefit Grants Program is provided by ECU Health. The program is administered through the ECU Health Foundation in partnership with a committee comprised of local community members.

For additional questions, please contact Pam Shadle at pam.shadle@ecuhealth.org or 252-975-4134 for more information or to answer any questions.

Did you know?

Cancers affect many different parts of the body and are named according to where in the body they originated. Cancers that begin in the bones and in the soft, connective tissues are called sarcomas. According to the Mayo Clinic, there are more than 70 types of sarcoma. Sarcomas also can form in fat, muscle, blood vessels, nerves, tendons, and the lining of the joints. Sarcomas can develop anywhere from the top to the bottom of the body. However, 40 percent occur in the lower extremities (legs, ankles, feet) and 30 percent occur in the trunk, chest wall, abdomen, and pelvis. Sarcomas in the upper extremities as well as the head and neck are not as common. The Cleveland Clinic says that sarcomas generally form when immature bone or soft tissue cells have changed their DNA, and they develop into cancer cells and grow unregulated. People who have been exposed to certain chemicals like arsenic or radiation or individuals who have lymphedema or inherited genetic conditions like Gardner syndrome are at an elevated risk of developing sarcoma.

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SYMPTOMS OF LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is a potentially deadly disease that affects millions of people across the globe, including patients and their families.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates lung cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States and more people in the country die from lung cancer than any other type of cancer. The LUNGevity Foundation, which advocates for lung cancer awareness, states lung cancer accounts for 12 percent of all new cancer diagnoses. Lung cancer does not discriminate based on gender or ethnicity. In fact, lung cancer is so prevalent breast and prostate cancers combined.



Though so many lives are lost to lung cancer, early diagnosis can improve patients' chances for survival. While most lung cancers do not produce symptoms until they have spread, recognizing potential symptoms can mean getting diagnosed at an earlier stage, when treatment is more likely to be effective. The following symptoms may be indicative of lung cancer, according to the American Cancer Society, the CDC and The Mayo Clinic.

- Coughing that does not go away and/or gets worse.
- Chest pain that worsens with deep breathing, laughing or coughing.
- Coughing up blood, even a small amount.
- Hoarseness of the voice.
- Unexplainable weight loss.
- Feeling tired all of the time.
- Wheezing and shortness of breath.
- Repeated bouts of pneumonia or possibly swollen or enlarged lymph nodes in the chest.

While these symptoms may be lung cancer, they also may indicate the presence of another condition. It is important to see a doctor at the first sign of anything abnormal so the cause can be identified and the condition promptly treated.

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BOC Vote to Fill Vacant Seat Fails With 3-3 Vote

those she talked to in her township. Board Chairman Ed Riggs (Township #3) echoed Prescott's sentiments. Commissioner Riggs said that he had met with residents of his district individually and in groups, and while he said he was able to convince some of them of the legality of the appointment, the feeling among the majority of the citizens he represents was in opposition to Davis's appointment. Public perception of the appointment was the overriding factor. Commissioner Riggs stated that while he had the utmost respect for Davis, and that she was fully qualified to be a commissioner, he had to respect the feelings expressed to him by the citizens that he represents. Commissioner Forrest (At Large), who is the first cousin of Sheriff Davis, stated that in talking with residents of her township, she found much support for the Davis appointment. Commissioner Candy Bohmert (Township #2) added that in a County as small as Pamlico is, it is hard not to find possible conflicts of interest in local government. She felt that Davis could handle the job and that she would recognize when to recuse herself from an issue that may put her in conflict. Commissioner Doug Brinson didn't mention if he had consulted with any of his constituents, which as an at large Commissioner, is the entire county, but spoke of Davis's impeccable credentials to do the job of commissioner and his confidence in her abilities. Commissioner Carl Ollison (Township #4), who happens to be married to the Head of a Department within Pamlico County Government, said that he would welcome Davis to the Board, "if elected" by the vote of residents of her township. As expected by their pre-vote statements, the motion to seat Sarah Davis as Commissioner of Township #5 ended in a 3-3 tie, and thus failed to pass, with Commissioners Prescott, Ollison, and Riggs voting against, and Commissioners Forrest, Bohmert, and Brinson voting for. So, what happens now with the vacant seat. The North Carolina General Statute that deals with vacancies on the Board of Commissioners is 153A-27 and it states in section (a) in part "that if the members of the board do not fill a vacancy within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, the clerk shall immediately report the vacancy to the Clerk of Superior Court of the county. The Clerk of Superior Court shall, within 10 days after the vacancy is reported to him, fill the vacancy." Section (c) of the Statute states that "the Board of Commissioners or the clerk of superior court, as the case may be, shall consult the county executive committee of the appropriate political party before filling a vacancy, but neither the board nor the clerk of superior court is bound by the committee's recommendation." Former commissioner Baskerville's resignation became effective on October 3 and the clock began ticking the next day, which puts December 2 as the day the Clerk of Superior Court, Steven Hollowell, would be given 10 days to make an appointment to the seat. One of several things could happen. The Republican Party could bring forth another nomination to the BOC for them to consider at their November mid-month meeting. Since the Clerk of Court is bound by the same guidelines as the BOC, to consult with the party representing the vacant seat, the Republican party could submit Sarah Davis's name to him for consideration, or submit someone else's name. The Clerk of Court could then appoint the nominated individual to the seat, or appoint someone else. What can happen and what will happen are two different things. I can only urge you to stay tuned.



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Marching Hurricanes Wrap Up Successful Competition Season

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Marching Hurricanes, the band often characterized as small but mighty, has wrapped up a successful competition season. The band competed in four different competitions beginning back in September at the West Craven Band Classic and finishing up last Saturday at Cary Band Day at Cary High School. In between they picked up numerous trophies and accolades in the 1A classification.

- at West Craven; 2nd place Visual Performance, 3rd place Percussion, 3rd place General Effect
- at White Oak; 2nd place Percussion, 2nd place General Effect, 2nd place Music, 2nd place Overall Band, 3rd place Drum Major, 3rd place Visual Ensemble (Colorguard)
- at Topsail; 2nd place Visual Ensemble, 3rd place Percussion, 3rd place Music

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Marching Hurricanes Small but Mighty



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To help, PAWS has partnered with Dr. Hicks to financially provide what is needed for these animals. Please think about making a donation to PAWS that is tax deductible. These donations will be turned over to Dr. Hicks to assist in the costs of the veterinary bills and the care of the animals. Any extra donations will be saved for the next group of cats that will be spayed/neutered.

