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Coach Daniels Leaving Pamlico

by: Hiram Lupton



Hurricane Coach Nate Daniels will be departing Pamlico County schools at the conclusion of the current school year. Daniels, the head wrestling coach at Pamlico Middle School and Assistant Coach on the Pamlico County High School football team, made the announcement at the Pamlico County High School winter athletic awards ceremony last Thursday evening. He will be taking over next season as the head wrestling coach at Heide Trask Senior High School in Rocky Point, N. C. He will also be serving as the defensive coordinator and assistant coach with the football team, with expectations of taking over the head coaching position the following season. An emotional Daniels stated that this was one of the hardest decisions he has ever had to make. "All our athletes have dreams and I have dreams too. This is an opportunity to follow one of those dreams," said Daniels. A graduate of Pamlico County High School, he went on to say that "Pamlico County schools have best athletes and people anywhere on this level. I'll miss working with them, but with the support of my fellow coaches and my wife Kendyl, I'm ready to take the next step." Daniels was also a Health and Physical Education teacher in the school system and will also be greatly missed in the classroom. Best of luck Nate. We will miss your intensity on the sidelines, but most of all your caring attitude for all your students and the staff you worked with. We have no doubt this step will be a successful one. Always remember, "Once a 'Cane, always a 'Cane."

Photo by:
Pastor Betty Jo Rodgers



The Oriental Dog Parade

by: Hiram Lupton



Mayor Sally ready to lead the parade

Residents of Oriental love their dogs, and last Saturday the town literally went to the dogs for the annual Pamlico Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) Dog Parade. Gorgeous weather and a worthy cause brought a great turn out of canines in all sizes and breeds, along with their human escorts, with many dressed in creative costumes. Everyone was very well behaved and with the exception of a brief argument over whose turn it was to use a tree, no incidents were reported. There was some excellent music provided by the Pamlico Community Band and food (hot dogs of course) and drinks. There was also a blessing of the dogs. Mayor Sally Belangia and her furry best friend then led the contingent from Lou Mac Park on a stroll through town, with nary a cat or squirrel in sight. For more information on PAWS, check out their website at www.pamlicopaws.net or go to their Facebook page. Perhaps in future years they might consider adding other pets to the parade. My pet turtle, Sheldon, enjoys a walk about the yard every morning. They would have to shorten the parade route for him of course, unless they plan on being there all week.



Pamlico Partnership for Children Car Seat Safety Check

by: Hiram Lupton

Always looking for ways to help the Children and families of Pamlico County, The Pamlico Partnership for Children held a Car Seat and Child Safety Event last Wednesday afternoon at their headquarters in Bayboro. Participants could come by and have their child's car seat checked for proper size and installation among other things. Thanks to a grant from The Bate Foundation, there were also free car seats available to those that might need one. In addition to the seat check, many agencies and organizations which help benefit the children and families of Pamlico County were on hand with free giveaways and information on the services and programs they offer. Some great organizations doing great work.



King Sets Hurricane Record

by: Hiram Lupton



Pamlico track and field athlete Antoine King has etched his name into the Hurricane record books. King, a Senior whose competes in the shot put and discus, claimed his spot among Hurricane elites when he hurled the discus 142' 2.5" while competing at the Crystal Coast Relays last Wednesday. Congratulations Antoine!

THE GARDENS OF PAMLICO

ASSISTED LIVING

Gardens Of Pamlico Easter Bunny

The residents were surprised and loved visiting with the Easter Bunny and receiving a basket filled with chocolate candy.



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CarolinaEast Medical Center to Participate in 2024 Organ Donation Awareness Flag-Raising Ceremony

Pause to Give Life Honors Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donors and Families

(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Medical Center is among dozens of hospitals that will partner with HonorBridge to simultaneously host a statewide Donate Life Flag-raising ceremony and moment of silence. Pause to Give Life promotes the mission of organ, eye, and tissue donation and honors donors, donor families, recipients, and those waiting for a life-saving transplant in North Carolina.

Pause to Give Life includes hospitals throughout most of North Carolina and the observance occurs annually in April to kick off the start of National Donate Life Month. The statewide ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 3 at 10:08 a.m. highlights that one donor can save eight lives, followed by a moment of silence for 30 seconds to recognize more than 3,000 patients waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in North Carolina. CarolinaEast's Pause to Give Life ceremony will take place outside the Medical Center, near the entrance of the Emergency Department.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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 Saturday, April 6th **57°Hi** Clear throughout the day

 Sunday, April 7th **60°Hi** Mostly clear throughout the day



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There’s still time to register for PCC’s popular Basic Computers for Seniors course

By Sandy Wall

There’s still time for adults ages 65 and older to enroll in Pamlico Community College’s free Basic Computers for Seniors course, which is scheduled to begin April 9.

The course, which is offered at the college’s Grantsboro campus, teaches senior adults the basics of operating a computer, including how to send emails, use the Internet and navigate software programs.

The next session will meet Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. It will conclude June 25.

PCC is able to offer this course to men and women 65 and older at no charge through an ongoing partnership with Agape Love in Action, Inc., which is an organization led by Corliss Udoema.

PCC Chair of Continuing Education and Technical Programs Lori Giles said the course helps to make computers and the Internet easy to understand for men and women who have not had experience with them.

“People who never thought they’d be able to use a computer learn to do so and to be comfortable with it,” she said. “Participants say they enjoy the relaxed and fun atmosphere of the classes. I encourage men and women to give it a try.”

Students younger than 65 also can enroll in the course, but must pay the \$70.55 fee.

For more information about the course or to register, please call 252-249-1851, ext. 3015.

Sandy Wall can be reached at 252-249-1851, ext. 3010, or swall@pamlicocc.edu.



Instructor Dr. Karen McCarten, standing at left, will teach the next session of Pamlico Community College’s Basic Computers for Seniors course. The popular course is available free for adults ages 65 and older through a collaboration with Agape Love in Action, Inc. Contributed photo

Former Pamlico News Reporter to Receive Journalism Degree

by: Hiram Lupton



When Cooper Metts was sitting on press row along the sidelines of the Dean Smith Center, covering the state high school basketball championship game for The Pamlico News back in 2019, it must have seemed like he was living a dream. “That is still the most fun thing I have ever reported on,” said Metts, a 2019 graduate of Pamlico County High School and a sports reporter for the newspaper his senior year of high school. At that time, he envisioned himself working for ESPN or a similar sports-based news organization. Flash forward to 2024 and Cooper is about to realize his educational goal, as he is set to graduate this May from the University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and Media with a double major in Journalism and Economics. His point of emphasis in journalism has changed a bit however, from athletics to business, thus the additional degree in economics. He has also learned much more about the actual reporting. “Numbers and statistics are always going to be important to a story. The who, what, when and where are the basic questions you have to answer,” says Metts, but It is how those numbers relate to real human beings and their situations that becomes the real story. It is part of how you answer

the how and why of the story.” He counts his most rewarding story he has reported on thus far as an economic development project that is bringing semiconductor manufacturer Wolfspeed to Siler City. “This project will bring approximately 8500 jobs to their area with an average annual salary of \$70,000 so it could be a huge economic benefit for them.” The project also has its challenges to overcome including the sewage and wastewater limitations in Siler City and Pittsboro. “I never thought of that as being something that could affect business,” he said. “But it definitely affected them.” As a journalism and economics double major, Metts is fascinated by what these types of economic development projects mean for the people they affect, especially in lower income communities or areas in development. Along his route to pursuing either a business reporting career or a job in governmental economic development, the classes Metts has taken for the Business Journalism certificate have allowed him to concentrate his upper-level journalism classes on his area of interest — and gain versatile skills like reading and understanding business filings from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). “That’s something that I definitely don’t do in economics, but I have done it in my journalism classes,” Metts said. “I think I’ve also learned a lot about networking with people specifically for sources for stories, and I’ve learned a lot about how to find stories.” The first stop for Cooper after graduation will be an internship at The Charlotte Observer where he will be primarily covering business. That’s just the next rung of the career ladder to the top for Cooper that started by covering sports for The Pamlico News.



