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MCAS Cherry Point Increases Security Posture

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (JAN. 4, 2025) —

Effective immediately, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and its outlying fields will implement increased security measures at all access control points to the installations.

Following recent events in Las Vegas and New Orleans and as a precaution to ensure the safety and security of personnel and facilities, the commander of U.S. Northern Command has directed all installations to execute heightened security measures. These measures include 100% identification checks, random vehicle inspections, and the suspension of the Trusted Traveler Program until further notice.

Drivers should expect delays and random inspections at all access control points in relation to the enhanced security posture of the installation and outlying properties. The measures are being implemented to ensure the ability to project combat power when and where required.

The Trusted Traveler Program allowed DoD-affiliated sponsors to vouch for other occupants within the same vehicle to gain entry onto an installation. With the suspension of the program, all individuals entering the installation must possess a valid form of Department of Defense identification such as a Common Access Card. Those who do not possess such identification must report to the respective installation's visitor center to request access.

Visit <https://www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Offices/Pass-ID> for further details on base access procedures for MCAS Cherry Point.

Direct any follow-up inquiry to MCAS Cherry Point Communication Strategy and Operations at chpt.com-strat.omb@usmc.mil or call 252-466-4241.



Oriental Dragon Run

Three Dragons and a big crowd at the 8 PM Dragon Run.

The Town of Oriental said goodbye to 2024, and hello to 2025 as only they can, with their traditional New Years Eve Running of the Dragons. It may have been the unseasonably warm temperatures, or it could have been the desire to move on to 2025 and a fresh start, but the crowd on Hodges Street was one of the largest in recent memory.

The Dragon Drummers warmed up the crowd as not 1, not 2, but 3 dragons appeared at the 8:00 PM run. The call it a run, but with a crowd this large, it isn't so much a run, as it is a slow weave. Many attendees brought noisemakers and pots and pans, which were banged loudly in celebration. Oriental Mayor Sally Belangia led the largest drag-

on through the throng as many came up to touch the teeth of the dragon which is said to bring good luck throughout the coming year to those brave enough to do so. The revelry was repeated again at 11:30 PM with one less dragon and the addition of the Croaker drop from a sailboat mast at midnight.

Happy New Year!



Touch the teeth of the Dragon for good luck.



Mayor Sally Helping Guide the Dragon through the crowd.

Minnesott Beach Welcomes the New Year

by: Hiram Lupton



The annual tradition unofficially known as the "Minnesott Beach Anything that rolls New Year's Eve Parade" wound through the streets of town last Tuesday in a grand celebration of 2024 and welcome to 2025. For the third year in a row, decorated golf carts, cars, trucks, a bicycle and an Arapahoe VFD Firetruck joined in the procession that ended at the Minnesott Golf and Country Club for a special New Year's Eve lunch.



Dogwood Award



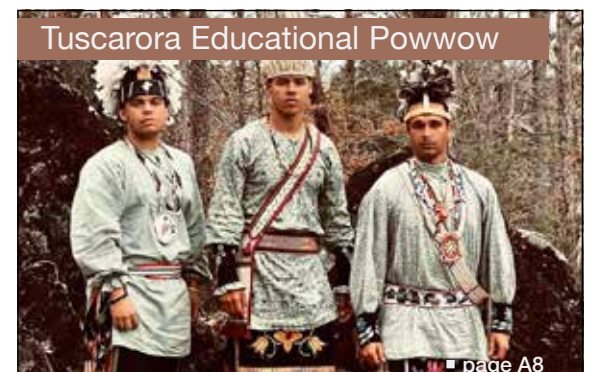
District Attorney Scott Thomas among those honored by Attorney General Josh Stein with Dogwood Award

(RALEIGH) Attorney General Josh Stein today honored four North Carolinians in eastern North Carolina with the Attorney General's Dogwood Award. These awards are distributed to honor people who are working to improve the health, safety, and well-being of their fellow North Carolinians.

District Attorney Scott Thomas

"District Attorney Thomas has been working hard to protect the communities he serves," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "He has been a great partner to my office to make North Carolina safer and healthier."

Scott Thomas is district attorney for Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico counties.



Tuscarora Educational Powwow

Hurricane Wrestlers in Action in Two Directions

Hiram Lupton



Diana Harper earns Gold for Pamlico



Harli Nethercutt picks up a Bronze for Pamlico

Photo credit: Emily Harper

Pamlico County High School wrestlers stayed busy during the Christmas break and last Saturday, both the Men and Ladies squads were in action in two different locations. The women headed south to the Swansboro Girls Holiday Classic. This event matched wrestlers up individually in tournament style competition and a pair of Hurricanes advanced through their weight class for podium finishes. At 138 lbs., Harli Nethercutt picked up a bronze for her 3rd place finish and Senior Diana Harper earned a gold for her top finish in the

126 lbs. class. The men's team headed Northwest to Ayden-Griffon for the Charger Duals. While wrestlers compete individually, duals are more of a team vs team event and Pamlico went 3-2 at the meet, picking up wins over East Carteret, North Johnston, and Northside, while losing narrowly to Rosewood and the host school, Ayden-Griffon. The Hurricanes had 3 grapplers go 5-0 on the day; Isaiah Mewborn, Eric Brantley, and Joc Kirkman. Great jobs by both Hurricane teams and their coaches.