Go to pamlicopaws.net to donate. Pay Pal is also available on the website. You can always stop by the Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital at 407 Broad Street to donate by check, cash or credit card. PLEASE NOTE: indicate that your donation is for the feral cats. This way we will know where you want the money to go. Pay Pal also has a comment section for you to add this info.

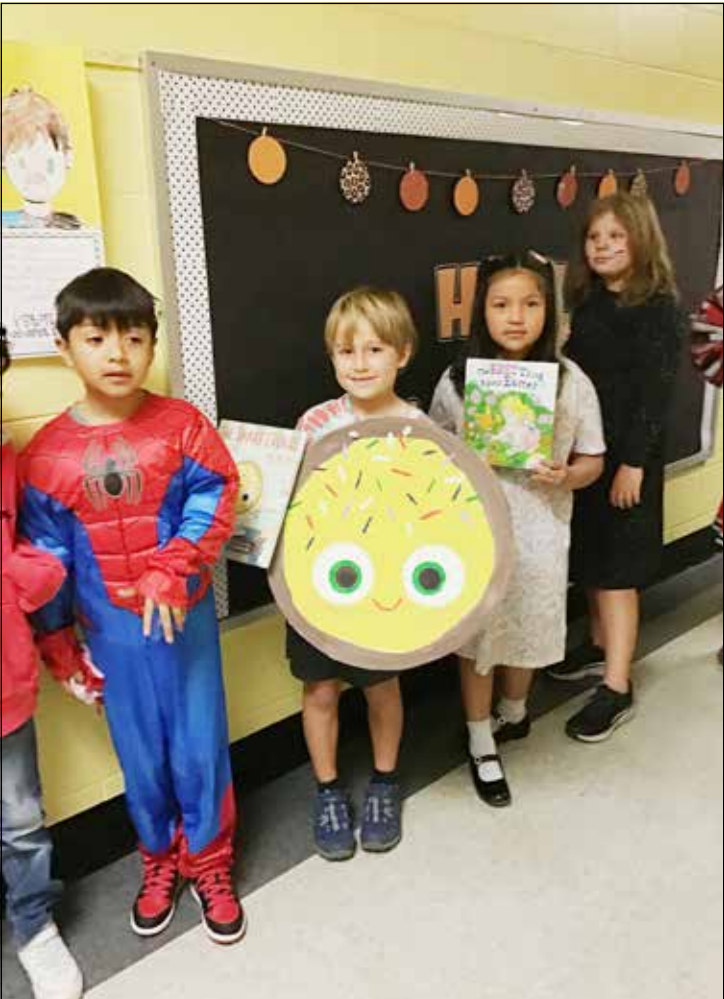
The animals of Pamlico County thank you and the staff at the Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital for their love and support.

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Pamlico County Primary School

October is designated as National Bullying Prevention Month.

Students at the Primary school participated in Spirit Week to stand up to bullying. On Friday we held a book character parade.



Pamlico County Historical Association



On November 20, 2023 the Pamlico County Historical Association will be hosting its bi-monthly Snapshot meeting at 7:00PM (Pamlico Heritage Center 10642 NC Hwy 55., Grantsboro, NC 28529) featuring guest speaker Dr. Gary Moore with his presentation on "The History of the Outhouse". This presentation is a humorous examination of the past and present, and the need for society to look towards the future while learning from the past. This presentation has been presented to many different audiences across the country, and is one of Dr. Moore's most popular. This event is free and open to the public, with light refreshments served following the presentation.

Dr. Moore is retired professor of Agriculture and Extension Education at NC State University, where he worked with and taught students that included Cooperative Extension Agents and High Agricultural Teachers. Dr. Moore grew up on a ranch in the Hill Country of Central Texas, was an active FFA member, and attended Tarleton State College (now a university) in Stephenville, TX where he received a BS in Agricultural Education.

Dr. Moore began teaching high school agriculture in Medicine Lodge, Kansas and at Fort Frye High School in Beverly, Ohio. While taking graduate classes in agricultural education at Ohio State, Dr. Moore was invited to become a graduate teaching assistant. This led him to teaching an introductory course in agricultural education while he earned both his MS and PhD from Ohio State.

After graduating from Ohio State, Dr. Moore became an agricultural education professor at Purdue University (but it was too cold), Louisiana State University (but it was too hot) and North Carolina State University (it is just right). Dr. Moore taught at NCSU from 1989 and retired in 2017.

Since retiring in 2017, Dr. Moore has made about 25-30 presentations a year speaking to various groups and organizations across the country. He continues to enjoy teaching (speak), traveling and interacting with people. For more information about Dr. Moore and his presentations, please visit his website at https://thekeynotepresenter.com/?page_id=2.

For more information about this event, please contact the Pamlico County Historical Association at pchamuseum@gmail.com.



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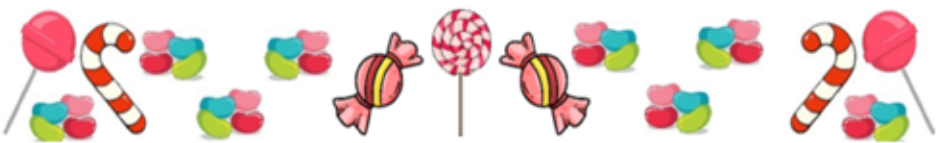


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Hurricanes Go Down Fighting
in State Playoffs

by: Hiram Lupton

When the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) announced the seeding for the state football playoffs last Saturday, Pamlico barely made it into the field, earning a #25 seed in the 27-team field making up the east region draw. The Hurricanes had a 3-8 overall record, but all three of their wins were in the Coastal Plains Conference which put them in third place in the conference and easing them into the playoffs. They faced the difficult task of going on the road to face the #8 seeded North Duplin Rebels who finished with a 9-2 record overall. This looked to be a huge mismatch with the Rebels being heavy favorites, but they play games on the field, not on paper and the Hurricanes definitely came to play. For the most part, North Duplin is a very one-dimensional team, but they do that one thing very well, they run the ball. In the opening period, after a Pamlico punt, they did just that moving the ball on the ground with a 52-yard drive that resulted in the games first touchdown and an early 6-0 lead. No real surprise, but what was a surprise was how the Hurricanes responded. Pamlico started their drive on their own 35-yard line and methodically marched down the field relying heavily on a ground game of their own until running back Jayden Williams powered in from 2 yards out to tie the score, and with a good extra point, Pamlico was up 7-6. The lead only lasted one play however as North Duplin took the kickoff all the way back for a score and then added the +2 for a 14-7 lead. Allowing quick scores like this can break the back of a team, but Pamlico stuck to their game plan and executed a ball control drive that culminated with Williams once again breaking tackles en route to a 21-yard score on the ground. With the extra point, Pamlico had tied things up at 14-14 and we had ourselves a ballgame. There was no scoring the rest of the half, but there was plenty of action as the Pamlico defense stepped up and forced a turnover



Seniors Tyler Stevens (#9) and Antoine King (#5) lead the Hurricanes onto the field.



