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## Neuse Road Closed for Bridge Construction

by: Hiram Lupton

If you travel Neuse Road (SR 1005) on a daily basis, you probably already have seen the signs alerting you that as of Monday (1/8), a portion of the road will be closed to traffic for several months. Bridge construction over Cedar Gut, the closest bridge to Arapahoe on Neuse Road traveling west away from town, is starting, and motorists will have to take an alternate route on Scott Town Road or Scott Store Road to reach NC Hwy 306. This is one of two bridge construction projects, the other spanning Beard Creek, that is scheduled to be replaced this year.

## Pamlico County BOC Honors Retiring Employees

by: Hiram Lupton



Donnie Rooks



Turner "Tree" Johnson

At their first meeting of the year on Tuesday evening, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners (BOC) took some time to recognize three valued employees who are retiring from county service. Turner "Tree" Johnson, Donnie Rooks, and Barbara Williams each had proclamations read honoring them for their service to the citizens of Pamlico County. Mr. Johnson, who has been with the County for 16 years, and Mr. Rooks, who has been with the County for 23 years, received plaques of the proclamations from Board Chair Candy Bohmert. Mrs. Williams was not in attendance and will receive her plaque from her department head at a later date. Thank you for your service and happy retirement.

## Carla Fisher – Exits Stage Right

By Mary Frances Taylor

*"There is a role for everyone to play at The Old Theater."*

This is Carla Fisher's favorite quote and her personal belief that all people have gifts, talents, and time that can be shared with their community. The Board of Directors and the community at large are grateful that Carla has shared hers with us. We are sad to announce that she is giving up her role as President of the Old Theater Corporation. The pull of family is strong, and she has succumbed to their urgent longing to see her back home in Pennsylvania. Her role in the leadership of our small community theater cannot be overstated. She has been our heart and inspiration as she has demonstrated commitment and dedication in her work for the theater and we trust that she will forge new meaningful relationships in her new home and will continue to create and share her art with the world. Although her role as president is ending, her character, performances, and work ethics continue to inspire.



It was nearly two years ago when Carla Fisher first brought to us a love for the arts, a keen business acumen, and a holistic approach for effective leadership. She was owner and founder of ArtWorks Oriental - the studio for working artists in our local community. She is an artist in fiber art, big metal sculpture, and glassblowing. Carla worked as resident artist at the Cherry Street Pier in Philadelphia, PA, before moving to Oriental and she received the prestigious international DaVinci Award presented to her in Florence, Italy for her innovation, professionalism, and contributions to the art community. Carla has been involved in local community affairs in Oriental and served on the Tourism Board and the Board of Directors for the Pamlico County Arts Council. Her background in business began at Columbia University and University of Missouri where she earned a degree in finance with minors in account-

ing and business law. She began a 25-year career with Merrill Lynch where she worked as a stockbroker, branch manager, and district sales manager. Carla brought to the theater a distinctive set of skills that combined her love of the arts with successful business management, both valuable assets to The Old Theater. In her term as President, Carla strategically formed alliances with schools, organizations, and businesses as well as other theater groups, to publicly promote The Old Theater's reach and awareness throughout the region. Yes, she is exiting the stage because it is right on cue for her at this time in her life, but we know that she will continue to perform and win awards in her artistic endeavors. Her friendships and contributions to The Old Theater will be missed beyond measure.

The Board of Directors chose Patrick Nocera, the theater's Production Manager, as interim President until a new president can be selected. January is one of our busiest months with the second annual 48 Hour Film Festival kickoff at 5:00 PM on the 19th and the Old Theater Corporation's Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, the 21st at 3:00 PM. At this meeting, current members will hear a wrap up of the year past and plans for the year ahead. The process for selection of a new president will be addressed and a full financial report will be given. Anyone in the community who wishes to become a member of The Old Theater may also attend this meeting. Applications will be provided and processed before the meeting. Refreshments will be served. The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are always appreciated. For more information, contact (252)249-0477 or The Old Theater, P.O. Box 521, 609 Broad St, Oriental, NC 28571.

### Did you know?

Women make up the greatest percentage of volunteers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says women currently volunteer roughly 6 percent more than men. What types of jobs might volunteers be doing? Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer job in the United States. This is followed by tutoring or teaching; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food; general labor; professional or management assistance; and coaching, refereeing or supervising sports teams.

## Go freezin' for a reason to support Special Olympics Pamlico County January 27 in Oriental.



Special Olympics North Carolina



2024 Special Olympics Pamlico County Polar Plunge\* <https://give.specialolympicsnc.com/campaign/2024-special-olympics-pamlico-county-polar-plunge/c516566>

January 27, 2024

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Registration
- 12 p.m.: Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.: Prizes
- 2:00 p.m.: Plunge
- 3:00 p.m.: Pizza Party at The Silos John Bond Beach (Town Beach) Neuse Dr Oriental, NC

Registration is now open for the 2024 Special Olympics Pamlico County Polar Plunge <https://give.specialolympicsnc.com/campaign/2024-special-olympics-pamlico-county-polar-plunge/c516566> on January 27, 2024. In taking the wintry leap into the chilly water of the Neuse River at John Bond Beach in Oriental, participants of this Polar Plunge fundraising event support the mission of Special Olympics in Pamlico County.

Polar Plunges take place throughout the state of North Carolina to raise funds for Special Olympics athletes competing and training with Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC). Special Olympics athletes are adults and children with intellectual disabilities who demonstrate bravery through the transformative power of sports.

Too chicken to plunge? Donate to an individual fundraiser or team in support of Special Olympics Pamlico County <https://give.specialolympicsnc.com/campaign/2024-special-olympics-pamlico-county-polar-plunge/c516566>. All funds raised will directly benefit Special Olympics programming in Pamlico County.

Friends and fans also are encouraged to come out and watch the Polar Plunge festivities. Walk-up registrations on the day of the event are welcome. For more information, contact [pamlico@sonc.net](mailto:pamlico@sonc.net).

The 2023 Special Olympics Pamlico County Polar Plunge was supported by event sponsors Axelson Chiropractic, Neuse Sailing Association, Oriental Dinghy Club, and Sailing Club of Oriental. Their support helped to bring basketball and bocce to our athletes in 2023.

### About Special Olympics North Carolina

Since 1968, the organization has used the transformative power of sports to improve the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Nearly 40,000 athletes in North Carolina inspire thousands of coaches, sports officials, local program committee members and event organizers involved in Special Olympics statewide. SONC offers year-round training and competition in 20 Olympic-type sports on local and state levels as well as health and wellness initiatives to improve the health status and increase access to community health resources for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Youth become agents of change through Unified Champion Schools, an education and sports-based program created by Special Olympics to build an inclusive environment among youth with and without intellectual disabilities as well as empower them to become youth leaders and create change in their community. Visit Special Olympics North Carolina at [www.specialolympicsnc.com](http://www.specialolympicsnc.com). Engage with us on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.

Freezin' for a Reason

### WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday, January 13th **66° Hi** Windy throughout the day

Sunday, January 14th **49° Hi** Mostly clear



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# COMMUNITY

## OBITUARIES

**Darrell Browning Cayton, Sr., age 82**, a resident of Aurora, NC, died Friday January 5, 2024, at Windsor House Assisted Living.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Monday January 8, 2024 at Mary's Chapel Christian Church and was officiated by Riley Green. Pallbearers included Ken Sadler, Sid Cayton, Milton Hollowell, Michael Starkie, Tom Walker and Gene Williamson.

Darrell graduated from Aurora High School in 1959. Darrell and Peggy were married on October 14th, 1961. He loved his family. He was a rock to his family and community. Darrell worked for Texasgulf for 36 years. He played softball in the summer leagues in Aurora. He enjoyed hunting and was a founding member of the Walker Road Hunting Club and the East Carolina Hunting club. He served as the President of the Walker Road Hunting Club for 20 years. He was a diehard fan of UNC-CH. He was a member of Mary's Chapel Church and served on the church board for many years. He served on the board of education for 4 years. Darrell served on the Credentials and Elections Committee for Tideland Electric Membership Corporation. He was a part of, and enjoyed, the Thomas Walker Coffee Club.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy W. Cayton of Aurora, a son, Judge Darrell B. Cayton, Jr. (Paula) of Washington, a daughter, Joyce Smith (Richard) of Aurora, a brother, Carl Cayton, Sr. (Annette) of Aurora, a sister-in-law, Debra Cayton of Aurora, a grandson, Evan Philbeck (Ciara) of Garner, a granddaughter, Tiffany Philbeck of Durham, a grandson, Douglas Cayton (Brittany) of Washington, a granddaughter, Brooke Hollister of Blounts Creek, 4 great grandchildren, Aliyah Jones, Trinity Hollister, Faith Moore, and Walker Cayton (arriving soon) and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Rowena Cayton, a brother, Reverend Dr. Robert Cayton, and a son-in-law, Raymond Philbeck.