Cooper courtside at the Dean Smith Center covering the Lady Hurricanes basketball team as they win the NCHSAA state championship in 2019.



Metts in the press box at Duke’s Wallace Wade Stadium for the 2018 NCHSAA football championships.

PCA Students Help Out at the PC Heritage Center

Article and photos by Hazel Alcock

Students from Pamlico Christian Academy toured the Pamlico County Museum and Heritage Center on Monday and set up chairs for the Pamlico County Historical Association’s Snapshot meeting. They were accompanied by their teacher, Sharon French, and assistant Jackie Lockey. The group was serving the community as part of the school’s annual ServeENC project.



According to the Cleveland Clinic

A good joke can liven up any social engagement, but the value of humor goes well beyond breaking the ice at parties and other get-togethers. According to the Cleveland Clinic, laughter can activate the parasympathetic nervous system, which helps to lower heart rate and help people breathe more easily. Given such benefits, it’s no surprise that laughter has been linked to a host of medical benefits, including stress relief and improved heart health.



**Land/Home Sales
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Agent of the Week
Susan Adams
Broker/Veteran
Here’s what one of Susan’s customers had to say...

“The words are few, but the thanks are many.” We appreciate all your efforts to find us a home in Oriental. You’re a lovely lady and it has been a pleasure working with you. You are a delight!
Steve and Janice, SC



MINNESOTT BEACH – First floor 2BR/2BA Sea Gull Villas waterfront condo with perfect Neuse River views, private sandy beach, gazebo & swimming pool. Recently remodeled kitchen with granite countertops, granite back splash, all new high-end cabinets & drawers and brand new appliances. No flood insurance needed; you are 30’ above sea level.
OFFERED AT \$ 225,000



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2.5BA, sunny kitchen overlooking Green Creek. Fireplace, spiral staircase, vaulted ceilings. Third bedroom used as office has built-in desks, cabinets & shelves.
OFFERED AT \$399,500



ORIENTAL – Whittaker Creek fully-bulkheaded waterfront **3BR/2BA** with dock on protected deep-water in the Heart of the Village. Private backyard with spacious raised deck & covered screened porch. Sun room with bookcases overlooks creek, updated kitchen, formal dining room with brick gas-log fireplace, walk-in pantry, laundry room and office ideal for a work-from-home occupation.
OFFERED AT \$ 580,000



ORIENTAL – Impeccable 3BR/2BA waterfront on Broad Creek in Forestshore Estates community. Sits on 0.99 acres of deep-water that is sail boat accessible with wide-water views and is only a few minutes from Oriental. This 2,710 hsf open-concept home offers pristine water views from almost every room. Spacious waterfront deck and large screened porch, deep-water boat dock can accommodate a 50’ boat and has a 7,000 pound boat lift for your favorite power boat. Easy access to the Pamlico Sound, ICW and multiple inlets to the Atlantic Ocean. Transferrable flood policy (\$755.00/year). Has a 2-car garage/workshop with a walk-up floored attic with abundant storage space.
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GRANTSBORO – 3BR/3.5BA, waterfront on Beard Creek has concrete boat dock with step-down platform for launching kayaks. Halfway between New Bern & Oriental, features gas-log fireplace, cook’s kitchen, waterfront deck, waterfront screened porch, zoned HVAC system, two Rinnai tankless propane hot water heaters, 8 KW gas Generac generator, 2-car garage / workshop and concrete driveway.
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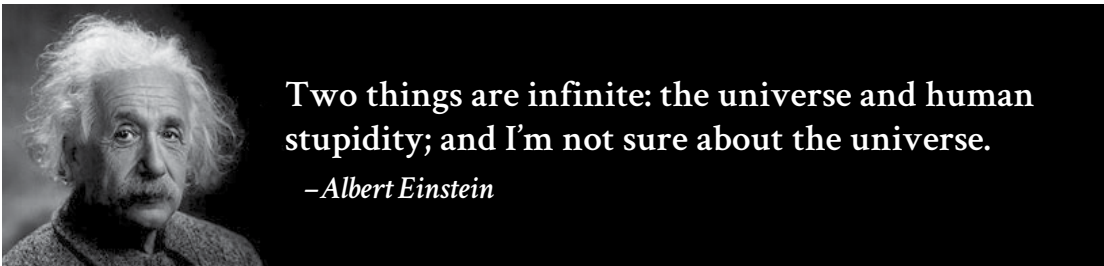
THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- April 3rd – 1882, Outlaw Jesse James is shot in the back by his friend Bob Ford. Some friend he turned out to be.
- April 4th – Today is National School Librarian Day. It is also National Hug a Newsperson Day.
- April 5th – 1722, Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen discovered Easter Island. That's where those big heads are.
- April 6th – Today is National Teflon Day celebrating the day it was invented.
- April 7th – Today is International Beaver Day.
- April 8th – Today is Eclipse Day.
- April 9th – Today is National Library Workers Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 3rd – 1961, Actor and Comedian Eddie Murphy
- April 3rd – 1924, Actor Marlon Brando
- April 4th – 1965, Actor Robert Downey, Jr.
- April 4th – 1928, Poet Marguerite Annie Johnson (Mya Angelou)
- April 5th – 1949, Astronaut Judith Resnick
- April 6th – 1937, Singer/Composer Merle Haggard
- April 8th – 1946, Baseball Hall-of-Famer Jim “Catfish” Hunter (in Hertford, N. C.)
- April 9th – 1926, Publisher of Playboy Magazine Hugh Hefner



Alliance Insurance Services Promotes Safe Driving

by Offering Scholarship Money

(Winston-Salem, NC) In recognition of April as “Distracted Driving Month”, Alliance Insurance Services will be awarding money for college to three students who produce the best videos on the dangers of distracted driving.

“We’re doing this because teen drivers are nearly three times more likely than adults to die in an automobile crash”, said Christopher Cook, owner of Alliance Insurance Services. “These deaths could be prevented if we can just convince teenagers not to text, eat, or talk on the phone while driving.” Competition for the scholarship money is open to any North Carolina student planning to enroll in a community college or university this fall. The video can be up to three minutes in length and must be submitted by March 31.

Alliance Insurance Services will be awarding three cash prizes. First place wins \$1,750, second place \$ 900, and third place \$350.

Video submissions should be emailed to pamcook@aol.com. Winners will be announced during the first week in April.

For more information visit [Contact Us](#) - Alliance Insurance (myallianceinsurance.com)

Concerned about your drinking?
You are not alone, there is help available!
Come join others who have found a Solution!
Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 633-3716
Meetings in Pamlico County:

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

OTHER RECOVERY RESOURCES IN PAMLICO COUNTY

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

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COMMUNITY

PCS Evening with the Arts

My America Is.

Pamlico County Schools celebrated the annual **Evening with the Arts!** This year's theme was **My America Is.** The celebration recognized the importance of The Arts in our schools! March is "Arts In Our Schools" month. This event highlights the beneficial effect The Arts have on students' education and success. Young artists showcased a variety of paintings, drawings, prints, bookmaking, and sculptures in grades K-12 (teachers - Melinda McDaniel, Jamee Rose, and Holly Bradley). The Pamlico Sound Jazz Ensemble, a mixture of 10 band students from 7th - 12th grade, kicked off the event (teacher - Jim Durham). Student chorus groups performed from FAA, PCMS, and PCHS (teachers - Dawn Wilson, Mitch Meador, and Nancy Prescott).