Jayden Williams

on downs after the Rebels had penetrated deep into Hurricane territory. After the half, the back and forth play continued with the teams trading rushing touchdowns, Pamlico's coming on a big 4th down run by Williams from 10 yards out. Williams probably played the game of his life, rushing for 178 yards to go with his 3 scores. Much of his yardage came after initial contact as the Senior broke tackles and dished out punishment to would be tacklers on many of his runs. North Duplin regained the lead 27-21 on a rushing touchdown, but Pamlico was able to mount a drive to start the 4th period which culminated with Quarterback Antoine King finding Wide Receiver Koby Lane in the end zone who made a juggling catch for the score, once again tying things up at 27-27. North Duplin came back with a drive which put the ball into the end zone with 8 minutes to go in the game giving them a 35-27 lead. This time, Pamlico did not answer. They were victimized by two questionable no-calls in the end zone which could have easily been pass interference, and North Duplin finally took possession on downs with just over a minute to go and killed the clock for the win. Pamlico played probably their best game of the season in the loss. Zero turnovers on interceptions or fumbles and maximum effort throughout the game on both sides of the ball. For seven Seniors it was their last football game in a Hurricane uniform. They are; Braylen Ollison, Antoine King, Jaquan Johnson, Jayden Williams, Tyler Stevens, Mason Stroud, and Bryan Riggs. Thank you men for your hard work.

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10 Fall Fishing Tips for Cooler Weather

Is freshwater fishing your favorite way to relax? Or, maybe saltwater fishing is your number-one hobby? Either way, as the leaves turn colors and a chill appears in the air, there's sure to be a red-hot fall bite in your neck of the woods.

Take full advantage of it with these 10 fall fishing tips.

1. Pay Attention to Baitfish Migration Patterns

As fall hits baitfish often go on the move, and predators will follow. Just how this works varies greatly from one body of water to the next:

In coastal bays, it may mean that finger mullet gather near inlets as they prepare to enter the ocean and run south.

In tidal rivers, expect young-of-year glass minnow and menhaden to move out of the creeks and into the river mouths.

In many large reservoirs, shad will shift from creeks and feeders into the main lake where water temperatures are more stable from day to day.

In all of these cases you can bet that the gamefish you're chasing after won't be far behind those baitfish.

2. Be on the Lookout for Birds

Fall is a time of year when large fish often corral schools of bait, and chase their prey up to the surface. Gulls, terns, and other birds will gather over the action to pick off injured baitfish, so when you see them swooping and diving over a spot, it's a sure-fire sign that you should try casting there.

3. Look for Fish at Depth-Related Transition Points

In most bodies of water, as the thermometer drops fish will be on the move, looking for favorable conditions. That means they'll often be found in areas where there are abrupt depth changes (like underwater points and channel edges) so they have easy access to both shallow and deep waters throughout the course of the day.

4. When the Chill Becomes Downright Cold, Slow Your Retrieves and/or Trolling Speeds

Fish are cold-blooded, so their metabolism slows as the water temps drop. You can expect that fast, erratic retrieves will no longer accurately mimic the actions of the small fish and critters those gamefish are hunting, as they did in mid-summer.

Slow, steady retrieves, on the other hand, will become more and more effective the cooler it gets. To learn more, be sure to read How to Use a Trolling Motor.

5. Up-size Your Offerings

The colder it gets, the less interested large fish become in chasing small baits. They don't want to burn up a lot of calories chasing a morsel, and become more focused on capturing an entire meal in one energy-efficient gulp.

6. Consider Targeting Different Species

Consider targeting different species. Just how important this



is depends on where you do your fishing, but in some parts of the nation as some species of gamefish go dormant, others come alive. Fish like walleye, pickerel, and pike are just a few examples of gamefish that often pick up the pace of their feeding behavior as water temperatures drop.

7. Look for Waters Warmed by the Sun

While few fish technically hibernate, many species do go into a state of semi-torpority when the waters grow cold. On warm, sunny days, however, they may seek out areas that are sun-warmed and have temperatures a few degrees higher than the surrounding waters. Shallow coves and flats with dark-colored bottoms that soak up UV rays, or weedbeds that haven't died off yet, are good examples of such spots. They will often hold actively feeding predators when other areas can only offer a slow bite.

8. Match the Hatch

Yes, of course this is something you should always bear in mind, but in the fall it can become doubly important because the prey that fish become focused on can change rather radically from month to month or even from week to week. This is particularly true for fly fishermen targeting trout, because an entirely different selection of insects hatch in the fall as opposed to during the summer months.

9. Look for Weeds

As fall hits weedbeds begin to die off and shrink. As a result, the fish that feed around them tend to become more and more concentrated. In some places a fraction of the weeds will persist even as the water begins to ice up, and many species will use them as hunting grounds.

10. Pay Attention to "Turnover"

In some bodies of water when the surface temperatures drop, the cooled water sinks down and force warmer waters below to rise up. As the water "turns over," temperature and oxygen stratification are eliminated and larger areas tend to have hospitable conditions for many types of fish.

Between having more room to comfortably roam and the drop in visibility that often accompanies turnover (because the mixing waters circulate suspended solids), fishing can become tough. However, during the turnover phase predators are likely to gather at transition points where they can easily shift from shallow to deep zones (see tip number three, above).

Once you locate such an area and catch a fish or two, stick with it through the turnover phase, which may last for a week or may continue until ice forms on the water. The fish are likely to continue holding there until conditions change.

