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Pamlico Schools Winter Choral Concert

by: Hiram Lupton



Fred A. Anderson Elementary
All-Star Chorus

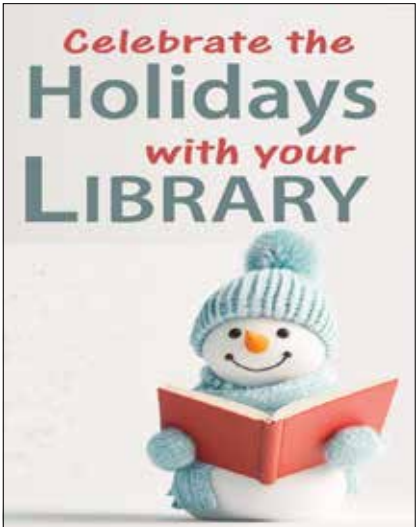


Pamlico County Middle School
6th & 7th Grade Chorus



PCMS 8th Grade and High School
Chorus

The Pamlico County High School Auditorium was filled with the gifted singing voices of not one, not two, but three talented groups of vocalists on Monday evening at the Winter Chorus Concerts. The Fred A. Anderson All-Star Chorus under the direction of Dawn Wilson led things off and set the bar high for all to follow as they performed four selections including one of my favorites, “Go Tell It on the Mountain.” The 6th and 7th grade singers from Pamlico County Middle School performed next under the direction of Mitch Meador and they did not disappoint with their two selections. Mr. Meador also directed the next ensemble of talent, the Middle School 8th graders and Pamlico County High School Chorus. You could feel the chill of winter as their four selections included “Winter Wonderland” and “Mister Frosty Winter.” Finally, to cap off the evening, Mr. Meador directed the combined talents of the 6th through High School chorus’ for “Like Diamonds in the Night” which had a great visual element to go along with the superb singing. A great evening of song to get you into the spirit of Christmas.



Horseman’s Association Year End Awards and Christmas Party

by: Hiram Lupton



Guest Speakers Sarah Arthur and Mia Moore with a presentation to attendees on the sport of endurance riding

The Pamlico County Horseman’s Association (PCHA) celebrated another successful year of riding and showing with a combination year end awards ceremony and Christmas party held at the Pamlico County Shrine Club last Saturday night. The guest speakers, endurance riders Sarah Arthur and Mia Moore, gave an interesting presentation on long distance endurance riding and the challenges they and their mounts face when participating in the sport. New Leadership for the PCHA was also announced as Mr. William Burkhardt, who has led the Association for several very successful years will be stepping down as President and Ms. Kat Taylor will now be stepping into that role. Throughout the riding season, the club has held both gaming and schooling shows. These shows not only awarded ribbons for winners at the event but had cumulative point totals in order to recognize year end division point champions. The first-place winners were:

- Tanith Huggins & Tigger – Adult Gaming
- Colton Cauley & Beau – Youth Gaming
- Brianna Warner & Cherokee – Adult English Division
- Kathryn Gautier & Princess Peach – Youth English Division
- Jessica Hines & Skippin Over U – Western Pleasure
- Jessica Hines & Skippin Over U – Adult Ranch Riding
- Colton Cauley & Beau – Youth Ranch Riding

There was also a raffle with some great items with all the proceeds going to benefit the Horses of Pamlico, Etc. (HOPE) animal rescue organization. All this plus a delicious dinner made for a great evening.



Outgoing PCHA President Mr.
William Burkhardt

PCHS Theater Arts Presents “The Velveteen Rabbit”

by: Hiram Lupton

The Christmas season is here and that means plays, concerts, and productions from the many talented students of the arts in Pamlico County. These performances got off to a fantastic start last Thursday evening as the Pamlico County Theater Arts class presented the first of two consecutive night renditions of “The Velveteen Rabbit” at the high school auditorium. The play was adapted from the classical children’s story about a stuffed rabbit who was a Christmas gift to a child and the love that develops between them which ultimately leads to the rabbit’s greatest wish, to become real. It was obvious that a lot of hard work was put in by the cast and crew and the result was an outstanding performance.



Old Burger King Building Damaged

by: Hiram Lupton



Possible Crime Scene Photo?

At some point in time last week, the old Burger King restaurant received damage to it’s back exterior wall. Information of what or who may have caused this is scarce to say the least, but The Pamlico News has exclusively obtained what could possibly be a photo of the destruction at the time it occurred. The anonymous supplier of the photo also reported at the time of impact the possible perpetrator yelled out “OH YEAH”! as he/she/it crashed through the wall, indicating this could be vandalism. Since the chain of custody of this photo is unknown, its authenticity cannot be verified or used in a court



Previous Arrest Photo of “Mr. Aid”.

of law, but it could possibly lead to more clues in solving the case. A red substance found at the scene which at first was believed to be blood, has been determined to be a form of powered drink mix dissolved in water. The Pamlico News has also obtained an arrest photo taken several years ago in another county of a suspect in a similar case. He/she/it was not charged in that case due to a lack of evidence. Law enforcement in that case reported that the suspect, who would only identify himself as Mr. Aid, was delicious. We will keep you posted if any new evidence is found.

Pamlico County Board of Education Announces Change in Monthly Meeting Schedule

Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick,
Public Information Officer, PCS

Pamlico County, NC – The Pamlico County Board of Education is announcing a change in its regular meeting schedule. Beginning January 2025, Board of Education meetings will now take place on the last Monday of each month, rather than the first Monday. This adjustment reflects the Board’s ongoing commitment to fostering collaboration with the Pamlico County Board of

Commissioners and ensuring effective communication between our organizations.

By aligning our schedule with the Commissioners’ meeting calendar, we aim to facilitate greater engagement, allowing us to attend their meetings as needed and providing an opportunity for them to participate in ours. This change reflects our shared dedication to serving the community with transparency and cooperation.

As a reminder, individuals wishing to make public comments during Board meetings must sign up by noon on the Friday prior to the meeting. This ensures that all voices are heard and helps us maintain an organized and efficient meeting process.

We appreciate the community’s understanding and support as we work to strengthen partnerships and better serve the needs of Pamlico County.

For more information or questions regarding the new meeting schedule or public comment procedures, please contact the Pamlico County Schools Central Office at (252) 745 - 4171.

Upcoming Meetings:

- January 27, 2025
- February 24, 2025
- March 31, 2025
- April 28, 2025
- May 19, 2025
- (Due to the Memorial Day Holiday)
- June 30, 2025



Christmas trees are a key component of many people’s holiday season. It’s a family tradition to choose (or take out) the tree each year and then adorn it with ornaments, tinsel, family mementos, and a beautiful tree topper. In regard to tree toppers, most people fasten the top bough with an angel or a star. The first tree toppers were the infant Jesus, but toppers are now available in other options symbolic of the Nativity of Jesus. The star refers to the Star of Bethlehem, which guided the Magi to the birthplace of Jesus. The angel represents the messengers of God as well as the Angel Gabriel, who visited Mary to share the news that she would be giving birth to the Son of God. People can choose whichever topper they prefer, but many refer to the religious significance of Christmas.



WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday, December 14th **60°Hi** Cloudy throughout the day

Sunday, December 15th **60°Hi** Drizzle throughout the day

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COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES



Paul R. Yurko, Jr., 61, of Arapahoe passed away at home with family following an extended illness. Paul was a commercial fisherman for most of his life, working as a lobsterman in New Jersey, until 1992 when he relocated to North Carolina to work as a crabber. An avid hunter and fisherman, Paul was happiest on the water with a fishing pole in hand.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Paul Yurko and youngest brother, Mark Yurko. He is survived by his daughter, Lacey Yurko of Pensacola, FL; his mother, Pamela Yurko of Arapahoe, NC; and his sister, Elizabeth Rodrigues of Barnegat, NJ. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach, PO Box 771, Oriental, NC 28571.

