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#### **County Introduces New Assistant Manager**

by: Hiram Lupton



With County Manager Tim Buck's announced retirement date of January 31st now just a few months away, it was apparent to the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners that it would be a good idea to have his potential replacement on hand and acclimated when Mr. Buck steps into the life of leisure. At Monday's Board of Commissioners meeting, it was announced that Mr. Mark Brewington would be assuming the position of Assistant County Manager. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Brewington comes to Pamlico County with an extensive background in law enforcement and public safety management. He was most recently the Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety at Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Prior to that, Brewington spent over 23 years with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. He retired from the SBI in 2015 and at the time was Assistant Director for the agency. He graduated from UNC-Pembroke in 1986 where he earned a degree in History. He completed the Administrative Officers Training Program (AOMP) at North Carolina State University (Go Pack!) in 2002 as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA) at the University of Virginia. The FBINA is a professional course of study for law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. With his skill set and background in management, Mr. Brewington will be an asset to Pamlico County.



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# Contentious Board Votes Down Funding Request

by: Hiram Lupton



A "mostly" attentive Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting last Wednesday evening with a single item on the agenda, to hear a Pamlico County Schools proposal for consolidation of Fred A. Anderson Elementary School (FAA) with Pamlico County Primary School (PCPS). First of all, this proposal should not be confused with new 6-12 high school project. The 6-12 project, expected to start next month, is fully funded at just over \$67 million. The bulk of this, \$62 million is coming from a state grant from the

NC education lottery. The schools also received \$1.3 million in the form of a sales tax rebate and Pamlico County itself is contributing \$3,748,593. The new FAA-PCPS consolidation plan is not really that new. It has been under discussion for quite some time as part of the long-term plan to set the Pamlico County School Facilities up for the next 50-75 years. The plan involves adding an additional wing to PCPS, enlarging the cafeteria, and upgrading the plumbing and heating/ cooling systems of the school. After completion,

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# 9/11 Remembrance

by: Hiram Lupton



It was a morning much like that one 23 years ago, mild temps and beautiful blue skies. It was a morning that changed lives, communities, and our Country. The Southeast Pamlico Volunteer Fire

Department (Station 19) gathered along with many of their fellow citizens along Hodges Street in Oriental to mark that infamous day and remember the 2,977 victims who perished in the terrorist attacks, among them, 343 firefighters. Beginning at 8:46 AM, the time that the first hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center's North Tower, the ceremony included the 5-5-5-5 code, the ringing of the bell with 4 sets of 5 rings, which signals a death of a firefighter, followed by the ceremonial lowering of the flag to half mast. As Fire Chief Eric Kindle mentioned in his remarks, the number of victims of the 9/11 attacks continue to grow. It is believed that long term deaths resulting from exposure to hazardous materials on that day may already outnumber those killed on that fateful day. The rate of some cancers among first responders on 9/11 is up to 30 percent higher than that of the general population. A great job by Station 19 in marking this solemn occasion. We must never forget!







#### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR PROGRAM, INC

Awareness and Recognition Luncheon September is Sickle Cell **Awareness Month** 

In addition to the Jamal Jones Motorcycle Memorial Ride for Sickle Cell Awareness event, which will be held on September 21, 2024, at Pamlico Community College, there will be a free luncheon after the riders return. Luncheon speaker will be Dr. Wanda Whitten-Shurney, CEO and Medical Director of the Sickle Cell Association of America Michigan Chapter. This event is sponsored by Pfizer, Inc. as they seek to partner with inspiring people as we work together to help improve the lives of those impacted by sickle cell. Volunteers for the Love Thy Neighbor Summer Bag Lunch Program will also be recognized. The event is free and open to the public and will take place between 12 noon and 12:30 p.m. when the riders return. Please join us for this wonderful day of partnership. For additional information contact Vickie Moseley-Jones 252-675-5277. Visit the Pfizer website at: www.sicklecellspeaks.com and www.togetherforrare.com

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#### Harborfest 2024

Harborfest 2024 for HeartWorks will be held on Saturday, September 28 at River Dunes, Harbor Club Lawn. Doors open at 5pm. There will be cocktails. dinner music, elegant dining, dancing and a lively auction - all harborside and under the stars!

Visit our website at www.HeartWorksNC.org for sponsorship, donation and ticket information as well as to view auction items.









Saturday, September 21st 78° Hi cloudy throughout the day



Sunday, September 22nd 77° Hi cloudy throughout the day



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# COMMUNITY

### **OBITUARIES**



Callahan was born in Brooklyn, NY on February 13th, 1936, to Thomas and Veronica Finnigan and passed away On Thursday, September 5, 2024. She married the love of her life, Donald Callahan on November 5th, 1957, and proudly served her community

Betty raised her four children, Beth (married to Carl), Amy, Donald (married to Jadwiga), and Matthew while traveling all over the world with the Unites States Army. She is survived by nine grandchildren: Kari, Megan, Ryan, Karolina, Abby, Jake, Kevin, Hayden, and Cole. As well as four great grandchildren: William, Joseph, Mira, James, and Sierra. She is survived by her brother, John Finnigan.

She is predeceased by her husband, Donald; brother, James; daughter, Amy; and grandson, Zachary.

Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Betty retired to Oriental in 1991, and she has been an active member of the community for many years. Betty volunteered her medical experience at the Hope Clinic and was an active member of her church, St. Peter the Fisherman.

> She loved to read and spend time with her friends and family. Betty emitted love and light; she was a central part of her family and will be deeply

> Open services for a funeral mass were held at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Oriental

on Friday, September 13th. The family received friends prior to the mass.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions to Hope Clinic, PO Box 728, Bayboro, NC 2815, Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves, PO Box 771, Oriental, NC 28571, or Pamlico County Hospice, PO Box 6, Bayboro, NC 28515.

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

Richard McAdoo of Merritt, North Carolina, died Saturday, September 14, 2024, at CarolinaEast Medical Center, New Bern at the age of 82.

He was born in Mount Vernon, Illinois on April 15th, 1942, the son of Harley and Mable McAdoo. He was united in marriage to Carol Crooks, June 11, 1966, in Sikeston, Missouri.

He was a 1960 graduate of Ashton High School in Ashton, Illinois and a 1964 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He served in the Army at the Fort Knox Armor School and with the 41st Civil Affairs Company in Vietnam.

For more than 50 years he was an active participant in the study of the American Civil War. He enjoyed reenactments, serving with Camp Fuller in Rockford, Illinois and firing a full-scale artillery

He was a lifetime member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table serving a term as president. He retired in 1997 after 30 years with Allstate Insurance Company in the claims department. He enjoyed spending time at their second home at Hidden Valley in Burfordsville, Missouri.

He served as an active member of Station 25 - Florence Whortonville Volunteer Fire Department for more than 20 years. He taught in the Rufus E Brinson Firefighter Academy at Pamlico Community College enabling many fellow firefighters to attain their certification in North Carolina.

Richard is survived by his wife Carol: one daughter, Heather; son-in-law, Scott McCown; granddaughter, Kate; brother, Dennis; and sister-in-law, Georgia: many cousins and a host of friends.

Richard's wish was to be cremated and his ashes to be scattered on a Civil War battlefield. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements made by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home Alliance.

#### CALLING ALL LOCAL **BUSINESSES, VENDORS, AGENCIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS**



**Dear Community Partners:** 

We are getting geared up to hold our annual Fall Festival on Friday, October 18th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This year we would like to try something new and offer the opportunity for all local businesses, vendors, civic organizations, agencies, etc. to rent booth space at our festival for only \$30 per space. Our fall festival is attended by well over 500 people each year and is a great way to advertise your organization and make strong connections.

Our goal is to promote local businesses/organizations and to strengthen our partnerships within the community. Organizations renting booth space are welcome to sell products, provide handouts, or set up an activity. While you may consider donating a portion of any proceeds back to ACS, we are not expecting that or requiring that as a part of your participation. The goal is to form a partnership and to put our families in contact with you in order to create awareness of everything our community offers.

In our first year, all organizations will need to bring their own set up and materials. We can provide chairs, but at this time we are not able to provide tables or pop-up tents. The booths will be set up outdoors in a well lit lot.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please reach out to Cody Edwards at cody.edwards@arapahoecharter.org or (252) 699-0100. The application is due by Friday, September 27th. Applications can be submitted by email, dropped off, or mailed in. Typing all of the application information in the body of an email or attaching a picture is also acceptable. Payments can be made by check or cash and can be mailed to the school, dropped off, or we can arrange to pick up. Checks should be made out to Arapahoe Charter School. We look forward to partnering with you!