So, Ready for Fall Fishing?

Okay: are you ready to layer up and hit the water? We certainly hope so, because fall offers some of the best fishing of the year. And armed with these 10 tips, we're betting you're about to enjoy some red-hot fall fishing action.

The Old Theater Presents The Bonafides Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert

November 19, 2023

Due to popular demand, The Bonafides will present a second Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert at The Old Theater in Oriental on November 19 at 3:00 PM. The Saturday show is completely SOLD OUT, so a second show was added. This family-plus-friends string band from New Bern has played this concert to sold out crowds. With acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bass, drums, banjo, harmonicas and soaring harmonies, The Bonafides honor Fleetwood Mac, a British-American rock band whose album Rumours won Album of the Year in 1978 and has sold over 40 million copies worldwide. Fleetwood Mac's Rumours was rated the seventh greatest album of all time in Rolling Stone magazine and the group was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2003. Come hear your favorite Fleetwood Mac songs such as Dreams, Black Magic Woman, Landslide, Go Your Own Way, Don't Stop, and more. The newly renovated Old Theater will provide the comfort you deserve and the drinks you desire by donation as you enjoy this tribute to one of the greatest albums of all time.

Tickets are available now at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern. The Box Office will open one hour before the show but don't wait until the last minute to buy tickets. All previous shows have sold out. You can purchase tickets online for the Sunday show:

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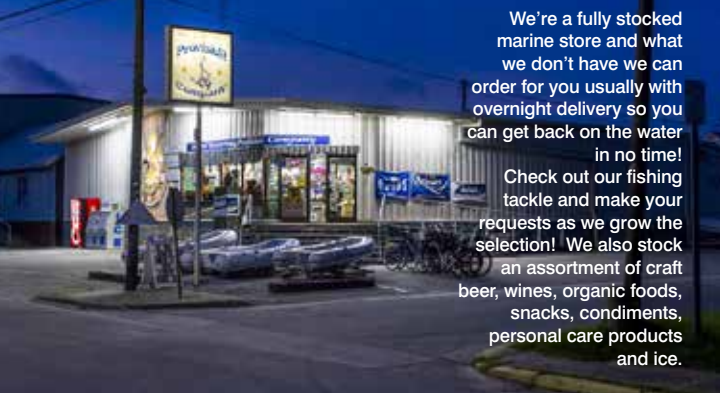
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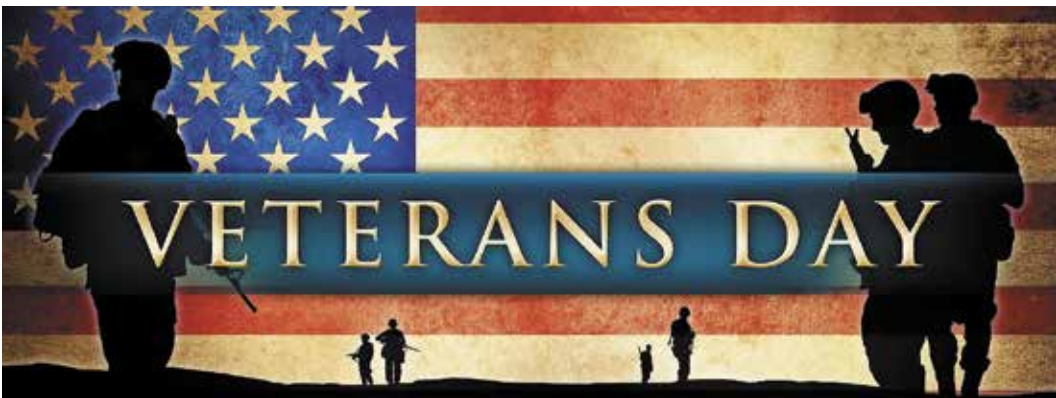
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville *Reba Tiller, Correspondent*




Fall is here and the time change is also here which I am not happy about because I don't like going to Chorale practice in the dark. The weather is cooler but it still gets hot in the middle of the day . On Saturday Sarah and I went to the Dragon Races at River Dunes and watched our family and friends row, row row for Jo Jo. It was a fun day watching Russ, Kevin, Maura, Noah, and Tristan win a couple of heats. Jeanne Robertson showed us where to park and then picked us up on the Golf Cart when we were ready to leave. She played head witch in the Dancing Witches. The races were well attended and I hope all the charities received a lot of donations. There were too many activities going on last weekend. There was a group playing at the theater, the Dragon race, a party at

the Woodmen Lodge, and Oyster Roast at the Red Rooster. I think it is time to make a calendar of events. There were 20 at church today with many of Fran and Darlene's family visiting and attending Bethel. Colleen Noonkester and Matt Scott's twins Abel and Buck celebrate November birthdays. Fran and Darlene Law and Dave and Lisa Caudill celebrate an anniversary this month. Prayer Meeting at Bethel on Wednesday nights at 7:00, Cover2Cover Book Club meets at Point Marina Clubhouse Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m., Movie night "The Chosen" Bethel Fellowship Hall Saturday November 25th at 7:00p.m., Sunday November 26 Luncheon Fellowship Hall.

Thought for the week—Middle age is when you are sitting at home on Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you. (Ogden Nash, U.S. poet and humorist)

Pamlico *Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent*



By the time you read this, time will have changed to Eastern Standard Time and if you are like our dog Jake, you are still trying to adjust to it getting dark so early. I have seen some cute messages like, "Hello darkness my old friend, it's dark at five o'clock pm," which is taken from an old Simon and Garfunkel Song.

Fall is upon us, although you wouldn't know with the warm temperatures this week. The roadsides in the Pamlico Community have been mowed, and the woods are losing their color as it appears the leaves have reached their peak and are now turning brown. It is not quite time to rake leaves yet, but the time is quickly approaching. Maybe I should say the time when some will use their lawn mowers to mulch their leaves.

The Stonewall Methodist Women and the Alliance UMW want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting their annual Fall Bazaars on Saturday. Both churches' bazaars were very successful. It was a time of fellowship and fun as well as a good fund raiser for mission projects throughout the year.

Sunday was All Saints Day and Stonewall celebrated it in a special way before Holy Communion.