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

Shelia Ireland Andrews, 74, of Lowland, NC, passed away at CarolinaEast Medical Center on October 18, 2024. She worked as a hairdresser for many years in New Bern, NC. She was preceded in death by her parents, Chestene and Verdie Ireland; two brothers, Edwin and Lyle Ireland; and husband, Ernest Andrews.

A memorial service to honor Shelia's life will be held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14, at the Lowland Community Cemetery with Pastor Earl Sadler, Jr. officiating.

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



Pastor Jack Wolk, 87, of Bayboro, NC, left us peacefully to be home with the Lord on Tuesday, November 26th, 2024. Jack was the Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Alliance, NC, and leaves behind his wife, son, daughter, 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, at 11am at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Alliance, NC. A beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Jack will always be remembered for his joyful and caring spirit. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jack's memory be sent to The Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 or online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org Services by Cotten Funeral Home and Crematory, New Bern, NC

Christmas, My Child, Is Love In Action.
Every Time We Love, Every Time We Give,
It's Christmas.
—Dale Evens

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SANTA PARTY

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Craft
December 21st | 11 AM

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Horoscopes

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Your pioneering spirit is in full swing this week, Aries. Embrace new challenges and don't hesitate to get out front and take the lead. You just might inspire others with your confidence.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Make finances a priority this week, Taurus. A bit of budgeting could ease some of the financial stress that has been affecting you lately. Indulge in a small luxury as a reward for hard work.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Conversations could be interesting this week, Gemini. You're curious about what others do when they are home behind closed doors. Don't pry too much.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, nurture your relationships this week, particularly if work has garnered most of your attention of late. Pay attention to your own needs, too, and enjoy some relaxation.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Employ your natural charisma to forge new connections and network at upcoming events, Leo. You are good at sharing ideas and expressing yourself with confidence.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Tackle one job at a time and focus on what is important to get done this week, Virgo. It can be easy to get side-tracked by side projects. Or that might be your way to procrastinate.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, surround yourself with positive influences this week. You want others supporting you at every turn while you take on an important project that comes up.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Use your intense focus and attention to detail to delve into projects that require those specific skills, Scorpio. In fact, someone may ask you to work on a project for these traits alone.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Embrace the unknown this week. Let yourself get led off in different directions from those you normally travel, Sagittarius. Who knows what you may find along the way?

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Revisit your goals and make a plan for the future, Capricorn. Remember to take the people closest to you into consideration. Do not trample them in the process of getting ahead.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, collaborate with like-minded individuals who are ready to think outside the box. It is amazing what you can accomplish when you multiply your power.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
You might need to warm up before the creative energy starts to flow, Pisces. Don't worry, once you have the right inspiration, things will begin moving at a rapid pace.

SAGITTARIUS Traits & Overview

Curious and energetic, Sagittarius are the travelers of the zodiac. Their open mind and philosophical view motivate them to wander around the world in search of the meaning of life. Sagittarius is an extrovert, always optimistic, full of enthusiasm, and ready for changes. This is a Sun sign of individuals who are often preoccupied with mental work, but when they find grounding, they show their ability to transform visions and thoughts into concrete actions and circumstances.

Just like Aries and Leo, Sagittarius is a Fire sign, in search of ways to creatively color the world in their colors. Clear about their intentions and honest by moral imperative, its representatives are often honest to the point of absurd, with no regard for tact and emotions of other people whatsoever. It is important for them to learn how to express their opinions in a tolerant and socially acceptable way.

The Sagittarius Zodiac Sign

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- December 11th – Today is National Stretching Day. I've stretched my bank account about as far as it can go.
- December 12th – Today is National Poinsettia Day.
- December 13th – Today is National Cocoa Day.
- December 14th – Today is National Wreaths Across America Day.
- December 15th – Today is National Cupcake Day.
- December 16th – 1773, Boston residents threw boxes of tea overboard to protest taxation. This became known as “The Boston Tea Party.”
- December 17th – 1903, The Wright Brothers made the first successful in a mechanically powered airplane near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- December 11th – 1926, Blues Singer Willie Mae “Big Mama” Thornton
- December 11th – 1944, Actress Teri Garr
- December 12th – 1915, Actor and singer Frank Sinatra
- December 12th – 1940, Singer Marie Dionne Warwick
- December 12th – 1923, Game show host Bob Barker
- December 13th – 197?, Oriental Town Commissioner Allen Price
- December 13th – 1989, Taylor Swift
- December 14th – 1503, Prognosticator of the future Nostradamus



Happy Birthday Ted Nugent

(12/13/48)



Ted and Jaxon

Ted and Happy

"Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fire-side and his quiet home!"
— Charles Dickens, *The Pickwick Papers*

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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Agent of the Week

Gregory Green
Broker-
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.
Susan, NJ



BAYBORO – 1.45-acre private lakefront land, picturesque, serene setting. Nestled in tranquil environment. Central location, easy commute to major employment, walking distance to bakery/coffee shop, parks, shopping & schools.
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ORIENTAL – Spacious **3BR/2.5BA** home offers comfortable living. Open floor plan seamlessly connects living spaces, making it ideal for family gatherings or entertaining. Three acres of land provide ample space for outdoor activities. 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/2BA**, short walk to Neuse River & Minnesott Golf & Country Club. Maintenance-free exterior, fireplace in sunroom. Kinetico advanced water softening system with RO in kitchen. Rainbird whole yard sprinkler system serviced by a deep well. Gutter Guards, underground drainage system with gutters, emergency power plugs for portable generators and oversized fiber-glass Marathon hot water heater. Not in a flood zone and no HOA.
OFFERED AT \$445,000



ORIENTAL – Waterfront **3BR/2BA** offers breathtaking water views and direct access to some of the best fishing in the area. Spacious, open floor plan, perfect for entertaining. Large windows flood 1,828 sf home with natural light.
OFFERED AT \$ 525,000



ORIENTAL – Waterfront 3,289 sf, **4BR/2.5BA** in Heart of Oriental on Tarpon Channel on Whittaker Creek, the most protected deep-water location in all of Oriental. Not in flood zone; no flood insurance required. Expertly designed landscaping, detached garage/workshop, detached storage building, 32' boat dock with 100' of waterfrontage. No HOA, no HOA fees.
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Pamlico Community College

Spring Registration gets underway at Pamlico Community College

By Sandy Wall



The path to Commencement begins with enrolling at Pamlico Community College and registering for courses. New and returning students can avoid the new year's rush and get their courses locked in now for the Spring 2025 semester. Contributed photo

New and returning curriculum students can get a head start on the upcoming Spring 2025 semester at Pamlico Community College by enrolling now and registering for courses!

The registration period officially opened Nov. 18. PCC officials are encouraging returning students to go ahead and register for the new semester before the college's winter break begins Dec. 18.

They also are encouraging new students to start the enrollment process early so they can explore the financial aid options that might be available, including scholarships.

PCC still will conduct its usual Spring Registration period on Jan. 7, 2025, but new and returning curriculum students can avoid the new year's rush and get their courses locked in now.

Pamlico is a place where students of all ages and backgrounds can succeed. The college has been ranked among national leaders for students' Educational Outcomes, and PCC is pleased to offer its students a high-quality, nationally recognized education at an affordable cost.

The college features small class sizes so students can get more personalized attention. It also offers seated and online courses, including some programs that can be completed entirely on the web.