Advanced Culinary students designed a menu and prepared a tasting inspired by American paintings (teacher - Keith Reese). The Junior ELA students wrote and recited poetry inspired by the theme My America is...(teacher - Simone Collins). Spanish class students lead various presentations about famous Hispanic-American people who have contributed to the United States and positively impacted the history of America (teacher - Martha Pinilla). The evening concluded with the Music In Our Schools Concert performed by the Pamlico Symphonic Band, a group of thirty band students, 8th - 12th grade. Pamlico County Schools is proud of all the students who participated in making this a successful night!



Prime Time provides services and activities promoting the physical, social, mental and spiritual well being of individuals aged 50+ in Oriental and surrounding Pamlico County. Prime Time partners with numerous organizations bringing together many resources helping area residents sustain an enriched and independent quality of life.

Director Phone: 252-675-0909 • Email: director@primetimepamlico.org

Breakfast with Friends

April 4, 11, 18, 25
8:30am
Brantley's
Join us for Breakfast with Friends every Thursday morning at Brantley's. Start your day off right by enjoying a delicious breakfast with great company. Whether you're a regular or a first-timer, we welcome you to come and join us for a fun and casual morning. Brantley's offers a variety of breakfast options to suit everyone's taste buds.
All are invited!

Prayer Shawl

April 4, 11, 18, 25
10am - 11:30am
OUMC Fellowship Hall
Our Prayer Shawl group gathers every Thursday to crochet, knit, and enjoy each other's company. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting, we welcome you to join. In addition to crafting, our group also offers a time of prayer and reflection, as we create shawls to be given to those in need of comfort and warmth. So come and join us for a morning of creativi-

ty, community, and compassion. Please call Leigh Price for details. 919.219.2446.

Creative Card Making

April 10
10am-Noon
The class will meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday to make cards and enjoy each other's company. The class is led by Cheryl Mcaskill, a Stampin'Up demonstrator. She will provide most of the supplies needed, and each person will make 8 cards during the class. Class Limited to ten people. Cost for paper supplies is \$25/month.
Advance Registration is Required director@primetime-pamlico.org

Game Day

April 10
2pm - 4pm
OUMC Fellowship Hall
Prime Time Game Day is returning to the Oriental United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an afternoon of fun-filled board games, cards and fellowship! Beginners are welcome with hands on

instruction offered by other players.

Celebrating Caregivers – Luncheon & Panel Discussion

April 24
Noon - 1:15 pm
OUMC Fellowship Hall
We invite you to join Prime Time for an insightful panel discussion focused on various techniques to enhance self-care during your caregiving journey. This event is open to all, providing an opportunity for individuals to support their friends and family members in their caregiving roles. As caregiving is a role many of us may assume at some point in our lives, this discussion aims to equip attendees with valuable tools and strategies for maintaining their well-being while caring for others. Kindly RSVP by April 15 to secure your spot at this empowering event.

Joining the panel: January Brown, ECC Area Agency on Aging; Violet Ollison, Pamlico County Senior Services.

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Grit and guts will get you what you deserve this week, Aries. You may have an opportunity to make a good deal of money, so give this plan careful consideration. Ask for advice if the need arises.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, there has been change in your life and you may want to blame the stars. Things will move out of your comfort zone and you will have to sharpen your ability to adapt.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may be questioning the relationships in your life at the time being, but don't worry too much. If you hit a rough patch, things will clear up in a few days.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
A big shift in your perception and attitude will bring new components to your life that you may not have anticipated. This week you'll certainly have a few eyes-wide-open moments.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
There will be no hiding out this week, Leo. You will soon learn that things will come your way at a rapid pace. Do your best to keep up, mighty Lion, as it's bound to be exciting.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you might be willing to throw caution to the wind and get away on a moment's notice. There are affordable ways to do this if you are willing to do your homework.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, even though some drama may be swirling in your universe, you find it tolerable because it's coming at you in small portions. Just stay on the sidelines as much as possible.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if boredom has set in, it's better to look to new experiences instead of doing something rash just for the thrill. See which classes you can take or find new restaurants to explore.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Self-care and healing are what you should focus on right now, Sagittarius. You may have been pushing your needs to the side lately and you need to make this a priority.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You are not normally characterized as “impulsive,” Capricorn. But you may surprise everyone this week. An opportunity to travel or another adventure could drop in your lap.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Try to create some tranquil spaces at home, Aquarius. You can use a haven, especially when a lot of stuff is thrown at you outside your home.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you may be on a mission this week to get things done. Don't rush in your efforts to complete everything or you are bound to make mistakes that are not easily fixed.

ARIES Traits & Overview

The first sign of the Zodiac, Aries are the trailblazers. Passionate and independent, Aries will never do something just because everyone else is doing it—a Ram needs to be 100 percent committed to the task at hand. Competitive to the max, the best way to motivate an Aries is to turn something into a contest. Aries will put everything they have (and then some) into winning. Loyal, smart, and impulsive, they always have multiple projects on their mind, and won't be satisfied until their work, social life, and personal lives line up exactly with the dream life they've envisioned. Those who are drawn to magnetic Aries may have trouble keeping up—but if they can, they'll have a friend for life.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

FINANCIAL FOCUS

When should you take Social Security?



Dan M. Roberts

One of your important sources of retirement income will likely be Social Security — but when should you start taking it?

You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your checks will be considerably bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You could even wait until you're 70, at which point the payments will max out, except for yearly cost-of-living adjustments. But if you need the money, you need the money, even if you're just 62 or any age before full retirement age.

However, if you have adequate financial resources to meet your monthly needs, whether through earned income, your investment portfolio or a combination of the two, you could have some flexibility in choosing when to take Social Security. In this case, you may want to weigh these considerations:

- Life expectancy – For all of us, it's one of life's great mysteries: How long will we live? Of course, we can't see into the future, so the question can't be answered with total confidence. But to make an informed decision on when to take Social Security, you don't need to know your exact lifespan — you just need to make a reasonably good estimate. So, for example, if you're approaching 62, you're enjoying excellent health and you have a family history of longevity, you might conclude it's worth waiting a few years to collect Social Security, so you can receive the bigger payments. Conversely, if your health is questionable and your family has not been fortunate in terms of longevity, you might want to start taking your benefits earlier.
- Employment – You can certainly continue working and still receive Social Security benefits. However, if you're

under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct \$1 from your benefits for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit of \$22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above \$59,520. So, you may want to keep these reductions in mind when deciding when to begin accepting benefits. Once you reach your full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing benefits. (Also, at your full retirement age, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amount to credit you for the months you received reduced benefits because of your excess earnings.)

- Spouse – Spouses can receive two types of Social Security benefits: spousal and survivor. With a spousal benefit, your spouse can receive up to 50% of your full retirement benefits, regardless of when you start taking them. (Your spouse's benefit can be reduced by the amount of their own retirement benefit and whether they took Social Security before their full retirement age.) But with a survivor benefit, your decision about when to take Social Security can make a big difference. A surviving spouse can receive the larger of their own benefit or 100% of a deceased spouse's benefit, so if you take benefits early and receive a permanent reduction, your spouse's survivor benefit may also be reduced for their lifetime.

When to take Social Security is an important — and irrevocable — decision. So, consider all the factors before making your choice.

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

Fire Ants Springing Up

Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Now that spring has arrived, this may be your first opportunity of the year to take action against fire ants as temperatures warm and ants rise closer to the surface.

Fire ants can be found in many locations across Pamlico County including sidewalks, lawns, fields and roadsides. For those unfamiliar with fire ants, they can STING. Within 24-hours after a person is stung, a pustule-like sore often forms at each sting site and is often accompanied by excessive itching. For many this is just a nuisance, but for those who are allergic this can be dangerous. Fire ants build large colonies underground, with portions of the colony above ground in visible mounds. Smaller colonies may go undetected in the landscape until heavy rainfall occurs, which results in more visible mounds closer to the surface as fire ants seek refuge from accumulating groundwater.