A visitation was held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Sunday January 7, 2024, at Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington and other times at the home.

Condolences may be addressed to the family online by visiting [www.paulfuneralhome.com](http://www.paulfuneralhome.com)

Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington is honored to serve the Cayton family.

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- January 10th – Today is Houseplant Appreciation Day. Tell your houseplants how much you love them, even if they don't say it back.
- January 11th – Today is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.
- January 12th – Today is National Pharmacist Day.
- January 13th – 1888, The National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C.
- January 14th – 1990, The first episode of "The Simpsons" aired on FOX-TV.
- January 15th – Today is National Bagel Day. I'll take mine toasted with cream cheese.
- January 16th – 1991, Operation Desert Storm begins.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- January 10th – 1977, Business owner and superb sandwich maker, Barry Monk 1949, Heavyweight boxing champ and grill salesman George Foreman
- January 11th – 1991, Teacher and Coach Eric Hardison
- January 12th – 1951, Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh
- January 13th – 1961, Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus
- January 14th – 19??, County Commissioner Pat Prescott
- January 15th – 1976, Teacher and Coach Keith Reece 1929, Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BCTMA Guitarfest

January 20, 2024  
Turnage Theatre Gallery

**Chuck Phillips**  
and Special Guest JB Mayes  
4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Colin Cutler**  
and Hot Pepper Jam  
3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Robert McGaughy**  
and Borderline  
2:00 – 3:00 PM

Free Admission - Donations Accepted

## BCTMA 10th Annual Don Skinner Guitarfest

Washington, NC - The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association (BCTMA) anticipates much excitement and celebration for the family-oriented 10th Annual Don Skinner Guitarfest on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Turnage Theatre Gallery from 10AM -12:00PM and 2:00 PM – 5:00PM.

The BCTMA Guitarfest is named in memory of Don Skinner, a founding member of BCTMA and an outstanding guitarist.

While the event offers "free admission", collected donations will help support the Beaufort

County Arts Council's historic Turnage Theatre and the efforts to keep the Turnage vibrant with music, theatre, dance, fine art, photography, poetry, youth classes, and more.

This fun-filled family entertainment is sponsored by the Beaufort County Traditional Music Association and co-sponsored by the Beaufort County Arts Council / Arts of the Pamlico.

The Turnage Theatre is located at 150 West Main Street, Washington, NC.

For more information, please visit [WWW.BCTMA.ORG](http://WWW.BCTMA.ORG) or [WWW.ARTSOFTHEPAMLICO.ORG](http://WWW.ARTSOFTHEPAMLICO.ORG).



**Eating Smart & Moving More:**  
**Thriving Communities**  
Friday, January 12  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Oriental United Methodist Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Register by emailing [Director@primetimepamlico.org](mailto:Director@primetimepamlico.org) or by calling Debora Steenson at 252.675.0909 to reserve your spot

**Breakfast with Friends**  
January 11, 18, 25  
Every Thursday of Each Month, 8:30 am at Brantley's Restaurant

Prime Time's Breakfast Group is meeting! Each Thursday @ 8:30am please join the group at Brantley's (Center Room) for breakfast. (Except for when they are closed). Come as you are able. Breakfast is on your own. All are invited!

**Prayer Shawl**  
January 4, 11, 18, 25  
Every Thursday of Each Month  
10am - 11:30 am  
Oriental United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

Crochet, knit shawls or lap robes to share with those that are in need. Thursday @ 10 am- 11:30 am. Please call Leigh Price for details. 919.219.2446.

**Game Day**  
Second Wednesday of Each Month  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Oriental United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
404 Freemason Street, Oriental

All skill levels are welcome. Have a game you love? Bring your favorite board game and teach the group!

**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/>

### A Pamlico Historical Association Fundraiser



Join Us at the River Dunes Harbor Club on January 18, 2024

## AN EVENING WITH EARL

### THE PAST AND FUTURE OF LONG LEAF PINE FORESTS

Be prepared to listen, learn and be enthralled with  
NC History Museum curator, Earl I'james  
(pronounced IAMZ)

as he weaves and connects the early history of eastern North Carolina around the oft-forgotten, incredibly versatile, yet beautifully-graceful longleaf pine (North Carolina's State Tree). The evening's buffet will begin at 6:30. A cash bar/cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 along with an opportunity to participate in a silent auction on unique items and services dear to our area.

The price for the meal and event is \$75.00 per person. Only 75 tickets will be available, so please purchase your ticket early. Go to the Pamlico County Historical Association Facebook page for more information. Please use your camera to open the QR code for ticket purchase and information.



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**OFFERED AT \$399,500**



**MINNESOTT BEACH** – **2BR/2BA** 1,940 sf condo overlooks Neuse River. Covered verandas, SW exposure, open-concept w/reverse floor plan, water views from every room. Community concrete pier, bulkhead, and fire pit area.  
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## Pamlico Community College

# PCC's new math instructor carries on family's classroom tradition

By Sandy Wall

You might say Pamlico Community College's new full-time mathematics instructor is carrying on the family business.

Meredith Glover, who started her new job at the college Jan. 2, grew up in a family of educators. Her mother is a retired high school math instructor and her father teaches economics at both Pitt Community College and Barton College.

Now the 26-year-old Morehead City woman is blazing her own trail as an educator. She joins the PCC faculty after three years as a math teacher at West Carteret High School and a previous two-year stint at Swansboro High School.

"I enjoy teaching the high-level math," Glover said recently. "I'm looking forward to working with more mature students. I love teaching and seeing the light bulb go off for students."

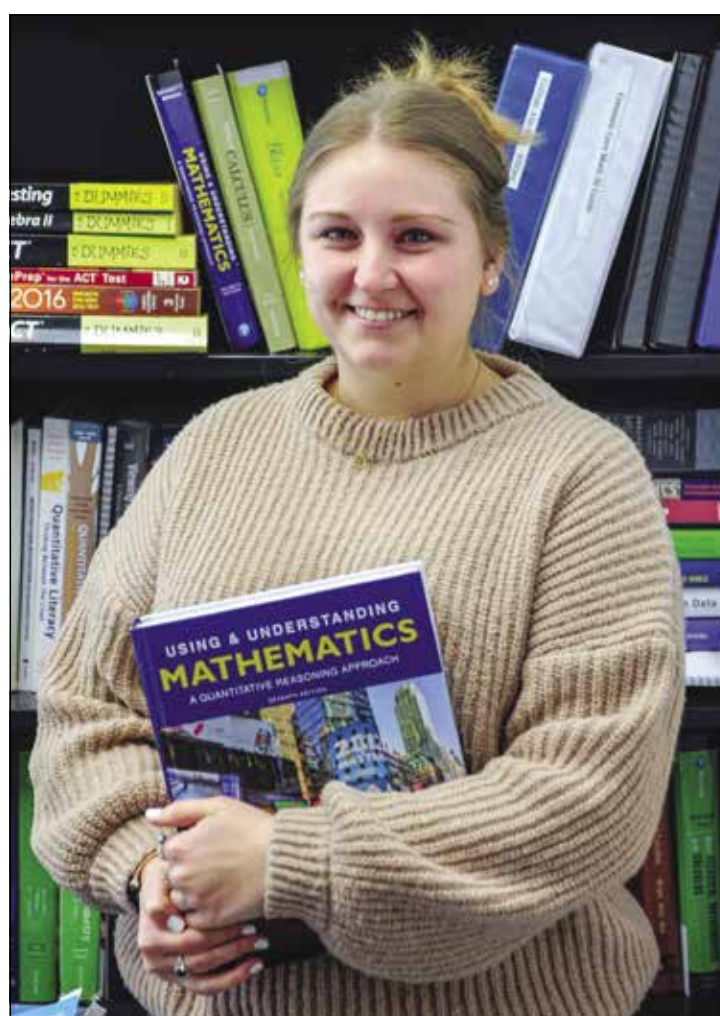
Glover replaces the late Paul Miller, a full-time PCC instructor who died during the Fall 2023 semester.