**Arapahoe Charter School** 9005 NC HWY 306S Arapahoe, NC 28510

# oroscopes



#### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A disagreement may have you questioning a relationship this week, Aries. Do not get ahead of yourself, as you'll figure out that the turmoil will subside soon enough.



#### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Group activities or time spent with a significant other may not go as well as usual this week, Taurus. With your mind elsewhere, it's hard to focus on



#### having fun and others will catch on. GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Do not believe everything you hear this week, Gemini. There are a lot of rumors floating around, and only a portion of what is being said is accu-



#### rate. Get the facts first CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you are usually outgoing and easygoing, but this week you may be feeling more reserved and shy. Are you missing someone? If so, get in touch and you'll feel more like yourself.



#### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Friends or family members may be making more demands on your time, Leo. You want to go along with it, but be careful not to stretch yourself too thin.



#### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, someone close to you might be feeling under the weather and could use a little extra support right now. Perhaps you can make soup or drop in for a visit to cheer this person up?



#### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Seek out quiet spots right now, Libra, as lately your life has been a bit of a whirlwind. Change is good, but so much change at one time can be exhausting.



#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, take a step back from all of

your responsibilities. Things will not go haywire if you take a break for a few days or even a week. You can commit fully again after some rest



#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 There's no point getting into an argu-

ment over a situation beyond your control, Sagittarius. Instead, wait until the time is right to express your thoughts and work out a solution. CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even though you may want

to expand your friend network right



#### now, you aren't sure how to begin. Social media can connect you with those nearby.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 It is a good idea for you to have set deadlines for your goals, Aquarius; otherwise, you may keep putting

things off. With dates on paper, you



#### can check things as they get done. PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you want to return to a relationship right where you left off, but the other person may not be on the same page right now. Give it a little more time.

#### **VIRGO** Traits & Overview

Virgos is the star sign born between 23rd August and 22nd September 2023. This zodiac sign works HARD at coming off all effortless and perfect. They have extremely high standards, none more so than for themselves, and they obsess over everything. They are fantastic detail-people, love organising stuff, and can be relied on to make everything go smoothly.

Virgos can come off as uptight or critical, but actually their Mercury ruler does present a lighter side to their character. They love gossip, information, education, entertainment. Their mind is sharp, bright and shrewd. Virgos make great friends, they are 100% solid and also (secretly) naughty fun.

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- September 18th 1947, The United States Air Force was established as a separate branch of the armed forces. Before that they were the U. S. Army Air Corps.
- September 19th Today is Talk Like a Pirate Day. A very popular holiday at East Carolina University and in Oriental.
- September 20th Today is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- September 21st 1970, "Monday Night Football" premiers on ABC-TV. The Cleveland Browns defeated the New York Jets, 31-21.
- September 22nd Autumn starts today at 8:43 AM
- September 23rd 1962, The first episode of "The Jetsons" aired.
- September 24th 2007, The "Big Bang Theory" Premiers on CBS-TV.

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

September 19th - 1929, Actor William West Anderson (Adam West)

September 20th – 1934, Actress Sophia Costanza Scicolone (Sophia Loren)

September 21st - 1947, Writer Stephen King

September 21st – 19??, Pamlico County Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Forbes

September 22nd – 1960, Singer/Guitarist Joan Marie Larkin (Joan Jett) September 23rd - 1930, Singer/Pianist Ray Charles Robinson (Ray Charles)

September 23rd – 1959, Actor Jay Greenspan (Jason Alexander)

September 23th – 1949, Bruce Springsteen



"It's not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me. "

-Bruce Wayne/Batman, Batman

#### Pamlico Christian Academy "Building the Future" Inshore Fishing Tournament

There will be an inshore fishing tournament at Lawson Creek Park on Saturday, September 21 - Two Divisions (pro-division - two anglers per boat \$150 and family division \$100) both offering cash and prize winnings. There will also be a Big Fish Challenge for the pros. Gates open at 5am, weigh in at 2pm and awards beginning at 4:15pm. A portion of the

proceeds will support the Pamlico Christian Academy Capital Campaign Building Fund, helping to shape a brighter future for our community.

Visit https://pamlicochristianacademy.org/ fishing-tournament/ for more information and to register.



# Teen Takeover

Come join us on Saturday, September 21 from 6-10pm at the Twin Rivers YMCA, 100 YMCA Lane, New Bern, for an evening of fun, games, and snacks. Teens ages 12-18 will be given the opportunity to take advantage of the Twin River YMCA's Esports Lab and Gym. The event is highlighted by a dance party in our Virtual Reality space and a Madden 25 Tournament! We'll have pizza, games and an opportunity to engage with a former collegiate tennis player determined to help teens improve their mindset. For more information, contact Justice Tomchesson at itomchesson@ trymca.org or 252.638.8799.

The event is free for members and nonmembers. \*Anyone Under 18 must have signed permission on file

#### 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) 349-0898 **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/

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# Land/Home Sales Property Management Appraisals Development



Agent of the Week

**Gregory Green** 

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

We are writing to say how pleased we Gregory-I am so impressed by your performance listing multiple lots and achieving two sales in quick order. Your enthusiasm is contagious and is so appreciated by me that I would not hesitate to recommend you to my friends and associates. You are a welcome addition to Mariner Realty's staff.

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**MINNESOTT BEACH** - Frontage on Minnesott Beach Golf & Country Club golf course, **3BR/2.5BA** w/2 brick wood-burning fireplaces, office & 2-car garage. Screened porch, brick patio & fenced backyard. No HOA, not in flood zone.

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**ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA** not in flood zone. Sunroom, deck, chef's kitchen, attached 2-car garage-workshop, heated-cooled FROG. Detached 2-car garage-workshop. Architectural shingle roof installed 2019. No HOA or HOA dues.

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**ORIENTAL** – Spacious **3BR/2.5BA** home offers comfortable living. Open floor plan seamlessly connects the living spaces, making it ideal for family gatherings or entertaining. Three acres of land provide ample space for outdoor activities and potential landscaping. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or a place to call home, this property offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as is.

OFFERED AT \$425,500



MINNESOTT BEACH - 3BR/3.5BA, 2 master BRs, 3 gas-log fireplaces, bonus room, covered porch, deck, concrete patio, concrete driveway, attached 2-car garage-workshop, detached RV barn, & detached workshop. Not in flood zone, no HOA.

OFFERED AT \$ 475,000



MERRITT – Custom designed 1,600 sf waterfront home on Brown's Creek offers wide-water views, yet protected with a bulkhead. Private setting at end of cul-de-sac. Covered front porch, 3 bedrooms, two full baths and two half-baths, huge screened porch, side deck and attached garage with a spacious out-building. Has boat dock (w/boat lift), where you can catch over-sized speckled trout & red drum all day and all night long!

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ORIENTAL – Fully-bulkheaded waterfront 3BR/2BA with dock on protected deep-water. Raised deck, covered screened porch, sun room overlooks Whittaker Creek, formal dining room with brick gas-log fireplace. New 30-year Architectural shingle roof with a transferable warranty was installed in August, 2024!

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# Back on the links! PCC Foundation fundraising golf tournament set for Oct. 19

By Sandy Wall

Mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual CarolinaEast Cup Fundraising Golf Tournament, which is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, at Minnesott Yacht, Golf & Country Club!

Check-in will begin at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10 a.m.

A putting contest will take place beginning at 8:30 a.m., with early check-in set for 8 a.m.

Cost is \$85 per player, which includes green fees and cart, continental breakfast, lunch, mulligan and tee, plus giveaways. Proceeds go to support the Pamlico Community College Foundation and deserving PCC students.

"We are looking forward to a fabulous day," said PCC Foundation Executive Director Heather Arevalo, who is the lead organizer of this year's event. "I know the golfers are excited about the tournament, and we are looking forward to seeing some old friends and to meeting some new ones. We plan to have a great time and to raise money to support our hard-working students."

This will be the PCC Foundation's first golf tourney since October 2022. A possible 2023 tournament was shelved after the Aug. 7, 2023, passing of former PCC Foundation Executive Director Michelle Noevere, who was a longtime organizer of the popular event.

Arevalo has been working with the Foundation Board and others to put together this year's tourney, and more than 25 generous sponsors have signed on to support the event.

The tournament will feature a Superball format, with the four-member teams flighted into divisions by their handicaps.