Frequent mowing or harassment of mounds may discourage some ants from remaining in a location, but will not reduce populations. A common approach to fire ant control involves a two-step treatment using fire ant bait and individual mound treatments. First, ant bait products are broadcast near active mounds, which the ants will collect and bring back to the colony. It is best to check that ants are actively feeding before broadcasting a bait by placing a potato chip or slice of hotdog near a mound. If, after 5-10 minutes, ants are found feeding on the potato chip or hotdog slice, you know there is a good chance the ants will feed on your bait. If little to no activity is found after 30-minutes, then it is probably best to wait until the ants are more active.



Bait products work best when conditions are dry and insects can actively forage. Many bait products (Amdro Fire Ant Bait, Extinguish, etc.) contain active ingredients that prevent growth or interfere with basic life functions resulting in death of insects. This process may take several days, so be patient. Follow-up treatments should occur 5-7 days later, and focused on targeting visible mounds that are still active. Mound treatments (Ortho Fire Ant Killer, Sevin, etc.) tend to work in hours versus days, but proper application is required. Active ingredients in these products require direct contact with fire ants and some products require water to be applied to move the chemical down into the mound for greater contact.

When using insecticides, ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE LABEL DIRECTIONS. This is important because the efficacy of your application hinges on

your ability to follow proper application methodology. Citizens should understand that a single application will not result in complete eradication of fire ants. Fire ants are constantly moving and many colony locations are not easily identifiable from the soil surface. What few insects you control today can easily be replaced by other insects moving in from other locations. Your goal should be to manage the population of fire ants within your landscape to a level where human interactions are minimized. All pesticide labels will contain additional information for safety precautions and hazards that exist for pets and wildlife. In general, following the instructions on the pesticide label will help to ensure safety for all.

For more information on fire ants and recommended products for their control review our NC State Extension fire ant factsheet at <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/insects/fire-ants-in-turf/>. You can also contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

Disclaimer: Recommendations for the use of agricultural chemicals are included in this article as a convenience to the reader. The use of brand names and any mention or listing of commercial products or services in this publication does not imply endorsement by NC State University or N.C. A&T State University nor discrimination against similar products or services not mentioned. Individuals who use agricultural chemicals are responsible for ensuring that the intended use complies with current regulations and conforms to the product label. Be sure to obtain current information about usage regulations and examine a current product label before applying any chemical. For assistance, contact your local N.C. Cooperative Extension County center.

Take to the road on various types of motorcycles

Motorcycles share the roadways with cars and trucks. Many enthusiasts enjoy riding motorcycles because they provide a visceral experience with the great outdoors. The feeling of the wind and sun is more pronounced on a bike than behind the wheel of a car.

JD Power says motorcycles account for 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States. In 2022, there were 829,892 registered motorcycles in Canada, according to Statistics Canada. Registrations have increased each year since the organization has kept track.

Individuals considering adding a motorcycle to their vehicular portfolio have a lot of options from which to choose. Some may be surprised to find out there are many different types of bikes.

- Cruiser: A cruiser is an American-style motorcycle designed for long journeys. They are large, heavy bikes with handlebars that keep the hands almost parallel to the ground. The seat also provides a relaxed position for the body, and a comfortable suspension corrects irregularities of the road.
- Sportbikes: Sportbikes are cost-effective, reliable and fast. They are easily cus-



tomizable and come in a variety of sizes. Although they are popular, comfort is not one of the main features of sportbikes. Aggressive body position and a steep rake angle make these less comfortable to ride than other bikes.

- Standard (Naked): These are simple and versatile bikes that have no windshields, a more upright body positioning, and no plastic parts or elements of lining. It is a category of sportbike that is stripped down.
- Motocross: These bikes are for those serious about dirt riding. Most motocross bikes are not legal for road use and are featured in strictly off-road racing. They're often called dirtbikes.

- Adventure: Adventure bikes are designed for having fun. They are sturdy and usually outfitted with a tall seat height, tall windshield, upright seating positioning, and ample suspension. Some adventure bikes have luggage options and also may come equipped with on-road/off-road tires.
- Touring: A sportier version of cruisers, these motorcycles are designed to take comfort to the extreme. Smooth handling, heated seats, cruise control, and even cup holders make touring bikes perfect for long trips.
- Supermoto: A Supermoto is a single-cylinder motor bike with the fast action of a dirtbike that is allowed on the streets. Its youthful appeal makes it quite popular.
- Scooter: Scooters are less popular in North America than in Europe, but they've gained some steam here in urban areas. They are usually automatic, making them easier to ride for novices. The frame design of scooters is called an underbone, which leaves plenty of space from the rider's legs to the front of the scooter.

Motorcycles come in many different styles, ensuring there's one to suit all types of riders.



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Eclipse 2024

Apocalypse?...Nah, just a Predictable Astronomical Event

by: Hiram Lupton

In case you hadn't heard, on April 8, the world is coming to an end. Well maybe I exaggerate a little, but if you were alive hundreds of years ago and the sun was suddenly darkened in the middle of the day, you'd probably think it was a bit of a bad omen. This year's total eclipse will be the first to cross the U. S since 2017, and the next one won't occur until 2045, so if you are like me and are reaching mature status, you probably should enjoy this one. The path of totality, meaning maximum coverage of the sun, will cut a swath from the southwest to the northeast beginning in Texas and continuing to Maine, and pass over 12 states. Here in Pamlico County, we should see about 70% of the sun blocked by the moon. The first sign of this will begin here about 2:01 PM and will reach its maximum at 3:17 PM. By 4:30 PM it will all be over in our area. Centuries ago, this event would have probably provoked the feeling of impending doom, much like election day does for us now. The sun and the moon played such a big role in ancient civilizations that it would stand to reason that the darkening of one by the other would cause alarm. In Eastern Asia, as well as the Town of Oriental, it was believed that during eclipses dragons were attacking the sun. That the sun was being attacked or swallowed by an animal is common in other cultures as well. Ancient Egypt believed it to be a snake, while the Nordic peoples believed the mischievous god Loki was unleashing a pair of wolves to devour both celestial bodies. In Vietnam, legend has it that a giant frog swallows the sun. Native American tribes also believed that it was an animal devouring the sun, for the Andeans it was a Puma, the northwestern Americans believed it to be a bear, and the Choctaw thought it was a black squirrel. Regardless of what animal it was, these cultures believed they should scare it into spitting out the sun and going away, usually by lighting fires, shooting flaming arrows into the sky, or by banging drums and noise makers. Many of these cultures also believed that an eclipse was a foreteller of doom and misfortune, usually associated with whoever their leader was at the time. One exception to the doom and gloom scenario was found in the Navajo peoples of the American southwest. They believed that eclipses were a time of renewal and reflection. They had a deeply held respect for the cosmic order of the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth. Their elders would instruct the people to go inside their dwellings and sit quietly in reverence during the event. They also stressed to the people to not look directly into the eclipse, and unless you have the proper protective glasses, it is something we should also avoid. Whether the Navajos knew it or not, looking directly at an eclipse can damage your eyesight.

As the Bruce Springsteen song lyric of “Blinded by the Light” says:
Mama always told me not to look into the eyes of the sun
But Mama, that’s where the fun is
Good advice. Listen to your mama on eclipse Day 2024. The world won’t come to an end on April 8. That won’t happen until November 5.

Gardening offers more than a day in the sun

Millions of people embrace opportunities to get back in their gardens each spring, and they might be reaping more rewards from that activity than they realize. According to the American Institute of Stress, gardening sparks a level of creativity among enthusiasts, and that can help to alleviate stress by lowering levels of the hormone cortisol.



