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#### Bayboro man faces multiple felonies after high-speed chase

by Erica Paige Wed, January 24th 2024



Terrelle Lee Greene

Craven County, NC — A Bayboro man is now behind bars facing multiple charges after a high-speed chase that happened on Friday, Jan. 19 around 3:00 a.m.

Craven County deputies witnessed a traffic violation and attempted to perform a traffic stop on the vehicle.

Police say the driver of the vehicle fled away at a high rate of speed by the National Avenue and George Street area.

A pursuit continued while officers observed the vehicle driving carelessly before crashing into a small retaining wall on Craven Street.

The driver fled on foot by the Village Townes Apartments and was caught by New Bern Police shortly after.

Officials say the passenger in the vehicle remained with the vehicle.

Authorities state K9 Echo alerted to the odor of narcotics that resulted in finding 30 grams of fentanyl, a 9mm handgun, and an open container of alcohol.

Police then found a total of \$3,000 in cash as well as a fake Ohio driver's license on the suspect.

Police identified the driver as Terrelle Lee Greene, 34 of Bayboro who had felony warrants out of Pamlico County on drug charges.

#### Greene was arrested and charged with the following:

- · Felony fleeing arrest
- Trafficking fentanyl • Second-degree kidnapping
- Resisting public officer
- Possession of schedule VI-controlled substance
- False license in the commission of a felony
- Driving left of center • Open container
- Greene received a 30,000 secured bond for charges related to the vehicle chase and is set to appear in court on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Craven

#### County Courthouse. Greene was served with his outstanding warrants out of Pamlico

- County for the following: • Two counts of trafficking opium
- Conspiring to traffic opium • Four counts of possession with the intent to sell and deliver schedule I controlled substances
- · Four counts of maintaining a vehicle/dwelling for controlled substances
- Two counts of possession with the intent to sell and deliver schedule II-controlled substances
- Two counts of child abuse
- · Interfering with electronic monitoring

Greene received a \$325,000 secured bond on those charges and is set to appear in court on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Pamlico County Courthouse.

# It's back! PCC Foundation to host Great Oyster Revival & Chili Cookoff after hiatus

By Sandy Wall

After a 2½-year hiatus, the Pamlico Community College Foundation is resuming one of its most popular fundraisers. It has scheduled the 12th edition of the Great Oyster Revival & Chili Cookoff for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Grantsboro campus.

This year's event has been returned to the traditional fourth Saturday in February date, but, like the last Oyster Revival in 2021, it will take place outside the college's Delamar Center rather than in the courtyard outside the Student Lounge.

Organizers say participants can look forward to indulging themselves with all-you-can-eat salty oysters as well as samples from multiple crockpots of enjoyable homemade chili prepared by some of the area's best cooks – all for a good cause.

Local musicians Hoff'n'Finch will provide the entertainment. The event will take place rain or

"We are very excited about bringing back the Great Oyster Revival & Chili Cookoff," said Heather Arevalo, executive director of the PCC Foundation. "We are hoping to host a large crowd, and we expect the food to be delicious, as always. Most importantly, we hope to raise money to fund student scholarships here at Pamlico Community College."

For years, the Great Oyster Revival & Chili Cookoff took place in late February. However, the COVID pandemic forced organizers to move the 2021 event to November.

Even more difficult decisions had to be made in subsequent years after the late Michelle Noevere, the PCC Foundation's former executive director and the event's chief organizer, began a courageous battle

Both the 2022 and 2023 events were canceled. Noevere, a longtime champion of the college, died Aug. 7, 2023.

"It feels a little strange to host the Great Oyster Revival & Chili Cookoff without Michelle, but she would certainly want us to resume this tradition because it helps so many students achieve their educational goals," Arevalo said. "We're going to do our best to host a great event. We're inviting the community to bring their friends and join us for an afternoon of food, fun and great music."



Tickets for the event are \$30 each, with "chili-only" tickets available for \$15 each. Tickets are on sale at the PCC Bookstore, Nautical Wheelers (both the Oriental and New Bern locations) and Bayboro Pharmacy. Tickets also are available online at www. pamlicocc.edu.

As in previous years, oyster eaters will stand shoulder-to-shoulder outdoors at large tables to shuck and eat their fill. Inside the Delamar Center, event participants will be able to sample the various chilis entered in the cookoff.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own gloves, knives and condiments. Iced tea and bottled water will be provided, and participants can bring their own beverages.

In addition, area cooks are invited to enter a crock-

pot of their best chili for the cookoff. The first- and second-place winners each will receive a trophy, a prize and bragging rights. Chili entries will be due by 2 p.m. on the day of the contest. The Foundation wishes to thank area businesses

and individuals for agreeing to be sponsors, including Jim and Michelle Krauss, Dan Roberts of Edward Jones, Dr. Sherri Hicks of Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital, Nautical Wheelers, and Bayboro Pharmacy. "We're inviting everyone to come out and support

the college and its mission of helping community members improve their lives through higher education," said PCC Acting President Michelle Willis Krauss. "It's going to be a great day."

For more information, please contact the PCC Foundation at 252-249-1851, ext. 3084, or harevalo@ pamlicocc.edu.

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# Republicans Introduce Primary Candidates









The Pamlico County Republican Party's January dinner meeting at Brantley's Restaurant in Oriental featured a "Meet the Candidates" period where all the Party's primary candidates who were present were introduced by County Chairman Dave Wickersham and given the opportunity to speak briefly and tell attendees a little about themselves and what they hope to accomplish if elected. The primary has only two contested races within the party and three of the four candidates involved in those races were present. In the race for the Board of Commissioners District 1 seat, Thomas Mills spoke of his family and his work in his family's small business and the Olympia Volunteer Fire Department where he has held numerous positions. His primary opponent, Ed Hege of Reelsboro, was not in attendance. In

the other primary contested race, the District 5 Commissioners seat, both candidates, Sarah Davis and Ken Heath were present. Both candidates spoke of their love of Pamlico County and their experience within County Government. Davis, the wife of current sheriff Chris Davis, also tackled head on the topic of possible conflict of interest if elected. Davis stated that she was confident that she could vote on all issues that would come before the Board, but would recuse herself when it came to the matter of the sheriff's salary. If elected, she looked forward to helping make Pamlico County a safer, more resilient place to live and do it more efficiently. The early voting for the 2024 primary begins on February 15th and continues until March 3rd. Primary election day is Tuesday, March 5th.

**WEEKEND WEATHER** 

## **Pamlico County** 2023 Toys for Tots **Collection Impacts**

Toys for Tots, a 76-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to children in need during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed during the holiday season by the Marine Corps League, Dragon Detachment in coordination with the YMCA Camp Seafarer Community Programs, offer these children recognition, confidence, and a positive memory for a lifetime. This year, through the overwhelming generosity and support of individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout Pamlico County, to include Nutrien Aurora Phosphate and the Corvette Club of Eastern Carolina, over 2,500 toys and books were collected and distributed to 475 children from 202 families. The success and impact of this major program would not be possible without the collective efforts of all those involved. (133)

Thanks and recognition are extended to the following county businesses and organizations for their critical support. Oriental: Village Hardware; Dollar General; Rotary Club; Village Health and Fitness; Brantley's Restaurant; Oriental Deli; Piggly Wiggly; First Citizens Bank; Provision Company; Nautical Wheelers: Silos Restaurant: M & Ms Restaurant: U.S. Post Office; Pecan Grove Marina; True You Hair Salon; Century 21 Sail/Loft; Pamlico News; Oriental Town Hall. Bayboro/Alliance: Pamlico County Register of Deeds; Pamlico County Department of Health; First Citizens Bank; Pamlico Builders Hardware; NAPA Auto Parts; Hardison Tire; Wells Fargo Bank; Dollar General; Family Dollar; Aggies Restaurant; Pamlico High School; Fred Anderson Elementary. Grantsboro: CVS Drugs; Dollar General; Diversified Tire & Auto; Walmart; Realo Pharmacy; Tideland EMC. Arapahoe: Pamlico Community College; Dollar General; Minnesott Beach Golf & Country Club.

## SPORTS ■ Continued on Page A9

Pamlico's Devin Dembowski gets the upper hand on his Union Academy opponent



#### **Town Dock #1 is CLOSED**

The Harbor and Waterfronts Committee met on January 24 at Oriental Town Hall to discuss the inspection report from Town Docks.

Town Dock #1 is CLOSED until further notice.