"For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice - hopefully with fewer typos this time." -

WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday, January 11th **40° Hi** Rain throughout the day

Sunday, January 12th **45° Hi** Clear throughout the day



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Pamlico Community College

Students still have time to register for the Spring 2025 semester at Pamlico Community College

By Sandy Wall

Pamlico Community College's formal registration period is over, but there's still time for new and returning curriculum students to sign up for classes for the Spring 2025 semester!

Students can register for a course as long as it has not started yet. Seated classes will begin Monday, Jan. 13. Online courses will start Monday, Jan. 27.

Additionally, registration for popular Career & College Promise courses for high school juniors and seniors is now underway. It will run today (Wednesday, Jan. 8) and tomorrow (Thursday, Jan. 9) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Mattocks Center in Bayboro.

Registration for short-term Continuing Education courses, most of which have different start dates and times, is also underway and will continue throughout the semester.

PCC is proud to offer students a place where they can succeed. In fact, Pamlico has been ranked in the Top 10 among the nation's community colleges for students' Educational Outcomes in three of the last five years.



Students who enroll at PCC can expect to be treated as a member of the college family as they receive the knowledge, skills and training they need to get started on a bachelor's degree or to prepare for a great hands-on career in an in-demand field.

PCC 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!

Financial aid is available for qualified students.

Make 2025 your year for success! Financial aid is available for qualified students. For more information about registering at the college, call 252-249-1851, ext. 3001, or email studentservices@pamlicocc.edu.

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



Contact: Katie Shorter, kshorter@pamlicocc.edu

Imagine Pamlico and the Pamlico Small Business Center Offer First FREE Quarterly Seminar for Non-profits, "AI is your Ally"

January 1, 2025; Grantsboro, NC...All nonprofits serving Pamlico County are invited to attend a free, in-person seminar, "AI is your Ally" on Wednesday, January 15th from 9am-11am at the Delamar Center at Pamlico Community College. Artificial Intelligence (AI) specialist, Dr. Justin Rose from Beaufort County Community College, will provide guidance for non-profits on optimizing AI tools for the grant application process as well as administrative tasks. Beginners and experienced AI users alike will benefit from Dr. Rose's expertise.

Pamlico Partnership for Children's Executive Director, Susan Bridgman, provided feedback on her recent instructional sessions with Dr. Rose, "Spending time with Justin under his leadership and guidance has opened my eyes to what AI can really do." Bridgman adds, "It has streamlined my day-to-day tasks and

operations and it has helped me with content in my grant writing, social media posts, and other documents."

For more information and to register, visit www.PamlicoSBC.com or email Pamlico Community College's Small Business Center Director at kshorter@pamlicocc.edu

About Imagine Pamlico:

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



Picture caption: Imagine Pamlico and the Pamlico SBC offer FREE quarterly professional development seminars for all nonprofits serving Pamlico County.

EDITORIALS

I never met President Carter but thanks to another famous person I have a significant remembrance of him.

Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International, was often called on to speak to Senate and House of Representative committees concerned with housing issues. While in Washington Millard would try to meet with one or more of the Capitol area HFHI affiliates.

As the only DC Habitat for Humanity board member who was retired, I was often asked to get Millard at Washington National Airport and chauffeur him to his appointments. We struck up a pretty good relationship and he always remembered my wife's name and wanted to know what was happening in her medical world.

In the mid '90s some bi-partisan congressional staffers got together to sponsor a DC Habitat house. President Carter and Millard were invited to dedicate the house but Carter was busy otherwise and asked Millard to represent him at the event.

After picking Millard up at National and renewing our acquaintance, I asked Millard what he planned to say at the house dedication. He was quiet and reflective for a bit and then told me how he first met President Carter.

In 1981 or '82, Carter was recently out of office and back home in Plains GA, a few miles from HFH's HQ in Americus. HFHI was started in 1976 but was slow in gaining visibility and credibility in the country's charitable donor community. Carter and Millard both being fervent, overt Christians, Millard decided to call on Carter to ask if he might be willing to help with the Habitat mission.

Upon getting an appointment to meet with Carter, Millard proceeded to draw up a list of nine or ten things the former



President might do to assist Habitat. After a brief get-acquainted chat Carter asked what he could do for Millard. Millard offered him a single page with brief details of the possible opportunities, asking the President if he would consider taking one on. The possibilities ranged from taping a few fund-raising PSAs to starting an Advisory Board of Directors to hosting an annual Jimmy Carter Habitat Workweek.