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CarolinaEast Medical Center to Participate in 2024 Organ Donation Awareness Flag-Raising Ceremony

The Donate Life flag was first introduced in 2006 and since then, the flag has become a national symbol of unity, remembrance, and hope while honoring those touched by donation and transplantation. Over the past 18 years, more than 50,000 Donate Life flags have flown across the United States.

HonorBridge, formerly known as Carolina Donor Services, is the federally designated, not-for-profit organ procurement organization serving 7.5 million people in 78 counties in North Carolina, along with Pittsylvania County in Virginia. As North Carolina's largest organ donation and tissue recovery organization, HonorBridge facilitated 388 organ donations, 1,067 tissue donations, and 1,003 organ transplants, and saved 912 lives in 2023.

In January 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recognized CarolinaEast Medical Center for outstanding participation and collaboration with HonorBridge. CarolinaEast Medical Center received Platinum Recognition for saving and improving lives by promoting the live-saving gift of organ, eye, and tissue donation and increasing registered donors across the country.

Anyone 18 years old or older with a North Carolina Driver's License can register as an organ donor regardless of age, health, gender, or ethnic or racial background. To register as an organ, tissue, and eye donor, visit www.honorbridge.org/registerme/ or your local North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office.



About CarolinaEast Medical Center

CarolinaEast Health System has been serving the growing needs of the coastal North Carolina community since 1963. In addition to the system's flagship, 350 bed CarolinaEast Medical Center, CarolinaEast includes a rehabilitation hospital, free- standing surgery center, the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center, and numerous CarolinaEast Physician practices providing primary and specialty care for all phases of life from offices in four counties.

Moderate-intensity activities that can improve overall health



Exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle. The current Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services indicates adults need 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each week. But what constitutes moderate-intensity physical activity?

Moderate-intensity physical activity gets the heart pumping, but only around one in five adults and teens get enough exercise to maintain good health, says the American Heart Association. It may be because people are having difficulty figuring out what constitutes moderate-intensity activity. Here is a more detailed explanation of the types of activities considered moderate-intensity.

- Walking very briskly (roughly four miles per hour)
- Heavy cleaning, like washing windows, vacuuming and mopping

- Mowing the lawn with a power mower
- Bicycling with light effort (10 to 12 miles per hour)
- Playing recreational badminton
- Playing doubles tennis
- Slow dancing
- Shooting a basketball
- Water aerobics
- Playing volleyball
- Heavy gardening
- Painting and decorating

Anything that doesn't increase heart rate and breathing speed will not count as moderate-intensity activity towards the recommended amount of activity. However, any exercise is better than no exercise at all. As long as an activity breaks up long periods of sitting still, doctors say it is still beneficial.



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Oriental Woman's Garden Club April Yard of the Month



We are pleased to announce the winner of the April Yard of the month. Paul Kobiela's intricate landscape gardens are located at 15 Hudnell Lane in Oriental.

He has created numerous contained beds that are planted with climbing roses, Heirloom Roses, Camellia's, Azaleas, numerous perennials, annuals, trees, and accent foliage. He has had a life-long love of creating beautiful gardens and advised that this garden is an evolving work in progress. As Spring arrives his garden will be a magnificent colorful spectacle to enjoy throughout the four seasons.

Congratulations Paul.

Pamlico Wildlife



We appreciate all the readers who have sent us pictures for our "Pamlico Wildlife" photo feature. If you'd like to share your Pamlico Wildlife photos please email them to frontdesk@thepamliconews.com. Please include your name and roughly where in Pamlico County it was taken.

SPORTS

Pamlico Drops a Pair Last Week

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School baseball squad stepped out of conference before Easter break last week, dropping a pair of games to tough opponents. On Tuesday they travelled to Martin County to tangle with Bear Grass Charter and the Hurricanes came up short, losing 9-2. One bad inning seems to do Pamlico in and in this game, it was the second, with Bear Grass scoring 6 runs. The Pamlico offense only managed three hits for the evening. The next evening the Hurricanes hosted Havelock in what turned into a pitcher's duel. Ross McLamb was excellent

on the mound for Pamlico, going 6 and a third innings and only giving up 2 hits and 1 run, but that run was enough for the Rams as Pamlico could not put any runs on the board in the 1-0 loss. Pamlico also played a rare Saturday Easter tournament game versus Columbia, with the Hurricanes taking out some frustration on the Wildcats, handing them a 21-7 loss, which included a 15-run outburst in the 2nd inning and 18 total hits. Nearly all the Hurricane hitters got into the act, with Lucas Browne, Ross McLamb, and Brady Caccavaro leading the way with 3 hits each.



Ayden Broughton



Ross McLamb confers with Head Coach Chris Davis

Lady ‘Canes Get Big Road Win

by: Hiram Lupton

The Lady ‘Canes of Pamlico County High School travelled to Bear Grass Charter School last Tuesday to do battle with the Bears. Bear Grass is a perennial 1A softball power in the east, so this would be a good measuring stick for the Hurricanes. As she so often does, Peyton Robinson got things going early for Pamlico with a leadoff triple. She then came home to score on Layla Prescott's RBI groundout. Bear Grass answered back with a pair of

runs in their half of the first, but the Hurricanes were undeterred, scoring 3 runs in their half of the second. It went back and forth until entering the 7th and final inning, the home team made things tight, plating 3 runs before Adyson Foreman snagged a Bear flyball in centerfield for the final out. Pamlico was led by Robinson and Layla Ireland with a pair of hits each. Prescott went the distance in the circle for the ‘Canes, striking out 5 to pick up the win.



Avery Cain drives in Layla Ireland against Bear Grass



Layla Ireland comes home to score

BOC Discusses Ambulance/Rescue District Tax

by: Hiram Lupton

Taxes. The very mention of the word is cringeworthy. However disainful they are, taxes are a necessary evil in order to provide services for a county or municipality. At their Monday meeting, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners discussed a new tax, an ambulance/rescue service district tax, to help provide much needed funds for the Pamlico County Rescue Squad. This would possibly be administered much like the current fire district tax, through an additional fee added to property tax bills. All of the funds generated by this tax would be used specifically for the rescue squad. The Pamlico County Rescue Squad currently receives much of its funding from the County budget and can often fall victim to cuts in that funding from year to year. This tax has been discussed previously by commissioners with no clear resolution to its implementation. That was the primary reason for it to be placed on the agenda at Monday's meeting. As County Manager Tim Buck explained to the Commissioners, if this is to be implemented in this (2024-25) budget cycle, it has to be acted on now in order for all Pamlico County property owners to be notified, public hearings scheduled, a district to be established and all the other legalities satisfied. Another timeline issue is that all the municipalities within Pamlico County would also have to meet and vote on the proposed tax. Most of the Commissioners who voiced an opinion during the discussion seemed to be in favor of the rescue district tax, however there were concerns about the time needed to properly implement it. Commissioner Ed Riggs felt that "the County shouldn't try to steamroll this too quickly." Commissioner Missy Baskervill, who loathes the very word tax, was in favor of the rescue district tax due to the possibility that it could preclude a general County tax increase. "When ever you start the budget process and it is out of balance, you have to do one of two things, cut funding or raise revenue. No one likes a tax, but people can be more receptive of it if they know exactly what it is to be used for." She also concurred with Commissioner Riggs that to do it properly and legally, the timeframe was just too tight. After much discussion, the Commissioners agreed to revisit this issue next fall, after the upcoming budget cycle is finished.