Pamlico Methodist Church celebrated their Veterans Day on Sunday, honoring eleven veterans who were


present for the service. Their guest speaker was William Callen, a retired USMC member who shared a few of his memorable experiences. Craig Cooper sang and all enjoyed a delicious fellowship meal after the service.

Stonewall UMC Wednesday night Bible study will continue through November 15th, then resume in January. There will be a Book Study in December, time and dates to be announced.

Celebrating birthdays in November are Bill Sage (11/8), Chasidy Gwaltney Voliva (11/10), Paisley Tillman and Carol Heath West (11/14), Steve Smith and Tammy Spain (11/16), Brenda Spain (11/17), Michael Rowe (11/18), Fred Read (11/22), Kevin Rodgers (11/23), Bryan Spain (11/26), Tucker Carey, Kari Hudgins and Jerry Harper (11/28), and Thelmond Cooper (11/29). Barbara and Lester Carey will celebrate 61 years of marriage on November 4. John and Penny \$ Farmer will celebrate 37 years of marriage on November 16. Walt and Joannis Rodgers Summerlin will celebrate their first anniversary on November 18.

Have a blessed week. Tired? Take Spiritual Vitamin T. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Vandemere *Sandra Snipes, Correspondent*



The holidays season is here! This past week, Vandemere was highly energized with the sense of community as we hosted our premiere "Trunk or Treat" at the waterfront park. The ambiance was perfectly set by the outstanding music organized by Koen VanMeeteren and 15 decorated trunks from the community! It was a joy to pass out candy, meet, and greet over 100 children! The costumes we saw were beautiful and creative (and we most certainly took a moment to let the children know it!) Max and Blaine Ware won the prize for "Best Trunk," voted for by the children, and presented by the Town Mayor, Judy Thaanum. The night came to an end with a big THANK YOU for all those who participated, and a few line dances to close out the night! It took about 30 participants to make this event a success; from businesses posting the event signs/ information to those who donated or passed out candy. Thank you to the Vandemere Special Events Committee: Barbie Harvey, Jamey Thomas, Anna Simeon, and their families for volunteering their time, talents, and resources making this event a

success. Most importantly thank you to the community leaders, parents, and children who came out and shared a moment of fun with us. We are already thinking about how it can be better for next year!

Thank you to Robbie McCotter and David Snipes for posting the U.S. Flags throughout the town in honor of our heroes, America's sons and daughters, who valiantly served or who are currently serving in the Armed Forces; THANK YOU for your service and Happy Veteran's Day!

November 7th, 2023 was election day for municipal positions all throughout Pamlico County. Vandemere voted for a mayor and five commissioners. Congratulations to the newly elected officials!

Check out our website, www.vandemerenc.com , to stay in the know and experience what Vandemere is all about.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret Wheatley

Rotary Club of Oriental *John J. Mitchell, Past President*

Veterans Day, November 11



A very important date is heading our way, November 11th, a day when we honor all of those who have served this country and who fought for it and came home. Many came home whole physically and mentally while many did not.

There are those who came home with horrific wounds and mental disorders. Many of those homeless who fill the streets of the major cities these days are veterans, victims of battles in faraway countries. Though we are not involved in ground wars many are still coming under enemy fire.

How do we help? We help through donating to the organizations available to us. Wounded Warriors, Disabled Veterans,

Tunnel to Towers and others. I support T to T because they help those injured in battle but also those who were effected by 9/11. I watched the towers come down while sitting in my car stuck in traffic that day.

Our Rotary Club of Oriental is blessed by having numerous veterans, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Army. All of who are blessed by coming home to be with their families, especially one naval aviator who had to eject from his aircraft twice.

Remember those who served. Pray for those who were lost and help those who desperately need help.

Oriental Tree Board

Members of the Oriental Tree Board are now planning our winter tree planting program by identifying sites within the street right of way at the request of adjacent property owners for possible planting We also plant trees as needed in town parks and on other public properties.

We will plant a tree in front of your home or business at no charge if there is room within the right of way. If you are interested in having a shade tree planted phone the Oriental Town Hall at 249 0555. Town Hall staff will take your information and a member of the Tree Board will visit your property and decide (with you) which kind of tree is most suitable to your landscape and available growing space. Your proper-

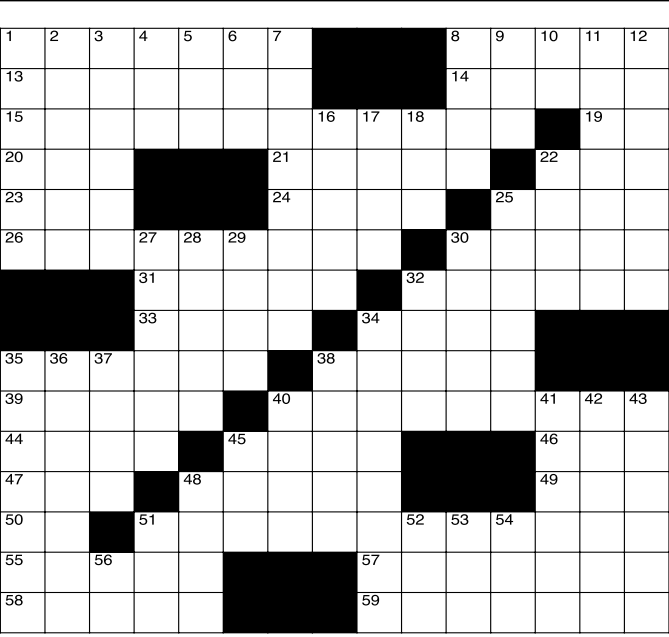
ty must be within the town limits to qualify. Our experience is local nurseries sell out of their best stock early in the winter season. Please get your request in by January 1 so we can purchase quality trees of the species we like to plant.

We typically plant live and other oaks, lacebark elms, redbuds, yaupon, Chinese pistache, bald cypress, fringe tree, redbud, crape myrtles, and other suitable species. Our trees come in containers and will be around 4 – 6 feet tall. Although small at planting, trees grow fast in our climate and will begin to add to the value of your property in just a few years. We have a limited budget, so call soon if you are interested.