Importantly, financial aid is available for new and returning students who qualify. However, it's important to begin the financial aid process early so students can have access to a range of options.

New students are encouraged to contact PCC's Student Services division to get the application and financial aid processes started. Staffers there can be reached at 252-249-1851, ext. 3001, or studentservices@pamlicocc.edu

Meanwhile, current students are encouraged to reach out to their program advisors.

Looking ahead, the registration period for high school juniors and seniors who want to take Career & College Promise courses through PCC is set for Jan. 8 and 9, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Seated classes will begin Jan. 13, 2025. Online courses will start Jan. 27, 2025.

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Hurricane Hoops

Pamlico Visits New Bern in Only Contest of Week

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School basketball teams made the short trip last Tuesday to take on the Bears in what would turn out to be their only action of the week. In the ladies contest, both teams played about even through 2 ½ quarters, but just before the half, Pamlico seized a little momentum and went into the break up 26-15. They continued that trend in the second half relying on defense to keep the Bears from establishing any sort of offense. Freshman Bella Schulz came off the bench and provided a spark with her hustle. The Lady 'Canes offense, behind Nya Clark's 25 points and Sydney Whitley-Reese's 23 continued to build the lead, up to 15 going into the 4th Quarter and finally ending with a 20-point margin, 60-40. Whitley-Reese also had 13 rebounds for a double-double. Kyliyah Barber also stood out on the night registering 10 steals. The men's squad took the floor for only the second time of the season and continued to be short-handed. This time the key member of the team out was Head Coach Nick Lewis who was given a no work order by

doctors due to sickness. The Pamlico men looked strong early and actually held a 1-point lead at the end of the first period. The small, both in number and size, Hurricanes will have to use quickness to compete this season and that can take a toll on a team's stamina. You could see some of that begin to show in the second quarter as the Bears were able to take a 32-26 lead into halftime. After the break, Pamlico continued to keep the bears in their sights and kept the margin at 6 going into the final period, but fatigue was starting to set in on the Hurricanes as their intensity began to wane. Passes weren't as crisp and the Hurricane legs seemed just a bit slower as New Bern outscored Pamlico 31-9 in the quarter to take a 75-47 win. Pamlico's only other matchup for the week, a home contest against Washington County, was postponed to this Thursday, setting up the Hurricanes with 3 home games in 3 nights this week; Edenton-Holmes on Tuesday, West Carteret on Wednesday, and the Panthers on Thursday.



Nya Clark (#1) puts up a runner against New Bern



Darien Fisher with a jump shot against the Bears.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

QCDs: Tax-friendly charitable gifts



Dan M. Roberts

In most walks of life, you'd probably be pleased if you could accomplish two goals with one action. That's exactly what happens when you can turn some of your retirement funds into charitable gifts that support a worthy organization while also realizing tax benefits.

Here's a little background: If you haven't already withdrawn from your traditional IRA, you must do so once you reach 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later. If you don't take these withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — or if you take too little, you will be subject to a possible 25% penalty on the amount not withdrawn. These RMDs can be sizable, and they're also taxable. But when you move money from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization — a process known as taking a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD — you can possibly satisfy your RMD requirement for that year, with the funds then being kept out of your taxable income. You don't even have to wait until you reach the RMD age because you can begin making QCDs of up to \$105,000 per year once you reach 70½. (This amount is indexed for inflation, so it may rise each year.)

And because QCDs won't add to your taxable income, you can get additional benefits. First, by taking QCDs, rather than accepting the taxable income from your IRA, you could lower your adjusted gross income (AGI), which, in turn, could help reduce the taxes on your Social Security benefits. The taxes on these benefits are based on your overall income and filing status. And second, a lower AGI can possibly reduce your Medicare Part B premiums, which are also based on your income.

Now let's look at the relationship between two other retirement accounts and QCDs:

- *Traditional 401(k)* — A traditional 401(k), like a traditional

IRA, will be subject to RMDs, but it doesn't qualify for a QCD. However, you could roll your RMDs from a 401(k) into an IRA, which would then let you use the QCD strategy. This rollover may be more beneficial to you than simply taking the distribution from your 401(k) and then donating the money to a charity, but you'll want to consult your tax professional.

- *Roth IRA* — A Roth IRA is not subject to RMDs, so you can essentially keep your IRA intact as long as you want, though you're likely to need at least some of it to help you pay for your retirement. But because Roth IRA withdrawals are tax-free (provided you've had your account at least five years and are 59½ or older before you take withdrawals), you won't get the benefit of lowering your AGI by transferring your IRA funds to a charity. Of course, you're still free to take money from your Roth IRA and donate it to charities. If you itemize on your taxes, you can deduct your charitable contributions, up to 60% of your AGI. But many people no longer itemize because of a significant increase in the standard deduction a few years ago.

If you don't need all the required withdrawals from your traditional IRA, you may find that taking a QCD is a good way to use the money. By helping a charitable group and getting tax benefits, you'll be "multitasking" in a way that benefits everybody.

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Pamlico County

Christmas Tree Care

By: Daniel Simpson *County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent*



Christmas trees are a holiday tradition that reminds us of past experiences and symbolizes hope for a new year. In North Carolina, Christmas trees also provide a valuable addition to our economy, with North Carolina producing 22% of all the real Christmas trees in the U.S., the second-largest producer in the U.S. From approximately 33,000 acres of Christmas trees across the state, more than a dozen varieties are grown (Fir, Spruce, Pine, Arborvitae, etc.), with our native Fraser Fir being the most popular.

The popularity of the Fraser Fir is such that this single species represents 94% of all Christmas trees grown in North Carolina and has been recognized as one of the nation's best, along with being chosen as the official White House Christmas tree 14 times. If you purchase a Christmas tree this year, there is an excellent chance it will be a Fraser Fir.

So, what can we do to help protect this valuable holiday symbol and significant investment?

1. Best Advice - just ADD WATER. A Fraser Fir has the potential to last 4-6 weeks when displayed in water and 3-4 weeks when displayed dried.
2. To prepare your Christmas tree for display, make a straight fresh cut and remove approximately one-half inch of material from the base of the tree before placing the tree in the stand.
3. Use a stand that will hold a gallon of water or more. Check the water level often and keep the stand full. A tree may take up a gallon of water in the first 24 hours and a quart each day after that. Preservatives are not needed, just plenty of fresh water.
4. Place trees away from heat sources, heating vents, fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, and sunny windows. These sources can dry out foliage and can create fire hazards.

In some rare cases, Christmas trees can bring along unwanted hitchhikers such as Cinara aphids or spider mites. These insects are rarely a problem, but can sometimes arrive in large enough numbers to create concern. Give the tree a good shake outside and rinse the tree with a garden hose. This can help dislodge pests and loose needles, and reduce dust or pollen. If you notice insect pests when the tree is displayed, use a vacuum to carefully remove them. Try to avoid smashing insects that fall from trees,

as most will leave an unsightly dark stain. The application of an insecticide is rarely needed, but insecticidal soap would be the safer option. However, insecticidal soap requires thorough coverage, which will be almost impossible once the tree is decorated. If the insect problem is significant, a return trip for a replacement tree might be needed.

If you would like to learn more about Christmas trees and their production, please visit the NC State University Christmas Tree Portal at <https://christmastrees.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

To locate a Christmas tree farm, try out the new Visit NC Farm App <https://www.visitncfarmstoday.com/>, visit the NC Farm Fresh website <http://www.ncfarmfresh.com> or the NC Christmas Growers Association website <http://www.ncchristmastrees.com>.