Grilling is a summertime tradition, but health-conscious grillmasters may want to marinate their meats before cooking them over an open flame. Heterocyclic aromatic amines (HAAs) are compounds that can form when meats are cooked over an open flame. HAAs are suspected carcinogens, but a 2008 study published in the Journal of Food Science found that, with a few exceptions, spice-containing marinades inhibited the formation of heterocyclic amines, thus providing reduced exposure to some of the carcinogens formed during grilling.

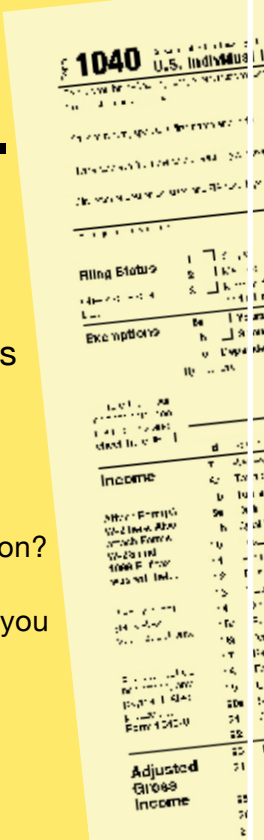
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NORTH CAROLINIANS IMPACTED BY DEMENTIA URGED TO ATTEND STATE ALZHEIMER’S ADVOCACY DAY ON MAY 7

Advocates for all forms of dementia will address the need for public health prioritization

RALEIGH, N.C. – Feb. 28, 2024 – The Alzheimer’s Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter and Alzheimer’s Association - Western North Carolina Chapter are calling on North Carolinians to turn the North Carolina State Capitol purple for Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia on Tuesday, May 7. The date marks North Carolina Advocacy Day 2024 when advocates from around the state will convene in Raleigh to support the fight against Alzheimer’s.



The event – which takes place from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. beginning at the North Carolina Museum of History – will be an opportunity for the public and those affected by Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia to take action and speak up for the needs and rights of people living with and their families. Attendees will learn about the legislative process; meet face-to-face with elected officials; share their personal story with key decision makers; and bring awareness to the importance of the Alzheimer’s Association’s public policy priorities.

The costs of Alzheimer’s on North Carolina are unsustainable. Dementia caregivers bear nearly twice the average out-of-pocket costs of non-dementia caregivers, having to cover medical care, personal care and household expenses for the person with dementia. In 2023, the total national cost of caring for individuals with Alzheimer’s and other dementia was projected to reach \$345 billion. The Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer’s in North Carolina are estimated at \$1.3 billion. By 2025, these costs are projected to increase by 22%.

“Alzheimer’s disease is one of the most critical public health issues in America. This is why we unrelentingly advocate for public policies that increase quality of life and support all those affected,” said Katherine L. Lambert, Alzheimer’s Association Regional Leader for NC, SC & GA. “Representation from our communities across North Carolina is paramount. That’s why we urge as many people as possible to join us for our North Carolina Advocacy Day. By working together, we are making an impact.”

Attendees will hear an overview of the public health crisis of Alzheimer’s in North Carolina. They will also learn more about North Carolina’s first and only dementia-specific state respite care plan, Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty), including its current funding limits and why a funding increase has become necessary. Advocates will be speaking to elected officials and their designated representatives regarding a few key areas:

Codifying the Dementia-Capable North Carolina State Plan to ensure infrastructure is established to address the growing dementia crisis.

Establishing evidence based training for court appointed guardians for those with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia.

Learning of the importance of dementia-specific training for all Adult Protective Services workers in the field throughout North Carolina.

There is no charge to participate, but registration is required to ensure an accurate headcount. No prior experience required, but attendees will be asked to participate in a training call prior to the event. Sign up at tinyurl.com/ALZNCStateAdvocacyDay2024 or by calling 800-272-3900.

Additional Facts and Figures: (alz.org/facts)

An estimated 6.7 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer’s dementia, including 180,000 North Carolina residents, a number estimated to grow to as many as 210,000 by 2025.

Nationally, more than 11 million caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias. In North Carolina, 369,000 caregivers provide a total of 533 million hours of unpaid care, valued at a total of \$8 billion.

One in three seniors dies with Alzheimer’s or other dementia. Nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer’s —3.9 million—are women. Older non-Hispanic Blacks and Hispanic Americans are disproportionately more likely than older whites to have Alzheimer’s or other dementias.

About the Alzheimer’s Association:

The Alzheimer’s Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia®.

About the Alzheimer’s Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter:

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter provides patient and family services, information and referral, education, and advocacy in 51 eastern North Carolina counties. It offers opportunities to get involved and to make a difference, in addition to a variety of services including: a 24/7 Helpline, support groups, educational programs and care consultations. For more information about Alzheimer’s disease, or the Alzheimer’s Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter, visit alz.org/nc or call 800-272-3900. For the latest news and updates, follow us on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram.



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Selling a Boat This Year? Don't Forget These 4 Critical Paperwork Tasks

SPRINGFIELD, Va., Mar. 4, 2024 – The spring boat-buying season is upon us, much to the delight of boat sellers, some of whom may be eager to unload their boats after racking up off-season storage bills. However, when a boat is sold, sellers need to understand – sometimes for safety reasons – that they aren't in the free and clear until critical paperwork is done right. Here is a seller's paperwork to-do list from Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS).

- 1.Cancel the boat insurance policy.** This is the first thing most boat sellers do right. It's super important to cancel a vessel's insurance policy once the sale goes through. Not doing so potentially adds unnecessary risk and potential liability to the seller. Also don't forget to cancel any automatic bank payments that were set up to pay policy premiums.
- 2.Release the DSC-VHF radio's Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number.** If you're selling your boat, remember a key fact about MMSI's: Once issued, the MMSI number stays assigned to the boat (installed VHF radios). The emergency contact information, among other data, requires updating. If a seller forgets to release the MMSI number to the buyer, a future mayday distress aboard the vessel could delay first responders. BoatUS members can release or update an MMSI for no cost at BoatUS.com/MMSI.
- 3.Have an EPIRB aboard?** A seller will need to ensure an Emergency Position-Indicating Rescue Beacon (EPIRB) attached to the boat is updated with new owner contact information. To update an EPIRB go to NOAA's Beacon Registration site and change the status to "Sold/Transferred." Once this happens, the new owner can register the beacon in their name with their own emergency contact information.
- 4.Contact the state boat registration agency to advise them the boat was sold.** Sending a letter by mail or email to your state's boat registration agency acknowledging the boat has a new owner may help prevent future misdirected registration renewal



Boat sellers need to understand the importance of taking care of all the paperwork when they sell their boat. Not doing so could impact the safety of the new

notices. In some states it is a legal requirement to report any change in vessel ownership status within a certain number of days with the name of the purchaser, purchase price and date of sale.

To help make buying and selling easier, BoatUS offers a free Boat Buying and Selling Guide and other helpful resources at BoatUS.com/Guide.



Pamlico County High School and Middle School Chapters on the Rise

Friday April 1st at 5:45 am our high school and middle school Skills USA chapters headed off to Fayetteville tech for their regional rally. For a lot of members this was there first, but not all. We were honored to have two of our high school students serve on the regional officer board, Wyatt Johnson as treasurer and Quamori Miller reporter. The tension was high from arrival to the awards ceremony, but our Canes did their thing!

- High-school medalist:**
- Architectural Drafting - Brooklyn 2nd
 - Carpentry - Ethan 5th
 - Creed - Aniyah 4th
 - Culinary - Chase 1st
 - Culinary - Joey 3rd
 - Extemporaneous Poster - Henry 2nd
 - Health Knowledge Bowl - Laney, Brinley, Hayley 2nd
 - Job Interview - Diana 4th
 - Photography- Quamori 1st
 - Photography- Wyatt 3rd
 - Pin Design - Caroline 3rd
 - Pin Design - LoriBeth 5th
- Middle school medalist:**
- Creed: Antonio 2nd, Jenna 1st
 - Extemporaneous Poster: Melody 1st, Mia 2nd
 - Pin Design: Addysen 1st
 - Pledge: Tucker 2nd, Morgan 1st
 - Poster: Mia 5th, Kamryn 4th, Isla 3rd, Mya 2nd, Angel 1st
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Sealed bids will be opened on April 10, 2024 at 2PM in the large Board Room at Town Hall, 507 Church St, Oriental, NC, 28571. Bids will not be accepted electronically.