Wanted, Three Good Tree People

In all likelihood you have seen Oriental Tree Board members with their shovels, watering cans, stakes, black trunk collars (protection from string trimmers), and pine straw out planting trees in the cool weather months. Most of the street trees and park trees in Oriental were planted by the Tree Board, and now number more than 1,000. We also prune young trees to make them less likely to be damaged by wind, and to clear walks and streets. Large trees are pruned by commercial tree companies. After storms we survey streets and parks for damage, and sometimes we have high risk trees removed. We have a seven-person membership, five from Oriental, and two allowed from outside Oriental. We meet once a month, and we spend a few hours most weeks planting and pruning. We do work, but we also enjoy what we do and have fun doing it. You don't need to know about trees, and you will learn much from the members. Interested in joining us, contact Town Hall. Phone: 249-0555.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Happen again

8. Large flightless birds

13. A type of account

14. Beyond what is natural

15. Beloved comfort food

19. Rural delivery

20. Belonging to us

21. Typical

22. Pie _ _ _ mode

23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

24. Not us

25. Discharge

26. Made empty

30. Fishing net

31. Fast-moving, harmless snake

32. Analyzed into its parts

33. In a way, chilled

34. Hindu queen
35. Circles around the sun

38. Used for emphasis

39. Reactive structures

40. Recommendations

44. Feel intense anger

45. Puke

46. Rural Northern Ireland community

47. Naturally occurring solid material

48. British watch brand

49. Toddler

50. Integrated circuit

51. Being revered

55. "Pets" you can grow

57. Continual

58. Puts together in time

59. Houses temporarily

CLUES DOWN

1. Vital public document

2. Disinter

3. Musical performances

4. After B

5. Every body has one (abbr.)

6. Utilize

7. In a way, disproved

8. Fisherman's tool

9. Of she

10. Trauma center

11. Commercial flyer

12. Administered medicine to calm

16. Popular R&B performer

17. Regretted

18. Leg (slang)

22. "Night Train" author

25. More supernatural

27. Baltimore ballplayer

28. Shoe parts
29. Scores perfectly

30. More lucid

32. Trim by cutting

34. Disreputable people

35. Dramatic behaviors

36. Disorder

37. Private box in a theater

38. More dried-up

40. Raw

41. In operation

42. Pillager

43. Butterflies with brown wings

45. Disallow

48. Own up

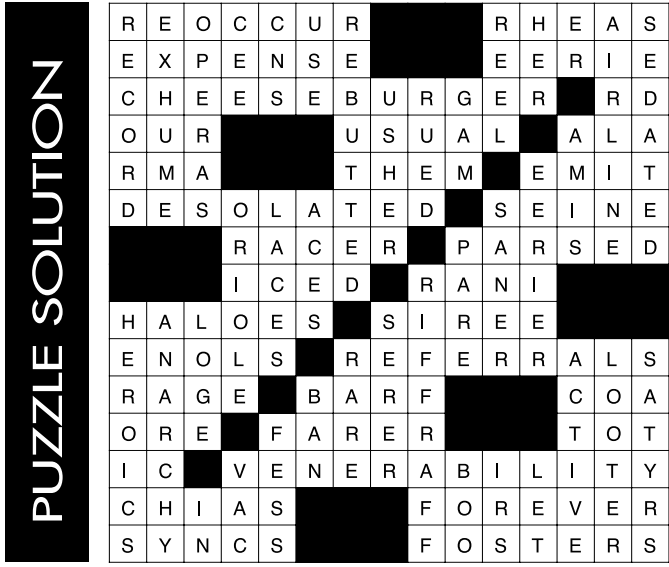
51. Hungarian city

52. A way to condemn

53. Tax collector

54. Lease

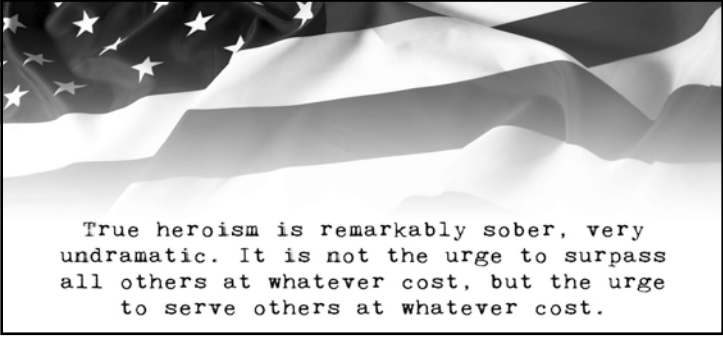
56. Not out



Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on November 11, 1974. An agent suggested I use a different name as my stage name. I am known for many big films, including one that really launched my career, despite the subject matter being about a titanic disaster.

Answer: *Leonardo DiCaprio*

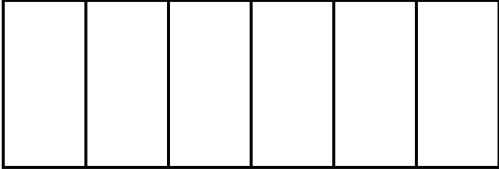


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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: *Walker*

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This 18th day of October 2023.

SHERRY SAWYER c/o/ Nicole Henderson, Law Offices of Nicole Henderson, PLLC 19109 West Catawba Ave. Suite 200, Cornelius, NC 28031

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 21 SP 34

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Mamie Jones Wilson
Plaintiff,

v.

Bryan D. Farquhar and spouse, Amy R. Farquhar, Janice Furman, single, Goldie Guion, single, Shirley Guion, single, Michael Guion and spouse, Camecia Guion, Sonya Catalina and spouse, David Catalina, Barbara James, single, Rosa Tripp, single, Vivian Williams and spouse, Maurice Williams, Barbara Woolford, single, Ellis Leroy Tripp, single Jacqueline Tripp, single, Crystal Hairston, single, Dorothy Beatty, Single, Jay Cee Kelly and spouse, Laura Kelly, Ann Midgett and spouse, Vorise Midgett, Brenda Kelly, single, Charlie F. Tripp and spouse, Janie Tripp, James O. Collins, single, Janell Hernandez and spouse, Greg Hernandez, Toya Collins, single, Melvin Moye, Single, Christopher Collins, single, Jason Collins and spouse, April Collins, James O. Collins, II and spouse Donarine Collins, Jeff Collins and spouse, Lorna Collins, Barbi Collins, Single, Kenneth Collins and spouse, Tammi Collins, Marvelene Beasley and spouse, Marvin Beasley, Winnora Corey and spouse Earl Corey, Delbra Broadie and Spouse, Larry Broadie, Veronica Pina, Single, Lillie B. Ferguson, single, Yvonne Lawson, single, Thaddeous Kelly, and spouse Beverly Kelly, Anthony Kelly and spouse, Audrey Kelly, Gerond Kelly and spouse, Semitha Kelly, Jonathan Riley, single, William M. Tripp, Jr, single, Peggy Squires, single, Terrance Miller and spouse, Shatiea Miller, Brandon Bibbs and wife, Yolanda Bibbs, Daquon Bibbs, single, Dolores Tripp single, Justus Tripp and spouse Jennifer Tripp, Ramona Norris and spouse, Steve Norris, Sheila Beourou, Single, Engar Lewis Tripp, single, Johnnie Earl Tripp and spouse Daynna Tripp, Andre' Jamar Carter, single,