Saturday, February 3rd 55°Hi Clear throughout the day



Sunday, February 4th 54 Partly Cloudy



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# COMMUNITY

#### **OBITUARIES**

away Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro.

She worked with the Department of Public Safety Prison Division in Vanceboro before retiring. Janice was a wonderful cook and had a knack for decorating beautifully. "Sister" as known to most, will be fondly remembered and missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lionel E. Willis and Lois Pipkin Willis; brother, Lionel Willis, Jr.; sister, Paula Banks; and son-in-law, Chris Boyd.

Janice Rose Willis, 76, of Grantsboro passed Those left to cherish her memory are daughter, Clarissa Boyd; and brothers, Seth Austin Willis and Shannon Todd Willis.

> Her graveside service was held Friday, January 26th, at Amity Christian Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Amity Christian Church Women's Bible Study, 7022 Neuse Rd., Grantsboro, NC 28529.

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

#### Kenneth (Kenny) Mason, 68, of Oriental passed away Sunday, January 14, 2024.

He will be missed by the many friends he had here in Pamlico County where he attended Pamlico High School and Craven County where he retired from D.O.T. in New Bern. Kenny was sweet, kind, and had a heart of gold and was loved by each and every one of them.

After retirement he and wife, Chris, pursued their lawn mowing business together plus Chris' catering business.

He was preceded in death by parents, Jack and Ruth Mason; sister, Barry Sue Mason; and nephew, Daniel Ensley.

Those left to cherish his memory are wife, Christine Doty; brother, Jack Mason (Faye); sisters, Jill Ensley and Gail Ruggerio; nieces and nephews, Sandy Vick, Michele Banish, Maria Lademan, Dara Rickles, Gary Mason, and Vicki Dunn; along with many great nieces and neph-

His memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family suggested making a donation to one's favorite charity.

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

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jan. 26, 2024 Dear Editor,

Generosity throughout Oriental contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items— Oriental area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across NC, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 704-583-1463.

Although local drop-off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 - 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,

**Dolores Brown** 

#### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE**

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Submitted on behalf of local year-round volunteer efforts

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#### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Something will occur this week that surprises you, Aries. You may even wonder if it is a trick being played on you. It is no trick, so buckle down for an adventure.



#### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

You have pushed your mind and body quite far over the last several days, Taurus. Now you have to slow down or pay the consequences. Do not add anything else to your list.



#### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may believe you have discovered a good thing and it could be right. But don't wait too long to act since this good thing has an expiration date. The clock is ticking.



#### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you might not be able to control what is happening this week, but you can control how you react to different situations. Keep your distance if an altercation arises.



#### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Something you discover about a friend

this week could leave you reeling, Leo. The signs have been there for awhile and you really should have seen it coming.



#### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you are on the move this week, there is a chance that you will experience some interesting people along the way. At least one person might be a good networking contact.



#### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

More than anything right now, this week you need to relax and unwind, Libra. Take things at a slow pace, and spend more time at home with family then at work.



#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Try not to take any financial risks right

now, Scorpio. If you are planning to invest, then you may want to get all of the facts before gambling too much in the stock market.



#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 This week you will be back to your best, Sagittarius. Things will work out, so use your positive attitude to the

benefit of yourself and others. CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, even though you are conservative by nature, this week you are



#### not bring you enormous success. AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a kind word from you may be all that is needed to bring a smile to someone's face. Do not underestimate the power of a kind and simple gesture.

ready to take a chance of some sort.

Enjoy the journey even if the efforts do



#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You don't usually lack confidence, Pisces. But you may not want to push ahead with a project for fear of failure. You should be more adventurous and not worry too much.

#### **AQUARIUS** Traits & Overview

Independent and enigmatical, Aquarians are unique. There is no one quite like an Aquarius, and because each is so incredibly individual, it can be tough to describe them as a group. Aquarians don't like labels, and may shy away from any adjective-even the good ones you might bestow upon them. Aquarians believe in the nature of change and evolution, and even though they're a fixed sign, they may not necessarily believe they are the "same" people they were when they were born.

Aquarians have a strong sense of social justice and making the world a better place, and see themselves as just one link in an endless human chain. They are very concerned about others, not because of how others treat them or how they want others to treat them.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupto

- January 31st Today is Inspire Your Heart with Art Day.
- February 1st 1790, The U. S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York City.
- February 2nd Today is Groundhog Day. Looking for that shadow.
- February 3rd 1959, Musical artists Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and The Big Bopper (J. P. Richardson) died in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa along with their pilot, Roger Peterson.
- February 4th Today is Thank a Mail Carrier Day. Thanks, Mr. Mailman, but this year bring me more checks and fewer bills.
- February 5th Today is National Shower with a Friend Day. A great idea to conserve water and check for ticks at the same time.
- February 6th 1894, The bottle opener was invented. I like twist offs.

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

January 31st - 19??, STEM teacher Sheri Hale

1919, Baseball Hall-of-famer Jackie Robinson

February 2nd - 1947, Actress Farrah Fawcett

February 5th - 1934, Baseball hall-of-famer Henry Aaron 19??, County Commissioner Doug Brinson

February 6th - 1895, Baseball hall-of-famer George Herman "Babe" Ruth 1911, The 40th President of The United States Ronald Reagan

1945, Reggae singer/songwriter Bob Marley



#### Chinese New Year Celebration in Oriental

Oriental will be conducting its annual celebration of Chinese New Year on Saturday February 10, 2024. Since unofficially adopting the Dragon as a symbol for the Town of Oriental in the 1960s, the running of the Dragon has occurred on New Years Eve and on special occasions throughout the year. Since 2011, we have also done a Dragon Dance/Run for the Lunar or "Chinese New Year." The Dragon Run will take place at 2:00 PM at the Oriental Harbor on Hodges Street. This year is the "Year of the Dragon," a very special year for our town. This daylight Dragon Dance can be quite enjoyable for children and many, accompanied by parents, have walked along with the Dragon. If desired, you can dress up in a Dragon Theme and/or bring pots and pans to make noise. Throughout the day, local restaurants and the Piggly Wiggly will have Asian food specials to tempt your palate.

For more information contact me. **Larry Summers** 252-675-0467

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

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



#### Agent of the Week

**Susan Adams** 

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

Susan has been fabulous to work with. She was proactive in getting us any relevant information on all options. She worked with us on our first offer. When we could not come to an agreement with those sellers, she helped us locate another option. Susan was again with us every step of the way navigating through difficult situations. That property not able to gain a septic permit so we had to start searching for another option. Susan was with us again ensuring everything went smoothly. When the sellers and closing attorney had complications that pushed our closing back a week, she kept us updated each day until the deal finally closed. We appreciate her communication and professionalism. We will be back in touch with her if we purchase in the area again.

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MINNESOTT BEACH - This 2BR/2BA Condo features the best Neuse River views in all of Pamlico County. Yes, this is the Catbird Seat as far as elevation (30' above sea level), 5 mile + wide-water views, perfect orientation to the Southwest to capture the prevailing winds & year-round sunsets. It has been completely updated including high-end kitchen features such as quartz counters, soft-closing cabinet doors & drawers, glassfront upper-tier cabinets and like-new appliances. Not in a flood zone, swimming pool, gazebo & private sandy beach. Close to

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# Taking the Plunge for Special Olympics



Saturday was an unseasonably warm day in our area and that was a good thing, especially if you were one of the 30 or so brave folks who took part in the Polar Plunge for Pamlico County Special Olympics. The air temperature may have been pleasant, but the water was frigid. Only a week earlier there was

ice floating in the water at Bond Beach in Oriental, the site of the Plunge. This annual event helps raise funds for the very worthy cause and this year those funds came to roughly \$6300. The Pamlico County Special Olympics wish to thank their sponsors; Axelson Chiropractic, the Neuse Sailing Association, the Nautical co-op of Oriental and the Sailing Club of Oriental. Of course, the biggest thanks go to the plungers themselves, many dressing in great costumes for the event. Special recognition to Arapahoe Charter School who once again fielded the biggest team in the plunge and raised \$300. Great job everyone.





#### Department of Environmental Quality names new coastal management director

MOREHEAD CITY - The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has named Tancred Miller as the new director of the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) effective Jan. 29.

"Tancred's history with the Division, his expertise in coastal policy and planning, as well as his leadership on local, state and national initiatives will continue to elevate North Carolina's nationally recognized coastal management program" said DEQ Secretary Elizabeth S. Biser.