Participants can register for the tournament on the college's website – www.pamlicocc.edu. Deadline is Oct. 11.

For more information, please contact Arevalo at 252-249-1851, ext. 3084, or haveralo@pamlicocc.edu.

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



# PCMS – ACS Volleyball Action

by: Hiram Lupton

There were other volleyball matches played by these teams last week, but when you have a matchup of two County Schools, it's a little more special. Last Wednesday, The Bobcats of Arapahoe Charter School took the short trip over to Pamlico County Middle School to take on the Hurricanes in some middle school volleyball. Typically, when middle school teams get together, they play a double header of best 2 out of 3 sets. The veteran squad from PCMS opened up by winning the first match 2-0 (25-15, 25-15). Undeterred, the upstarts from ACS came back in the second match to get a 2-0 sweep of their own (25-20, 25-23). Hopefully these two teams will continue to build this friendly rivalry game in future seasons.





# FINANCIAL FOCUS

#### How to be a 'seasonal' investor



change is all around us — leaves are taking on new colors, temperatures are dropping, and the days are getting shorter. But you can also experience different seasons in various aspects of your life — including when you invest. What are the seasons of an investor's life? And how should you respond to them?

The first such season may happen when you are in your 20s and just starting out in the working world. At this stage in your life, it's especially important to prioritize your financial goals. At the top of your mind may be a short-term goal, such as saving for a down payment on a house. To help achieve this goal, you'd generally want to save in "cash" accounts and invest in fixed-income vehicles that offer preservation of principal. At the same time, you don't want to disregard a longer-term goal — in particular, saving for retirement. While you may not be able to afford to put much away, every amount helps. And you'll want to invest for growth.

Now, as the seasons of your life progress, let's consider your early middle years. At this point, you've moved past the down payment on your home and you're well into paying a mortgage regularly. And you might even have retired your student loans. But now, you may have another major goal — helping build resources for your children's college education or other post-secondary training. For this objective, you could consider several options, one of which is a 529 education savings plan, which can provide federally tax-free earnings and withdrawals if the money is used for qualified educational expenses. But you're also moving closer to retirement, so, if you can afford it, you may want to increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

As the seasons continue to move on, and you find yourself

As we transition from summer to autumn, in your later middle years, your financial situation may have changed significantly. Now, your children may be out of school, your earnings may have grown to their highest level, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. Given these factors, you may now be able to devote more of your resources toward your retirement by ramping up your IRA and 401(k) contributions even further, and possibly also considering other investment vehicles. And you may want to inject more balance into your portfolio, possibly lowering its overall risk level somewhat, especially in the years immediately preceding your retirement.

> Once you move into your retirement season, you may need to continue, and possibly accelerate, the movement toward a more balanced portfolio — one that provides you with more income-producing opportunities. Some investments provide current income, while others provide it in the future, but all of them can contribute to your ability to enjoy your retirement lifestyle. However, you still need some growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Plus, it's a good idea to keep at least a year's worth of living expenses in cash and another few years' worth in short-term, fixed-income investments. By doing so, you can help avoid having to sell assets in a down market.

> The seasons of your life may come and go more quickly than you realize — but you can be prepared for them by making the appropriate investment moves.

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# EXTENSION Pamlico County

# The Fall of Fire Ants

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



With the arrival of Fall in a few days, this maybe your last opportunity to take action against fire ants before colder weather forces these insects deeper underground.

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 which usually itches extensively. For many this is just a nuisance, but for those who are allergic this can be deadly. Fire ants

can be found in many locations within Pamlico County including sidewalks, lawns, fields and roadsides. During periods of hot, dry weather (like this summer), fire ant colonies retreat underground and may go undetected for extended periods. However, as rain and cooler weather increases into early fall, these colonies will rise to the surface, aiding in detection and offering a final opportunity for control before winter weather forces them back deep underground.

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 forage for and feed upon, spreading the active ingredient among the colony. Many of these bait products (Amdro Fire Ant Bait, Extinguish, etc.) contain active ingredients that prevent growth or reproduction resulting in death of insects. Bait products work best when conditions are dry and insects can actively forage. To test for actively foraging fire ants, place pieces of cut hotdog or potato chips around the mound. If these items are quickly fed upon by foraging ants, then so will your bait. If, however, these food items do not elicit a response from the fire ant mound, then you may need to wait until conditions are more conducive to active foraging. This process of bait application and foraging may take several days, so be patient. Follow-up mound treatments may need to occur 5-7 days later, targeting the remaining visible mounds that are still active. Mound treatments (Ortho Fire Ant Killer, Sevin, etc.) tend to work in hours to days. The active ingredients in these products require direct contact with fire ants, with some products requiring water to be applied to move the chemical down into the mound for greater contact. Without the addition of water, the pesticide product may simply sit on the mound surface where few fire ants will come into contact (most activity is underground).

When using insecticides, ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW THE LABEL DIRECTIONS. This statement is emphasized 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 tomorrow. Your goal should be to manage the population of fire ants within your landscape to a level where human interactions are reduced. All pesticide labels will contain additional information on safety precautions and hazards that exist



Foraging Ants on a potato chip



Fire Ant Sting



to pets and wildlife. Following the instructions on the pesticide label will help to ensure safety for all.

For more information on fire ants and their control, please contact Daniel Simpson at (252) 745-4121 or daniel\_simpson@ ncsu.edu. You may also visit the NC State Extension Fire Ant Control note at https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/red-imported-fire-



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# What is Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)?

Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that affects red blood cells. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that contain mostly hemoglobin S, an abnormal type of hemoglobin. Sometimes

these red blood cells become sickle-shaped (crescent shaped) and have difficulty passing through small blood vessels. When sickle-shaped cells block small blood vessels, less blood can reach that part of the body. Tissue that does not receive a normal blood flow eventually becomes damaged. This is what causes the complications of sickle cell disease. There is currently no universal cure for sickle cell disease.

Hemoglobin is the main substance of the red blood cell. It helps red blood cells carry oxygen from the air in our lungs to all parts of the body. Normal red blood cells contain hemoglobin A. Normal red blood cells that contain hemoglobin A are soft and round and can squeeze through tiny blood tubes (vessels). Normally, red blood cells live for about 120 days before new ones replace

People with sickle cell conditions make a different form of hemoglobin A called hemoglobin S (S stands for sickle). Red blood cells containing mostly hemoglobin S do not live as long as normal red blood cells (normally about 16 days). They also become stiff, distorted in shape and have difficulty passing through the body's small blood vessels. When sickle-shaped cells block small blood vessels, less blood can reach that part of the body. Parts of the body that don't receive a normal blood flow eventually become damaged. This is what causes the complications of sickle cell disease although some individuals may be eligible for a curative bone marrow transplant.

Sickle cell conditions are inherited from parents in much the same way as blood type, hair color and texture, eye color and other physical traits. The types of hemoglobin a person makes in the red blood cells depend upon what hemoglobin genes the person inherits from his or her parents. Like most genes, hemoglobin genes are inherited in two sets, one from each parent.

If one parent has Sickle Cell Anemia (SS disease) and the other is Normal, all of the children will have sickle cell trait.

If one parent has Sickle Cell Anemia (SS) and the other has Sickle Cell Trait (AS), there is a 50% chance (or 1 out of 2) of having a baby with either sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait with each pregnancy.

When both parents have Sickle Cell Trait, they have a 25% chance (1 of 4) of having a baby with sickle cell disease with each pregnancy.