"I am aware of the situation," she said. "I didn't know him, but I want to do him justice. I want to do something he would look down and be proud of."

Glover grew up in Wilson. She remembers being a good student in math.

"It was always my strong subject," Glover said. "I like that it's not subjective. With some thinking, things come together nicely and make sense."

She graduated from Ralph L. Fike High School and enrolled at N.C. State University as an undecided major. Glover said she never intended to become an educator like her parents, but an experience in a math course at NCSU showed her she was a natural.



Meredith Glover has started her new job as Pamlico Community College's full-time mathematics instructor. She previously taught at high schools in Onslow and Carteret counties. Contributed photo

"It was a happy accident," she said, explaining how she tutored a friend who was having trouble in the course.

"I found I really enjoyed it," Glover said with a smile.

She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in math education at State in 2019 and earned a master's degree in math and statistics in 2023.

Glover taught her first two years in Onslow County. In a happy twist of fate, Glover ended up succeeding her mother at West Carteret High School.

"I literally took her room over," she said. "She handed me the keys. It was the coolest thing."

After five years of teaching high school, Glover decided to give college-level teaching a try.

"I feel Ms. Glover will be a welcomed addition to our strong group of PCC faculty," said Instructor Neil Callahan, who also serves as the college's chair of general studies, among other duties. "During her initial interview, her ability

to teach mathematical concepts in a way anyone can understand really shined through. Her background as a high school teacher will highly benefit our Career & College Promise students who take her courses as well. We are lucky to have her aboard."

In addition to her duties as a math instructor, Glover also will serve as the academic advisor for the college's Associate of Science and Associate of General Education programs.

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# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## Avoid tapping into retirement savings early



Dan M. Roberts

If you want to make a big purchase, such as a new car or a piece of property, or you were faced with a large, unexpected expense, such as a major home or auto repair, would you have the funds readily available? If not, you might look at what may be your biggest pool of money — your 401(k) or IRA. But should you tap into these accounts well before you retire?

Maybe not — and here's why:

- **Less money in retirement** – The more money you invest in your retirement accounts, and the longer you keep it invested, the more you'll probably have when you need it most — when you're retired. Consequently, taking out sizable amounts from these accounts before you retire could be costly, as it would disrupt the benefits of compounding that can be achieved by holding investments for the long term.

- **Possible bump into higher tax bracket** – The money you take out from your traditional IRA and 401(k) is taxable in the year of withdrawal. So, if you withdraw a significant amount of money at once from your traditional IRA or 401(k), you could be pushed into a higher tax bracket, at least for one year.

- **Tax penalties** – If you take money out of a 401(k) or traditional IRA before you turn 59½, you could face a 10% tax penalty, although some exceptions exist. Penalty-free withdrawals can be made for several reasons, including for education and medical expenses, first-time purchase of a home (up to \$10,000), after the birth or adoption of a child (up to \$5,000) and more (see [irs.gov/taxtopics/tc557](https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc557)). With a Roth IRA, which is funded with after-tax dollars, you can withdraw contributions — but not earnings — at any time, for any purpose, without incurring penalties.

Given these issues, how can you avoid dipping into your retirement accounts when you're faced with a financial need?

One possibility is to take out a loan from your 401(k). Unlike a 401(k) withdrawal, a loan is neither taxable nor subject to tax penalties. Also, the interest you pay on a 401(k) loan goes back into your account. Still, a 401(k) loan has its drawbacks. If you leave your job, you'll likely have to repay the loan in a short period of time and if you don't have all the money to repay it, the loan will be considered in default, so you'll owe taxes and the 10% penalty if you're younger than

59½. But even if you don't leave your job and you do repay the loan, you'll still have taken away money that could have potentially kept growing within your tax-deferred account. As mentioned above, as your money compounds, you'll want to minimize disruptions.

Building an emergency fund is another way to gain access to cash. Such a fund should contain at least six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It can take time to build a fund of this size, so it's never too soon to start putting away money for it. To avoid the temptation of dipping into your emergency fund, you'd ideally keep this fund separate from your daily spending accounts.

Explore all your options before tapping into your IRA or 401(k) early. Keeping these accounts intact as long as possible is one of the best moves you can make to help build your future retirement income.

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## NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

### 4-H Career Exploration & Development

Kait Neeland  
4-H Agent

Picking a favorite 4-H program or activity has always been difficult. There are livestock shows, which I've loved since I was five years old. There are cooking and nutrition programs, and sewing programs, and gardening workshops which are such valuable life skills. There are day camps and sleep away camps and trips. Which are fun and valuable to social and emotional development. I love hosting and putting on all of those programs. 4-H Career development is an area I not only enjoy putting on programs but is also very valuable to our young people.

Maybe you are wondering why any children should be thinking about career exploration and development before the last two years of high school? The earlier youth start exploring careers from trades to business to academia the more time they have to discover what they truly enjoy doing. According to Gettysburg college most people will spend a third of their life working. That's a huge amount of time to spend doing work that we don't enjoy, and find no value in.

4-H has several programs to help kids explore careers and learn. In August we started a semester-long class at the Pamlico County Christian Academy learning about careers, leadership and other important life skills. We've done an AIRE (Application, Interview, Resume and Essay) workshop to help youth learn how to apply for university and jobs. Perhaps one of my favorite career development and exploration programs is our NC 4-H Electric program.

The NC 4-H Electric program starts in the county and goes all the way to a statewide trip sponsored by the NC Power Companies. We learn about careers in renewable energy, electricity, and electric business. We start by doing an electric program in the county, putting together project record books, and presentations and then county winners are invited to participate in NC 4-H Electric Congress in the summer.

Our next Electric Program will be in January (Jan. 10th & 17th). We will be learning how circuits work, how to properly solder, and how to solder together a battery powered car. We will also be putting together project record books to submit to attend 4-H Electric Congress.

NC 4-H Electric Congress is an educational event designed to recognize excellence in the Electric Program throughout the state. Electric Congress travels from region to region of the state, thus allowing for a variety of programming opportunities for everyone. Four-H members participate in educational workshops, meet Power Company Representatives, learn about careers in the energy industry, and interact with other electric winners. Special outings are planned to help youth learn more about their state. Whether in the mountains rafting on the Nantahala River, riding the waves at the beach, or somewhere in-between, the free afternoon at Electric Congress is fun for all participants.



You can register for our Pamlico County 4-H Electric Program through our website. We will be meeting in the Craven County Cooperative Extension Office on January 10th, and 17th. You will be committing to participate in two evening workshops, and submitting a project record book to attend 4-H Electric Congress. 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](mailto:kait_neeland@ncsu.edu), or check us out online at [pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu](http://pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu). Don't FORGET to REGISTER, spaces will fill up!!



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## Celebrating 125 Years

Meeting at Town Hall Wednesday

January 17th at 6 for our  
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**Everyone, mark your calendar for the town's birthday celebration!**

by Sally Belangia

The Town of Oriental will be celebrating 125 Years on March 1-3, 2024! We want to invite all our local businesses, organizations, and residents to participate in the celebration. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon; the perfect year for Oriental to celebrate!

Businesses can participate in a variety of ways. Activities you may consider during normal business hours are an Open House, hosting a storyteller, historian, or entertainment, presenting your business's history, dressing in period clothing, or offering sale promotions, such as discounts and specials. What you do is up to you. Your ideas are welcome.

We also need local nonprofits, volunteers, and residents to be involved. This could include being storytellers at various locations in town; being a craft or food vendor on Saturday; hosting an event for kids; or hosting a presentation of the history of your organization.

We want to have a local play performed; called, "Breakfast at Brantley's." Weather permitting, a parade and a street dance will begin and end Saturday's activities. If it is not too cold, how about a small sailboat race or another activity for the sailing clubs? Of course, we are hoping all our churches will be involved that weekend with music, food, or combined services.