For additional information on this subject please contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in North Carolina

The American Pickers are excited to return to North Carolina! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in February 2025.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable Characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

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week, but beyond that bathing schedules may be contingent on a host of variables specific to each child. For example, children will need a bath after swimming in a pool, lake or ocean regardless of how long it's been since their most recent bath. In addition, children who get dirty playing or those who are sweaty or develop body odor during the day should take a bath at night. It's also noteworthy that showers can enter kids' hygiene routine around age six or seven. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that six- or seven-year-old children are typically capable of cleaning their bodies and washing their hair by themselves in the shower.



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8 WAYS TO AVOID HOLIDAY WEIGHT GAIN



A popular, familiar holiday song insists the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is "the most wonderful time of the year." But for people who are mindful of eating and trying to maintain a healthy weight, the holiday season can very well turn into the "most compromising time of the year."

Weight gain during the holiday season is quite common, although the amount gained can vary and it may not be as high as people think. According to research published in the Journal of Obesity, the average weight gain during the holidays is anywhere from 0.8 pounds to just under 2 pounds. Although that doesn't sound like a lot, that extra weight stays on, says Dr. Donald Hensrud, a Mayo Clinic physician specializing in nutrition. Cumulative holiday weight gain can add up over the years. Dr. Hensrud says studies also show that people who weigh more to begin with may also gain more weight during the holiday season.

Though the holiday season can be food-centric, it is possible to avoid gaining weight between late November and the start of a new year.

1. Eat protein in the morning. A high-protein breakfast can keep blood sugar more stable throughout the day and help control appetite. This can curb snacking as well as over-indulgence later in the day during holiday meals.
2. Keep a consistent schedule. Just because it's the holiday season doesn't mean schedules should go out the window. Stick to structured mealtimes and your usual exercise routine even amid all the celebrating.
3. Use smaller plates. It's possible to fool yourself into thinking you ate more if you fill up a small plate rather than a large one. This can keep your portion sizes more within reason.
4. Curtail the cocktails. Many people enjoy more alcoholic drinks during the holiday season than they do at other times of the year. But alcoholic beverages can be high in calories, especially mixed drinks and traditional egg nog. If you choose to drink, Columbia University Irvington Medical Center suggests sticking to clear liquors with club soda in moderation, and limiting consumption of beer, wine and mixed drinks.
5. Load up on a protein-laden snack. An hour before heading out for a holiday party or meal, enjoy a protein-rich shake or yogurt to allow for more self-control later on.
6. Eat strategically. Fill up on vegetables, whole grains and other less calorie-dense foods. Go sparingly with the foods you know are historically less healthy, including fried offerings or cream-based dishes.
7. Manage stress effectively. Although the holiday season is a festive time of year, it also can be stressful. Many people cope with stress by eating comfort foods, which can contribute to weight gain. Alleviate stress through exercise, meditation, talking with friends or a therapist, or taking other measures that do not involve food or drinks.
8. Take the focus off food. Whenever possible, build holiday-related activities around something other than food. For example, replace family baking sessions with some home-made wreath-making.

Weight gain doesn't have to be a part of the holiday season. By being mindful of behaviors, it's possible to enjoy the season and still maintain health.

Kitchen Chatter

Nancy Winfrey

Something unique for a holiday season get-together

Traditional holiday fare like cookies, turkey and, of course, pie, has a place on any dinner table during family gatherings in December. But it never hurts to try something new, particularly in an era when the average person's culinary horizons have been greatly expanded. When planning menus this holiday season, home cooks can consider this recipe for "Smoked Salmon Rolls With Fresh Cheese for Christmas" from Lines+Angles. Whether served on a tray as hosts walk around a holiday party or as an appetizer during a sit-down meal, these salmon rolls are sure to be a hit among friends and family.

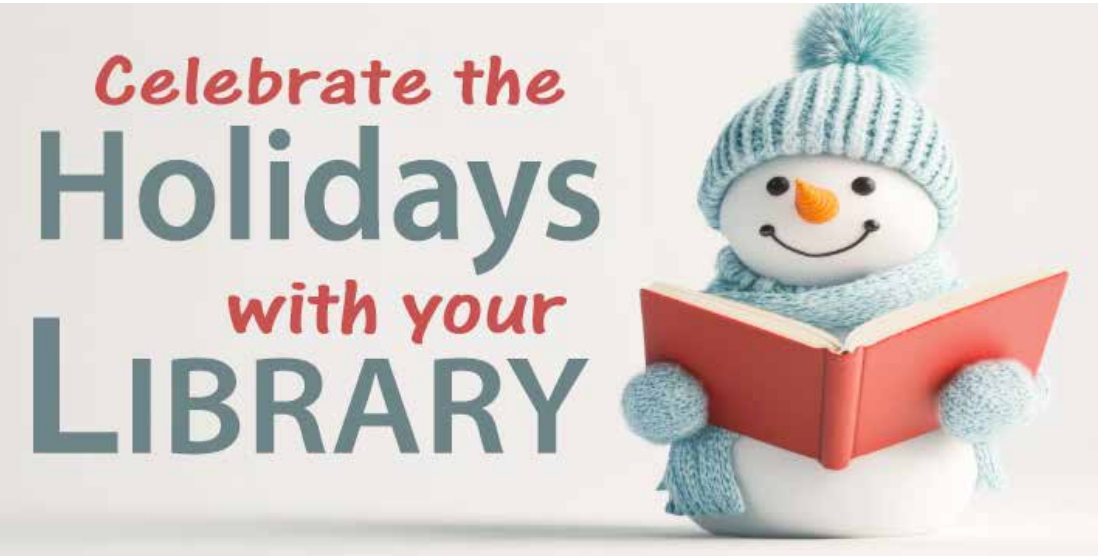
Smoked Salmon Rolls With Fresh Cheese for Christmas Makes 8 servings

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| 1 | cup all-purpose flour |
| 2 | medium eggs |
| 1 | cup milk |
| 1/2 | teaspoon salt |
| 2 | tablespoons butter, melted |
| 2 | to 3 tablespoons canola oil, for frying |
| 1 | cup low-fat cream cheese, softened |
| 1 | cup ricotta cheese |
| 1 | small bunch dill, finely chopped, plus extra |
| 2 | to 3 tablespoons hot water, plus extra as needed |
| 13/4 | cups smoked salmon slices |
| 1/2 | lemon, juiced |



1. Blend together the flour, eggs, milk, salt, butter, and dill in a food processor until smooth. Pour into a jug.
2. Heat a little oil in a non-stick frying or crepe pan set over medium heat until hot. Add a small ladle of batter to the pan and tilt with a circular motion so that the batter coats the surface evenly.
3. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes until golden underneath. Flip and cook for a further minute or so. Remove to a plate and repeat the process using a little more oil for each crepe.
4. Beat cream cheese and ricotta cheese with dill and 2 to 3 tablespoons hot water in a bowl until creamy and spreadable, adding more water as needed. Season to taste with salt.
5. Spread over cooked pancakes and top with smoked salmon slices. Drizzle with lemon juice. Roll up into cigar shapes and cut into bite-size pieces. Serve with a dill garnish.

Preparation time: 40 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
Difficulty: Easy



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Holiday Movie & Cocoa on Friday, December 13 @ 4pm
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Santa Party on Saturday, December 21 @ 11am
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Noon Year's Eve Storytime on Tuesday, December 31 @ 11am
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- A listing form is required if one or more of the following apply:
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 - You own business personal property.

If you received a listing form in the previous year for listing your property, a listing form will automatically be mailed to you at the address on record as of December 31. If you do not receive a listing form and you have property that is required to be listed, it is your responsibility to obtain a listing form from the Pamlico County Tax Office.