Miller joined DCM in 2003 as a pol-

icy analyst. Miller was soon promoted to strategic planning manager, then in 2020 became chief of the Policy and Planning section. In 2021 his work on the local, regional, State and national levels earned him DEQ's Distinguished Employee of the Year Award, the highest recognition among all awardees.

"Tancred brings a consistently positive and thoughtful approach to coastal issues. His hard work, willingness to listen, and balanced approach to issues have earned the respect of our staff, the Department, and our partners and stakeholders," said Braxton Davis, outgoing Division of Coastal Management director.

Miller has led DCM's efforts to build the Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP), focused on addressing the needs of coastal communities through technical and financial assistance for planning and project implementation. Miller worked to secure \$5 million in competitive grant funding from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and the RCCP has been awarded \$12.5 million in state appropriations.

Miller played a key role in facilitating the state's 2020 Climate Science Report and the development of the 2020 Climate Risk Assessment & Resilience Plan. He has served as the Division's lead on resilience in addition to duties in rule development, fiscal analyses, DCM's five-year strategic plans, and NOAA funding for special



Tancred Miller

He has also served in various leadership roles within the State, including serving as a DEQ designee on Governor Cooper's Climate Change Interagency Council and on the N.C. Sea Grant Advisory Board, and in national initiatives, including as a board member for the Coastal States Stewardship Foundation and serving on a National Academies panel on climate communications.

"2024 is an exciting time in North Carolina's coastal management program. It's a time for us to reflect on

the accomplishments that the program has had in keeping our coast vibrant, productive and beautiful over the last 50 years, and to look towards future opportunities and partnerships to protect our coastal environment and economy over the next 50. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as division director and am lucky to be working alongside some of the finest people in all of state government," said Miller.

Miller's educational and professional background includes a Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College in business administration and a Master of Science in environmental management from Duke University. Miller worked in consulting and nonprofit organizations before joining DCM.

Miller resides in Morehead City, NC.

#### The Division of Coastal Management

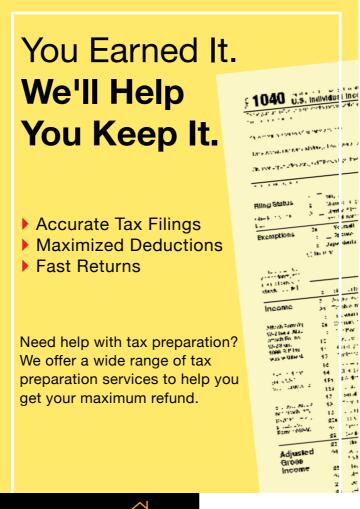
The Division of Coastal Management (DCM) works to protect, conserve, and manage North Carolina's coastal resources through an integrated program of planning, permitting, education and research. DCM carries out the state's Coastal Area Management Act, the Dredge and Fill Law and the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 in the 20 coastal counties, using rules and policies of the NC Coastal Resources Commission, known as the CRC. The division serves as staff to the CRC. Click here to learn more about the Division of Coastal Management.

#### The NC Department of Environmental Quality:

The primary mission of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is to provide science-based environmental stewardship for the health and prosperity of all North Carolinians. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the lead stewardship agency for the protection of North Carolina's environmental resources. The organization, which has offices from the mountains to the coast, administers regulatory programs designed to protect air quality, water quality, and the public's health, and works to advance in all-of-the-above energy strategy that fits North Carolina's needs. Please visit our website at the Department of Environmental Quality for more information.

Did you know?

Conscientious consumers who want to help local entrepreneurs thrive may not need any extra incentive to support small businesses in their communities. However, that doesn't mean it isn't worth noting the tax benefits of buying local compared to buying online or in other towns or cities. Small businesses pay sales taxes to the city and county where the business is located, which means a significant amount of the money spent at local businesses is ultimately going to the community at large. In addition, local businesses tend to hire local residents, who pay taxes on their incomes. Those taxes also benefit the towns and cities where workers live and work. This ripple effect of supporting local businesses is one reason why the Small Business Adminstration estimates that, for every \$100 consumers spend at a small business, \$48 remains in the community.



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# FINANCIAL FOCUS

# Consider family meeting to discuss estate plans



plans with your loved ones — and the first step in this process may be to hold a family meeting.

The best time to hold this meeting is when you're still in good mental and physical shape, and the enactment of your estate plans may well be years away. But what topics should you cover?

Consider these main areas:

ullet Your wishes — and those of your family. Use this meeting to introduce your estate plans and, in a basic sense, what you hope to accomplish with them — leave money to your family, support charitable groups and so on. You'll want to emphasize that you want to be equitable in what you leave behind, but there may be issues that affect this decision, such as disparities in income between grown children or an allowance for a special-needs child. But you'll also want to listen to what your family members want — and you might be surprised at what they tell you. Consider this: More than 80% of the millennial generation would rather know their parents are financially secure throughout their retirement, even if this means that their parents will pass on less money to them, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study.

• Estate planning documents - At the time of your family meeting, you may or may not have already created your estate planning documents, but in either case, this would be a good time to discuss them. These documents may include a will, a living trust, financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney and possibly other arrangements. At a minimum, you'd like to give a general overview of what these documents mean, but at an initial family meeting, you don't necessarily have to get too detailed. For example, you might not want to talk about specific inheritances.

At some point, you'll want to share your estate This is also an opportunity to inform your loved ones of the professionals involved in your estate plans, such as your attorney and your tax advisor.

• Roles of everyone involved - Not only does a comprehensive estate plan involve moving parts, such as the necessary documents, but it also includes actual human beings who may need to take on different roles. You will need an executor for your will and, if you have a living trust, you'll need a trustee. Even if you choose to serve as the initial trustee, you'll still need to identify one or more successor trustees to take your place if you become incapacitated, or upon your death. Plus, you'll need to name people to act as your power of attorney for health care and finances. Choosing the right people for these roles involves thought and sensitivity. Obviously, you want individuals who are competent and reliable, but you also need to be aware that some family members could feel slighted if others are assigned roles they feel they could do. By being aware of these possible conflicts, you can be better prepared to address them.

Here's one more suggestion: Let your family know that this initial meeting doesn't mean the end of communications about your estate plans. Encourage your loved ones to contact you with questions whenever they want. You may need to hold additional family meetings in the future, but by laying the initial groundwork, you will have taken a big first step in establishing the legacy you'd like to leave.

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# EXTENSION Pamlico County

# What are 4-H Life Skills?



Kait Neeland

Some of the happiest moments of my childhoods were participating in 4-H Projects and programs. I raised sheep, goats, and pigs. I researched, wrote, and gave presentations. I helped build reefs, planted marsh grasses, learned about the blue blood in horseshoe crabs and how important it is in medicine. 4-H was always a part of my life and it still surprises me when I meet people that think 4-H is only agriculture, or when someone hasn't heard of 4-H at all! Especially when I think of how many important life

skills I gained and developed by participating in these programs. If your asking what is 4-H? Or 4-H does more than show livestock? 4-H is the youth development branch of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. What began with youth Corn Clubs over one hundred years ago has grown into one of the largest and most respected 4-H Youth Development Programs in the Nation. North Carolina 4-H has a presence in all one hundred counties and the EBCI. Founded on the cornerstones of service, leadership, citizenship, and experiential learning, 4-H has been a part of shaping the lives of North Carolina youth and the nations 'Leaders of Tomorrow' for generations. While we continue our heritage youth programs in agricultural and livestock projects, 4-H has grown to include many other programs: annual presentation competitions; project record books; environmental conservation; media and computers; leadership programs (NC 4-H Ambassadors) and one of the most robust electrical programs

Now you might be saying 'Wow! That's a lot!'. It is, but each and everyone of those programs offers our youth the opportunity to develop important life skills. Life skills include both hard and soft skills. What are Soft Skills? For that matter what are Hard Skills? Hard Skills are the cumulation of all formal education and technical training with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM). Soft Skills, however, are knowledge of and ability to utilize relation skills and emotional intelligence.

Participating in 4-H programs provides youth the opportunity to participate in projects, programs and activities that help them develop these skills. Through our 4-H Electric Program youth will be able to learn about how electricity works, how circuits operate and how to build small electric devices such as conductivity testers and photo-sensing cars. They also work on critical thinking skills, team working skills, and communication skills by completing a project record book.

Our next electric program will start on February 5th. We will learn the basics of circuits, how electricity is conducted through them and put together a photo sensing car. We will also be completing a project record book that will be submitted to the state 4-H project record book competition so that the youth can attend 4-H Electric Congress in the summer.

4-H Electric Congress is an annual multi-day 4-H event in NC. 4-H 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.