#### Types of Sickle Cell Disease

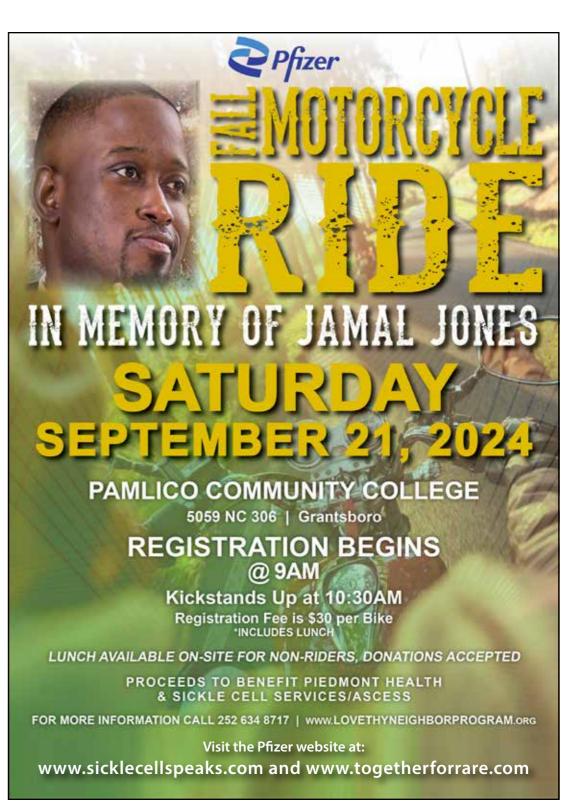
There are several types of sickle cell disease. The most common are:

Hemoglobin SS Disease, Hemoglobin SC Disease

Sickle Beta-Plus Thalassemia

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The majority of individuals with sickle cell disease have hemoglobin S, but some make a different type of abnormal hemoglobin like hemoglobin C. hemoglobin D. or hemoglobin E. Also, some individuals can have sickle cell disease because of co-inheritance of beta thalassemia. It is important to speak to your physician to understand what type you have.







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#### Contentious Board Votes Down Funding Request

the roughly 140 students in grades 4 and 5 at FAA would be taught at PCPS and FAA would be demolished. Two ballfields (baseball & softball) would then be constructed on the old FAA site for use by the Middle School. FAA was built in 1967 and the 57-year-old facility is showing its age with roof and plumbing issues to name a few. The concise and informative School Board presentation given by Board Chairman Public Schools, Dr. Jeremy Johnson



Pamlico County Superintendent of

John Prescott centered on the rationale for consolidating the two schools, and included the long-term cost savings of consolidation. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jeremy Johnson as well as Finance Officer Denise Altman were also present to answer any questions the Board of Commissioners may have had. One of those major yearly savings would be in the form of electricity. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, Pamlico County Schools spent nearly \$431,000 on electricity across all four of its schools. Consolidation into two schools (6-12 and K-5) into more energy efficient buildings as well higher efficiency heating and cooling systems is projected to save over \$119,000 annually. When Pamlico Middle School is no longer occupied, there would also be a \$19,443 annual savings in flood insurance. None of the new structures lie in a FEMA designated flood zone. There could possibly be other savings in insurance costs with the combination of 4 schools into two. Taken along with the continued expenditures on an aging facility as well as creating a better, more secure learning environment for the students of Pamlico County, a compelling case was made for consolidation. The question of course, how will this be paid for. There are funds available once again through a needs-based grant program funded by the education lottery. The caveat is that there is a requirement for a 5% local match in funding. The proposed budget for the project, \$33,796,068. The 5% local match would amount to \$1,689,803. The schools have proposed returning \$675,921 to the county from sales tax rebates which would reduce the county's contribution to the project to \$1,013,882. Therein lies the biggest obstacle to the consolidation proposal. The schools cannot apply for the grant unless they receive the commitment from the county. In the question-and-answer session that followed the presentation, the lack of available funds to devote to this project was echoed by several commissioners. Commissioner Missy Baskervill, who often opposes any funding for the schools, repeatedly stated, "We just don't

Bohmert said that "Obligations to the infrastructure of the Health and Water Departments as well as to the Community College already has the County budget stretched to its limits." She added, "We're not looking at rainbows and unicorns here." She also expressed concern about the added "soft" costs that adding another project will incur on the county such as an overstretched inspections department. Other

Commissioners were more sympathetic and open to the idea. Commissioner Kari Forrest reiterated the long-term cost savings of the project. Commissioners Ed Riggs and Pat Prescott also expressed a willingness to help if possible but were not sure where the funding could come from. Commissioner Carl Ollison summed up some of the boards feelings when he said, "I'd like to help, but where are we going to get the money?" After the Q & A session, Board Chair Bohmert then preceded to ask for a motion to adjourn, which was very quickly made by Commissioner Baskervill. This was the point at which a previously cordial and civil meeting turned a bit contentious. Commissioner Forrest objected to adjourning without taking a vote on whether to provide the requested funding. "These people have come here and made a very good presentation. I think we at least owe them an up or down vote." A now visibly agitated Baskervill began noisily opening and closing notebooks and talking over Forrest's attempts to make a motion on a vote. With each Commissioner raising the volume on their statements, Chairman Bohmert finally had to call for order. The debate continued with Baskervill objecting to taking any vote at all. Forrest's motion to allow the School Board to apply for the grant with the County to supply the required matching funds was seconded and a vote was taken. It failed 4-3 with Commissioners Forrest, Riggs, and Prescott voting for, while Commissioners Bohmert, Ollison, Brinson and Baskervill voted against. With that, the meeting adjourned. Superintendent Johnson still expressed hope. "We will keep trying to do what is best for our students, now and in the future," he stated. "We will continue to seek funding in the form of grants whenever possible. The biggest fear on this is that there won't be another grant opportunity like this one in the near future." It all comes down to dollars or in this case the County's lack of them. As Commissioner Ollison stated, "Where are we going to get the money?"



Board of Education Chairman John Prescott gives the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners a presentation on proposed school consolidation project.

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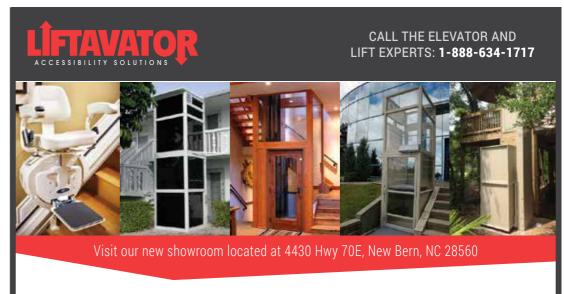
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persons. firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MITZI M. BARR, EXECUTOR on or before NOVEMBER 26, 2024, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY DOWDY MORRIS** C/O MITZI M. BARR 320 BOBBYS DRIVE NEWPORT, NC 28570

**AUGUST** Publish SEPTEMBER 4,11 AND 18TH, 2024.

Stephanie Childs, \$96

Sanders, \$374

Michaud, Denise Michaud, \$1,520

to Michael Joseph Reda, \$450

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNT** SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF TYREL EMMIT MINOR** File No.: 24 E 122

persons. firms corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to URSULA M. MOORE, ADMINISTRATOR or before DECEMBER 10, 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 Administrator.

This 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

ESTATE OF TYREL EMMIT MINOR C/O URSULA M. MOORE P O BOX 757 BAYBORO, NC 28515

Publish September 11,18,25 AND OCTOBER 2, 2024.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Aug. 9, 0.998 AC SE/S NC Hwy 304; Map in DB 420/479 from Ronnie Owens,

Aug. 9, Sea Harbour Marina Boat Slip 11 CB 1/71 from William F. Michne. Elizabeth A. Michne, Sea Harbour Condominium Yacht Club, Inc. to Anthony Childs,

Aug. 9, 0.507 AC PCB 14-18 from Samuel A. Moseley, Arimental Smith Moseley,

Abbas Shamsid-Deed, Abbas Shamsid Deen, Abbas Shamsid Deen, Nadirah

Rasheed to Vickie T. Moseley-Jones, Vickie T. Moseley Jones, Vickie T. Moseley

Aug. 9, 0.507 AC PCB 14-18 from Vickie T. Moseley-Jones, Vickie T. Moseley

Jones, Vickie T. Moseley Jones, Gregory McCoy Jones to Lawrence Dinisio, Anna

Aug. 9, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 12 Addition V MB 11/55 16E181 &

23E218 from Madge C. Davenport/EST, William J. Davenport, Jr./EXR, William

J. Davenport, Jr., Pamela R. Davenport, John A. Davenport, Julie Davenport to

Aug. 9, PIN H094-100 Portion; Und Int -.21 AC SE/S Cowell DR PCA 170-17 from

J.E. McCotter Land Company, LLC to William Thomas Gainey, Jr., Julia Disney

Aug. 12, Sail Loft Lot: 15 MB 6/83; 1.81 AC PCA 196-11, Sail Loft Lot: 16 MB 6/83;

PCA 196-11, Sail Loft Lot: 17 MB 6/83; PCA 196-11 from Bruce E. Perkins/TR,

Linda Perkins/TR, Perkins Revocable Living Trust to 3004 Sloop Drive, LLC, \$1,396

Aug. 12, Oriental Plantation Lot: 9, Section 5 PCA 151-16, Oriental Plantation

Marina Boat Slip 5 CB 1/72 PIN 108-36-C9 from Albert G. Santos. Geeta K. Menon

to Albert Galeos Santos/TR, Geeta Kamalalayam Menon/TR, The Santos Menon

Aug. 12, 4/10 AC S/S Main Street NC Hwy 55 from Madelyn Sparks to Jeffery D.