Millard said Carter took an uncomfortable several minutes to read and reread the list but finally said "Okay". Millard told me he said "That's wonderful Mr President, thank you. Which one do you want to do?"

Carter responded "I'll do all of them."

A lot of us think Jimmy Carter started Habitat for Humanity but he didn't. Millard and Linda Fuller did. Jimmy Carter just recognized the value of the mission and cultivated it such that the need for safe, decent, affordable housing is now firmly imbedded in the world's consciousness. Habitat and its partner families have built or rehabbed over 600,000 homes, helping over 13.4 million people to live in such housing.

Well done Mr President. Rest in peace.

Submitted by Sam Myers
Oriental, NC



Land/Home Sales
Property Management
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Agent of the Week

Linda Hoff
Broker

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

Recently we listed a property near Oriental with Linda Hoff. The property has sold at our asking price. Linda was professional and prompt in this long distance sales effort. We would recommend Linda to anyone interested in buying or selling a property in the Oriental area of NC.

Lou & Jacquelyn, WV



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

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ORIENTAL – Million-dollar waterfront views over Green Creek, 2,472 hsf, **4BR/4BA** only 1.5 miles from downtown Oriental. Designed for extended family or for income-producing. 2nd floor stand-alone apartment offers a full kitchen, full bath, bedroom and living room with a separate HVAC system. FROG has kitchen, full bath, living area and loft bedroom with stand-alone HVAC. Boat dock is concrete with a drop-down for launching kayaks and a Swinger boat lift. 4 dedicated boat slips can be rented with 2nd floor apartment & FROG apartment. Vinyl bulkhead, lifetime metal roof & maintenance-free vinyl siding.

OFFERED AT \$ 595,000



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 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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ORIENTAL – Spectacular **3BR/3BA** in Village. Living room opens to deck with privacy wood fencing along backyard. Sunroom w/ wood interior, loft & skylight. 20' X 20' metal detached garage/workshop is fully-insulated with heat & AC, work benches & tables.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- January 8th – Today is National Bubble Bath Day. I take showers.
- January 9th – Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- January 10th – Today is National Houseplant Appreciation Day.
- January 11th – Today is National Milk Day.
- January 12th – Today is National Pharmacist Day.
- January 13th – Today is National Clean Off Your Desk Day.
- January 14th – 1784, the Treaty of Paris was ratified by Congress officially ending the American Revolution. Also, in 1990, The Simpsons debut on FOX-TV.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- January 8th – 1935, Elvis Presley
- January 8th – 19??, Entrepreneur Jane Potter
- January 10th – 1949, Heavyweight boxing champ George Foreman
- January 10th – 19??, Chef Barry Monk
- January 11th – 19??, PCMS teacher and coach Eric Hardison
- January 12th – 1951, Actress Kirstie Alley
- January 13th – 1961, Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus
- January 14th – 19??, Dedicated public servant Pat Lee Prescott



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

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

Breakfast with Friends @ Brantley's
Thursday's – January 9, 16, 23 & 30
8:30 am

Please join the group at Brantley's (Center Room) for breakfast. The breakfast will continue every Thursday at 8:30. (Except for when they are closed). Come as you are able. Breakfast is on your own. All are invited!

Prayer Shawl
Thursday's – January 9, 16, 23 & 30
10:00 am

Oriental United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

Crochet, knit shawls or lap robes to share with those that are in need. Please call Leigh Price for details. 919.219.2446.

Game Day
Wednesday – January 8
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Oriental United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall

Prime Time Game Day is returning to the Oriental United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an afternoon of fun-filled board games, cards, and fellowship! Beginners are welcome with hands-on instruction offered by other players.

Weight Management
Monday, January 13
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lori Brinson Altman, PharmD a Pharmacist and Wellness Advocate and co-owner of Bayboro Pharmacy and Wellness Center

Embarking on a successful weight management journey requires a strategy that encompasses not just nutrition, but many other aspects. It's essential to understand that weight management is not a one-size-fits-all solution; it involves recognizing and addressing personal challenges. By prioritizing proper food choices and integrating healthy habits into daily routines, individuals can navigate their unique circumstances and achieve sustainable weight goals. Embrace this

multifaceted approach to transform your lifestyle and unlock the path to a healthier you! Following the seminar, we will go into the kitchen to prepare a nutritious, healthy meal to share.

Advance Registration is required: director@primetime-pamlico.org

Pancakes for Prime Time A Fundraising Event with Silent Auction
Thursday, January 23
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Brantley's Village Restaurant

Donations of items for the silent auction are being accepted. Services, dinners, merchandise. Please call Debora @ 252.675.0909 or drop by OUMC office.

Tickets on Sale Now @ OUMC, Nautical Wheelers, Brantley's or from Prime Time Board Members.