We plan to have a Program of all the events with local ads and sponsorships. This is a Community Event for all! We have a committee working hard on sponsorships and ads and will let you know the details.

If anyone from the community is interested, please contact [sallybelangia@townoforiental.com](mailto:sallybelangia@townoforiental.com) or 252-671-9288 to find out more information. Let's all celebrate Oriental, the town we love!



## Justice Department and the Department of the Navy Warn CLJA Claimants Against Fraudulent Schemes

WASHINGTON – Today the Justice Department and the Department of the Navy (Navy) issued the following fraud alert to inform individuals filing a claim or lawsuit under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act (CLJA) of 2022 about fraudulent attempts to obtain personal information or monetary payments from potential claimants.

Due to growing concerns over reports that unscrupulous people and companies are seeking or sought to obtain personal information from CLJA claimants or otherwise defraud them, the Justice Department and Navy advise claimants and their attorneys to be cautious of potentially fraudulent activity through telephone calls or email solicitations.

Claimants who receive calls or emails from individuals attempting to collect money or personal information in connection with their CLJA claim should contact their attorneys to report this activity. Claimants who are not represented by counsel that receive such calls or emails should immediately report this activity to the Navy's Camp Lejeune Claims Unit (CLCU), which has issued the following guidance:

The Justice Department and the Navy will never request money or payment from you.

If an attorney is representing you, direct all inquiries to your attorney for verification.

Authorized emails from the Navy will be sent from [CLClaims@us.navy.mil](mailto:CLClaims@us.navy.mil), and you may forward any email message you receive to that address to verify authenticity.

If you receive a phone call claiming to be from the CLCU or offering assistance with your claim, and you are uncertain, ask for the person's name and position, then call the CLCU at (757) 241-6020 to verify.

If you are represented by an attorney, the Justice Department and Navy will not contact you directly and will only contact you through your attorney.

The CLJA is a provision of the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022, signed into law by President Biden on Aug. 10, 2022. It allows individuals, including veterans, to file a claim with the Navy to recover for injuries caused by exposure to contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for at least 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987.

Settlements under the CLJA are made pursuant to the Federal Torts Claim Act, 28 U.S. Code 2672 and 28 U.S. Code 2677. Attorneys' fees for administrative claims cannot exceed 20%, and attorneys' fees for cases in litigation cannot exceed 25%.

The Justice Department and Navy are committed to reviewing every claim submitted and resolving every claim as fairly and efficiently as possible. The Justice Department and Navy have jointly developed an Elective Option that will expedite the review and resolution of claims filed under the CLJA.

For more information regarding CLJA claims, please visit the Navy's official CLJA website at [www.navy.mil/clja](http://www.navy.mil/clja) or contact the CLCU at [CLClaims@us.navy.mil](mailto:CLClaims@us.navy.mil) or (757) 241-6020.

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## Hurricane Hardcourt Report Pamlico Opens Conference Play

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Basketball teams celebrated the new year last week by hosting Northside-Pinetown in their conference opener on Thursday. The evening before, it was a rare ladies only night at Hurricane Alley as both the girl's Junior Varsity and Varsity were in action against Richlands. The JV squad trounced the Wildcats, 56-11. In the Varsity contest, Pamlico stayed close for most of the game but couldn't quite get over the hump as Richlands pulled away in the final period for a 54-44 win over the 'Canes. Pamlico was led by Sidney Whitley-Reese's 27 points. In Thursday's conference opener, the JV boy's, Varsity girls, and Varsity boys were all in action. The JV boys hung tough in a very tight game before falling behind in the final minutes and ultimately losing by 2, 38-36. Next up were the Varsity girls who would be facing an Undefeated Panthers squad who were coming in at 10-0. The young Pamlico team, which in this game started 3 freshmen, 1 sophomore, and 1 senior, came in at 3-9.



Sidney Whitley-Reese (#2)



Tariq Barber (#12)

On paper this certainly looked like a mismatch, but they don't play games on paper, they play them on the court. If you compare the non-conference schedules these two teams have played, you can see the tough opponents the Hurricanes have taken on to gain experience and prepare for conference play. This became apparent as the game went on and Pamlico refused to back down from the challenge and in the second half took control of the game on their way to a 58-47 win. Freshman Sidney Whitley-Reese once again led the way with 21 points and 18 rebounds but it was a total team effort in the win. The team's lone Senior, Center Dania Galvan-Veliz, played excellent on both ends of the floor with solid defense, 9 blocked shots, and rebounding, 13, to go along with her 10 points. Said Coach April Rose after the game, "I am most pleased. We are a very young team... I feel like we have played a really tough non-conference schedule to prepare us for the conference. They are really young and so they don't understand the process." For the Men's Varsity, it was much the same situation. Pamlico came in with a .500 record at 6-6, while Northside held a record of 11-2. Pamlico trailed early, 13-11 at the end of the first quarter, but after that the Hurricanes outplayed the Panthers in every period before coming away with a 70-51 win. Pamlico was led by Tariq Barber's 22 points and Ragan Shields who chipped in 18. This week will be a busy one for the Hurricanes with three game dates on tap, all at home. On Tuesday they host Southside, Thursday non-conference foe Martin County comes to town, and Lejeune visits on Friday to finish up the week.

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## Mariners Basketball

The Pamlico Christian Academy Mariners came out of their New Year's break with a pair of game dates last week, ironically enough both against teams named "Warriors." On Thursday they traveled to Newport to take on the Gramercy Christian Academy in a non-conference contest. The girls Varsity, led by Lily Matthews' 10 points came away with a win, 32-25. The boys squad dropped their game, 44-64. James Howard scored 14 points for the Mariners while Max Cruz chipped in 10. The following evening the Mariners hosted another group of Warriors, conference foe Mount Calvary Christian Academy from Hookerton. The Varsity girls were handed their first conference loss of the season, 19-39, while the boys team remained undefeated in conference at 4-0, by taking a 63-15 win. The Mariners had a balanced scoring attack led by Elijah Wright and Noah Hayward with 11 each and Trent Gaskins with 10. The Mariners hit the road this week with games at Jacksonville Christian Academy on Tuesday and Ahsokie Christian School on Friday.



Lily Matthews



Max Cruz

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## Michael A. Dorsey "The Alzheimer's Fantasies" Exhibit



"The Alzheimer's Fantasies," an exhibition of 30 colored drawings and digital prints will be on display at the Craven County Arts Council, Bank of the Arts gallery, 317 Middle Street, New Bern, North Carolina. The show runs from February 9, 2024 to March 29, 2024.

The exhibiting artist is Michael A. Dorsey, retired art professor and former dean of the School of Art at East Carolina University. Dorsey previously served as Head of the Department of Art at Mississippi State University. He and his wife reside at Minnesott Beach, North Carolina.

Dorsey describes his work as a visual conversation to himself while serving as a caregiver for his wife. The exhibition is free and open to the public 10am to 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday. All sale profits will be donated to the North Carolina Alzheimer's Association.