Aug. 12, 2.18 AC Map in DB 447/338; PCA 18-8 from Paula T. Beattie to Maurice

Aug. 13. Buccaneer Bay Lot: 82 Section Four PCA 21-2 from Marie J. Breitfeller.

Aug. 13, Cutter Bay Lot: 43 7.68 AC PCB 13-9, Cutter Bay Lot: 94, 3.17 AC PCB

13-9, Cutter Bay Boat Slip B27 PIN H042-70-43 & H042-70-94 from Cutter Bay

LLC to Matthew Gardner, Carey L. Gardner, Matthew Fox, Charla Missy Fox, Linda

Aug. 13, Cutter Bay Lot: 10 3.97 AC PCB 13-9 PIN H042-70-10 from Cutter Bay

Aug. 13, Cutter Bay Lot: 42 14.1 AC PCB 13-9, PIN H042-70-42 from Cutter Bay

LLC to Equity Trust Company, Custodian FBO Craig L. Higgins, IRA Equity Trust

Aug. 13, Cutter Bay Lot: 85 3.07 AC PCB 15-8, Cutter Bay Lot: 91 3.6 AC PCB

13-9, Cutter Bay Boat Slip A2 PIN H042-70-85 & H042-70-91 from Cutter Bay LLC

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Company, Craig L. Higgins, IRA, Craig L. Higgins, \$1,000

Raymond S. Hocking, Kristina E. Harborne, \$170

Wrenn, Robert P. Cameron, Barbara L. Cameron, \$140

Amanda Owens to Charles David Aldridge, Kayleigh Aldridge, \$402

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY** SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** AND DEBTORS OF **ELIZABETH MARY CALLAHAN** 

File No.: 24 E 173

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This 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER

Executor.

**ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MARY CALLAHAN** C/O ELIZABETH THURNAU 30 WOODSIDE DR BURNT HILLS, NY 12027

Publish SEPTEMBER 18, 25, OCTOBER 2 AND 9 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE **GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY** SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF **GREGORY JOHN WALL** File No.: 24 E 177

persons, firms corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SHANE C. WALL, EXECUTOR on or before DECEMBER 17, 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 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

ESTATE OF GREGORY JOHN WALL C/O SHANE C. WALL 5405 CAROLYN DRIVE WILMINGTON, NC 28409

Publish SEPTEMBER 18.25. OCTOBER 2 AND 9 2024.

Aug. 13, Cutter Bay Lot: 87 2.54 AC PCB 15-8 PIN H042-70-87 from Cutter Bay

LLC to Mirabela Marinela Ursut, \$80 Aug. 13, Cutter Bay Lot: 70 5.78 AC PCB 13-9 PIN H042-70-70 from Cutter Bay

LLC to FFGG, LLC, \$580 Aug. 14, 0.41 AC W/S Mill Pond Rd & S/S Ralph Brooks Farm LN from Paula Miller-Sheelor, Paula Miller Sheelor, Paula Miller Sheelor to Paula Miller-Sheelor, Paula

Miller Sheelor, Paula Miller Sheelor, Rosa Davis Ward, Annie Davis Moore, \$0 Aug. 15, 22E66; One Tract NC Hwy 306 Metes & Bounds from Pamela Aultman, Dennis L. Aultman, Jr. to Martha Boynton Mitchell, Timothy Paul Mitchell, \$608

Aug. 15, Arlington Place Lot: 80 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Streamline Developers, LLC to Lorin Smalley, Kymberli Smalley, \$1,434 Aug.15, 1 AC E/S Vandemere Creek from Thomas Allen Edgerton, Thomas Allen

Edgeron, Lisa Edgerton to Michael Miller, Cassandra Miller, \$0 Aug. 15, PIN I043-61; N/S Bay River E/S Chapel Creek E/S Swan Point Rd from Norman C. Couns, Janis Couns to Doug Harris, Aarika Harris, \$0

Aug. 15, Schoolhouse Condominiums Unit: 3 CB 1/111 from Thomas A. Myatt, Jr., Tracy Cordell Myatt to Frelle Bruce Gentry, \$550

Aug. 16, 1.04 AC PCB 7-2 from David G. Howlett, Sherry L. Howlett to Michael Rhodes, \$100

Aug.16, Summer Winds One Tract Metes & Bounds from Thomas F. Bouchat, Dianne Z. Bouchat to Carmie A. Pennington, Daniel A. Pennington, \$1,730

Aug. 16, Deed of Correction 729/302; 22E66; PIN F092-2 & F092-3; One Tract Metes & Bounds from Pamela Aultman, Dennis L. Aultman, Jr. to Martha Boynton Mitchell, Timothy Paul Mitchell, \$0

Aug. 16, River Dunes Tract B PCB 15-6 from River Dunes Development, LLC to River Dunes Property, LLC, \$0

Aug. 16, Oriental Plantation Lot: 60 Section 2 PCA 55-6 & PCA 65-2; Map in DB 687/138 Quitclaim Deed from Kenneth D. Gilbert, Sharon W. Mllican to Kenneth D. Gilbert, Sharon Millican Gilbert, \$0

Aug. 19, Dawson Creek Lot: 241 PCA 192-1, Dawson Creek Lot: 242 PCA 192-1, Dawson Creek Lot: 244 PCA 192-1 from Robert E. Houston, Tracy L. LaFrienier to Geroge A. Wallington, \$94

Aug. 19, PIN F082-98; 1.75 AC NC Hwy 306 & SR 1005 from Matthew D. Pacholczuk, Jade Pacholczuk to Claire E. Dobbins, \$406

Aug. 19, PIN I043-61; One Tract N/S Bay River & E/S Chapel Creek ES Swan Point Rd from Norman C. Couns, Janis Couns to Doug Harris, Aarika Harris, \$0 Aug. 19, 2.25 AC PCB 8-4 from Laurie T. Bennett, Leonard S. Bennett, Bernard

Tingle, Jr., to Patricia Tingle, \$0 Aug.19 Cutter Bay Lot: 42 14.1 AC PCB 13-9 PIN H042-70-42 from Equity Trust

Company Custodian FBO Craig L. HIggins, IRA Equity Trust Company, Higgins, Craig L., Craig L. Higgins Ira to Cutter Bay LLC, \$0

Aug. 19, Bakerville Lot: 1 65/100 AC, Bakerville Lot: 2 .78 AC, PIN E031-56 & E031-57 from Peggy Jo Van Ostran to Joebie Gaskins, \$38

Aug. 19, Oriental Harbor Village Marina Boat Slip 18; Dock A; CB 1/78A, CB 1/101 & CB 1/104 from Emily Anne Bradford, Ceri Anne Lewis, Cari Anne Lewis to Harry Grafinger, \$90 Aug. 19, Sea Gull Villas Unit: 4 Building C CB 1/31 from Dana Schmitt to Thomas

W. Welch. \$400 Aug. 19, One Tract N/S Hale Rd Reelsboro Metes & Bounds from Bureka JOes,

Monafia Jones to Marva Jones, \$0

Aug. 19, PIN J081-52; Lot 28 E/S Silverbrook Rd & SW/S Hudson St in Hudson Town from Vernon Hicks, James Bryant to Deshawn Dillahunt, \$0

Aug. 19, Deed of Correction DB 719/695; .46 AC Dolphin Section II PCA 46-3 from The Dolphin Company of Oriental, Inc. to Dolphin Point Homeowners' Association,

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

#### Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



The picture on the back of the Pamlico News last week was of the Pamlico Methodist Church. I recognized it right off even though the caption was wrong. Just look at the church sign in case you have any doubts. I am sure it was just a typo. It is a good picture, and Hiram always does a good job. The corn has been harvested in most fields, and

the doves and black birds are enjoying the corn that was left behind on the ground. Spectrum while laying underground wire for their technology on Straight Road, parked a lot of their heavy equipment on the farm and broke our septic tank cover. They assured me they would fix it, but it has been over a week, and nothing has been done, so I will recontact them this week.

Several people from Pamlico attended the celebration of life for "Opey" Whorton on Wednesday at Bethel FWB church in Whortonsville. I saw James and Elzabeth Cuthrell as well as Kenny and Linda Hill who were all good friends of Opey. Kenny reminded me that the lot being cleared was across from his house and he is correct. I also noticed he has signs in his yard saying it is a drop off place for old metal.