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Property Exempt applications must be filed January 1 through June 1 to be timely.

For an application, contact the Pamlico County Tax Listing Department or go online at www.pamlicocounty.org - Tax Department – Tax forms.
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File No.: 24 E 220**

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sept. 20, Mill Creek Lot: 347, Arlington Place Phase II PCA 164-2, PIN F09-33-347 from Michael Wayne Miller, Catherine Schenck Miller to Kimberly S. Fry, Jerry P. Fry, \$1,040
Sept. 20, Wiggins Point Lot: 16 0.54 AC; Map in DB 538/407 & 347/777, Lake Minnesott Estates Section III Lot: 17 MB 5/63, Sea Gull Villas Unit: 3, Building A CB 1/31, Trustee's Deed Re-Recorded 722/798; PIN I092-41, F093-81-A-3-TH & F093-3-17 from Alice M. Hisada/TR, Juan E. Hisada, Juan E. Hisada Revocable Living Trust to Paul A. Hisada/TR, Teresa H. Godwin/TR, Juan E. Hisada Testamentary Trust for Spouse, Juan E. Hisada, \$0
Sept. 20, Sea Gull Villas Unit: 3 Building A CB1/31 PIN F093-81-A-3-TH from Paul A. Hisada/TR, Teresa H. Godwin/TR, Juan E. Hisada Testamentary Trust for Spouse, Juan E. Hisada to Alice M. Hisada, \$0
Sept. 20, Sea Gull Villas Unit: 3 Building A CB 1/31 PIN F093-81-A-3-TH from Alice M. Hisada, Teresa H. Godwin/AIF to Sheri J. Rettew, \$388
Sept. 20, River Dunes Lot: 2 Marina

Village Harbor Village III; PCA 148-10 & 148-11 from Streamline Developers, LLC to David Lee Lusk, Amy Elizabeth Starnes, Dianne B. Starnes, \$1,654
Sept. 20, Heirs and Administrator's Deed; 24E39; 2.36 AC Lot 3; Map in DB 321/293 from Cora Wilkinson Foreman, Michael Foreman, Carolyn Wilkinson Horn, Dale Horn, Sonja Wilkinson Wagers, Tom Wagers, Christina Wilkinson Dinger, Winston Dinger, Cora Wilkinson Foreman/ADMR, Dwight Towns Wilkinson/EST to Robert Wilkinson, Jr., Tracey Wilkinson, \$240
Sept. 23, Mill Creek Lot: 291 Phase II Arlington Place PCA 164-2 from James F. Poole, Susan R. Poole to Blair Lang, Rebecca Lang, \$0
Sept. 23, One Tract Flavel J. Mills Division PCA 6-8 from Linda Mills Gray, Jeffrey Barrow Gray, Janna Gray to Andrea Jeffries, Joel Jeffries, \$0
Sept. 23, 0.78 AC NCSR 1327; Map in DB 147/553 from Duane Morgan, Sharlona Morgan to Austin Morgan, \$0
Sept. 23, Caraway Cove Lot: 11, PCA 164-11; Caraway Cove Lot: 12,, PCA 164-11 from Herbert Robert Crimp to Herbert Robert

Crimp/TR, Revocable Trust of Herbert Robert Crimp, Herbert Robert Crimp, \$0
Sept. 24, Flavel J. Mills Tract PCA 6-8 from Andrea Jeffries, Joel Jeffries to Chase Morgan, \$110
Sept. 24, PIN E031-9; 1.050 AC NCSR 1200 (Paul Farm Rd) & NC Hwy 306 N; PCA 196-6 from Keith Paul, Keith Ray Paul, Keith Ray Paul, Sr., to Denard T. Potter, Helen Potter, \$160
Sept. 24, PIN F052-49; 4.16 AC NC HWY 3-6; map in DB 460/587 from Dustin mann to Ladonna Baker, Arthur Baker, \$392
Sept. 24, Port Vandemere Three Tracts; Boat Slip 7 from Aubrey Harper, Joyce Harper to David Gerald Pate, Corrye Minges Pate, \$32
Sept. 24, 10.32 AC N/S Neuse Rd., Map DB 285/934 from Catherine Martinez, Payton A. Martinez to Charles Harwell, Crystal Harwell, \$870
Sept. 24, Shine Landing Lot: 16 PCA 133-7; Shine Landing Lot: 8, 1/10 Und Int Lot; Boat Slip 4 PCA 134-8, Deed of Correction DB 726/442 from Michael Cyr, Jody Cyr to Ellen Aeschleman, Stanley Aeschleman, \$0

Sept. 25, PIN M011-113 & M011-12; 2.92 AC First Tract & 1.39 AC Second Tract PCB 16-3 from Mildred Ballance Fulford to Danny Varner, Angela Varner, \$330
Sept. 25, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: C Lot: 2 MB 4/100 & Boat Dock from Kenneth G. O'Neill, Elizabeth F. O'Neill to Roger Scott Sells, Natsuko Takamae-Sells, Natsuko Takamae Sells, Natsuko Takamae Sells, \$560
Sept. 25, PIN I06-86 & I06-86-1; 29.89 AC NC Hwy 55 PCA 147-10; Quit Claim Deed from Pensco Trust Company, Custodian FBO Linwood P. Britton, Jr. IRA Pensco Trust Company/Cust, Linwood P. Britton, Jr. IRA, Linwood P. Britton, Jr. to Linwood P. Britton, Jr., \$0
Sept. 25, Oriental Cottage Industries LLC Lot; 1, 5,161.7 Sq. Ft. PCA 149-15, Oriental Cottage Industries LLC Lot: 2, 5,145.4 Sq. Ft. PCA 149-15 from Avram Gold, Debra M. Hill to David Richardson Holt, Sarah Winkelmeyer HOIT, \$986
Sept. 25, 12E60; 54 AC NW/S Muddy Landing Rd (NCSR 1108) from Mabel Price Bunch, Kenneth Bunch to Lionel Frank Alcock, Hazel Hunnings Alcock, \$324

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AROUND THE COUNTY


Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*

 It is Sunday evening and the cold weather improved today, warmed up and was much more comfortable. I had family members visiting from Thursday before Thanksgiving until today when my son from Durham with Katie the dog headed home. It is always wonderful having family visiting. Also had some more visitors yesterday. John Emke and Eddie Ipock came by and brought collards and cabbage from the garden. We reminisced about the good old days. Went to church and played Christmas music for church. Sylvia has the Church and Fellowship Hall decorated for Christmas. I have not ventured out much this week due to the cold but did go to Oriental for Pamlico Chorale practice on Monday. Tomorrow will be the last practice before the Spirit of Christmas. We will be performing on Friday, December 13th, at 7p.m. in the Oriental Methodist Sanctuary. We

always end our Christmas program with the Hallelujah Chorus and invite any one who has ever sung it to come up and join us. I just listened to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir sing it. The only difference in their Choir and ours, they have about two hundred more singers in theirs! I'm very proud of our little group and they did a great job at the Community Thanksgiving Service. I was disappointed in the attendance for the Thanksgiving Service. In the past the Catholic Church was full but it was a little sparse this year. The Pamlico Chorale will not have a Spring Concert this year. We will take a break until the Croaker Festival.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — REMEMBER THIS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING, SO DON'T FORGET THOSE WHO ARE NOT AS FORTUNATE AS US!