## Churches of Pamlico Photo by: Hiram Lupton

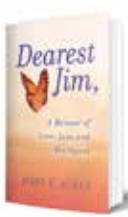


Smalls Chapel Christian Church

## FOL Meeting January 18th

by: Hiram Lupton

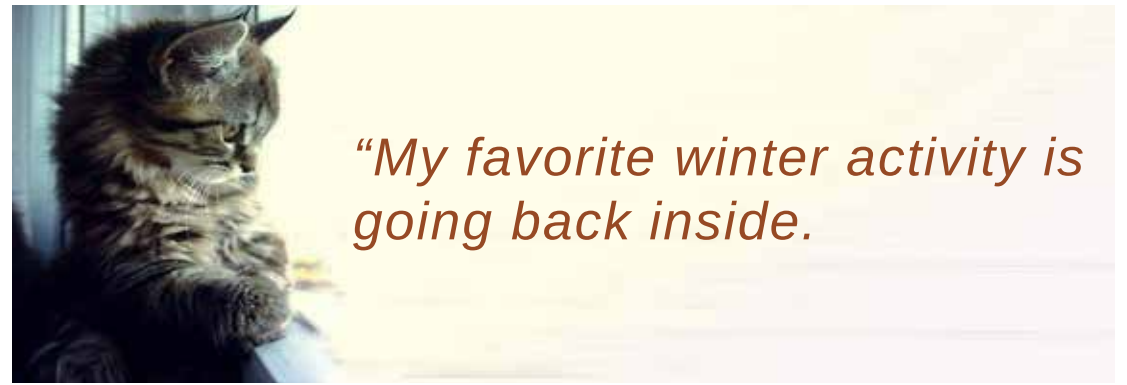
The Friends of the Pamlico County Public Library (FOL) would like to invite everyone to the first meeting of 2024 on Thursday, January 18th at 4:00pm at the library. This meeting includes a special presentation by local author and Oriental resident, Mary Scott, who will discuss her first book, published last year, *Dearest Jim, A Memoir of Love, Loss and Resilience*. Mary will share thoughts on her decision to write the book, her writing process, and how writing helped her manage her grief and “start over.” There will also be a status update on the new library construction. There has been a lot happening behind the scenes and the FOL is excited to share what has been going on and will be going on in the very near future. If you’d like to know more about the Friends of the Pamlico County Library, check out their website at [www.pamlicofol.org](http://www.pamlicofol.org)



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Though no one can completely eliminate their risk of developing cancer, the World Health Organization estimates that between 30 and 50 percent of all cancer cases across the globe are preventable. That’s a significant assertion with a wide-ranging assortment of consequences, including ones with social and economic implications. One example that can illustrate how preventable many cancers may be surrounds alcohol consumption. According to the WHO, alcohol is causally linked to seven types of cancer and associated with 740,000 new cancer cases each year. Though excessive alcohol consumption is often, and rightfully, associated with cancer, the WHO points out that even light to moderate alcohol consumption was associated with nearly 23,000 new cancer cases in the European Union as recently as 2017. Alcohol consumption is just one of many known risk factors for cancer, so eliminating alcohol consumption will not eliminate a person’s cancer risk. However, a decision to avoid alcohol could greatly reduce an individual’s cancer risk.



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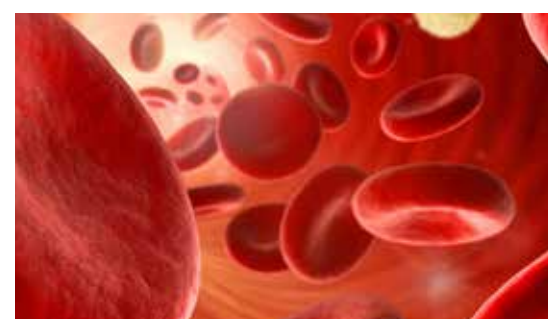
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National Blood Donor Month – January 2024

According to the American Red Cross, winter is “one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs.” That’s because of, among other things, busy holiday schedules and bad weather often resulting in canceled blood drives. Furthermore, seasonal illnesses such as the flu force potential donors to forgo their blood donations.



That’s just one of the reasons that National Blood Donor Month, which has taken place each January since 1970, is such an important observance. Donating blood saves many lives and improves health for many people. According to the World Health Organization, “blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person — the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components — red cells, platelets and plasma.” Let’s learn more.

38 percent of the U.S. population can donate blood — but only 10 percent actually do.

**Fill 'er up with regular — donations**  
Brookhaven National Laboratory says that people who begin donating blood at age 17 and donate every eight weeks will have donated 48 gallons of blood by age 76.

**Donate blood and get medical info**  
When we donate blood, labs examine the donation for multiple infectious diseases, such as HIV and West Nile virus.

**Dogs can donate, too!**  
Your dog can donate blood, too. Check with your veterinarian and the Humane Society to make sure you know the local rules and regulations for this type of donation.

**The multiplier effect is huge**  
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**How to Observe National Blood Donor Month**

**Donate**  
Not just in honor of National Blood Donor Month, but in the simple spirit of providing the stuff of life to those who need it most. Donate now. Donate again in eight weeks. Repeat.

**Inspire**  
National Blood Donor Month can inspire people to donate. And those donations can in turn inspire others to donate, creating an exponential increase in blood donations when and where they’re needed the most.

**Learn and remember your blood type**  
What’s your blood type? Some examples: O positive donors are needed more often than other blood types. O negative donors are considered “universal donors.” AB positive donors are “universal recipients.”

**5 Amazing Facts About Blood Donations**

**Not enough blood for all of us**  
According to the American Red Cross, about

**Why National Blood Donor Month is Important**

**Donating blood save lives**  
Someone needs blood every few seconds in the United States. And more than 4.5 million Americans would die every year without lifesaving blood transfusions. National Blood Donor Month helps us remember these vital statistics.

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## Boating Safety Checklist

A New Year's Day boating accident in Pamlico County waters tragically claimed the life of one of the occupants of the vessel. Investigators from the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission have determined that the accident was caused by the failure of the steering system which caused the boat to suddenly veer off course throwing the boaters overboard. Anytime an accident of this nature claims a life, it serves as a reminder of precautions boaters should take to help ensure a safe day on the water. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) has a Vessels Systems Checklist which can help boaters spot a problem before they ever leave the dock. Items to check include:

- Bilge free of fuel vapors and excess water
- Fuel supply full
- Fuel system free of leaks
- Engine oil and transmission fluid levels correct
- Battery fully-charged; fluid level full
- Electronic gear in good condition
- Engine drive belts tight, in good condition
- All navigation lights working
- Steering and shift mechanisms in good condition
- Outboard motor mountings tight (if appropriate)
- Grab rails, life-lines in good condition

This checklist applies to the mechanical systems of the boat itself. The USCGA also has a checklist of safety equipment that should be present and maintained on board your boat. Foremost on it, and any checklist of safety equipment for your vessel is having a Life jacket suitable for each person on board, readily accessible, and in good condition. This is a requirement by law in the State of North Carolina and it is required by law that anyone on a boat under the age of 13 be wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. While not required, it is strongly suggested that all occupants wear a PFD while on a boat. In 2017 the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission introduced the "Preserve



Your Life" campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about the importance of life jackets. Wearing a life jacket is a simple safety precaution that can prevent tragedy from happening in the event of an accident. There's no reason to not wear a life jacket. In the end, your life may literally depend on it. Life jackets have seen drastic design improvements over the years. Newer models are not the bulky, hot flotation devices that some boaters remember. In fact, many life jackets are designed for specific activities such as fishing, water sports and even hunting. These specialized flotation devices grant the user the freedom to enjoy their day on the water in comfort. It's important to put on your life jacket before heading out on the water. Even the strongest of swimmers can be incapacitated during an accident. In dire situations, there often isn't time to grab a life vest and put it on properly. It can save your life and can help you assist others who may be in danger. More information on boating safety and equipment can be found on numerous websites including [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) and [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

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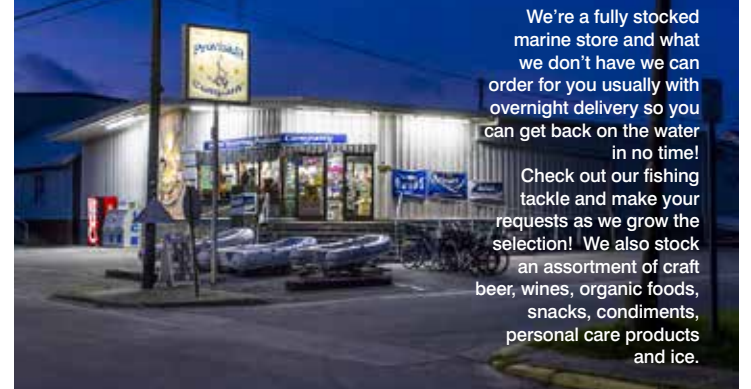


## PCHS Science Students Participated In "Glow Games"



Exam time can be quite stressful for students and staff but finding creative ways to review helps alleviate a little pressure. PCHS science students participated in "Glow Games" to review content in Earth Science, Chemistry, and Biology. The Hurricanes wore glowing bracelets, glasses, and necklaces and were equipped with highlighters and practice questions to prepare for final exams with the fluorescent lights out and black lights on! Games included bowling, basketball, tic-tac-toe, darts, and more. Students enjoyed the activities while practicing important concepts in science. A special thanks to Mrs. Bennett for setting it all up and allowing other teachers and their students to participate in the fun!