I had a busy Sunday going to New Bern to visit Nancy Smith at the hospital after lunch. There was a large crowd at worship service in Stonewall and 10 children came up for the children's massage with Beth Wood. My sister, Mildred Harrison had her friend Sue bring her to church today. Mildred sang with the choir even though it was from the pew. We met at Charlie's for lunch after worship. Several church members were eating there also including Linda Lane and church visitors Sandra and Linwood Stowe. There was also a good crowd from Alliance UMC at a table in the back room on Sunday.

Stonewall Methodist Church has their Bible Study at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights followed by choir practice at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. The Methodist women had their monthly meeting on Tuesday night and plans were made for the upcoming Miracle Sunday on October 20, 2024. The Ina Gaskins Circle will meet at Charlie's on Tuesday this week since Brantley's is closed for the week. The Ina Gaskins Circle will return to the church after lunch to work on a project that Jeannine Russo has been helping with. As always the crochet class meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

Celebrating birthdays in September are James Paul (9/17), Peg Witt (9/18), Asa Gatlin IV (9/20), Sue Sanders (9/27), Donna Gordon and Fay Bond (9/29), and Tim Carey and Reid Carey (9/30). Celebrating their anniversary in September are Chris & Maria Machle (9/27).

Have a blessed week. Insecure? Take Spiritual Vitamin I. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

### Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



It is so hard to concentrate on writing the Whortonsville News when the news just came that a possible attempt to assassinate Donald Trump has happened again! We haven't heard what happened in the first attempt! We know that other countries want to get rid of him because if he becomes president there will be some major changes made in

our government. Well, guess I had better get back to my news. I am still hoping that I will not have a boatyard a few yards from my house in Whortonsville. It is Sunday afternoon and as usual I went to church and played for the service. This has been a sad week here because Adrian Whorton (Opie) lost his battle with cancer. Russ and I went to visitation at the Funeral Home on Tuesday night and then I attended the funeral service at Bethel on Wednesday morning. I sat with Gail Lupton, James and Elizabeth Cuthrell. David Williams played for the service and it was nice to sit in the congregation with some else playing.

Opie had worked for Owen Peele for a long time so he officiated at the funeral. Preacher Langley and his wife Phyllis were in front of us in line at visitation and I was so glad to see them. Saw Phyllis Price at the grocery store this week. She and I were volunteers at Hospice for several years. Matt told us his dad Ray Scott was out of the hospital and back at the Nursing Home in New Bern. The Pamlico Chorale start rehearsals for the Thanksgiving service tomorrow night at 6:00p.m.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK— A PASTOR WAS TALKING TO THE CHURCH ORGANIST. "WHEN I FINISH MY SERMON I WILL ASK ALL THOSE WHO WOULD GIVE \$400.00 TOWARD THE CHURCH'S MORTGAGE TO STAND UP AND YOU CAN PLAY APPROPRIATE MUSIC". " WHAT SHOULD I PLAY?" "YOU MIGHT TRY THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER."

We hope that the Jones Family Reunion finds its way back to

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Vandemere every year! It was a joy to meet George and to see the

efforts the family made for the reunion to come to fruition.

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### Vandemere Sandra Snipes, Correspondent



Come rain or shine, The Jones Family made sure their Jus' Cuz Reunion was going to be memorable! The weekend celebration is told best by George Jones, from Atlanta, Georgia: "The Descendants of William Arthur Jones and Pearlie Lewis Miller Jones gathered with six generations of family this

past weekend. Family members traveled from far distances like Hollywood and Jacksonville, Florida, Connecticut, New Jersey, Atlanta, Georgia, Fayetteville NC; and, as close as Havelock, New Bern, Mesic, and Bayboro. It was called the Jones Jus' Cuz Gathering 2024 because all the aunts and uncles had passed away, so it's just cousins of our grandparents left from the mid 1890's. The family included the Jones, Askews, Murphy, Smith, Edwards, Fishers, Credle, Driggers, Sparrows, Johnson, and Gibbs just to mention a few. It's a tradition which started last year with a few members to over 55 in attendance for this year. The family is so proud to call VANDEMERE home!"



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#### **Public Hearing Notice**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Minnesott Beach Board of Commissioners at a Special meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose gathering feedback from residents on changing the town's election cycle to even years and to move the 45mph speed limit on NC 306 to begin at Bennett Rd.

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Data from the National Center for Education Statistics indicates that business was the most popular bachelor's degree conferred during the 2019-20 school year. NCES date indicates that 387,900 bachelor's degrees in business were conferred during that school year. "Business" included programs such as management, marketing, and related support services, as well as culinary, entertainment, and personal services. Next up was health professions and related programs (257,300 degrees) and social sciences and history (161,200 degrees). Curiously, despite a growing emphasis on STEM in many secondary school curriculums, just 6 percent of bachelor's degrees (128,300) were conferred in engineering.



# LEGAL NOTICE

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 712

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, Relating to Fuel and Fuel-Related Charge Adjustments for Electric Utilities Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from public and expert witnesses on the annual fuel and fuel-related adjustment charge proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, along with DENC's other 2024 rider proceedings, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to reflect changes in fuel and fuel-related costs over or under the base fuel rate established for DENC in its last general rate case.

On August 13, 2024, DENC filed its application in the above-captioned docket (Application), along with the direct testimony and exhibits of witnesses Jeffrey D. Matzen, James Holloway, Alan J. Moore, Dale E. Hinson, Christopher D. Clemens, and Christopher

C. Hewett. By its application and based on a test period beginning on July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, DENC requests changes in its fuel charges effective for service rendered on February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026. If approved by the Commission, DENC's proposed changes in fuel rates would result in a decrease of the current fuel rates of all customer classes with the amount of the decrease varying for different customer classes effective February 1, 2025. More particularly, if DENC's proposed rates are approved by the Commission, an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month will see an 18.7% decrease; an average small general service customer using 12,500 kWh per month and 50 kW of demand will see a 22.8% decrease; a large general service primary voltage customer taking service under Rate Schedule 6P using 576,000 kWh (259,200 kWh on-peak and 316,800 kWh off-peak) per month and 1,000 kW of demand will see a 28% decrease; and a large general service primary voltage customer taking service under Rate Schedule 6L using 6,000,000 kWh (2,400,000 kWh on-peak and 3,600,000 kWh off-peak) per month and 1,000 kW of demand will see a 30.5% decrease.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 5th Floor, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application and testimony is available for review by the public, or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection- Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoi.gov

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before October 29, 2024. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before October 29, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of September, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Sanika D. Congers

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

## DEPUTY DUCK









All-Star SRO, Deputy Nelson, has started his "Good Deeds" program and Lucky Duck Hunt. We are so thankful for him building these positive relationships with our students at FAA.

## JOIN THE CHORUS!









Our arts programs at FAA are thriving. We are so grateful for Ms. Wilson offering Chorus to our students again this year. If your student is interested in joining Chorus, please have them see Ms. Wilson during Music or message her through her class Dojo. In order to plan music educational activities, performances, and experiences that benefit the students and community, Ms. Wilson is asking families at Fred Anderson and Pamlico Primary to complete a survey. If you have multiple children you only need to complete it once. Thanks to all of those that have already done this since the Open House, the answers are greatly appreciated! The QR Code will take you to

### OPEN HOUSE





Thank you so much to all our families and community members who came out to make our Open House such a wonderful evening. Seeing all our families and community partners together under one roof was just the excitement that we needed to kick off another amazing school year. We have said it before and we will say it again, this is going to be "The Best School Year Ever."

#### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

You know the saying, "It takes a village"? Well, we have quite the village of supporters who are ready and willing to do whatever it takes for our students and staff. From youth programs, generous donations, to a delicious meal, we have truly been blown away by the support from our community partners. Thanks to the YNTO, public library, Motion Church, The Beacon, Girls on the Run, The Scouts, and our fabulous PTO for making the beginning of this year so special.



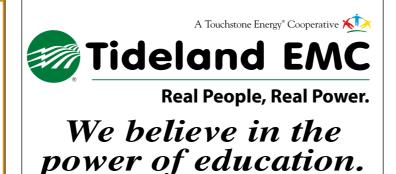






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# Tips for Handling Rough Weather Conditions on a Boat

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And while you may not be in immediate danger, your passengers might begin to panic, especially if they don't have a lot of experience on a boat. If you get caught in bad weather while you're out boating, here are some simple tips to keep in mind.