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*

 Brantley's Village Restaurant is doing a special 12 days of Christmas event that you can enter in person or online and be entered in gift give-aways. What an exciting way to involve everyone in the Christmas spirit. The Stonewall Methodist Church Choir performed their Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem Morning" on December 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Everyone enjoyed a spectacular evening of music, worship, and fellowship and received a special Christmas blessing from Pastor Betty Joe. Broad Creek United Church of Christ held their Christmas Cantata on Sunday afternoon. The parking lot was overflowing. Pamlico Methodist Church decorated their new 12-foot-high Christmas tree, and the church is beautiful decked out with Poinsettias. Pamlico will fill Christmas treat bags at 8 am on the 24th and have their Church Christmas Concert on December 15th immediately after church. Their Christmas Eve Service will be from 4-5 pm. Oriental will celebrate The Spirit of Christmas on December 13 and 14 this year. The Pamlico Chorale, the luminaries, the parade, the live nativity at Oriental UMC, the First Baptist Church choir, and other activities make this a special weekend in

Oriental. Bundle up, it will be brr ... cold. We are saddened to hear of the passing of Fred Kedjierski. There have been other deaths in Pamlico County this year and our sympathies go out to all those who are grieving. On December 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm, Stonewall Methodist Church will hold a "longest night service," which is sometimes referred to as a "Blue Christmas Service." It is a time of remembrance and a chance to light a candle for your loved one. Craig Cooper and Mary Hubbell will provide special music. There will be a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 7:30 pm on December 24, 2023, at Stonewall Methodist Church. It will feature singer Mary Hubbell. Celebrating birthdays in December are Claudia Bemis (12/11), Jimmy Jones (12/13), Carly Muse (12/15), Ernest Dunn and Sam Lane (12/21), Beth Stowe Wood (12/23), Savannah Alexander (12/24), Jesus (12/25), Larry Gwaltney (12/26), Pam Hannah (12/27), and Kenneth Smith (12/28). Have a blessed week. Tired? Take Spiritual Vitamin T. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Festive films that make for a perfect family movie night this season

A family movie night makes for a great way for families to bond and enjoy some relaxing time together. Such nights are a tradition in households across the globe, and they can even become a fun way for extended families to celebrate the holiday days together. When hosting overnight guests this holiday season, hosts can plan a family movie night and line up any of these family-friendly holiday movies.



him. Upon learning he is not an actual elf, Buddy is determined to reunite with the father (James Caan) he's never known. Hilarity ensues as the innocent Buddy ends up in the big city in search of his father.

- "A Christmas Story" (1983): This beloved classic based on the writings of author Jean Shepherd focuses on young Ralphie Parker and his humorous family. That family includes his father, played to much laughs by legendary actor Darren McGavin. All Ralphie wants for Christmas is a coveted Red Ryder air rifle, and generations of fans have enjoyed watching this film to see if Ralphie's dream comes true.
- "Home Alone" (1990): Not unlike "A Christmas Story," this instant classic devotes much of its story to a young boy. Eight-year-old Kevin McAllister (Macaulay Culkin) awakens to an empty house after his parents forgetfully leave him behind as they depart on a holiday trip to Paris with their extended family. That proves to be bad news for bungling burglars Harry (Joe Pesci) and Marv (Daniel Stern), who are outwitted by Kevin at every turn.
- Elf (2003): Middle-aged Buddy (Will Ferrell) grew up in the North Pole believing he is an elf, despite being significantly larger than the kind-hearted elves who raised

- "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946): Among the most beloved holiday movies ever made, this classic stars Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, a devoted family man who set aside his own big-city dreams to save the family business and, ultimately, his small hometown of Bedford Falls. Lamenting some bad luck that leaves him on the cusp of financial ruin, George wishes he'd never been born, only to be shown by an especially kind and patient angel-in-training (Henry Travers) how much worse off Bedford Falls and its residents might have been had George Bailey never existed.
 - "Jingle All the Way" (1996): Featuring a future Governor of California in the lead role, this hijinks-filled holiday classic follows the efforts of Howard Langston (Arnold Schwarzenegger) as he tries to secure the must-have gift of the season for his son, Jamie (Jake Lloyd). Howard soon finds himself competing against a father (Sinbad) who's equally devoted to find the coveted Turbo-Man action figure.
- A holiday movie night makes for a fun, family-friendly evening when hosting overnight guests during this special time of year.

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Even though the debate continues regarding the merits of artificial and real Christmas trees, it seems there is a winner, at least within the United States. According to Statista, 47 percent of American households own an artificial Christmas tree, while 24 percent purchase real trees. Though real trees might not be as popular as their artificial alternatives, the number of real trees that are purchased each year remains significant. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, roughly 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold annually in the United States. Canadians may favor live Christmas trees, or they're at least skilled in growing them. In fact, Canada exported more than 2.4 million fresh Christmas trees in 2021, and 97.2 percent ended up in the U.S., according to Statistics Canada. In June 2022, there were 1,895 business locations across Canada in the nursery and tree production industry.



An Island Breakfast with Santa

by: Hiram Lupton

As a kid growing up on Goose Creek Island, the Christmas season was always a special time. The church Christmas programs, the decorations, and the community togetherness. Much has changed on the island from that time long ago, but a new tradition is taking hold that brings back that sense of Christmas magic. Last Saturday the Goose Creek Island Alumni presented the 2nd annual "Island Breakfast with Santa." The Goose Creek Island Community Center was transformed into a Christmas wonderland for the enjoyment of kids and kids at heart. This certainly didn't happen overnight. "We started on this right after our fall festival wrapped up," said Helena Mayo. "We all worked together on this to make it bigger and better than last year." Upon entering, kids were checked in and could write letters to Santa before heading into the auditorium to eat a delicious breakfast cooked up right by Mayo's Restaurant all while listening to stories read by Mrs. Claus. After getting their fill, they proceeded up to speak with the big man himself, the head honcho of the North Pole, Santa Claus. Along with pictures with the jolly old elf, they got the opportunity to personally chat with him about their level of their naughty or niceness this year. It was then on to Christmas crafts before checking out one of the most awesome Christmas villages you will ever see, compliments of the hard work of Pam Hannah. It was then time to decorate some cookies before heading outside to check out one of the Goose Creek Island fire trucks and a Coast Guard patrol boat. In all, 308 kids and their family members enjoyed this outstanding event. At 11 AM, about 25 senior citizens of the island were invited out to enjoy brunch at no cost. For the 32 volunteers who put in countless hours to make this day special, it was a successful culmination of their hard work. This is now the primary fundraising event for the maintenance and upkeep of the Community Center. The GCI alumni would like to thank all the generous sponsors who donated to help make this event possible. If you made it to this event this year, you know you'll be coming back, and if you didn't, go ahead and circle December 6, 2025 on your calendar for next year's Island Breakfast with Santa.



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Thurs., December 12th

The Tree of Names and Lights will be lit at 4:30pm in Lou-Mac Park. Mayor Sally Belangia will welcome all to the lighting and Meta Jones, daughter of Grace Evans, will give a history of the tree. All Donations to The Tree of Names and Lights will benefit Hospice of Pamlico County.

Friday, December 13th

Oriental's History Museum 11am to 3pm - is open to learn about the history of Oriental. See our special exhibit of Native Americans of Pamlico County and visit our gift shop for Christmas shopping.

PAWS (Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital) 1-4 p.m. PAWS will be out front serving hot dogs, courtesy of Dr. Sherri Hicks (outside only please) Weather permitting, no rain date.

Nautical Wheelers from 2-4 – Join us as we provide snacks, wine! As always, this will be completely complimentary. We just want to say thank you and celebrate with you this holiday season.

First Citizens Bank, 4-5 p.m. - Serving light refreshments and offering a performance by the Pamlico Flutes playing Christmas tunes. 409 Broad Street.