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**PAMLICO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**#9 - Tyler Stevens**



**Coastal Plains Conference Defensive Player of the Year**

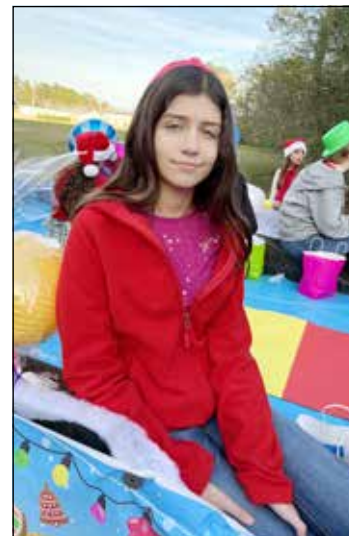
**SkillsUSA Christmas Float**



**Pamlico County High School FFA Christmas Door Decorating Contest**



The PCHS FFA holds a door decorating contest every year before Christmas break for the staff and students to spread the holiday spirit. Each year our students and staff have so much fun decorating their classroom or office doors and competing to see who the FFA members will choose as the winners. This year the most Christmas-y went to Mrs. Nunley with her 12 days of Christmas door using staff instead of the normal items. The most creative prize went to Mrs. Simon for her chemi-s-tree using parts of the periodic table and her matching shirt. Most school spirit went to Mrs. Smith for her PCHS black and yellow snowman door. 3rd place went to Mrs. Anderson's class with the purple grinch door. 2nd place went to Mrs. Tingle for her nutcracker door. Last but not least this year Mrs. Priester took 1st place with her larger than life grinch door. Each teacher who won got a goodie bag with hot chocolate, candy, and a few other things.



Our PCMS & PCHS SkillsUSA Chapters came together and worked on our Candyland themed float for the Bayboro Christmas Parade. The highlight for the high school was their drone flying with a SkillsUSA banner and the middle school collected non perishable food items for their local Fishes & Loaves food bank. Great job everyone!

**Tyler Stevens to Play in the All-star Football Game**



Tyler Stevens was selected to play in the 3rd annual 252 vs 919 All-star Football game. This is a yearly event that allows some of the best senior football players in the area to display their talents one more time.



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# AROUND THE COUNTY

# CROSSWORD

## Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



This has been a week of wildlife watching for me. On Saturday as I was returning from Aurora, I saw fields full of flocks of snow geese on Bay City Road. In one of those same fields, I saw thirty wild turkeys, mostly hens but a couple of toms. In the royal area, I rode past a buzzard that was feeding on a skunk. The smell identified the carcass for me without actually having to see it.

Then when I was close to home on Trent Road, I saw a flock of 8 wild turkeys less than a mile from my house. I have seen hawks, raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and small birds as well. Deer now feel safe enough to come out and graze around sundown and I have been blessed to see 4 or 5 on the farm some evenings.

On Epiphany Sunday, members of Stonewall Methodist Church received a “star word” to give them a prayer focus for 2024. This “star word” will be helpful for their prayer and spiritual life.

Members of our community have been suffering with respiratory illnesses. Some have been to the doctor more than once. Whether it is the Flu, Covid, RSV, the common cold, or this “crud” that seems to be making so many cough, please keep them all in your prayers.

Wednesday night Bible Study at Stonewall Methodist Church meets at 6:30 pm and we are studying the Book of Nehemiah.

This study is for anyone interested in studying the Bible, not just church members.

The Youth Group will meet at Stonewall this year and is open to all interested individuals in grades 6-12. There will be an organizational meeting on January 14 at 3:00 pm, however, regular meetings will not start until February.

Speaking of February, Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Once again, the Bayboro United Methodist Church pastor, Reverend John Farmer will host the lunchtime worship services each Wednesday during Lent, but we want more clergy from around the county to take part. Please invite your pastor to attend the Thursday morning clergy breakfast at Charlies each Thursday at 8:00 am. We would like all denominations in the county to be represented.

Celebrating birthdays in January are Megan Rodgers (1/7), Amy Gatlin (1/13), Elizabeth Farmer Tillman (1/15), Kelli Hinson and Ruth Ireland (1/16), Ned Ferris (1/21), Kate Moye, Ellen Lupton, and Jenny Lupton (1/22), Desiree Brinson (1/25), Ann Smithwick (1/26), Willy Hope (1/28), Nan Gilbert (1/30), and Shari Roberts Hale (1/31).

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

## Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



We are about to finish the first week of 2024 with a very dismal rainy day yesterday but things are looking up for warmer weather this week. Missed church today because I bruised my foot and did not want to go out and wade through the wet yard. They had a few more folks in attendance today. The former minister at Bethel, Reverend Caton is seriously ill and needs our prayers. He and his wife were loved so much by the people in Whortonsville. I am glad the holidays are over because I could never get past two deaths in our family doing Christmas. Joe and Colleen are back in their home across the creek. Just heard there is another house for sale here. Hopefully

we will get some great neighbors. The Pamlico Chorale did such a wonderful concert for “The Spirit of Christmas” that we are taking the month of January off and will resume rehearsals on Monday, February 5th at 5:00p.m. We would like to see new faces in the chorus when we start back. We will have a long weekend for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday next week.

Thought for the week— “In Rome many people maintain the custom of throwing something out the window on New Year’s Eve. What a relief to get rid of every old resentment, every old fear, old prejudices, old notions, old ways of doing things.” (Dr. Norman Vincent Peale)

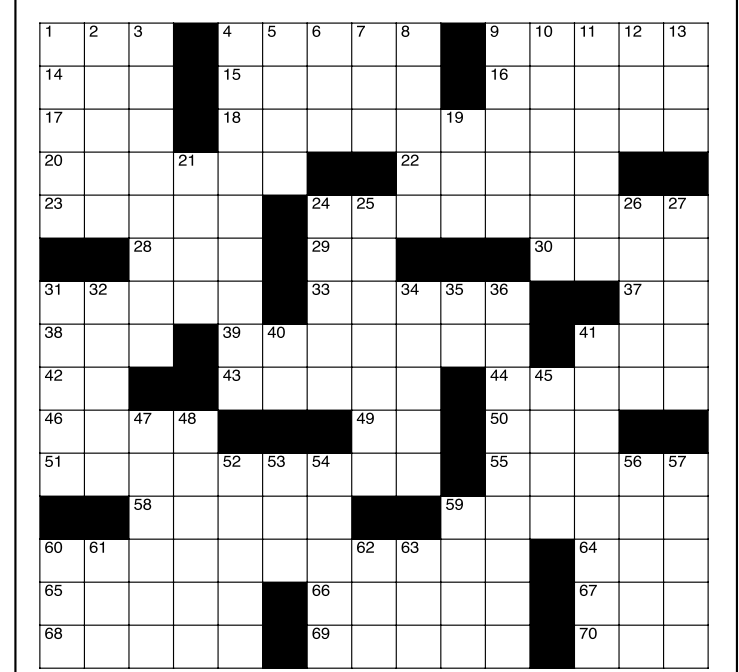
## Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Greetings from Vandemere! The town had a great fall season and continues to organize for a productive 2024! The new governing team for the town will have its first regular Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the Vandemere Town Hall, at 7PM. All

are welcome to attend! We look forward to gaining interest and participation from the community in the name of progressing Vandemere forward.