#### Know the Signs of Impending Bad Weather

What are some telltale signs that bad weather is coming? First, you'll feel the wind picking up. Once you get those 20-25 MPH gusts, take it as a sign that something bad might be coming your way.

Next, is the water getting rough? Well, that doesn't always mean that bad weather is coming, but it's a clue. A spray blowing back into your boat as you ride over whitecaps is a pretty good sign you're in for a rough ride.

#### What to Do While Boating in Bad Weather

As the Captain of your boat, your first order of responsibility is the safety of your passengers. When things get rough, you need to ask them to put on their life vests immediately.

Next, take note of all of your gear, specifically dock lines, bail buckets and communication devices. You want to be able to get to your phone or VHF radio if things get worse. And if you're getting some water over the gunnels and into your boat, get your bilge pump running immediately.

Next, you need to decide where to get to for safety. There might be someplace closer than your original destination like a marina or cove that could make for a safer alternative until the weather passes. When making your way to safety, know which way the wind is blowing. You don't want to run in a crosswind on a small vessel in bad weather.



Instead, you want to head either upwind or downwind. If you're heading downwind, trim up the motor(s) a bit, and try to match or ride faster than the waves coming at you from behind. The trick is holding a heading that matches the direction of the waves and keeping your boat's speed up. If the waves overtake your boat, they can turn and flip it if they're strong enough.

If you're headed upwind, trim down and take it slow. You want to run straight into the waves in this case and take your time, keeping your boat perpendicular to the wave travel.

#### What if the Weather Becomes Insurmountable?

If things get really dicey and you can't continue, use distress channel 16 to issue a "Pan-Pan," letting anyone listening know that you have an urgent situation that's not life threatening.

However, if your boat is sinking, use "Mayday" instead. Make sure you radio your coordinates, the color and type of boat you have, and the total number of people on board.

# What is country cooking?

Country cuisine can be enjoyed anywhere but is perhaps most synonymous with the southeastern region of the United States.

Rich flavors, familiar foods and large portions are hallmarks of country cooking. However, ingredients may vary by region, and the backgrounds of the people living in these parts of the country also may contribute to some unique recipes on traditional favorites. The following are five types of country cuisine and the foods associated with each tradition.

#### Creole/Cajun

Creole and Cajun cooking have similar influences but are not entirely the same. Creole originated in Louisiana and uses cooking techniques from Spain and France, but spices and ingredient combinations passed down from African cultures and Native Americans. Gumbos and bread puddings are popular Creole dishes. Cajun cooking originated when French Canadians migrated to Southern Louisiana in the mid-1700s. Popular Cajun dishes incorporate crawfish, alligator and frog.

#### Low country

The low country is the South Carolina coast. Low country cuisine utilizes seafood taken fresh from the coastal waters to make savory dishes that are similar to Creole and Cajun dishes. Rice, shrimp, grits, and okra are popular ingredients in low country cooking.

#### Appalachia

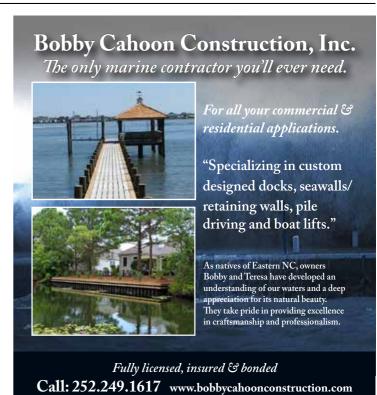
Those in the central Appalachian mountains have a cuisine all their own that spans several different states. As farms are prevalent in these areas, farm-fresh foods that are homegrown are quite common. Chicken and dumplings, chili beans, cobblers, biscuits and gravy, and wild game all are part of Appalachian cooking.

#### Soul food

Soul food gained steam during the 1960s when Black Americans aspired to honor their ties to country cooking as well as their heritage. Comforting and familiar dishes include collard greens, candied yams, fried chicken, sweet potato pie, and macaroni and cheese. These dishes are universally enjoyed by people of all races and cultures. And as Black individuals moved out of the South, they brought their meals and cooking styles with them.

Country cooking is unique, flavorful and comprised of the foods and techniques honed by people from many cultures.





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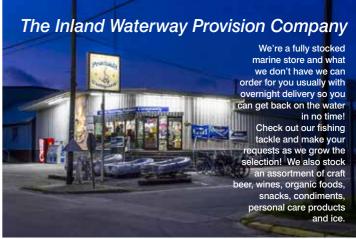
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# AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC NOTICE D05PN-01-2024

#### B-5614

All interested parties are notified that application materials were received on August 21, 2024, from the North Carolina Department of Transportation by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, for approval of the location and plans for replacement of an existing highway fixed bridge across a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Blounts Creek, mile 0.26, near Chocowinity, Beaufort County, NC.

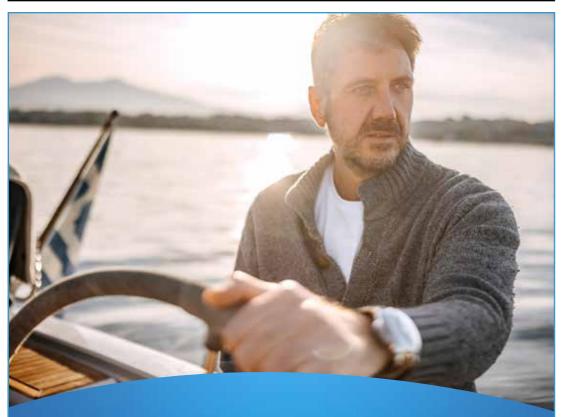
**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The proposed project is to replace the existing highway fixed 15-span Bridge No. 9 across Blounts Creek with a new highway fixed 8-span bridge located on a new alignment south of the existing bridge. The existing bridge shall be removed in its entirety. In the event that a piling or other component breaks during removal and cannot be removed in its entirety, the piling or component may be removed to an elevation at or below the existing mudline. The purpose of the project is to replace a structurally deficient bridge.

The existing fixed bridge has a horizontal clearance of 35.167 feet and a vertical clearance of 14.50 feet above mean high water. The replacement bridge will be a fixed bridge with a horizontal clearance of 111.28 feet and a vertical clearance of 14.50 feet above mean high water.

A copy of **Public Notice D05PN-01-2024**, which describes the proposal in detail, can be obtained by calling (571) 607-6762 or by viewing at <a href="https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/public-notices-for-bridges-active-by-district?district=5&subdistrict=n">https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/public-notices-for-bridges-active-by-district?district=5&subdistrict=n</a>. Comments on this proposal should be forwarded to the address in the notice no later than **October 11, 2024.** 

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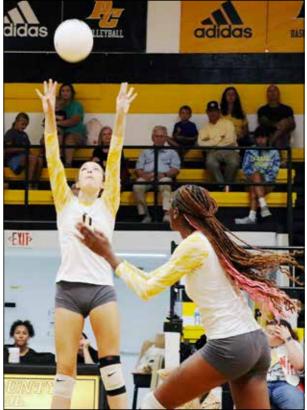


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# Hurricanes at the Net Pamlico Opens Conference Play

by: Hiram Lupton

It is the time of the season when high school volleyball transitions from nonconference to conference matches and the Pamlico County High School Hurricanes did that last week in their three matches. The two-time defending Coastal Plains Conference champs opened defense of their title on Tuesday with a trip to Lejeune to take on the Devil Pups and the Hurricanes put a leash on the pups with a 3-0 sweep (25-13, 25-11, 25-14). The next night, Pamlico stepped back out of conference action to travel to 3A Croatan for a rematch with the Cougars who beat Pamlico 3-1 in Bayboro back on August 13, so the Hurricanes had payback on their minds. This would be a tightly contested match and when the home team opened up a 2-0 set advantage, it looked like it would be a short night for the 'Canes. Lesser teams fade away, but teams with heart and determination rise to the occasion. Instead of dissipating, these Hurricanes strengthened and reeled off 3 straight set wins to stun Croatan and take a 3-2 match win (20-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-7). Pamlico had 3 players, Sydney Lamar (11), Peyton Robinson (12) and Julia Bain (14), with double figure kills in the match. Setter Dakota Schmidt, back from an injury, had 39 assists. The following evening, Pamlico had to put their big win behind them as they returned home to welcome conference foe East Carteret to Bayboro. There was no let down from the Hurricanes who sank the Mariners with a 3-0 sweep (25-13, 25-18, 25-17). Pamlico has three matches this week with Jones Senior visiting the Hurricanes on Tuesday (17), a short trip to Arapahoe Charter School on Wednesday (18), and a visit to Conference foe Northside-Pinetown on Thursday.