Ports, Pilotage, & Shipping in Colonial NC Maritime Heritage Lecture Series
Thursday, January 30
Starts @ 11 am

Fort Macon Coastal Education Center Group Lunch Following Program (Lunch On Your Own)

Car pooling is suggested. Please register with director@primetimepamlico.org

Join Maritime History Curator David Bennett to learn about the economic role of shipping in colonial North Carolina. In addition, the lecture will discuss the rise of ports and pilotage and how they facilitated economic development.

The informal lectures focused on North Carolina's rich maritime history, coastal environment, and culture. The lectures are currently being held in the Fort Macon Coastal Education Center and streamed via Zoom. Visit ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com/virtual to sign up to receive the Zoom links. Programs are also posted to the museum's YouTube channel.

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)

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES



Lillie Mae Barker Pegram, 86, of Bayboro passed away Monday, January 6, 2025, at CarolinaEast Medical Center.

Lillie Mae is a member of Washington Church of God of Prophecy but was recently attending Bridgeton Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Pegram, Sr.; her parents, Jim and Lillie Barker; brothers, Floyd, J.C., Roosevelt, and Gilbert; sisters, Arzella Midyette, Christine Modlin, Caralee Lancaster, Edna Lancaster, and Elizabeth Barker; and great-great grandson, Everette Wayne Pegram. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her

son Russell Pegram, Jr. and wife, Annette; daughter, Sheila Pegram; brother, Candler Barker; sisters, Ethel Warner, Margie Peedin, and Beatrice Apple; grandchildren, Mary Boyd, David Pegram (Julie), and Ryan Toler (Erin); great grandchildren, Kristin, Amber, Catherine Alexis, Guy, Halle, and Grayson; and great-great grandchildren, Broughton, Aleese, Madison, and Lily.

A funeral service to honor Lillie Mae's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 10th at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Dixon officiating. Interment will be in Celestial Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance.

Elizabeth Harwick Selected as a Judge for National Future City Competition



Pamlico County Schools is proud to share that Elizabeth Harwick, our Public Information Officer, has been selected as a judge for the National Future City Competition! This prestigious event, which inspires middle school students to design and build cities of the future,

launches its inaugural high school competition this year, marking an exciting milestone for the program.

Elizabeth's connection to Future City runs deep, having previously led a student team through this transformative experience. Her firsthand understanding of the program's impact makes

her an excellent choice to evaluate the innovative projects submitted by teams across the nation.

The Future City Competition challenges students to solve real-world sustainability and engineering challenges by blending engineering, science, math, and creativity. Participants work in teams to tackle a yearly theme, develop city models, write essays, and present their futuristic ideas to judges.

Elizabeth will bring her expertise and enthusiasm to the judging panel, representing Pamlico County Schools on the national stage and encouraging the next generation of problem-solvers.

Please join us in congratulating Elizabeth on this honor and wishing her the best as she supports the visionaries of tomorrow!

Two Pamlico County residents face trafficking charges after drug bust on US Hwy 70

by News 12 Staff

Two Pamlico County residents were arrested on Saturday, Dec. 28, and charged with trafficking opium/heroin after a traffic stop on Hwy 70.

Gabrielle Alexis Armstrong, 30, and Jeramy Wayne Lewis, 40, were traveling eastbound on US Hwy 70 when the Craven County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Bureau, along with K9 Bureau, conducted a traffic stop.

Probable cause was established and officials say that a search of the vehicle led to the seizure of approximately 7.7 grams of fentanyl and several items of drug paraphernalia.

Gabrielle Alexis Armstrong was arrested and charged with:

- Two counts of Trafficking Opium/Heroin
- Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, and Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance
- Felony Maintaining a Vehicle/Dwelling for Controlled Substances
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

She was held at the Craven County Detention Center with a \$1,000,000 secured bond. Armstrong is scheduled for her first court appearance on January 2, 2025, at



9:00 AM in Courtroom #4 at the Craven County Courthouse.

Jeramy Wayne Lewis was also arrested and charged with:

- Two counts of Trafficking Opium/Heroin
- Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, and Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance
- Felony Maintaining a Vehicle/Dwelling for Controlled Substances
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Lewis was also held at the Craven County Detention Center with a \$1,000,000 secured bond and is scheduled for his first court appearance on January 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM in Courtroom #4 at the Craven County Courthouse