Check out our website, [www.vandemerenc.com](http://www.vandemerenc.com), and experience what Vandemere is all about.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 4. Moved back and forth
- 9. One-time coach of the Cowboys
- 14. Last letter
- 15. Cause to become less intense
- 16. Genus of tree bugs
- 17. Body art
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Be filled with love for
- 22. City
- 23. Make vivid
- 24. Horses
- 28. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Shortly
- 31. A type of prejudice
- 33. Whirls
- 37. Six
- 38. Old world, new
- 39. \_\_ Hess, oil company
- 41. Talk
- 42. Not off
- 43. Begets
- 44. Cars need them
- 46. Computing architecture (abbr.)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Journalist, activist Wells
- 51. Takes apart
- 55. Lists
- 58. Positively charged electrode
- 59. Hard, colorless compound
- 60. Inflammation of the peritoneum
- 64. Trent Reznor’s band
- 65. Simply dry fruit
- 66. “Ivanhoe” author
- 67. Google certification
- 68. French commune
- 69. Medieval circuit courts
- 70. Soviet Socialist Republic

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indigenous people of Mexico
- 2. Dietary supplement
- 3. Having a particular sheen or luster
- 4. Views
- 5. Academic Bill of Rights
- 6. Automobile
- 7. When you anticipate arriving
- 8. Beef or chicken intestine
- 9. Conspiracy
- 10. Blood disorder
- 11. Long-time NBAer Shawn
- 12. Time zone
- 13. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. Upton Sinclair novel
- 21. What a cow does
- 24. Cavalry-sword
- 25. Ancient Greek war galley
- 26. Stars
- 27. Rebukes
- 31. Billion year periods
- 32. Some are in a bottle
- 34. Tears down
- 35. Lethal dose
- 36. Humorists
- 40. Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- 41. Frameworks
- 45. Rocker Billy
- 47. More thin
- 48. Dog
- 52. Habitual repetitions
- 53. State of fuss
- 54. Uneasy
- 56. Chemical compounds
- 57. More cognizant of reality
- 59. A place to build
- 60. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 61. Supplement with difficulty
- 62. Very slick
- 63. Hill or rocky peak

# The Old Theater presents: 48 Hour Film Festival 2024

January 19 – Kickoff Event at 5:00 PM  
 January 26 & 27 – Film Screening at 7:30 PM  
 January 28 – Awards Presentation at 3:00 PM  
 Ticket to Film Screening - \$10 (\$8 for OT members, military, and students)  
 Children under 6 admitted free

The 48 Hour Film Festival is a competition for local filmmakers to produce a short film in only a weekend. Are you a moviemaker? The festival begins with the Friday night Kickoff Event January 19 when teams draw genres out of a hat and receive the required elements for their film. Then it is off to the races—writing, shooting, and editing - doing whatever it takes to submit a short film by 5:00 PM Sunday, January 21.

**Put your team together--friends, fellow filmmakers, like-minded creatives.**  
**Show up at the Old Theater on January 19 for the Kickoff**  
**Receive your genre, character, prop and line at the Kickoff.**  
**Make a movie! You have 48 Hours to write, shoot and edit a short film.**  
**Upload your film by the deadline and make plans to attend the screening.**

The big payoff for filmmakers is seeing your masterpiece on the big screen at The Old Theater the following weekend, January 26 and 27. There is nothing better than seeing your film with an audience and seeing firsthand how they react to your movie. Local judges will select the best films. At the awards event on Sunday, January 28, the winning films will be announced, and awards given from Best Acting to Best Directing to Best Film and more.

Can you meet the challenge? For more information contact TerryLynn at [terrylynmelody@gmail.com](mailto:terrylynmelody@gmail.com) or call the theater at 252-249-0477.

Tickets for the screening of these films can be purchased at Nautical Wheelers or online at: <https://www.showclix.com/event/48-hour-film-festival>.

The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a venue for performing arts and cultural events for Oriental and Pamlico County.

The Old Theater | 609 Broad St | PO Box 521 | Oriental, NC 28571.

## PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**NEW ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS** beginning with the March 5, 2024 Primary  
 All affected voters have been mailed notification of these changes  
 If you have questions, please call the Pamlico County Board of Elections at 252-745-4821

| ORIGINAL POLLING LOCATION  | NEW POLLING LOCATION   |
|--|--|
| Alliance Town Hall<br>934 MAIN STREET<br>ALLIANCE, NC 28509              | Grantsboro Town Hall<br>10628 NC HWY 55<br>GRANTSBORO, NC 28529        |
| Stonewall Town Hall<br>74 SPAIN FARM ROAD<br>STONEWALL, NC 28583         | Pamlico County Courthouse<br>202 MAIN STREET<br>BAYBORO, NC 28515      |
| Mesic Town Hall<br>9275 NC HWY 304<br>MESIC, NC 28515                    | Vandemere Town Hall<br>1042 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE<br>VANDEMERE, NC 28587 |
| Hobucken Community Center<br>145 HOBUCKEN SCHOOL ROAD<br>HOBUCKEN, 28537 | Vandemere Town Hall<br>1042 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE<br>VANDEMERE, NC 28587 |

All Early Voting will be conducted at the Pamlico County Courthouse, 202 Main Street, Bayboro, NC 28515. February 15, 2024 through March 3, 2024, 8am – 7:30pm, Monday – Friday. Saturday, March 3rd is the only Saturday, 8am-3pm.

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 194

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
 Biennial Determination of Avoided Cost )  
 Rates for Electric Utility Purchases from ) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 Qualifying Facilities – 2023 )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing in this docket which will commence on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony as a part of its 2023 biennial determination of avoided cost rates for purchases of electricity by the electric utilities who are parties to this docket from qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities. The electric utilities who are parties to this docket are Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP), Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (Dominion), Western Carolina University (WCU), and Appalachian State University, d/b/a, New River Light and Power Company (New River).

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) requires electric utilities to offer to purchase electric energy from cogeneration and small power production facilities which obtain qualifying facility status under PURPA. The rates for such purchases shall be set by the state regulatory authority, shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electric utility and in the public interest, shall not discriminate against qualifying cogenerators or qualifying small power producers, and shall not exceed the incremental cost to the electric utility of acquiring alternative electric energy. As a part of its responsibility in these matters, the Commission determines on a biennial basis the avoided cost rates and conditions for the purchase of electricity by electric utilities from qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities in North Carolina.

In addition to the requirements of PURPA, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-156 requires the Commission to determine the rates and contract terms to be observed by electric utilities in purchasing power from small power producers as defined in N.C.G.S. § 62-3(27a). The rates established pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-156 shall not exceed, over the term of the purchase power contract, the incremental cost to the electric utility of the electric energy which, but for the purchase from a small power producer, the utility would generate or purchase from another source.

The purpose of the hearing cited in this Notice is to consider revision of the avoided cost rates and contract terms previously set by the Commission for the purchase of electricity by the electric utilities who are parties to this proceeding from qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities in North Carolina.

The Public Staff is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, c/o Utilities Section, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless those persons submitting such statements appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the matter as a formal party of record should file a motion under Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 no later than Wednesday, February 7, 2024. All such motions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. The comments and exhibits to be presented in this proceeding by formal parties other than DEC, DEP, Dominion, WCU, and New River must be filed with the Commission no later than Wednesday, February 7, 2024.


ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 7th day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Town of Oriental is seeking bidders for the Dredging of Pierce Creek. The RFP and associated documents are available at www.townoforiental.com under BIDS, or at Town Hall, 507 Church St Oriental, NC between the hours of 8AM and 4 PM M-Th, 8AM-3PM F.

The proposals will be opened at Town Hall (address above) on January 18, 2024, 2PM.

The Board has the right to reject any and all proposals. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held January 16, 2024, 11AM at Town Hall.

Questions can be directed to Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM at manager@townoforiental.com.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF  
CARLTON MAXWELL MUSE  
File No.: 23 E 258

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JOHN R. COONEY, III OR CARLY M. SCHNEIDER, CO-EXECUTORS on or before April 2, 2024, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Co-Executors.