To be eligible to attend 4-H Electric Congress youth must participate in an electric project and submit a project record book. If you are interested in learning more about our upcoming Electric Program or any of our 4-H programs please give us a call or shoot us an email. All participants in 4-H Programs must be enrolled in 4-H Online.

Registration for these programs can be found on our website. You will also need to register in 4-H online to complete your registration for any program. 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!!

# How Candelmas Day turned into Groundhog Day

"If Candlemas be fair and bright, come winter, have another flight. If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, go winter, and come not again." -

English folk song If a day to predict the arrival of spring weather sounds familiar, it probably calls to mind Groundhog Day. However, for centuries, February 2nd was celebrated as a Christian Feast Day known as Candlemas. The day also bore significance

outside of Christianity, marking the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. It was celebrated as an ancient Roman festival of light.

The name "Candlemas" refers to the traditional processions and blessing of candles that came to characterize the feast day. It also is called the Feast of the Presentation, because it honors the day that Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus at the Temple according to Mosaic law.

Candlemas Day was always celebrated on February 2, exactly 40 days after Christmas on December 25th. Mosaic law stated that 40 days was the period of purification time after the birth of a child.



Candlemas also presented an opportunity to predict weather. According to the New England Historical Society, New Englanders who once lived in old houses looked at how far the sun would shine in through cracks in the structure to determine how far the snow would continue to blow in through to the month of May.

Like many religious celebrations, Candlemas has a secular alternative in Groundhog Day.

Groundhog Day was first recognized in the United States during the late 1800s and was popularized in Pennsylvania by German settlers who had their own Candlemas Day rhymes related to the weather. The Germans connected weather prognostication to the local hedgehog. When German immigrants arrived in America, there were no hedgehogs, so they used the groundhog, the closest representative animal they could find. The tradition grew so popular it was eventually commercialized. Thousands began to flock to Punxsutawney, PA, to watch Punxsutawney Phil make his prediction.

Today Groundhog Day is anticipated each year as millions of people eagerly await to see if winter will last six more weeks or if spring warmth will arrive sooner rather than later.

Unlike a meteorologist who analyzes weather models before making a forecast, Punxsutawney Phil just seems to gopher it.

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Please contact the Pamlico County Tax Office if you have any questions or concerns at 252-745-3791 or email: tax.office@pamlicocounty.org.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF MINNESOTT BEACH

The Town of Minnesott Beach Board of Commissioners will have a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, on the 13th day of February, 2024, at the Minnesott Beach Town Hall located at 11758 NC 306 S, Minnesott Beach, NC for the purpose of holding a public hearing concerning amendments to the following Sections of the Town of Minnesott Beach Code of Ordinances:

CHAPTER 76: ABANDONED, NUISANCE AND JUNKED VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT

§ 76.01 DEFINITIONS.

§ 76.02 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

§ 76.03 ABANDONED VEHICLES UNLAWFUL; REMOVAL AUTHORIZED; § 76.03 ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

AUTHORIZED. § 76.05 JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE UNLAWFUL; REMOVAL AUTHORIZED; JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE

§ 76.04 NUISANCE VEHICLES UNLAWFUL; REMOVAL

PROPERTY. § 76.06 REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, JUNKED, OR NUISANCE VEHICLES; PRE-TOWING REQUIREMENTS

§ 76.07 EXCEPTIONS TO PRE-TOWING NOTICE REQUIREMENT.

§ 76.08 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS OF REMOVAL. § 76.09 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES; POST-TOWING NOTICE

REQUIREMENTS. § 76.10 RIGHT TO PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING BEFORE

SALE OR FINAL

§ 76.11 REDEMPTION OF VEHICLE DURING PROCEEDINGS. § 76.12 SALE AND DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLE. § 76.13 CONDITIONS ON REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.

§ 76.14 PROTECTION AGAINST CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY.

§ 76.15 EXCEPTIONS.

§ 76.16 UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLE. § 76.17 PENALTY

Drafts of the proposed ordinance amendments are on file at the Minnesott Beach Town Hall for public inspection and can be viewed on www.minnesottbeach.gov@gmail.com

The Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting will begin immediately following the Public Hearing.

#### invest in one's future

A college education is an investment in one's future. But the costs associated with attending a college or university can vary greatly, particularly based on the type of institution, so it benefits students to shop around. According to a study by CreditKarma, conducted with data from the National Center for Education Statistics, the average annual cost of tuition and fees at a four-year private not-for-profit college in the United States is \$33,230, whereas a four-year public college averages \$10,557. Public colleges, also referred to as "state schools," can vary in price even further depending on the residency status of students. Students who reside in the state in which the college is located can expect to pay that \$10,557 rate. However, out-of-state undergraduates at public colleges and universities will have an average cost of \$24,847 for the same school. According to a 2021 College Board report, out-ofstate students can expect to pay anywhere from double to three times the in-state sticker price. It can behoove students to establish residency where they plan to attend college or to apply to state schools where they live. To qualify for the lower price, in-state prospective students must meet various residency requirements, which vary by school and generally involve living in the state for a certain period of time prior to enrolling. Documentation such as a driver's license, vehicle registration or proof of permanent primary residence are often needed.

#### HOW DO WE KNOW ADDICTION IS A DISEASE?

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Monday, February 12th 6:00pm **Pamlico County High School Auditorium** 

Lenn Murrelle, MSPH, PhD is a genetic epidemiologist who has studied the causes of addiction since 1984 at major research centers at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Pittsburgh, and Virginia Commonwealth University. These 40 years of research have emphasized that, despite tremendous scientific advances in understanding, the causes of addiction are complex and multifactorial.,

Introductions by Lindsey Potter, CDAC-I, Adam Potter, and Pamlico County Sheriff, Chris Davis

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Rep. Garland Pierce, NC House

"Ben believes that a child's access to a great education should not be determined by their race, zip code, or their parents' bank account. Ben helped broker the historic 2021 state budget that provided unprecedented levels of education and school construction funding to every corner of this state. With Ben Clark as Lt. Governor, kids from Hickory to High Point to Halifax will have someone who not only cares for them but comes through for them."

Rep. Marcus Brandon, Former Representative, NC House



"Eastern NC needs a Lt. Governor who understands the economic, educational, and environmental issues we face. In the NC Senate. Ben delivered for rural counties; he'll do the same as Lt. Governor."

> Sen. Toby Fitch, Former Senator, Former Majority Leader, NC House Retired Superior Court Judge



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## The Old Theater Oriental, NC

The Old Theater in Oriental Presents

#### The Dust Parade

Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 Sunday, February 11 at 3:00

Tickets: \$20 (\$15 for OT members, military, and students) available now at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern or online at: www.showclix.com/event/dust-parade

The Dust Parade is an original music group born from the sandy beaches and river towns of Eastern North Carolina. They perform a unique brand of music which melds surfy/jazz-rock sounds and bluesy/soul rhythms. Hank Barbee leads "The Parade" with his sultry baritone voice and bluesy guitar, while Jim Durham weaves in saxophone passages reminiscent of musical jams of the past. On the bottom end, Matt Henderson keeps the bass lines ever moving, energetically driving the band forward across drummer Chet Miller's dynamic grooves. The Dust Parade is currently on the cusp of releasing a full-length album of all original compositions which they will be performing Saturday night. By popular demand, the band has added a matinee for Sunday, "The Dust Parade plays Dire Straits and Mark Knopfler," a reprise of their recent tribute performance at the Craven Bank of the Arts Gallery in New Bern. Fans of Knopfler's legendary band and songs are absolutely in for a treat.



The Dust Parade was a big hit at the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival in Oriental last October. If you enjoy music in the style of Dave Matthews, Steely Dan or Dire Straits then you will most likely love The Dust Parade. Fans will want to attend both shows for a magical musical weekend.

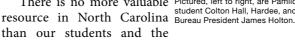
The Old Theater is located at 609 Broad Street in Oriental, NC. Advance tickets can be purchased at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern or online at the address above. Tickets may also be available at the Box Office on the day of performance. Complimentary tickets need to be exchanged for regular tickets at Nautical Wheelers to assure seating in the event of a sold-out show. For additional information call 252-249-0477 or email president@oldtheater.org.

Box Office opens one hour before performance; doors open 30-minutes before the show. Wine and soft drinks can be purchased by donation.

The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a venue for performing arts in Eastern North Carolina.