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
 Focus on collaboration this week, Aries. Teamwork leads to unexpected rewards if you are open to others' ideas, so remain receptive to the input of teammates.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, when a project presents itself to you, stay grounded and run through all the components carefully. Employ the same strategy when going over financial opportunities.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
 Gemini, clear up any misunderstandings and express your thoughts openly with others this week. Communication is certainly key at this juncture in time.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
 It is important that you take time for some self-care this week, Cancer. Your emotional well-being is just as important as your physical fitness. Reflect on some personal goals in this area.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, you often excel in group settings, and social gatherings this week are a place where you can shine. Use all opportunities to network and connect with others.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
 It is important to focus on your work-life balance right now, Virgo. Prioritize important tasks, but also make time for relaxation. Small changes to your routine can be ideal.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
 Embrace your artistic side this week, Libra. Consider a new hobby that will keep your mind busy. Social activities that involve creative pursuits also can bring inspiration and joy.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
 Allow home and family to take center stage, Scorpio. Spend as much time as possible with loved ones and try to get to the root of any persistent, unresolved issues.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, this week focus on activities that afford a chance to learn and explore. You might want to take a class or try a new hobby. Curiosity can be exciting.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
 Financial matters may require some attention right now, Capricorn. Examine your budget and figure out if the new year requires some changes to how you're managing money.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, new ideas may lead to some personal projects that inspire you. You might find that you'll be quite busy on these self-imposed tasks for the next couple of weeks.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
 This is a good time to focus attention inward, Pisces. Make time for reflection and even some meditation if that is something that interests you. The rewards will be worth it.

CAPRICORN Traits & Overview

The last earth sign of the zodiac, Capricorns and their unique spirits are powerful, to say the least. I've worked with thousands of clients over my nearly-10 year-long career as a professional astrologer, and I can confirm that there's something that makes Capricorn extremely special. Perhaps it's their fearless ambition? Their limitless resilience? Their ability to keep pushing forward, even in the face of challenging adversity and painful strife? Or, maybe it's their secret wild side that's very rarely depicted in standard personality assessments, but that rumbles within the soul of every Capricorn: Not everyone gets to see Capricorn ordering rounds of tequila, dancing on the table, and staying out until the crack of dawn—but that rebellious, untamed spirit is a Capricorn asset. I mean, how else do you expect this zodiac sign to let loose and have fun?

Interestingly, Capricorns are said to age backwards: they become increasingly youthful, optimistic, and playful as they mature. Indeed, inside every earnest Capricorn is a mischievous troublemaker. Though this earth sign may seem a bit conservative and restrained at first, Capricorn's closest friends and lovers know that these sea goats love to party.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Time for New Year's financial resolutions



Dan M. Roberts

Now that the calendar has flipped, it's time for some New Year's resolutions. You could decide you're going to exercise more, lose weight, learn a new skill, reconnect with old friends — the possibilities are almost limitless. This year, why not add a few financial resolutions to your list? Here are a few to consider:

- **Reduce your debts.** It may be easier said than done, but if you can cut down on your debt load, you'll increase your cash flow and have more money available to invest for your future. So, look for ways to lower your expenses and spending. You might find it helpful to use one of the budgeting apps available online.

- **Boost your retirement savings.** Try to put in as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If your salary goes up this year, you've got a good opportunity to increase your contributions to these retirement accounts. And once you turn 50, you can make pre-tax catch-up contributions for your 401(k) and traditional IRA. You might also want to review the investment mix within your 401(k) or similar plan to determine whether it's still providing the growth potential you need, given your risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Build an emergency fund.** It's generally a good idea to maintain an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as an expensive auto or home repair.

- **Keep funding your non-retirement goals.** Your traditional IRA and 401(k) are good ways to save for retirement — but you likely have other goals, too, and you'll need to save and invest

for them. So, for example, if you want your children to go to college or receive some other type of post-secondary training, you might want to invest in a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan. And if you have short-term goals, such as saving for a wedding or taking an overseas vacation, you might want to put some money away in a liquid account. For a short-term goal, you don't necessarily need to invest aggressively for growth — you just want the money to be there for you when you need it.

- **Review your estate plans.** If you haven't already created your estate plans, you may want to do so in 2025. Of course, if you're relatively young, you might not think you need to have estate plans in place just yet, but life is unpredictable, and the future is not ours to see. If you have already drawn up estate plans, you may want to review them, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your life and family situation, such as marriage, remarriage or the addition of a new child. Because estate planning can be complex, you'll want to work with a qualified legal professional.

You may not be able to tackle all these resolutions in 2025. But by addressing as many of them as you can, you may find that, by the end of the year, you have made progress toward your goals and set yourself on a positive course for all the years to come.

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Winter Garden and Landscape Chores

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Winter is here but spring is just around the corner. Use this time to perform a few garden chores and starting planning for spring planting.

One of the easiest chores to perform this time of year is soil testing. Soil testing should be conducted every 2-3 years, and provides a snapshot of your current soil fertility and pH levels. You can pick up all the soil testing materials you will need to submit a sample at our office, and then submit that sample to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Agronomic Division for analysis <http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/>. By amending your soil now, you will be prepared



for spring planting.