This 3rd DAY OF JANUARY 2024

ESTATE OF CARLTON MAXWELL MUSE  
ESTATE OF CARLTON MAXWELL MUSE  
C/O JOHN R. COONEY, III  
C/O CARLY M. SCHNEIDER  
583 MILLS RD.  
1301 CHIMNEY HILL DRIVE  
ORIENTAL, NC 28571  
APEX, NC 27502

Publish JANUARY 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2024

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF  
MELINDA PENKAVA-SMITH  
File No.: 23 E 259

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to KEITH N. SMITH, EXECUTOR on or before April 2, 2024, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This 3rd DAY OF JANUARY 2024

**ESTATE OF MELINDA PENKAVA-SMITH**  
C/O KEITH N. SMITH, EXECUTOR  
412 SOUTH WATER STREET  
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

Publish JANUARY 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2024

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF  
PARRINE MURPHY OLLISON  
File No.: 18 E 52

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to TAKITTA R. OLLISON BARBER, EXECUTOR on or before April 2, 2024, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This 3rd DAY OF JANUARY 2024

**ESTATE OF PARRINE MURPHY OLLISON**  
C/O TAKITTA R. OLLISON BARBER, EXECUTOR  
212 W. SUNSET BLVD  
COVE CITY, NC 28523

Publish JANUARY 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2024

**Notice to Creditors**

North Carolina, Pamlico County All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Barbara Dudley Best, deceased, of Bayboro, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before April 10, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of January,

## INCIDENTS

- Dec. 23, Scott Town Rd., Grantsboro, child custody
- Dec. 29, Old Bay River Rd., Grantsboro, involuntary commitment order
- Dec. 31, Country Club Dr., Arapahoe, all other offenses
- Jan. 1, Keystown Rd., Grantsboro, possession of marijuana up to ½ oz.
- Jan. 2, NC Hwy 304, Vandemere, possession of marijuana up to ½ oz.
- Jan. 3, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/distribute counterfeit controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana
- Jan. 3, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, involuntary commitment order

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- Jan. 2, Lots 1 & 2 PCB 11-20, Lots 9 & 10 PCB 11-19 from Karrus Ventures, LLC to Karrus Ventures, LLC, \$0
- Jan. 2, O.I. Brinson Lot: 1, MB 5/71 from Billy Brinson, Brenda Brinson, Edwin Irdell Brinson, Desiree Hardison Brinson to Edwin Irdell Brinson, Desiree Hardison Brinson, \$0
- Jan. 2, 1.31 AC; Lot 1 PCB 8-5, 0.33 AC; Lot 2 PCB 8-5, 4.83 AC; Lot 3 PCB 8-5 Quitclaim Deed from Ralph M. Lee, Jr., to Ralph M. Lee, Jr., \$0
- Jan. 3, Sea Vista Pierce Creek Area Lot: 69, Addition VII, Phase 1; PCA 66-10 from Michele K. Parish, Richard L. Johnson to John Wesley Stone, Nicolle Jean Stone, \$50
- Jan. 3, Magnolia Woods Tract 10 Section One PCA 106-1 from Angelo Newkirk, Jr., Chevonne Kelly to Chevonne Kelly, \$0
- Jan. 3, 1 Tract E/S William Lovic Rd from Susie Smith to Louise Smith, \$0
- Jan. 4, Lake Minnesott Estates Section III Lot: 46, MB 5/63 from Joseph E. Frey, Joan Frey to Steven Paul Nau, Lori Mae Yancho, \$47

request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

**PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Notice of Primary**

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in PAMLICO County on **03/05/2024**.

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of an election or vacancy election not regularly scheduled. For a second primary, an Election Notice will be prepared, no later than the day following the date the appropriate board of elections orders that a second primary be held.

As soon as ballot styles are printed, this county board of elections will update this notice with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures and referenda questions that will be on the ballot. For General Elections during even-numbered years, ballots will be printed **60 days** prior to the election. For statewide primaries and other elections (except municipal elections), ballots will be printed 50 days prior to the election. Municipal ballots are available **30 days** prior to Election Day. **You must request an updated Election Notice.**

**Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:** This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

2024.

Cindi M. Quay, Administrator  
CTA of the Estate of Barbara Dudley Best  
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.  
412 Broad Street  
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES: 1/10/24, 1/17/24, 1/24/24, 1/31/24

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Please check the website for the NC State Board of Elections (www.NCSBE.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

**Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:** When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are for the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are against the ballot measure or referendum). In a primary, if you are registered as Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or Republican, for partisan contests, you may only vote for the candidates of the party for which you are affiliated. You are also eligible to vote for non-partisan contests. If you are registered as unaffiliated ("independent"), in a primary, you may choose to vote for the partisan contests of one of the parties or you may choose to vote for non-partisan contests only. Please contact your local board of elections to confirm your party affiliation or voter registration status.

**Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:** This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote,

**RUN DATES**  
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- Jan. 4, Lake Minnesott Estates Section III Lot: 16 MB 5/63; Map Attached from Roger A. Ritchie, Jr. to Patricia Rowe Henriens, Jodie Wayne Henriens, \$59
- Jan. 4, Pleasant Acres Lot: 21 Section II; MB 10/90; Pleasant Acres Lot: 20B Section II; Map in DB 490/671 from Jeffrey W. Ochs to George William Barr, III, Shannon Marie Capriola, \$515
- Jan. 4, Church Street Unit: A Condo Cab 1 Slide 13-12; Church Street Unit: B Condo Cab 1 Slide 13-12, PIN: J082-312-1 from The Inn at Oriental, LLC to The B&B at Oriental, LLC, \$1,000
- Jan. 4, Lot 2 PCB 8-10 PIN: D061-51-1 from Colony Custom Builders, LLC to Robert L. Averett, Jr., Kelsie N. Strickland, \$560
- Jan. 4, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: F Lot: 13 MB 5/53 from Eugene E. Vanderburg to Michele K. Parish, Richard L. Johnson, \$690
- Jan. 4, Shingle Brook Lot: 31 Phase 3 PCA 109-8 from Michael Ryan Dietz to Gail G. Deitz, \$0
- Jan. 4, 2 AC W/S Point Rd from Cindy L. Belangia, Benjamin E. Casey, Luke Conder to Cindy L. Belangia, Benjamin E. Casey, \$0
- Jan. 5, Tract One W/S NCSR 1312 Harris Farm Rd; Tract Two NW/S 1312 Harris Farm Rd; Tract Three 3.63 AC W/S NCSR 1312 Harris Farm Rd PCB 4014; PIN H07-4, H07-12-1, & H07-4-1 from William Forrest Tingle, Jo Jarvis Tingle to Kenneth Tingle Dixon, Jean Dixon, \$739
- Jan. 5, 22 AC PCA 184-1, Correction Deed DB 718/621 from Mark E. Jones, Jennie H. Jones to Craig Michael Baker, Amy Marie Baker, \$0
- Jan. 5, Whittaker Creek Yacht Club 3 Tracts Boat Slip E 41 PCA 47-9 & 103-5; Pecan Grove Marina 3 Tracts Boat Slip 21 PCA 108-5 & 118-4; Correction Deed DB 719/740 from Matthew Bohne, Lisa Bohne to Matthew Bohne, Lisa Bohne, \$0
- Jan. 5, Pinedale Section 3; ½ AC W/S Chair Rd & S/S Mirey Branch Canal MB 5/40 PIN: D061-231; 20E86 from Kenneth Charles Rhodes to Kenneth Charles Rhodes, \$0
- Jan. 5, Lot N/S Hwy 55 Bayboro PIN H041-281 from Douglas C. Kirkman, Mamie V. Kirkman to Lynstar Management Group, LLC, \$60

# PamlicoCares Community Calendar: Your Guide to Local Events

**Pamlico County, January 8, 2024** – Get ready to explore all that our vibrant county has to offer with the launch of the brand new PamlicoCares Community Calendar. This exciting initiative is a testament to the collaborative spirit of our county, where volunteers have come together to create a resource that celebrates and supports our local culture and events.

keep residents informed about the happenings right in our backyard. From art exhibitions and live music performances to charity fundraisers and local sports events, this calendar is your go-to source for all things Pamlico.

The key features of this online community calendar are that it's community-driven, free to use, user-friendly, contains the most current information, allows for free submissions, and encourages engagement with fellow residents.

Oriental Mayor, Sally Belangia, commented on the volunteer initiative, saying, "The PamlicoCares Community Calendar reflects the spirit of our county – caring, involved, and passionate. I'm thrilled to see residents coming together to create a valuable resource for everyone. It's yet another reason why Pamlico County is such a fantastic place to live."

PamlicoCares is not only a tool for residents but also a way to local businesses and organizations to promote their events and connect with the community.

Join us in celebrating the launch of PamlicoCares Community Calendar and become a part of our county's vibrant tapestry. Visit www.pamlicocares.com <http://www.pamlicocares.com/> today to explore upcoming events and get involved.

For media inquiries or additional information, please contact Sheri Rettew at pamlicocares@gmail.com.

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