#### Pamlico County teacher earns 'Going Local' grant

Raleigh - North Carolina Farm Bureau is proud to award Pamlico County teacher Hannah Hardee, of Pamlico County High School, an Ag in the Classroom "Going Local" grant. This is the first time a Pamlico County teacher has won the grant.



teachers charged with their education," said North Carolina Farm Bureau President Shawn Harding. "Through our Ag in the Classroom program, the state's farmers are investing in the future leaders of North Carolina, as well as the future of agriculture, which is the state's top economic sector."

North Carolina Farm Bureau provides agricultural outreach grants to North Carolina teachers through its Ag in the Classroom Going Local



student Colton Hall, Hardee, and Pamlico County Farm

PreK-12th grade students with valuable, real-world education and experiences about farming and agribusiness, while adhering to the school system's common core and essential stan-"There is no more valuable Pictured, left to right, are Pamlico County High School dards. County Farm Bureaus play an integral role in providing information regarding the grants and curriculum to teachers throughout

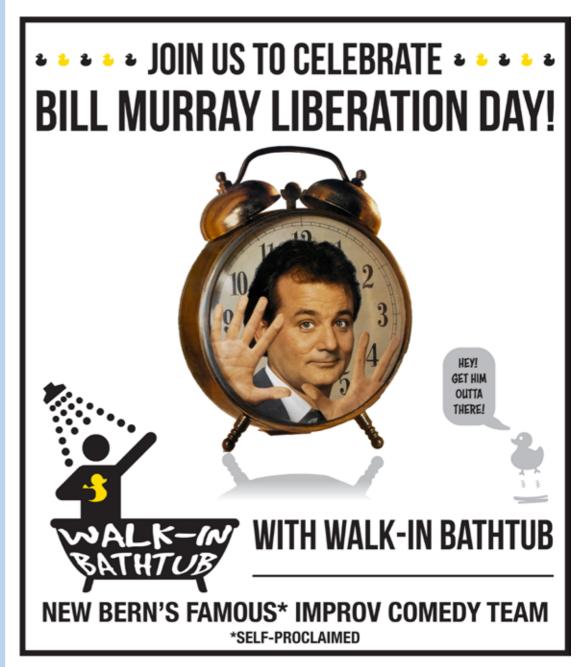
program. Going Local grants

are valued at up to \$500 each

and help teachers provide their

North Carolina. North Carolina teachers in traditional public schools, private schools, charter schools, magnet schools, online academies, home schools, colleges and universities are eligible for the grants, which are available twice a year. Grant submission deadlines are April 15 and November 15.

www.ncagintheclassroom.com.



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Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church - Oriental

# OWC Student Art Reception and Show

by: Hiram Lupton

For over 25 years, the Oriental Women's Club has been recognizing the immense artistic talent of the students of Pamlico County Schools. This years Student Art Reception and Show featured roughly 250 pieces of art submitted from Arapahoe Charter School, Pamlico Christian Academy (both upper and lower schools), Pamlico Primary School, Fred A. Anderson Elementary School, Pamlico County Middle School, and Pamlico County High School. The pieces were put on display in a special exhibit and reception for the artists and their families hosted by the OWC. In what had to be an enormously hard job, judges awarded recognition ribbons to the top pieces and picked 5 best-in-show awards in various forms of media. They were:

Alyssa Anderson – Collage/Paint Parker McOuat – Mixed Media Bryleigh Melton – Paint Rachel Prescott – Ceramic Trinity Whitehurst – Acrylic

Special thanks and congratulations to all the art students who shared their talents, their art teachers who encouraged them, and the Oriental Women's Club for recognizing the artistic talent of Pamlico County students year after year.

OWCA3 – Kendall Fennelly and her 1st place art piece OWCA4 – Serinity Owens and her beautiful 1st place acrylic art work

OWCA5 – ACS third grader Bryleigh Melton's painting was 1 of 5 best-in-show award winners













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| 934 Main Street , Alliance NC 28509          | 10628 HWY 55, Grantsboro. NC 28529         |
| Stonewall Town Hall                          | Pamlico County Courthouse                  |
| 74 Spain Farm Road, Stonewall, NC 28583      | 202 Main Street, Bayboro, NC 28515         |
| Mesic Town Hall                              | Vandemere Town Hall                        |
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# Health&Wellness

Brush Up on Oral Health Tips for Children's Dental Health Month

# Children's Dental Health Month



During the month of February, the American Dental Association celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month. This month-long national health observance reinforces the importance of oral health in children as well as helping parents with tips to keep their child's smile on track! At Children's Dental Health, our dentists and staff are taking this opportunity to share oral health tips and raise awareness of the importance of pediatric dental care at an early age.

#### First Tooth, First Birthday, First Dental Visit.

New parents often ask, "When should my child first see a dentist?" It's never too early to start focusing on your child's oral health! The American Association of Pediatric Dentists recommends that parents establish a dental home for their child by their first tooth or first birthday. During this time, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to ask questions and address any dental concerns at the primary visit and the dentist will gently swab the child's mouth to check their gums and any erupted teeth. As the child starts teething, the dentist will be able to monitor their progress and implement preventative measures for any concerns with your baby's teeth.

#### **Protect Tiny Teeth**

Baby teeth are so important because of their key role of saving space for a child's permanent teeth. They stay in a child's mouth for 8-10 years and also affect their speaking, chewing, and, of course, smiling. Baby teeth can also indicate a child's overall quality of health. Untreated tooth decay can cause oral infections that enter the bloodstream and lead to other serious health problems, while also allowing bacteria to spread to new adult teeth.

While daily brushing is an important part of a child's oral hygiene routine, bacteria that causes tooth decay can still linger between teeth where the toothbrush can't reach. That's why it's so important to help your kids incorporate flossing in their daily routine.

One significant oral health risk for infants and young children under the age of 1 is from baby bottle tooth decay. This occurs when your child consumes sugary liquid and bacteria in their mouth consume the sugar and produce acid. This acid attacks the enamel on baby teeth can trigger tooth decay after continued exposure. Liquids that contribute to this condition include milk, formula, fruit juice, soda, and any other sweetened drinks. If your child needs to sleep with a bottle, water is the safest option without any risk.

#### Parents, Did You Know?

Early childhood tooth decay has become the most common chronic childhood disease, impacting more children than asthma. According to the ADA, more than 40% of children have tooth decay by the time they reach Kindergarten. Additionally, kids who suffer from poor oral health are three times more likely to miss school as a result of dental pain.

The State of Pennsylvania has tried to tackle this oral health epidemic by requiring each child to receive a dental examination before enrolling in school, as well as in the 3rd and 7th grades. However, without regular six-month check-ups and establishing healthy oral health habits at an early age, small cavities can lead to much larger problems in little mouths.

#### Tips for Maintaining Your Child's Oral Health

As pediatric dentists, they've had additional training beyond dental school to work specifically with babies and children in monitoring early oral development. We recommend the following oral health tips to start your little ones on their journey to a lifetime of healthy smiles.

- Schedule routine check-ups. If it's been more than six months since your child has seen a dentist, schedule an appointment as soon as possible.
- Clean your baby's gums daily. Until those teeth come in gently wipe a damp washcloth over the gums to clear away harmful bacteria after each feeding.
- Start brushing with the first tooth. Begin brushing your baby's teeth when you see one coming in with an infant toothbrush. Use water and a tiny bit of fluoride toothpaste (about the size of a grain of rice).
- Brush twice each day for two minutes. Children ages 2-6 should use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Always supervise kids younger than six years old while brushing, as they are more likely to swallow toothpaste.
- Begin flossing. Once your child's teeth touch, you can start flossing in between them.
- Snack healthy! Fruit juice, sports drinks, fruit snacks, and sticky candies all pose serious threats to your child's teeth. Give kids calcium-rich snacks like cheese or low-sugar yogurt. If you have to resort to candy – a chocolate bar is preferable to gummy or sticky sweets that can get lodged in between the teeth, even after brushing.
- Keep them hydrated! Avoid sugary drinks and stick to good old-fashioned water. Water helps to rinse
  away any sugar or particles that can lead to cavities. Many municipal water sources also contain
  fluoride, which is recommended by the American Dental Association and U.S. Surgeons General,
  among others, as an efficient way to prevent tooth decay. In fact, the theme of this year's National
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- Replace your child's toothbrush every three to four months.





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# COASTAL LIVING

#### **BoatUS:** Be Vigilant When Renewing Your Boat's US Coast Guard Vessel Documentation

Official-looking vessel documentation renewal notices can lead to confusion and higher costs

SPRINGFIELD, Va., Jan. 18, 2024 - Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is advising boaters with vessels that have a U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation to be wary of any letter arriving by U.S. mail offering renewal.