Winter dormancy pruning can also be conducted during the next couple of months. To learn more about pruning of fruit trees, review the Extension publication 'Training and Pruning Fruit Trees in N.C.' at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/training-and-pruning-fruit-trees-in-north-carolina>. You can also find several videos from Extension Tree Fruit Specialist, Dr. Mike Parker, for peach and pecan tree care through our NC

State Extension YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/NCExtension>.

Remember to hold off on heavy pruning of spring flowering shrubs like Azaleas and Camellia. Wait until they have flowered then proceed to make those cuts. Pruning of these plants early may result in removal of flower buds. Summer flowering plants like Crape myrtle and evergreen shrubs can be pruned immedi-

ately. However, try not to remove more than 1/3 of the canopy of any plant during one year. Light, corrective pruning all year long is much easier than large, heavy pruning during winter. Winter pruning generally invigorates plants, so look out for a large flush of new growth in the spring. For specifics on when and how to make those pruning cuts, visit the NC State Extension publication 'General Pruning Techniques' at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/pdf/general-pruning-techniques/2014-09-29/general-pruning-techniques.pdf>.

Planting of trees and shrubs can be conducted almost year-round with containerized plants, but establishment is much easier when planting occurs during cooler parts of the year. With less demand for canopy growth, plants can focus energy on root development before the spring warm-up begins. Remember not to plant too deeply and encourage root growth by pruning back restricted roots systems that occur in containers. For more planting tips, review the NC State Extension video series from Dr. Barbara Fair, Extension Horticultural Specialist, at <https://horticulture.ces.ncsu.edu/horticulture-ornamentals/landscaping/>



Lastly, do not forget about those winter lawn weeds. Winter annuals and perennials are much easier to control in the fall, but we can still take action now. Most winter weeds are broad-leaf plants and can be controlled with mixtures of broadleaf herbicides like Ortho-Weed-B-Gone or Speed Zone Southern. However, cold temperatures will decrease efficacy of these products and add additional time before you notice results. Just be patient and follow the label directions. Stay away from "weed and feed" products during the dormant season. Save the fertilizer for after spring green up, as applications of nitrogen fertilizer during winter dormancy is not recommended for warm season grasses. For more information on identifying & controlling winter weeds follow this link to the N.C. State Extension Turffiles website at <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/>.

For more information on any of these subjects, please contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

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The Famous Man from Tally Ho

D.G. Martin

Who is the most famous North Carolinian today?

If you check the latest edition of the World Almanac as I do this time every year, you will find a list of "Famous North Carolinians."

That list includes the following people, but not today's most famous person from our state.

Read over the names on the World Almanac list and then I will tell you today's most famous person: David Brinkley, Shirley Caesar, John Coltrane, Stephen Curry, Rick Dees, Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Dale Earnhardt Sr., John Edwards, Ava Gardner, Richard Jordan Gatling, Billy Graham, Andy Griffith, O. Henry, Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Michael Jordan, William Rufus King, Charles Kuralt, Meadowlark Lemon, Dolley Madison, Thelonious Monk, Edward R. Murrow, Richard Petty, James K. Polk, Charlie Rose, Carl Sandburg, Enos Slaughter, Dean Smith, James Taylor, Thomas Wolfe.

But that list does not include the North Carolinian most talked about across the world recently: a man who grew up in the Tally Ho community of Granville County.

On Christmas Day 2021 a \$10 billion giant telescope to replace the aging Hubble scope was launched from French Guiana. The launch was successful, and the device has unfolded its antenna, mirror, and tennis-court-sized sunshield, as it moved toward a final orbit.

The Hubble, at work for more than 30 years, was named for Edwin Powell Hubble, an American astronomer who died in 1953. He was an important astronomer whose work



provided evidence that the universe is expanding.

The new observatory-telescope is about 100 times more sensitive than the Hubble. As described by Dennis Overbye in the Oct. 20, 2021, edition of The New York Times, "Orbiting the sun a million miles from Earth, it will be capable of bringing into focus the earliest stars and galaxies in the universe and closely inspecting the atmospheres of nearby exoplanets for signs of life or habitability."

So, what does all this have to do with Granville County and the most talked-about North Carolinian?

The new telescope is named the James Webb Space Telescope. Like the Hubble, the James Webb Space Telescope, or JWST, or Webb Telescope, or simply the Webb, will be in almost every news story about space exploration for many years. Every young person studying astronomy or reading about space will see his name. It will be everywhere.

Why is this critical device named for Webb?

Lewis Bowling, who, like Webb grew up working in the tobacco fields and barns of Granville County, explained in his column in the December 30, 2021, edition of the Oxford Public Ledger, Granville County's twice-weekly newspaper. "James Webb, who grew up in the sticks like me, surrounded by great big fields of tobacco was the man most responsible for leading us to the moon. Let me clarify something: James Webb was born in Tally Ho near Stem, so he was a country boy like me, but obviously a lot smarter. Webb knew and worked for several presidents and was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration director under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. As former North Carolina Congressman L. H. Fountain once said, 'for the first time since the beginning of the world there are now footprints on the moon, and the major share of credit goes to a distinguished son of Granville County, James E. Webb.'"