Lighted Kayak Parade & Star Lighting, 5:00ish p.m. A flotilla of lighted kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and any unmotorized dinghies. The paddlers will work their way toward the Town Dock leaving from the Wildlife Ramp around 5 p.m.

“Light Up Oriental” Contest winners will be announced after the star lighting.

Oriental United Methodist Church at 7pm – Join the Pamlico Chorale for a Christmas Sing-a-Long. Join us in singing your favorite Christmas carols and getting into the holiday spirit - and a visit from Santa!

Stroll around the harbor and enjoy the decorated boats along the waterfront.

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Sat., December 14th

Farmer's Market, 8 - 11am - Come visit The Oriental Farmer's Market for the Spirit of Christmas! We have a wonderful variety of local produce, freshly baked goods, jams & jellies, fresh Christmas greenery, and fine arts & crafts. Shop local and get all your holiday shopping done right here. Harbor District on Hodges Street at Garland Fulcher Seafood.

Brantley's Village Restaurant, Breakfast with Santa begins at 8am, with a special visit from the Grinch. There will also be a large pile of snow outside for all the kids to play in. Gingerbread House & Cookie Decorating for Kids - 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. in the back dining room. 40 Gingerbread House kits are available. First Come, First Serve Basis. Sugar Cookies will also be available for those who do not get a house.

Marsha's Cottage - 10am - 12pm - Radio remote on the porch of Marsha's Cottage - come and say hi to radio host Allen Vick.

Village Health & Fitness - Jingle Bell Fun Run at 10am.

The Bean – 10am until noon – Kids can make Christmas decorations while enjoying a hot chocolate.

Oriental's History Museum - 12:30-2pm - Orientals history museum is open special hours before the parade and afterwards. Come learn about our local history, visit our gift shop and grab some historic home walking tour brochures.

The Town of Oriental will have an Open House at 3pm at our Welcome Center, known as the Sargent Boat House on Dock 2, by the harbor at 301 South Ave. Join us for a meet and greet with Harbor Waterfronts and other town officials and staff. Mayor Sally will be serving up home-made goodies. Christmas music will be performed by Ken Belangia!

Village Hardware. Come join us for Cookies and Holiday Punch at 804 Broad Street (across from the Post Office).

PAWS will be serving chili & fixin's at Oriental Town Hall on the porch from 11am to 3pm.

Nautical Wheelers from 11am -3pm - Here at Nautical Wheelers, we are so excited to participate in Spirit of Christmas. At this time of year, we can't help but be extra grateful for our community and customers here in Oriental. We'd like to invite you to join us to our Open House starting at 11am, Brown Mountain Lightning Bugs will be performing on our front porch. We will have local author Jo Anna Kloster and At East Honey Beekeepers set up, as well as POLYWOOD seating for the parade at 1pm. We want to say thank you and celebrate with our customers this holiday season.

Grace Fellowship Academy - 12-2pm - at Oriental First Baptist Church - Christmas craft and bake sale

Broad Strokes Gallery at 730 Broad Street - Join us for Christmas Cookies and a great view of the parade!

PARADE - PICK A SPOT ALONG BROAD OR HODGES STREETS AND WATCH THE PARADE AT 1PM

Marsha's Cottage from 2-4pm – Come visit Santa and tell him all of your Christmas wishes!

New Village Brewery, 2:00pm - Enjoy a glass of beer and listen to entertainment by Hoff n' Finch after the parade.

Toucan/Tiki Bar 2-4pm - Pauline Smith will be performing on the deck at 101 Wall Street.

Oriental United Methodist Church, 3:30pm The Children's Church at OUMC will have a Live Nativity outside at 3:30pm.



Oriental First Baptist Church at 5pm - Presenting their Christmas Cantata - “Christmas All Year Long”

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SCHOOLS

Fred A. Anderson Elementary School Hosts Memorable Events to Celebrate Community, Learning, and Character

Fred A. Anderson Elementary School has been bustling with excitement and meaningful activities this fall, offering students, parents, and teachers opportunities to connect, celebrate, and learn in new ways.

Title I Night and Book Fair Draws a Crowd



The school's Title I Night was a resounding success, bringing together families for a delightful evening of learning and entertainment. Students charmed the audience with a special musical performance featuring singing and ukuleles, showcasing their growing talents. Parents and students also enjoyed browsing the PTO-hosted Book Fair, which offered a wide selection of books to inspire young readers.



Adding to the evening's festivities, high school students from the Culinary Arts program lent a helping hand by preparing delicious food for attendees, demonstrating the spirit of collaboration across Pamlico County Schools.



Antbullying Spirit Week Encourages Unity and Fun

In a display of creativity and commitment to fostering a positive school environment, Fred A. Anderson Elementary participated in Antbullying Spirit Week. Each day brought a new theme, with students and teachers wearing imaginative outfits while engaging in conversations about standing up against bullying. The week highlighted the importance of kindness, inclusion, and respect, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.

First Quarter Awards Celebrate Excellence

Students recently celebrated their achievements at the First Quarter Awards Ceremony. Recognitions were given for academic accomplishments and outstanding character. The ceremony brought smiles and applause as families and staff honored the hard work and positive attitudes of students.

5th Graders Explore Nature at Camp Don Lee

Fred A. Anderson's 5th graders enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Camp Don Lee, where they immersed themselves in the wonders of the natural world. Through hands-on activities like herpetology, bird watching, forest ecology, and pond study, students developed a deeper appreciation for science and the



environment. They also explored the Neuse River's unique ecosystem, fostering curiosity and teamwork along the way.

A Community Rooted in Learning and Growth

Fred A. Anderson Elementary School continues to shine as a hub for academic excellence, character development, and community engagement. With events like Title I Night, Antbullying Spirit Week, the First Quarter Awards, and trips to Camp Don Lee, the school proves that learning extends far beyond the classroom.

Parents, teachers, and students look forward to many more opportunities to connect, grow, and celebrate throughout the school year.



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"At AgCarolina Farm Credit, we believe in standing by our communities, especially in times of crisis. The impact of Hurricane Helene has been profound, and we are committed to supporting the recovery efforts," said Evan Kleinhans, CEO of AgCarolina Farm Credit.

AgCarolina Farm Credit is honored to give a donation to the following organizations:

Baptists on Mission - Hurricane Relief

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WNC Communities - Hurricane Relief for Farm and Agriculture Efforts

WNC Communities focuses on supporting the agricultural sector, which has been severely impacted by the hurricane. The

donation will assist in restoring farm operations, providing resources for farmers, and ensuring the sustainability of agricultural activities in the region.

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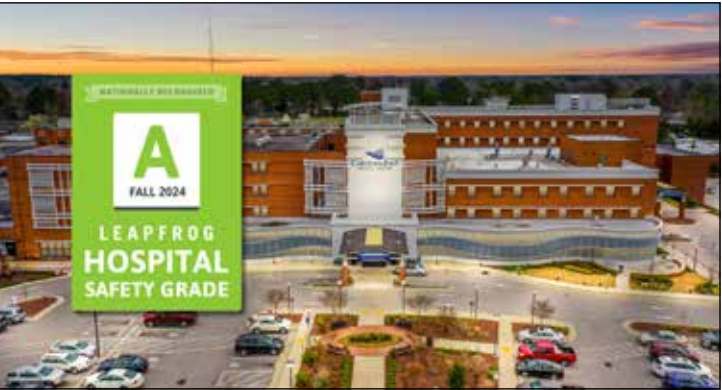
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AgCarolina Farm Credit remains committed to its mission of supporting rural communities and agriculture. Through these donations, we aim to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by Hurricane Helene.