BoatUS advises that while the Coast Guard does send official annual renewal notices by U.S. mail, other notices being received by BoatUS members but rather third-party compa-

of the official U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation lower than what third-party services may charge. Center (NVDC).

Members have complained that these letters direct them to websites that may be mistaken for the actual Coast Guard NVDC located in Falling Waters, West Virginia, and appear to show a significant increase in the annual fee to renew Coast Guard doc-

A 2017 Coast Guard bulletin says in part:

"The NVDC is aware that there are commercial entities that offer to manage the certification/renewal process on behalf of vessel owners for a fee. The Coast Guard does not endorse any of these companies, and the companies do not operate on behalf of the Coast Guard in any way. Any fees charged or agreements offered by such companies are in no way associated with the



are not from the Coast Guard BoatUS is advising boaters to be alert when renewing U.S. Coast Guard documentation (credit: BDOutdoors.com)

NVDC certification process. In addition, these companies are not authorized to issue any form of documentation, including travel letters and/or permits that authorize operation of ANY vessel. Customer complaints can be made through the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website at https://www. ftc.gov/."

While third-party companies may legitimately provide services to assist with vessel documentation renewals, the Coast Guard's own renewal process is

nies whose name or return addresses may appear similar to that simple for most vessels and the price, \$26 annually, is often much

To renew, go to the U.S. Coast Guard National Documentation Center website and click on "instructions and forms," then "Certificate of Documentation Application for Renewal." The Coast Guard NVDC also offers renewal options up to five years for recreational vessels.

To be documented, a vessel must measure at least 5 net tons (10,000 lbs.) and, except for certain oil-spill response vessels, owned by a U.S. citizen. About what size is that? Vessels at least 27 feet long generally meet the minimum weight requirement.

BoatUS also advises boaters who may have received mail that they believe is misleading or deceptive to contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 or through its website https:// postalinspectors.uspis.gov.

## Cherry Point Named 2024 Marine Corps Air Station of the Year

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (Jan. 23, 2024) — Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point is the Marine Corps Air Station of the Year, as declared in the announcement of the 2024 Marine Corps Installations Excellence Award winners, Jan. 19,

2024. The awards recognize the outstanding achievements of the

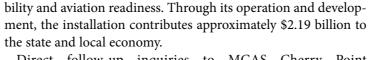
Corps' top performing Marines, Civilian Marines, and units in the Installations and Logistics community. This year also serves as the inaugural year for the "Marine Corps Air Station of the Year," category.

MCAS Cherry Point demonstrated excellence in installation management with emphasis on administrative discipline, high-profile asset and project management, innovative business practices, operations, community engagement and support, and meritorious personnel service.

"This award is a testament to the teamwork and relationships between MCAS Cherry Point, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Naval Health Clinic, Fleet Readiness Center East, and the community," said Col. Brendan Burks, MCAS Cherry Point commanding officer. "I'm proud to be a part of this team and the hard work and dedication by all our Marine, Sailors, civilians, family members, and community partners for the betterment of our nation and their commitment to America's Air Station and our country."

MCAS Cherry Point stands out with its management of a \$1.1 billion F-35 transition program, having welcomed the first operational squadron in May 2023. It also boasts a reduced carbon footprint, accepting and implementing a \$47 million Utility Energy Service Contract for the air station that enhanced energy resilience, improved energy system reliability, reduced energy consumption and hardened control systems cybersecurity.

Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point is the world's largest Marine Corps air station. It, including its outlying fields and ranges, occupies more than 29,000 acres of land in Eastern North Carolina. MCAS Cherry Point provides air traffic control 24 hours a day, year-round in the support of more than 150,000 annual flight operations as a primary aerial port of embarkation and debarkation for Marines deploying on the East Coast. The installation is a true staple of warfighting capa-



Direct follow-up inquiries to MCAS Cherry Point Communication Strategy and Operations at 252-466-4241 or cherrypoint@usmc.mil.





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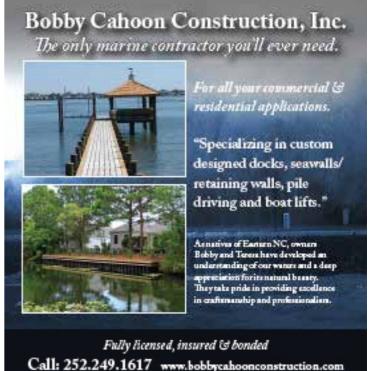
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#### **PCMS** Basketball

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County Middle School played a pair of game sets last week, first traveling to Tucker Creek on Tuesday, and then hosting Havelock Middle School on Thursday. The Tuesday matchup with the Mustangs produced a split, with the girls losing a very close game, while the boys brought home a win. It was pretty much a repeat performance on Thursday at home, with the girls squad losing, 32-19 in a physical ballgame that often had more bodies on the floor than standing. The boys game saw a tight contest the whole game, with the Hurricanes finally able to open up a little space between themselves and the Trojans late in the game and hold on for a 38-32 win. PCMS will play their final regular season game at home this Tuesday against H. J. MacDonald and then await pairings and location for the Coastal Middle School Athletic Conference Tournament to be played on February 5th and 7th.



Khyron Himbry (#4) goes to the basket against Havelock

Saadiq Barber (#0) battles inside

#### Hurricane Hardcourt Report Pamlico Defeats Southside

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Hurricanes had a relatively light week of action last week, with only one game night as they hit the road to Chocowinity to take on conference foe Southside. The Junior Varsity Boys started things off and kept things close the first half, but things got out of hand after halftime and the Seahawks flew away with a win, 62-34. The Ladies were up next and Pamlico got things started slowly and only led by 5 at halftime, 18-13. The Hurricanes turned up the full court defensive pressure in the third quarter and gradually opened the lead up to 39-28 going into the final period and maintained that 11-point margin to the end, winning 46-35. Much of the second half, the Hurricanes had 4 freshmen on the court at one time. One of those Freshmen, Sydney Whitley-Reese led the 'Canes with 19 points. She and fellow freshmen Kyliyah Barber also had 9 steals each. The Men took the court next and taking a cue from the ladies, applied a full court press from the beginning and quickly opening up a 20-point margin by halftime. That margin only grew bigger as the Pamlico offense was clicking just as well as their defense with the Hurricanes taking home a big win, 76-29. Jayden Williams led Pamlico with 26 points and was particularly hot from 3-point range, hitting 6 of 14 shots. Koby Lane also contributed a double-double, with 17 points and 11 rebounds. This week the schedule picks up for Pamlico with 3 game nights on tap. Tuesday brings a road trip to Lejeune, followed by a rematch with Southside on Wednesday and then a big conference showdown with East Carteret to finish out the week on Friday.





Pamlico's Kyliyah Barber (#24)

rricane Heart and Hustle, Antoine King (#23)

#### **Hurricane Wrestling**

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School wrestling team began the next phase of their season on Saturday as they hosted the first and second rounds of the North Carolina State Duals Tournament. Duals is essentially team wrestling. Individual wrestlers wrestle matches and earn points for their team. The team accumulating the most points after going through all the weight classes wins. Pamlico's first opponent was the Union Academy Cardinals who the Hurricanes defeated 57-24. On mat #2, two other teams were also wrestling, Lejeune and Albemarle, with Albemarle coming out on top. Pamlico then squared off against Albemarle in a series of close matches, with two of them

going to overtime. In the end, the Bulldogs pinned a loss on the Hurricanes, 36-32. While the Duals season may be done for the Hurricanes, Pamlico's wrestling season is far from finished. Next up are the Women's regional competition on February 2nd and 3rd, and the Men's Eastern Regionals on February 9th and 10th.



Hurricane Jake Whitley ties up an Albemarle wrestler



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# AROUND THE COUNTY

#### Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



Our lab Jake had surgery at Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital and Sherri and her crew took good care of him. At first with a neck pillow and then they dressed him in scrubs. He is finally healing.

On Thursday, Dallas Quidley, Jr. formerly of Pamlico celebrated his 95th birthday at the "Truwood" Assisted Living in New Bern with friends and relatives

present. His younger brother Elton, his son Ed, and his very special friend Major Harvey. My sister, Mildred and I attended, and he signed her copy of the "Lighthouse Keeper's Son" book that he had written.

There has been ditching and tree removal on the Gooding property this week across the branch from the farm, so they have scared away a lot of our wildlife friends. I have not seen any since they had their loud big machinery working.