Anthony Riley and spouse, Tonya Riley, Brian Riley, Single

Defendants.

TO: Known, unknown, born, and unborn heirs of Herman E. Tripp: Dorothy Beatty, single, Sheila Beourou, single, Brandun Bibbs, and spouse Yolanda Bibbs, Delbra Broadie, and spouse Larry Broadie, André Jamar Carter, single, Barbi Collins, single, Christopher Collins, single, James O. Collins, II, and spouse Donarine Collins, Kenneth Collins, and spouse Tammi Collins, Toya Collins, single, Janell Hernandez, and spouse Greg Hernandez, Barbara James, single, Jay Cee Kelly, and spouse Laura Kelly, Ramona Norris, and spouse Steve Norris, Anthony Riley, and spouse Tonya Riley, Brian Riley, single, Jonathan Riley, single, Peggy Squires, single, Ellis Leroy Tripp, single, Johnnie Earl Tripp, and spouse Daynna Tripp, Justus Tripp, and spouse Jennifer Tripp, Vivian Williams, and spouse Maurice Williams.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed (or, is required to be filed not later than November 28, 2023) in the above-entitled action (or, special proceeding). The nature of the relief being sought is the Partition of certain real property owned by Herman E. Tripp at his death, and described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at the Well Branch at the corner of Lot #3 and runs with the line South 27 degrees and 26 minutes West 54.72 poles to a stake and a small sour wood and gum marked as pointers corner of Lot #3; thence with the line of Lot #3 North 62 degrees 34 minutes West 56 poles to the center of Owens Swamp a corner of Lot #5 and a Holly on the west edge of said swamp and gums on the east edge of said swamp marked as pointers just above the mouth of a small branch; thence down Owen's Swamp about north 14 1/4 degrees West 15 poles to the center of the run of Well Branch then up the center of said branch to the beginning, containing 16.11 acres, more or less. This is the same land allotted to Cornelius Tripp by a Special Proceeding recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County in Minute Book 1 beginning at page 404. The parties of the first part claim a one-third interest by virtue of the death of Cornelius Tripp without issue with their grandfather, John Tripp, inheriting a one-third interest and the parties of the first part are the only heirs of John Tripp.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a stake in the Bryan line where it crosses the Adolphus Tripp road leading toward the old John Willis place and running northwardly with the Bryan line to a cedar in the southwest corner of the baby tract and running eastwardly about 35 yards to the Tripp Boundary line on the east; thence northwardly with said line

to the southeast corner of five acre tract formerly owned by Luke Tripp; thence westwardly with his division line to Owen's Swamp to the aforesaid road and thence eastwardly with said road to the beginning containing 17 acres, more or less. This is the same tract as shown as lot number 5 in the aforementioned special proceeding and the description is incorporated herein as though it were set forth in full. The commissioners set this land to and for Adolphus Tripp who sold it to Luke Tripp by deed recorded in Book 40 at page 358 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pamlico County. The parties of the first part claim a one-third interest in the lands of Luke Tripp by virtue of the same facts as set forth for the first tract about Cornelius Tripp.

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than November 27, 2023, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of October, 2023.

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Publication Dates: October 18, 2023, October 25, 2023, November 1, 2023, November 8, 2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 23 CVS 0059 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Plaintiff,

v.

JAMES ALEXANDER BRINSON, JR., ET AL, Defendants.

TO: JAMES ALEXANDER BRINSON, JR.; BENJAMIN ASA BRINSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT GASKINS
Take notice that pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above-entitled civil action. The nature of the relief being sought is the condemnation and appropriation, for highway purposes, of a certain interests or estates in that certain parcel of land lying and being in Number One (1) Township, Pamlico County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

Being that land described as "TRACT FIVE (E08-56)" in a Special Warranty Deed dated March 31, 2010 to Elizabeth Lupton Brinson, and recorded May 28, 2010 in Book 544, Page 213, Pamlico County Registry. The property description for said "TRACT FIVE (E08-56)" contained in said deed is hereby incorporat-

ed by reference. Reference is also made to the deeds describing the subject property recorded in Book 159, Page 35; in Book 285, Page 798; in Book 294, Page 447; in Book 518, Page 459; in Book 518, Page 642; in Book 520, Page 9; and in Book 588, Page 938, all the Pamlico County Registry. Also, being that land identified as Tax PIN No. 6437958970000 (Map ID No. E08-56) containing approximately 35,000 acres and described as "N/S SR 1005" and being situate on the north side of Neuse Road and just east of Beard Creek, approximately 2.25 miles west of the Town of Arapahoe, as is shown in Pamlico Tax Office.

You are hereby required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 4th day of December 2024, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 25th day of October 2023.

JOSHUA H. STEIN
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Lisa B. Finkelstein
Assistant Attorney General
North Carolina Department of Justice
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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR CAMA MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Quality hereby gives public notice as required by N.C.G.S. 113A-119(b) that an application for a development permit in an Area of Environmental Concern as designated under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) was received on 12 October 2023. Atlas Land Holding, LLC and Point Marina Owner's Association, Inc., proposes dredging and expansion of a basin and connecting channel. Installation of a 10-slip docking facility with a travel lift, a boat yard, and other associated structures and improvements.

A copy of the entire application may be examined or copied at the office of Kelly Spivey, District Manager, Washington Regional Office, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC, during normal business hours. Public comments received by 29 November 2023 will be considered. Later comments will be accepted and considered up to the time of permit decision. Project modifications may occur based on further review and comments. Notice of the permit decision in this matter will be provided upon written request.