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CarolinaEast Medical Center Nationally Recognized with an ‘A’ Rating for the Fall 2024 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade



(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Medical Center was awarded an ‘A’ in The Leapfrog Group’s Fall 2024 Hospital Safety Grade. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit watchdog that sets standards for excellence in patient care. Safety Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring. CarolinaEast previously received an ‘A’ in Spring 2024.

Leapfrog assigns an ‘A,’ ‘B,’ ‘C,’ ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

“The tireless efforts of CarolinaEast’s team allow the public to know the high quality and safe care provided here. Receiving another ‘A’ rating from Leapfrog confirms CarolinaEast’s success in keeping safety at the forefront for excellence in everything we do,” said Michael Smith, President and CEO, CarolinaEast Health System. “The recognition of this score is truly not for us but rather for the hundreds of thousands of patients we are privileged to serve each year.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program focused exclusively on preventable medical errors, infections and injuries that kill more than 500 patients a day nationally. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

“Achieving an ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade is a significant accomplishment for CarolinaEast Health System,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “It reflects enormous dedication to your patients and their families, and your whole community should be proud. I extend my congratulations to CarolinaEast, its leadership, clinicians, staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts to put patients first.”

Additionally, North Carolina is ranked #4 in the state rankings. To see CarolinaEast’s full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

About CarolinaEast Health System

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.

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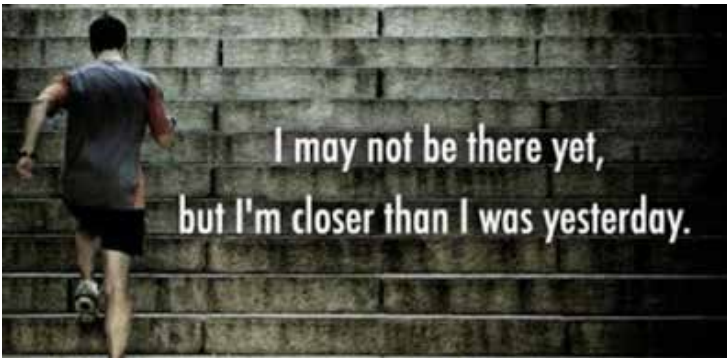
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SPORTS

PCMS Athletics Basketball Season in Full Swing

by: Hiram Lupton

Hoops Season is going strong at Pamlico County Middle School and last Thursday, the Hurricanes took to the road for a pair of games at Grover C. Fields Middle School in New Bern. The Pamlico girls squad found themselves in a tight game before ultimately losing by 3, 27-24. The boys team had an easier time of things as they set the tone with defense early, and let their athleticism take over in taming the Grizzlies 38-22.



Pamlico's Tre'Mhiya Arrington (#23) work hard near the basket



Saaidq Barber (#10) blows through the defense like a hurricane

Hurricane Wrestlers Compete at Swiss Bear Classic

by: Hiram Lupton

High School wrestling is in full swing and the grapplers of Pamlico County High School competed this past weekend at one of the premier events in eastern North Carolina, the Swiss Bear Classic at New Bern High School. This was a two-day event with the Junior Varsity taking to the mats on Friday evening and the Varsity and Ladies teams in competition all day Saturday. This event spanned all size classifications of schools and had 17 schools represented. This years' Pamlico

team is very young, with strength in it's youth. Seven JV wrestlers earned medals with Cam Daniels, Riley Traecy, Cayden Sanchez and Syler Hall picking up gold and Brayden Jones, Chris Avery, and Tristan Hamby getting silvers. The Varsity also picked up a pair of bronze medals with Isaiah Mewborn and Joc Kirkman earning those. The ladies were shut out of the medal count, but picked up some valuable experience against some tough competition.



Brian Brothers gets the upper hand on his opponent



Adalynn-Kay Nunley maintains control of her opponent

"The key is not the will to win... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important." — Bobby Knight

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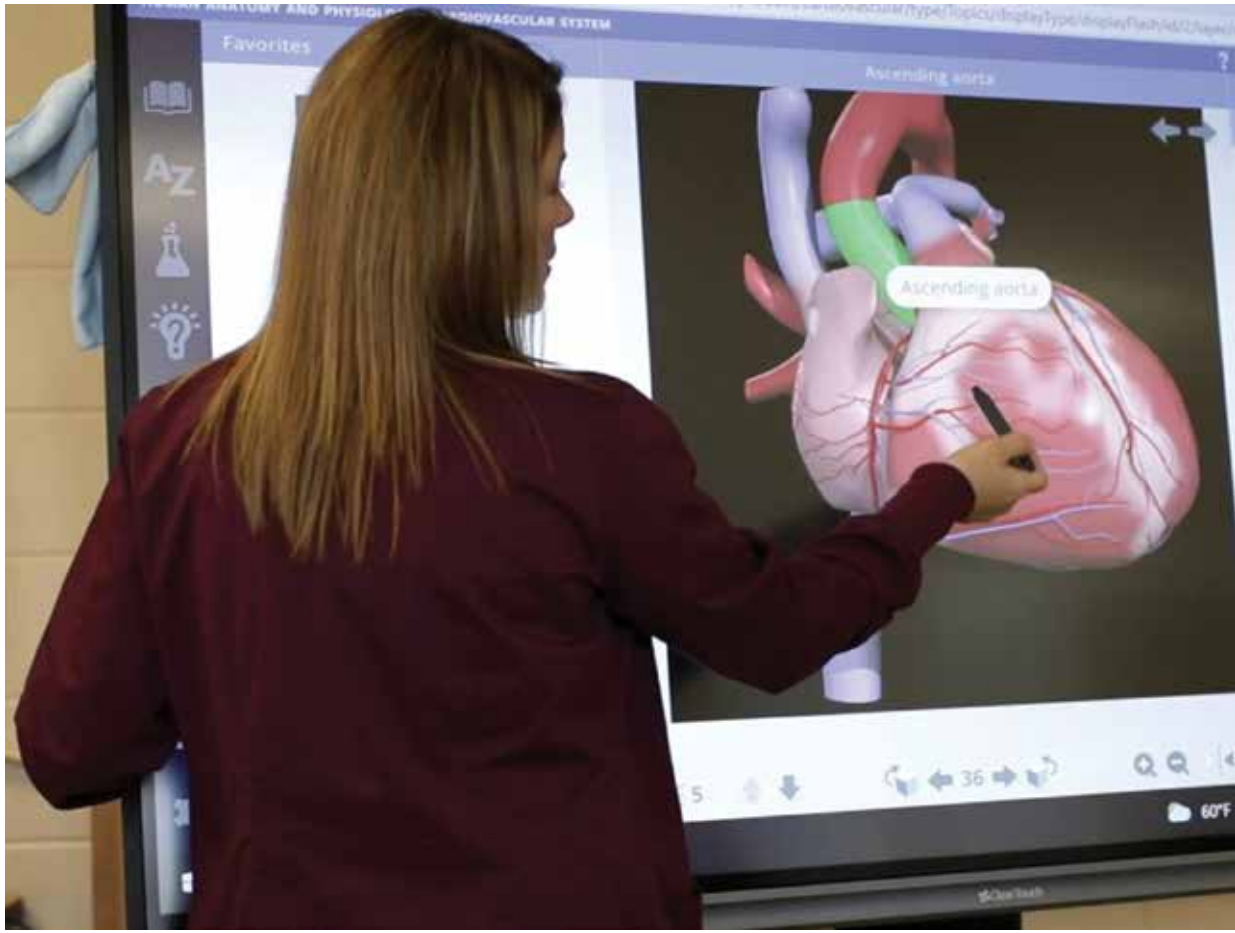
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