This past week, there was construction on the bridge between Bayboro and Stonewall. Traffic was down to one lane to facilitate the project. I had heard a couple of years ago that this bridges was to be replaced, but I have not heard any more about it since the other bridge in Bayboro was completed.

Bible Study at Stonewall Methodist Church continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This study is for everyone, not just church members. Bible Study is followed by choir practice at 7:30 pm, and the choir will soon begin rehearsals for the Easter cantata. We would love to have others join us for the cantata even if they don't worship with us on Sunday morning. Our cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday at 6:00 pm.

Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday both occur on February 14th. Reverend John Farmer, the Bayboro United Methodist Church pastor, will host lunchtime worship services each Wednesday during Lent. He will bring the message on Ash Wednesday, and there will be imposition of ashes at this service. The Reverend Jon Strother is preaching on February 21st and the Reverend Anne Sims from Oriental is preaching on February 28th. Clergy from other denominations will bring the messages in March. Please invite all your friends to come to Bayboro UMC every Wednesday during Lent for a short sermon followed by a fellowship meal.

Celebrating her birthday in January is Shari Roberts Hale (1/31).

#### Those celebrating birthdays in February include Ruth Rogers & Mary Willis (2/3), Tony Cowden (2/4), Aiden Smith (2/6), Mattie Cuthrell (2/11), Jean Braswell (2/12), Mildred Harrison, Chris Fulcher & John Farmer (2/14), Willie Banks & Doug Carey (2/15), Sheryl Kaye Sanders, Esther Jane Lupton, & Sharon Rowe (2/20), Tillie Roberts (2/24), Elizabeth Cuthrell (2/25), Lupe Bennett (2/28), and Bless Her Heart, Penny Ford will get a year older since her birthday is February 29th. Karen and John Deaton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 13. Remember February 14 is Valentine's Day, so tell someone you love them and remember, "Jesus Loves You."

Have a blessed week. Empty? Take Spiritual Vitamin E. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him and bless his name." (Psalms 100:4)



#### ${ m Whortons ville}$ Reba Tiller, Correspondent



What a lovely week we had with temperatures almost like summer. On Monday Gordon Kellogg, Marsha Palpham, and myself went to the music locker and within two hours we had broken down many boxes and filed away a lot of music. We are not through because there are thousands of pieces of music still to be filed. We sent many empty boxes to be

recycled after putting the music in file cabinets. There is more work to be done, but we are going to forget about putting music away and start singing it next month. So on February 5th at 5:00p.m we hope to see all the former members at the Oriental Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for our first rehearsal. Today at Bethel we had a guest speaker Regina Kimble with her husband assisting her on the subject of 1st Choice Pregnancy Resources of Pamlico. It is good to know where young women can go if they need help during pregnancy. We had 23 for the service at Bethel today and a wonderful lunch in the Fellowship Hall afterward with Chubby's delicious Ribs.

Thought for the week— Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him. Psalms 127:3

#### Aurora Joy McCracken, Correspondent



Great news for the town: Whiz Kidz Early Learning Center will be having a ribbon ceremony on February 3rd at 3 pm with an open house from 3:30 to 5:30. They are located 442 Third Street. Agape Health Services will be reopening the Aurora Medical Center and will be retooling the building for their varied programs.

I heard the ferry horn on a recent foggy morning. This warm weather has the critters on the move and saw several road kills which has been a windfall for the Vultures.



They finally moved the dragline and it was on Highway 33 near the 306 turn off. Such a massive piece of machinery! I'm pretty sure I heard the noise of it being relocated Friday night when they closed the road for the action. (Photo credit: Beaufort County Sheriff's Office)

The largest group of Brown Pelicans that I've ever seen were on the creek (seven) along with the return of Terns and Gulls. Blackbird flocks are starting to move through. My resident Mockingbird has almost become a pet, coming within a foot of me when I go out to put food on the table. When the squirrels come around he will attempt to fuss them away. It's very comical as the squirrels ignore him as he reacts in indignation.

Daffodils are starting to emerge in the usual spots. The yard is otherwise quiet except for still blooming Camillas.

The Aurora Lions Club will host a Bingo Night at the town community center on March 9 beginning at 7pm for the games, but come early so you can visit with everyone!

I found a new recipe I'm wanting to try: Collard Fritters. One takes cornbread batter, add onion and leftover collards and fry



My Photo of the Week is of an Otter that swam by one morning. He tried to get out on our dock, but the water was too low, swam over to the neighbor's dock where he got out and ate a fish.

# PCC Cultural & Life Enrichment Program

Designed to promote personal growth and selfenrichment. This may include courses in leisure activities, non-vocational skill development, learning a new language, discovering a new talent, arts & crafts, media techniques, wellness activities and much more, as well as musical and theatrical productions. These classes are selfsupporting and use the talents and skills of some of our community's gifted residents.

For more information and registration, please

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#### **Spring Bird Watching**

First class will meet in the Delamar Building at 9 a.m. for a slide show, discussion of birding optics and techniques with a short field trip afterwards. Subsequent classes will be held in the field with early morning meeting times.

Instructors: Sheryl McNair and Diane Midness Registration: \$35 (4 classes) Dates: Tuesdays, TBD

#### Art of Quilting

Join us to learn or review the basics of machine quilting. Students will learn new skills or new methods for older skills as they practice on their chosen projects. Come get started on new artistic creation! You will need a variety of cotton fabrics, sewing machine, cutting mat, rolling cutter, and a straight edge

Instructor: Rolayne Schwendy Registration: \$65 (5 classes) Dates: Tuesdays, Jan. 23 - Feb. 20 Times: 1:00 - 4:00pm

#### Sewing & Growing

This class is geared to the individual's needs, from very basic lessons on your machine to intermediate skills and tips while working on specific & fun projects. Students will need a variety of fabrics, sewing machine and an iron. Instructor: Johnese Carmon

Registration: \$65 (10 classes) Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 29 - Feb.

#### Times: 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Observational Astronomy** Take a peek into the mysteries of the universe with an 'out of this world instructor'! Instructor: Fred Read Dates: TBA

#### **Traditional Ceramic Program** Each student will learn the use of assorted

ceramic tools and complete four projects using various ceramic finishes. Both beginners and experienced individuals are welcome. Class is held in the instructor's studio - Kil'n Thyme Ceramics - Please call for schedule information Instructor: Barbara Drexle

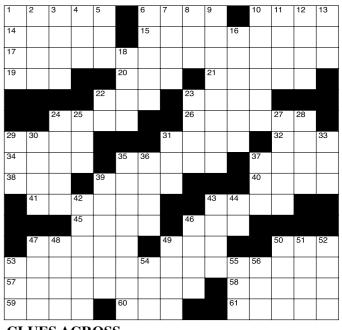
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## CROSSWORD



37. Immune response

appearance

45. Breathe noisily

47. Pancakes made from

buckwheat flour

50. I.M. , architect

57. Formal withdrawal

59. Square measures

61. Degrade someone

30. Type of horse

35. Most shrewd

southeast

43. Swiss river

44. Megabyte

47. Dutch colonist

49. Sun or solar disk

professionals

39. A stock of foods

31. \_\_ Diego

60. 2,000 lbs.

58. Dutch and German surname

33. Defensive nuclear weapon

37. Midway between south and

36. It may be for shopping

42. The bindings of books

46. Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter

50. Popular type of bread

51. Transfers of money (abbr.)

52. Association of engineering

53. Young women's association

48. Clare Booth , American writer

53. Have surgery

41. Containers

49. Swiss river

46. Taxi

39. High opinion of one's own

40. Thin strip to align parts

43. Convicted American spy

38. Feline

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- Become less intense 6. Variety of pear
- 10. Religion native to China
- 14. Type of tooth
- 15. Fitted out
- 17. Make every effort
- 19. Autonomic nervous system 20. Complete
- 21. Alternate name 22. River in France and Belgium
- 23. Miami's mascot is one
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Most cognizant of reality
- 29. Broad volcanic crater
- 31. Canadian surname
- 32. Satisfaction
- 34. Traitorous Greek
- mythological prince 35. Collide

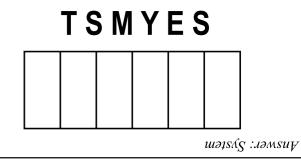
#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Siberian river
- 2. Blessing
- 3. Substitutes (abbr.) 4. Principle underlying the
  - universe
- 5. Work unit 6. Yellow edible fruits
- 7. Gemstone 8. A place ships dock (abbr.)
- 9. Evergreen tropical tree
- 10. Reality TV star Richards
- 11. Nonflowering aquatic plant 12. Stakes
- 13. Antidiuretic hormone 16. Make warm again
- 18. Light beams 22. Lethal dose
- 23. Terrorist group
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Naturally occurring solid 27. German surname
- 28. Popular cuisine
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 54. City 55. Niger-Congo branch of languages meaning "man from Saxony" 56. Pointed end of a pen

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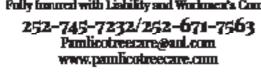




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The proposals will be opened at Town Hall (address above) on February 13, 2024, 2PM.