Kelly Spivey
Washington District Manager
NC Division of Coastal Management
943 Washington Square Mall
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Please publish on: 8 November 2023

INCIDENTS

Oct.12, Florence St., New Bern, alarm activation
Oct. 12, Hudson Lane, New Bern, civil stand by
Oct. 12, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, injury to real property, injury to personal property, disorderly conduct, resist/delay/obstruct police officer
Oct. 12, Cooper Rd., Alliance, order for arrest
Oct. 13, Keel Rd., Alliance, all other offenses/suspicious activity
Oct. 13, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest for violation of release order
Oct. 14, School House Rd., Vandemere, civil dispute
Oct. 14, Blount Rd., Arapahoe, destruction/damage/vandalism of property
Oct. 15, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, injury to real property, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, larceny after breaking or entering
Oct. 15, Matthews Rd., Bayboro, civil matter
Oct. 15, Oakwood Dr., New Bern, repossession of vehicle
Oct. 15, Olympia Rd., New Bern, destruction/damage/vandalism of property
Oct. 15, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
Oct. 16, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, civil dispute
Oct. 16, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, simple assault
Oct. 16, Matthews Rd., Bayboro, second degree trespass

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Oct. 16, Main St., Bayboro, warrant service
Oct. 16, Upper Spring Creek Rd., Hobucken, littering >500 lbs/littering hazardous waste
Oct. 16, NC Hwy 304, Vandemere, simple assault
Oct. 16, Mimosa Lane, Grantsboro, second degree trespass
Oct. 16, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, disorderly conduct
Oct. 17, Chinchilla Dr., Bayboro, locked key in safe
Oct. 18, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, stalking
Oct. 18, Phillips Dr., Arapahoe, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
Oct. 18, South St., Bayboro, domestic dispute
Oct. 19, Baker Ave., Grantsboro, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, larceny after breaking or entering
Oct. 19, Pamlico Rd., Oriental, second degree trespass
Oct. 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, obtain property by false pretenses
Oct. 19, Main St., Bayboro, warrant service - failure to appear out of Craven
Oct. 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
Oct. 20, Florence Rd., Merritt, simple assault, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
Oct. 20, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, failure to appear driving while license revoked, failure to appear speed-

ing
Oct. 20, Main St., Bayboro, simple assault
Oct. 21, Jones Lane, Bayboro, found property
Oct. 22, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, identity theft
Oct. 23, Main St., Bayboro, found property
Oct. 23, King St., Oriental, simple assault
Oct. 23, King St., Oriental, missing person
Oct. 24, Water St., Oriental, obtain property by false pretenses
Oct. 24, Main St., Bayboro, disturbance
Oct. 24, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, communicating threats
Oct. 25, Phillips Dr., Minnesott Beach, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, larceny after breaking or entering, injury to real property
Oct. 25, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, mental health issue
Oct. 26, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, civil dispute
Oct. 26, Roberts Rd., Grantsboro, missing wardrobe
Oct. 26, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, shoplifting substitution of price, larceny of property or goods <= \$,1000
Oct. 26, Elm St., Vandemere, verbal domestic
Oct. 27, Paul Farm Rd., Grantsboro, repossession of a vehicle
Oct. 27, Main St., Bayboro, failure to appear for obtain property by false pretense
Oct. 27, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, order for arrest driving while license revoked

GCI VFD Getting New Substation

by: Hiram Lupton

It may just look like a big pile of dirt right now, but in a very short time this dirt pile will hopefully be transformed into a new fire response sub-station for the Goose Creek Island Volunteer Fire Department (GCIVFD). The new sub-station will be just east of the Hobucken Marina and west of the high-rise bridge, and according to Pamlico County Fire Marshal Chris Murray, this construction achieves several goals. “The current substation being built in Hobucken has cumulated from years of thoughts and proposed solutions thrown on the wall in an effort to assist the GCIVFD with maintaining membership and making an effort to reduce the Insurance Rating in their five-mile response district. In essence, each fire station has a five-road mile circle around it and that is where the Insurance Services Organization recognizes an Insurance Rating. In the past, Goose Creek Island due to its geographical location, has not been able to procure a reduced rating. In the early days of establishing Volunteer Fire Departments, this was not a big deal but as the Insurance game has morphed and changed over the years, it is a big deal for the department to provide a reduced financial burden on the taxpayers of their local district. The major factor that has been an issue in the past is that there was no other fire station within ten-road miles of the current Goose Creek Island Station and therefore they were kind of on their own as far as insurance ratings go. The insurance rating system grades a department on equipment, location, performance, times of responses, and distances. Geographically this makes Goose Creek very unique. One of the most unique fire department situations in the east.” Murray went on to commend GCIVFD Chief Bobby Hacker for putting this project as a priority to assist the residents of the Goose Creek district in lowering their rating. “The ISO Rating scale is from 1-10 with class 1 being the very best rating possible and class 10 being nonexistent and not recognized. Currently Goose Creek is a class 9 rate which is the minimum rating required to be a recognized Fire Department in North Carolina. Throughout the years, we have grown partnerships locally and across the state. Goose Creek Island VFD not only responds on the Island, but also throughout Pamlico County and into Aurora as well if needed. This is reciprocal, as other county departments and the Aurora Fire Department responds to Goose Creek Island also. This sub-station will house a single Fire Engine capable of Pumping 1,500 gallons per minute and to add on to that, there will be a Fire Engine donated to service this area from another N.C. Department. We will release that information once the truck is received and put into service. Future planning is being conducted regarding the sub-station and the partnerships amongst our local fire departments. This will be the 3rd Sub-station designated in Pamlico County in the last 11 years and will be very beneficial to multiple agencies and districts. The funding for this project was awarded through the NC Office of State Fire Marshal from the Volunteer Fire Department Fund.” The Volunteer Fire Department Fund was created to assist fire departments to purchase equipment and make capital expenditures. The guidelines to receive a grant from this fund allow Departments who receive less than or equal to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year from municipal and/or county funding not be required to match the grant funding. Goose Creek Island receives less than \$50,000 tax revenue annually. The GCIVFD also met all the other criteria for receiving the grant. Reducing insurance costs for residents and providing better service, two worthy goals met.

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