Any questions can be directed to Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM, Town Manager, at Manager@TownofOriental.com or 252-249-0555.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

PAMLICO COUNTY

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 105-322 that the 2024 Pamlico County Board of Equalization and Review will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners room on the second floor of the Pamlico County Courthouse, 202 Main St. Bayboro, NC 28515. The Board will meet for the purposes of performing its statutory duties and to receive requests and hear appeals of taxpayers relating to the 2024 property listings and appraisals.

The 2024 Pamlico County Board of Equalization and Review will convene on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:30 p.m. and adjourn on Wednesday, May 1st at 2:30 p.m. in the same location. In the event of earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this same newspaper as provided by law.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE

PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
DEWEY BARKER JONES

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dewey Barker Jones, late of 7737 Highway 55 East, New Bern, Pamlico County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 7737 Highway 55 East, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, on or before the 17th day of June, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 13th day of March, 2024

Margaret B. Jones
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Publish: March 13, 20th 27th
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
DANIEL BRYAN OLIVER

File No.: 24 E 53

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JENNIFER R. FORNES, EXECUTOR on or before JUNE 25, 2024, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to

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This 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2024

ESTATE OF DANIEL BRYAN OLIVER
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
HARVEY LEE GARNER, JR

File No.: 24 E 50

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
THOMAS ADOLPH SLADE, JR

File No.: 24 E 51

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This 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2024

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
SHANNON TODD WILLIS, SR

File No.: 24 E 59

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to HALEY M. LEWIS, EXECUTOR on or before JUNE 25, 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 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2024

ESTATE OF SHANNON TODD WILLIS, SR
C/O HALEY M. LEWIS
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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF

INCIDENTS

- March 7, Neuse Rd., Grantsboro, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/ larceny, larceny after breaking or entering, possess stolen goods/property (F)
- March 7, S. Water St., Oriental, all other offenses
- March 7, Main St., Bayboro, simple assault
- March 7, Griggs Rd., Vandemere, simple assault
- March 8, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, cruelty to animals (F)
- March 8, Main St., Bayboro, harassing phone calls
- March 8, Main St., Bayboro, juvenile complaint
- March 10, Lowland Rd., Lowland, larceny of property or goods - value > \$1,000
- March 10, Main St., Bayboro, found financial card
- March 11, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, simple assault
- March 11, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, simple assault
- March 11, Phillips Dr., Arapahoe, death investigation
- March 11, NC Hwy 55, Bayboro, simple assault
- March 12, Blount Rd., Arapahoe, order for arrest driving while license revoked
- March 12, Olympia Rd., New Bern, order for arrest driving while license revoked
- March 12, Main St., Bayboro, carry concealed gun - M, possession of marijuana up to ½ oz.
- March 13, S. Water St., Oriental, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
- March 13, NC Hwy 55, Bayboro, driving while impaired
- March 13, Savanna Rd., New Bern, order for arrest
- March 13, Kershaw Rd., Oriental, assault
- March 14, Main St., Bayboro, injury to personal property
- March 14, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, obtain property by false pretenses
- March 14, Fisher Turnpike Rd., Arapahoe, attended death
- March 14, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, communicating threats
- March 15, Lee Landing Rd., New Bern, driving while impaired
- March 15, Foxwood Trail Rd., New bern, simple assault, involuntary commitment order
- March 16, Florence Rd., Merritt, injured wildlife
- March 17, Kershaw Loop Rd., Oriental, discharge weapon occupied dwell/moving vehicle, injury to personal property, injury to real property
- March 17, Vandemere Rd., Vandemere, simple assault
- March 18, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, break or enter motor vehicle
- March 18, NC Hwy 55, Merritt, hit/run accident, leave scene property damage
- March 19, Cowell Loop Rd., Bayboro, assist EMS - unresponsive patient in locked vehicle
- March 19, Anderson Dr., Bayboro, all other offenses
- March 19, Scott Town Rd., Grantsboro, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, larceny after breaking or entering
- March 19, NC Hwy 55, Stonewall, communicating threats, disorderly conduct, second degree trespass
- March 20, Main St., Bayboro, fraud - identity theft
- March 21, Country Club Dr., Arapahoe, unattended death
- March 21, S. Brightleaf Dr., Minnesott Beach, larceny
- March 21, Ireland Rd., Alliance, person complaint
- March 21, Pamlico Rd., Oriental, disturbance
- March 21, Pamlico Rd., Oriental, traffic collision
- March 22, G. Harper Lane, Arapahoe, break or enter w/intent to terrorize or injure occupant, financial card theft - take/withhold/use without person's consent, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000, injury to real property
- March 22, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, order for arrest breaking and entering (M)
- March 22, Lovick Lee Rd., Arapahoe, order for arrest probation violation (M)
- March 22, Overlook Ct. E., Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods - value > \$1,000
- March 22, Lovick Lee Rd., Oriental, order for arrest
- March 23, Goose Creek Rd., Grantsboro, injury to personal property
- March 24, Dogwood Landing Rd., Merritt, possession of firearm by convicted felon
- March 25, NC Hwy 55, Stonewall, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age, misdemeanor child abuse
- March 25, Main St., Bayboro, civil complaint
- March 25, Alfred Rd., Bayboro, suspicious incident
- March 25, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, possible breaking and entering
- March 25, Hart Dr., Oriental, uttering forged instrument, obtain property by false pretenses
- March 26, Mill Pond Rd., Alliance, all other offenses
- March 27, Main St., Bayboro, walk in complaint - voluntary commitment

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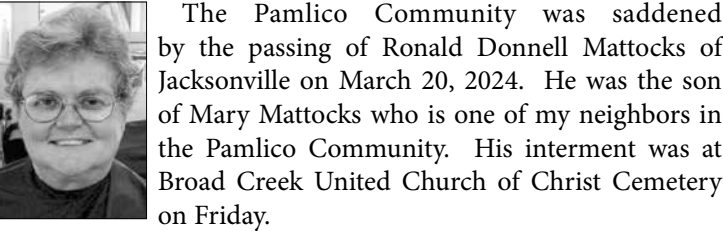
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AROUND THE COUNTY

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Pamlico

Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The Pamlico Community was saddened by the passing of Ronald Donnell Mattocks of Jacksonville on March 20, 2024. He was the son of Mary Mattocks who is one of my neighbors in the Pamlico Community. His interment was at Broad Creek United Church of Christ Cemetery on Friday.

I saw Reba Tiller recycling in Oriental on Tuesday, thank goodness this was before we got Covid-19. I told her I would stop by to get some puzzles, but it will have to wait for a while.

Holy Week began on Palm Sunday and concluded on Easter Sunday. Due to coming down with Covid-19, I was not able to participate in all the wonderful worship services that were available to everyone. I was blessed to sing with the Stonewall Methodist Church Choir the cantata “Love Grew Where the Blood Fell” before I got sick. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion drop-in was covered by JoAnn Kelleher and the Good Friday Tenebrae Service was led by Amy Smith. I missed the Stonewall Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt, but I know it had to be a success with Beth Wood in charge of the festivities. The Easter Sunrise Service and the eleven o’clock worship hour was led by Lay Speaker Bobby Meadows from Arapahoe. I watched worship online and he did a fine job. I am so blessed to have wonderful people who can step up and take over when I am out.