The Board has the right to reject any and all proposals.

A pre-bid meeting may be scheduled with the Town Manager at Town Hall. Questions can be directed to Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM at manager@townoforiental.com.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit for a short term rental at 304 Main St in the Town of Oriental will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8AM in the large Board Room in Town Hall, 507 Church St, Oriental, NC. The application will be available for viewing by the Public at Oriental Town Hall and online at www.TownofOriental.com.

The meeting is open to the Public.

Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM Manager/Clerk

#### **Notice to Creditors**

North Carolina, Pamlico County 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,

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

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**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY** 

#### **LEGALS** SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** AND DEBTORS OF FRANCIS JOSEPH MURPHY, JR File No.: 24 E 8

persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BRIAN MURPHY, EXECUTOR on or before April 16, 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 17TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024

ESTATE OF FRANCIS JOSEPH MURHY, JR C/O BRIAN MURPHY 40 GREATBROOK RD MILFORD, NH 03055

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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE **GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE** 

to maintain lane control Jan. 24, Broad St. Extension, Oriental, failure to return a verification notice Jan. 24, Bayleaf Rd., New

Bern, missing person

#### **PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Jan. 18, Headwaters Lot: 20 PCA 74-9 PIN K07-14-1A-20; Quitclaim Deed from Jennifer Pickeral to Kenneth Pickeral,

Jan. 18, SW/S Hodges Street Oriental Metes & Bounds PIN: J082-93 from Styron Family, LLC to Dan Alan Gilbert, Debra Lynne Gilbert, \$720

Jan. 18, NW/S South Water St & NE/S West Water St Oriental; Map DB 420/916 from Carla J. Fisher to Paul Beasley Gay, Jr., Laura Bowling Gay, \$1,179

Jan. 18, Cutter Bay PCA 154-15; PCA 159-5; PCA 163-1; PCA 164-15; 576.93 AC, Recombination Quitclaim Cutter Deed from Development, LLC, Development North III, LLC to Cutter Bay Development, LLC, \$0

Jan. 19, Lake Minnesott Estates Lot: 33, Section VIMB 6/9 from Robert Semkewyc, Regina Semkewyc to David Gaskins, \$19

Jan. 19, Tract One: 20 AC N/ SR 1100 Scott Town Road, Tract Two: 30 AC N/SR 1100

Scott Town Road from Benny D. Scott to Aaron W. Raynor,

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE** 

**PAMLICO COUNTY** 

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

AND DEBTORS OF

**SHERWOOD WATSON** 

**CARAWAY** 

File No.: 24 E 9

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SPAIN, ADMINISTRATOR on

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ESTATE OF SHERWOOD

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persons,

Instrument PIN: I091-12, 1091-12-8, & 1091-38 from Elizabeth G. Antry/EXR, Elise G. Clippinger/EXR, Gladys Elizabeth Morrison Gryb/ EST to Elizabeth G. Antry, Elise G. Clippinger, Robert H. Gryb, Charles H. Gryb, Jr., Elizabeth M. Gryb, \$0

See Instrument, PIN: 1091-12-8, 1091-12, 1091-38, 1091-4, & 1091-11 from Charles H. Gryb, Jr., Leigh Faye Gryb to Robert H. Gryb, \$1,500

Jan. 19, 5 Parcels See Instrument PIN: I091-12-8, 1091-12, 1091-38, 1091-4, & 1091-11 from Charles H. Gryb, Jr., Leigh Faye Gryb to Robert H. Gryb, \$0

Jan. 19, 3 Parcels See Instrument PIN: I-091-12, I-091-12-8, & I-091-38; Gift Deed from Robert H. Gryb, Rene Thompson Gryb to Elizabeth G. Antry, Elise G. Clippinger, \$0

Jan. 19, 3/8 AC W/S SR 1350 Sadler Place Rd & N/S Dawson Creek MB 5/48, 1/4 AC W/S SR 1350 Sadler Place Rd & N/S Dawson Creek MB 5/48 PIN: H091-192 from Ritchie Thelbert Wall, Louise H. Wall, Louise H. Wall/AIF, Deborah Wall Peele Meserve, Scott Meserve to Charles Franklin Warren, II, Logan Brady Warren, \$150

**GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY** SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF CHARLES WARREN SPRUILL, JR** File No.: 24 E 13

persons, ΑII firms corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to KAYLEE S. SPRUILL, EXECUTOR on or before April 23, 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 24TH DAY OF JANUARY

**ESTATE** OF **CHARLES** WARREN SPRUILL C/O KAYLEE S. SPRUILL 4943 SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA DR RALEIGH, NC 27604

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**FEBRUARY 7 AND 14, 2024** 

Jan. 22. Oriental Plantation Lot: 92, Section 1, PCA 55-4 & PCA 76-5 from Michele K. Parish, Richard L. Johnson Jan. 19, 3 Parcels See to Georgia A. Richardson,

\$1,310

24,31,

Jan. 22, 12 Tracts See Instrument Gift Deed from William H. Fitts, Jr. to Melissa Fitts Bowz, Danny N. Bowz,

Cameron T. Handyside,

Jan. 22, Brandy Bay Estates Jan. 19, Und Int 5 Parcels Lot: 3, Section One, PCA 47-9, Deed of Correction DB 721/393 from Joseph Rome, Cynthia Rome to Ryan McLaughlin, Krisha McLaughlin, \$0

> Jan. 23, 6.44 AC NC hwy 304, PCA 138-5 from Jonathan Jackson, Megan E. Jackson to Brian T. Ochs, Camille M. Ochs, \$284

> Jan. 24, Sea Harbour Marina Boatslip 4 CB 1/71 from Joseph G. Mattea to Lynn M. Mattea, \$0

Jan.24, 1 AC E/S Don Lee Rd from Dallas M. Collins to Eugene Collins, \$0

Jan. 24, Parcel One: NC Hwy 55 Metes & Bounds, Parcel Two: 1.54 AC NC Hwy 55, Parcel Three: 3.31 AC NC Hwy 55, PIN: B03-8, B03-9-2, & B03-9-5 from Paul T. Laskovics to Paul T. Laskovics, Stephen Frederick Laskovics, Meredith Amerson Laskovics, \$4

# INCIDENTS

Jan. 18, Main St., Bayboro, failure to appear possess cocaine, failure to appear possess drug paraphernalia, failure to appear driving while intoxicated, failure to appear driving while license revoked, failure to appear reckless driving, failure to appear fail to maintain lane

Jan. 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, citizen request assistance

Jan. 19, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, involuntary commitment

Jan. 19 NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, driving while impaired

Jan. 20. Marys Lane, Merritt, welfare check Jan. 20. Pennsylvania Ave.,

Vandemere, probation violation

Jan. 21, Live Oak Rd., Grantsboro, suspicious activity Jan. 21, Mill Pond Rd.,

Bayboro, overdose Rd., Jan. 22, Kershaw Arapahoe, exploitation of

elderly Jan. 23, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, second degree

trespass Jan. 23, Main St., Bayboro, boat registration/title issues Jan. 24, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, order for arrest reckless driving - wanton disregard, order for arrest fail



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#### **ACS Concludes Basketball Season**

by: Hiram Lupton

The Arapahoe Charter School Bobcats closed out their 2023-24 basketball season last Monday evening as they hosted Washington Montessori Public Charter School and the Eagles took a pair of games from the Bobcats, 25-13 over the girls and 48-33 over the boys. It would not be a stretch to say that this has been a successful season for Bobcat basketball and competitive athletics at ACS. While neither the boys or the girls teams scratched the win column, the primary goal was to reestablish an athletics program at the middle school level that had been dormant for over 10 years. Judging by the enthusiasm shown by the players, coaches, and the Bobcat fans that were in attendance, that goal was accomplished.

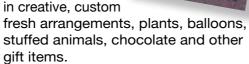




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