Dakota Schmidt sets as Sydney Whitley-Reese heads to the net

Sydney Lamar defends at the net

# Mariners Volleyball

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico Christian Academy Upper School volleyball team is in the middle of their season and the middle of the season means a busy week as they hosted three matches on their home court at Unity Christian Church in Bridgeton. On Tuesday, the Mariners had a visit from the Lions of Fellowship Christian Academy and the Cats had their claws out, beating the home team 3-0 (25-11, 25-14, 25-11). On Thursday, another cat came prowling for a win but this time PCA was ready. The Bobcats of Arapahoe Charter School fell to the Mariners 3-0 (25-19, 28-26, 25-14). Finishing out the week on Friday, PCA hosted the Calvary Baptist Church in a conference match up and the Mariners claimed their first conference win of the year with a 3-0 sweep of the Eagles (25-18, 25-15, 25-21).





Dailee Pendleton dives for a return

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### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

11 a.m
1 p.m Dust Parade Duo
2 p.m The Shoaldiggers
2 p.m TerryLynn Melody
2 p.m Mild Goose Chase (30 minutes)
3 p.m Hank, Pattie & the Current
3 p.m Gospel Ensemble and Friends
4 p.m Moores Creek Bluegrass
4 p.m Pamlico High School Jazz Band
4 p.m Mild Goose Chase (30 minutes)
5 p.m Nefesh Mountain
6 p.m Christie Leneé
6 p.m Mad Fiddler























For the months of September and October, Pamlico Partnership for Children (PPFC) is collecting disposable diapers as part of its "No Child Wet Behind" annual diaper drive. Diapers and donations collected will benefit children and families in Pamlico County.

This successful outreach began 6 years ago with support from local churches, businesses, agencies, and individuals. Last year approximately 62 Pamlico County families were provided diapers, baby items and valuable baby formula through this program.

To receive diapers a family may drop by or call Pamlico Partnership once per month to request diapers. The staff then completes an intake and ensures the family is aware of services in our area. The diaper outreach provides a door for partnership to connect and support families and ensures that babies are cared for.

PPFC hopes to raise awareness about the challenges that so many families are faced with to keep their babies in clean and dry diapers. Unlike baby formula and food, diapers are not covered by the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that means parents are forced to make hard choices: food or diapers? Food assistance is available from local charities and food banks, but getting free diapers is a harder task. Local organizations that carry diapers run out of them quickly.

Lower-income families and especially single parents often struggle to keep their child in diapers. Disposable diapers typically cost parents about \$150-\$200 per month for one baby. For the first year of a baby's life, they go through an average of 10 diapers per day, 3650 diapers! And while they use less diapers as they get older, most children are not potty trained until between 2 and 3 years old.

Often parents compensate by keeping their child in dirty diapers longer, which can lead to bad rashes or even staph infections, reusing soiled diapers, and even resorting to using plastic bags to serve as a diaper. Parents are also required to provide disposable diapers for their children who attend daycare, nurseries, and childcare centers.

Diapers and wipes may be dropped off at a Pamlico Partnership for Children, 702A Main St, Bayboro (located beside Bayboro Pharmacy) Larger size disposable diapers are needed (sizes 3,4,5,6).

#### We prefer No Pull-Ups.

Walmart gift cards and monetary donations are welcome: checks can be made payable to Pamlico Partnership for Children, 702A Main St, Bayboro NC 28515.

For more information on the diaper collection or diaper distribution contact Pamlico Partnership for Children at 252-745-7850.

All diapers and funds collected benefit only Pamlico County, not the surrounding areas.

# Songs from the Road Band



Songs From The Road Band is an Asheville, North Carolina based bluegrass supergroup featuring Mark Schimick (mandolin), Charles Humphrey III (bass), Sam Wharton (guitar), James Schlender (fiddle), and Gabe Epstein (banjo). The band takes flight with virtuosic picking, singing, and grammy award winning songwriting. Several of their most recent singles have gone to the top of the Bluegrass Today Grassicana chart. They have 6 studio albums available at all musical outlets.

"The Western North Carolina quintet is this band of melodic pirates, roaring down the highways and backroads of Southern Appalachia in search of a stage to play, perhaps another kindred spirit to collaborate with in the sacred art of songwriting and creating something (beautiful and permanent) from nothing (thin air and momentary inspiration)."

- Garrett K. Woodward, Smoky Mountain News (Nov 24, 2021)

Songs from the Road Band performs on the Riverfront Stage at the Ol' Front Music Festival on Friday, October 4 at 1 p.m. The complete festival schedule is posted on the festival website, olfrontporch.org.

The Ol' Front Porch Music Festival celebrates the musical heritage of North Carolina the first weekend each October with two days of music on the front porches of homes around Oriental and on a Riverfront Stage. All performances are free. The festival also features a Village Market showcasing dozens of local and regional artisans and crafters, and a Food Park that offers selections from area restaurants in cooperation with local nonprofit organizations.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 710

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving public and expert witness testimony on the annual Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (CEPS) cost recovery proceeding for Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, along with DENC's other 2024 rider proceedings, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(q).

The proceeding is being held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67 to consider DENC's application for approval of CEPS cost recovery and compliance with the CEPS requirements during the 2023 calendar year.

On August 13, 2024, DENC filed its application in the above-captioned docket. By its application, DENC proposes to implement the following monthly CEPS rates, not including regulatory fee, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2025: a \$1.57 charge for residential customers; an \$8.72 charge for commercial customers; and a \$58.27 charge for industrial customers. DENC's proposed new monthly CEPS rates, if approved, will result in the following increases to DENC's current monthly CEPS rates, including regulatory fee: \$1.00 for residential customers; \$5.54 for commercial customers; and \$37.07 for industrial customers.

Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 5th Floor, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application and testimony is available for review by the public, or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

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

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before October 29, 2024. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before October 29, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of September, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 711

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rate Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from public and expert witnesses on the annual DSM/EE adjustment charge proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, along with DENC's other 2024 rider proceedings, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

North Carolina General Statutes § 62-133.9(d) authorizes the Commission to approve an annual rider to the rates of electric public utilities to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for the adoption and implementation of new demand-side management and energy efficiency (collectively DSM/EE) measures (DSM/EE Programs), including, but not limited to, all capital costs, administrative costs, implementation costs, incentive payments to program participants, and operating costs. Commission Rule R8-69 schedules an annual proceeding to establish the DSM/EE rider for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The Commission is also authorized, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62.133.9(d)(2), to approve incentives to utilities for the adoption and implementation of new DSM/EE Programs.

On August 13, 2024, DENC filed its application in the above-captioned docket (Application), along with the direct testimony and exhibits of witnesses Michael T. Hubbard, Rachel L. Hagerman, Jarvis E. Bates, Elizabeth B. Lecky, Emilia L. Catron, and Eleanor K. Keeton. By its application and based on a test period beginning on January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, DENC requests changes in its DSM/EE rider charges effective

² Commission Rule R8-69(a)(5) requires that DENC use the same test period as its test period for the purposes of Rule R8-55, which is the 12-month period ending June 30, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. On March 22, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Approving Revised Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery and Incentive Mechanism, *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.* § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69, No. E-22, Sub 464 (N.C.U.C. Mar. 22, 2022). The approved mechanism, effective January 1, 2023, states in pertinent part that "[t]he test period used in the development of the DSM/EE EMF Rider will be the lagging calendar year preceding the year in which the case is filed (e.g., for the 2024 proceeding, January 1 through December 31, 2023)." *Id.*, App. A, ¶ 28.

February 1, 2025. If DENC's proposed rates are approved by the Commission, an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month will see a 0.20% increase; an average small general service customer using 12,500 kWh per month and 50 kW of demand will see a 0.12% decrease; and a large general service primary voltage customer taking service under Rate Schedule 6P using 576,000 kWh (259,200 kWh on-peak and 316,800 kWh off-peak) per month and 1,000 kW of demand will see a 0.37% decrease.

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On Saturday, September 14, Rich Russo, of Alliance, was inducted into the New Bern Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. To become a member, they must prove they are a direct descendant of a Revolutionary

(photo) New Bern Chapter of the SAR



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