The final Lenten service hosted by the Reverend John Farmer at Bayboro UMC was spirit filled and blessed with the presence

of Minister Carnell Barrow and her son Jeremy playing the piano. She graced us with her beautiful voice singing songs and preaching through one of the songs. If you missed it, you missed a treat. Everyone left there knowing they had been to church.

On Easter morning, Pamlico Methodist Church celebrated their Sunrise service, and their sanctuary was full of Easter Lilies. I saw on Facebook that after the worship service, the Easter Bunny arrived to the delight of all the children.

I saw other services featured on Facebook with pictures including Ray Lewis at Camp Vandemere, John Farmer at Alliance UMC, Cambell Creek GMC, the Oriental waterfront, and Stonewall Methodist Church.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Lloyd Lane (4/2), Elizabeth Arthur and Scott Fitzgerald (4/6), Mazie Grace Hanson (4/12), Tommy Lupton (4/13), Zeffie Roberts (4/14), JoAnn Kelleher (4/16), Maria Machle (4/17), Chris Machle (4/18), Shannon Ellenberg (4/22), April Dawn Edwards (4/23), Serenity Henries (4/24) Justin Rodgers (4/28), Amy Smith (4/29) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30). Celebrating anniversaries in April are Greg & Vicky-Mosely Jones (4/2), Tillie & Zeffie Roberts (4/14), and Brett & Kelli Hinson (4/17).

Have a blessed week. Lonely? Take Spiritual Vitamin L. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION

ALL PARENTS OF PAMLICO COUNTY

PRIVATE/HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

A meeting will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Pamlico County Schools Board of Education meeting room at 507 Anderson Drive, Bayboro, NC 28515 for representatives of private schools and home schools concerning students with disabilities. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these parties an opportunity to consult with a Pamlico County Schools representative about the proportionate share of federal funds that are available for special education for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please contact Bettie Davis at 252-745-4171 ext. 630 if additional information is needed.

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Whortonsville

Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



What a beautiful Easter Day as we celebrate the stone being rolled away and that Jesus lives. The azaleas are blooming along with wisteria, so this signifies that spring is on the way. We did not have Sunrise Service here but I arose early and watched the sun come up over the trees from my front door. On Saturday Russ and I visited my other son Ken at Duke Hospital in Durham who had emergency surgery yesterday. We are waiting for test results to see what comes next. I had not been to our home in Durham since the hurricane Florence and I was astounded at the changes made in the roads and the landscape. We had no skyscrapers when we left Durham but we do now and houses built on every little spot around especially in our neighborhood. They have torn down all the houses around us and built new homes. The

Ellerbee Trail goes down by our house and looking at it when we checked on the house I would never walk that trail because it was not clear and we do have snakes there. We ate lunch at a very friendly Chinese Restaurant that is close to Duke so if you ever have to go to Duke the restaurant is called Shanghai. Duke has expanded so much that we walked about a mile trying to get to Recovery to visit with Ken. When we arrived at the hospital a lady ask me if I would like to have a wheelchair and I refused, but never again! We had Easter lunch at the church after the service and Communion today. Aleasha Adams and Ricky Powers joined us for lunch. We had eighteen for the service. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter!

Thought for the week— He who is without sin cast the first stone--- take heed politicians.

Vandemere

Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Congratulations to Judy Roatche for having such an awesome companion, Bella, the Vandemere Perfect Pet of the Year for 2024! Perfect pets are nominated quarterly, announced in the Vandemere Voice and are showcased on the Vandemere website. Perfect Pet of the Year is selected at the end of the 4th quarter (December). Any legal and pet residing in Vandemere can compete.

The Vandemere Event Planners are happy to announce their first 2024 Hot Dog Social / Fundraiser for the 4th Annual Squidder Festival. The Hot Dog Social will be April 6, 2024; 11 AM to 1 PM; Squidders Bait and Tackle, 1370 Pennsylvania Avenue, Vandemere, NC 28587. Come by and enjoy a hotdog, or two, for donation and in good company!

There will be an Open Town Hall on April 8, 2024, 6:30 PM, at the Vandemere Town Hall, 1042 Pennsylvania Avenue. You do not have to be a resident to participate; but, if interested in molding the future of Vandemere, then this would be a great place to start and support change.

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- Pamlico County Website: www.pamlicocounty.org
- It is important that your application be completed in entirety. Incomplete applications may be rejected. Although accompanying cover letters/resumes are welcome, these attachments do not replace the need to complete a full application.

OUR SCHOOLS

Pamlico County High School FFA
Federation Leadership Development Competitions



We are so proud of the hard work and professionalism that these kids put into planning, setting up, and hosting our first (in several years) Seashore Federation FFA competitions at Pamlico County High School! On Wednesday March 13th our PCHS FFA kids, Mr. Browne, and Ms. Hardee hosted six Seashore Federation FFA competitions. FFA chapters from Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico Counties all came to compete to earn a spot for the Regional FFA competitions in May.

The following FFA Officers were a huge help in setting up and running the events: Johnson Sheaffer, Coletton Hall, Kathryn Montanye, Tony Bustamante, and Kylie Morgan. We are so proud of how well these officers worked together, encouraged everyone competing, and conducted themselves in a professional manner!

Also a big thank you to Jesse Hacker, Cassidy Blough, Caroline Angelo, and Ashley Warren for helping with the set up of the competitions as well!

We were so busy we only got a few pictures but we are so proud of all of these students for their efforts in helping to run a smooth competition event. Stay tuned for competition results to be posted tomorrow!



LORIBETH SAYS:
The FCCLA State Conference was a memorable experience. I had the opportunity to compete in “Promoting and Publicizing FCCLA” to help FCCLA gain more recognition and make our chapter bigger. Besides the doors of competing was the mall with many options to choose from, such as the food court and clothing stores. I learned a lot from this experience and really hope that my experience will leave a positive impact on this FCCLA chapter.

DIANNA SAYS
What started out as community service turned into a life changing experience. Being granted the opportunity to compete at the FCCLA State Conference allowed me to do research on how FCCLA can be promoted and publicized. I enjoyed working on this project because it identified and solved the concerns of our chapter. I was able to gain more leadership and teamwork skills by putting myself out there and trying my best. I hope that my experience will encourage you to potentially join our FCCLA chapter and be the next leader of our chapter.




PCHS Chorus is working on some beautiful and difficult pieces in preparation for their Spring concert in May (date TBA). Their "Music from Film" songs include "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman, "Come What May" from Moulin Rouge, "Skye Boat Song" from Outlander, "Nella Fantasia" from The Mission, and others, plus a beautiful arrangement of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now."



PCHS Theater Arts class is busy working on their Spring play, "Don't Rock the Boat," to be presented in May. The comedy is set on a cruise ship manned by an ambitious, young captain and his cruise director who has her hands full. With no crew, a deck full of crazy passengers, no insurance, and no money, this cruise isn't exactly ship-shape! Here, the students are rehearsing and creating set pieces.

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In January, Imagine Pamlico hosted over 50 representatives from area non-profits at their first quarterly nonprofit seminar at which attendees learned about how to properly prepare for the grant writing process. Imagine Pamlico is hosting free quarterly workshops throughout 2024 for all nonprofits serving Pamlico County residents. For more information, contact kshorter@imaginepamlico.org.

Imagine Pamlico is a new nonprofit organization based in Pamlico County; we seek to enhance and improve the lives of those who call Pamlico County home. We believe that all residents should have access to health care, economic opportunity, education, safety, and community-enhancing events. We pursue this work with an eye towards the future while honoring and respecting the people and traditions that have made Pamlico County such a special and unique community. For more information, contact info@imaginepamlico.org.

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