I wrote that I would bet that there will be a new entry in the latest World Almanac's list of "Famous North Carolinians."

I believed the new entry would be James Webb from Tally Ho.

But Webb has still not yet made the World Almanac's list.

I will be looking for Webb's name when the 2026 World Almanac comes out next fall hoping that its editors do not again forget to add James Webb to their list.

D.G. Martin, a retired lawyer, served as UNC-System's vice president for public affairs and hosted PBS-NC's North Carolina Bookwatch.

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 Hilda Simpson Brinson, 78, Arapahoe
 Martha Gail Dixon Brigman, 72, Bayboro
 Natalie Norma Day Griffin, 63, Grantsboro
 James David Broughton, 80, Grantsboro
 Dwight Towns "D.T." Wilkinson, Jr., 88, Alliance
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MARCH

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4 fun facts

about the month of January

January marks the start of a new year, and that sense of a new beginning is palpable for millions of people across the globe. New Year's resolutions are typically made at the start of January, and those can serve as a springboard to an enjoyable year. As the calendar turns to January, there's much to learn about this meaningful month.

1. The Roman god Janus is the namesake for the first month of the year. Janus was considered the protector of gates and doorways and the god of beginnings and transitions, among other things. Given those qualities, it's no wonder Janus is the namesake for the first month of the year.
2. Though it's not considered part of the holiday season, January boasts its fair share of holidays, and some Christians even consider it the end of the holiday season. Celebrated by some on January 6, the Epiphany is a Christian feast day that commemorates the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus Christ and the wedding at Cana. Though some Christian celebrants may take down their holiday decorations, including their Christmas trees, before the dawn of the new year, those who commemorate the Epiphany may wait until January 6 to pack things up. In addition to the Epiphany, the January calendar also features holidays such as New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
3. Though they might not be officially recognized holidays, two very influential figures in American history were born in January. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin, who helped to draft the Declaration of Independence, was born on January 17, 1706, in Boston in what was then known as the Province of Massachusetts Bay. Nearly 230 years later, Elvis Presley was born on January 8, 1935, in Tupelo, Mississippi. Though he was not official royalty, Elvis is still considered the "King of Rock and Roll," and one can only wonder what Benjamin Franklin might have thought about that designation had he been around to hear it.
4. The Farmer's Almanac reports that there is some folklore associated with January weather. Though some might welcome a warmer January than they're accustomed to, the prevailing folklore around January weather suggests a summer-like January will result in a winter-like spring. In addition, fog in January is associated with a wet spring. So anyone hoping for a warm and dry spring might want to hope for and subsequently grin and bear any cold weather that comes their way in January.

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Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, advises the Cleveland Clinic. Unlike some other vision problems like cataracts that affect the lens or surface of the eye, glaucoma impacts the optic nerve directly. However, blindness from glaucoma often can be prevented with early treatment.

Under pressure

Glaucoma is brought on by abnormal pressure buildup in the eye. The American Academy of Ophthalmology® says the eye constantly makes a substance known as aqueous humor. When new aqueous humor flows into the eye, existing aqueous humor should drain out through an area called the drainage angle. But if the drainage angle is not working correctly, the fluid builds up and intraocular pressure in the eye increases. Over time, this pressure damages the optic nerve. The primary function of the optic nerve is to transmit visual information from the retina to the brain.

Open-angle and closed-angle glaucoma

The most common type of glaucoma is known as open-angle glaucoma, which occurs when the drainage angle becomes blocked or there is resistance to the fluid draining out, says the Cleveland Clinic. This disease may go undetected for years because most people do not experience symptoms early on. The Mayo Clinic says gradual development of blind spots in peripheral vision and, in later stages, difficulty seeing things in central vision may occur.

In closed-angle glaucoma, also called angle-closure glaucoma, a person's iris is very close to the drainage angle and the iris itself can end up blocking the drainage angle. When the drainage angle becomes completely blocked, pressure in the eye can rapidly increase. The AAO says this is known as an acute attack and is a true emergency that can result in blindness. Signs of an acute attack include:

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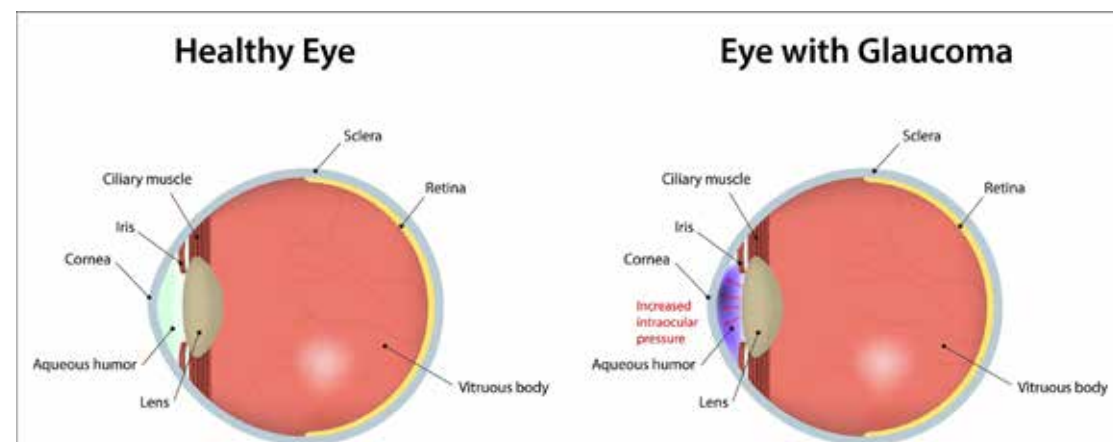
Glaucoma risk factors

Glaucoma can affect anyone, but the risk increases with age (over 60) and is higher among Black and Hispanic populations. Asian and Inuit populations are more susceptible to closed-angle glaucoma, says the Cleveland Clinic. People with diabetes also have a much higher risk of getting glaucoma. In addition, individuals with a family history of glaucoma; people with high blood pressure; and people with previous eye injury or surgery are at risk for glaucoma.

Treatment

The main treatment for glaucoma includes prescription eye drops that will decrease fluids and improve drainage in the eye. Laser therapy also may be recommended to help improve fluid drainage. Surgery also can achieve better eye pressure, but it is more invasive and additional methods may be tried first.

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Cypress Society Singers and Dancers represent the Kahtehnuaka Tuscarora peoples that reside here in these lands that are now called North Carolina. This event is primarily led by Kat Littleturtle (Kahtehnuaka) and Kaya Littleturtle (Kahtehnuaka). They will share wisdom and traditions established by generations of knowledge kept by lifetimes of resiliency. You will be told the old stories of the eastern woodland native nations and shown the old dances and songs led by various members of the group. The audience will go on a journey that began at the beginnings of creation and get a glimpse of the culture and traditions of the original inhabitants of turtle island.

Come join us on January 26th at 2pm at Orringer Auditorium to hear these untold stories and get a glimpse into the culture and traditions that defined this region before Baron DeGraffenreid and John Lawson arrived. Tickets are \$12 for members, active duty military, and students; \$15 for nonmembers. Reservations available online at www.NewBernHistorical.org or by calling 252-638-8558. A portion of the proceeds will go to supporting the Cypress Society Singers and Dancers.

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Healthy hobbies families can enjoy together

Resolutions to get fit might garner the bulk of people's attention come New Year's Day. But resolution season also marks a great time for busy families to commit to spending more time together.

Hobbies can bring people together, which makes them an ideal outlet for families who want to spend more time with one another. Families on the lookout for hobbies they can enjoy together can consider the following activities.

- **Hiking:** Hiking is a family-friendly activity that's free and ideal for individuals who also want to turn over a healthy leaf as the new year dawns. The cardiovascular benefits of hiking are well-documented and include lowering hikers' risk for serious ailments, including heart disease. But the exposure to nature that hiking provides can benefit entire families. A 2015 study published in the journal *Landscape and Urban Planning* found that hiking can help to reduce feelings of anxiety. Hiking trails run the gamut from flat trails that are ideal for families that include young children to more challenging trails that require a little climbing.

- **Cycling:** Cycling is another healthy, family-friendly hobby. The experts at MD Anderson Cancer Center note that cycling builds muscle, helps people maintain a healthy weight, releases endorphins that can make it easier to relieve and manage stress, and improves balance. Both adults and children can reap those rewards. When cycling with young children, parents can look for flat cycling paths that won't discourage kids or require them to do more than their bodies can handle. Older children and teenagers



can handle more challenging paths, and parents of children in these age groups can even consider incorporating mountain biking into their cycling routines.

- **Cooking:** There are plenty of family-friendly hobbies that can be enjoyed at home. Cooking is one such hobby, and it can have some surprising benefits for youngsters. According to Nemours KidsHealth®, cooking can be a great way for parents to reinforce basic math skills kids are learning at school.

Older kids who don't need such lessons can benefit from cooking with their parents by learning to prepare nutritious meals that can lay the foundation for healthy eating habits throughout adulthood.

- **Painting:** Painting together as a family can benefit both adults and children in unique ways. Harvard Medical School notes that studies have found that artistic expression can help people with depression and anxiety. Young children, including preschoolers, also can benefit from painting, which helps them develop both their fine and gross motor skills and improves hand-eye coordination. Parents of adolescents should know that painting has also been found to be a productive outlet for teenagers to express themselves, and the process of seeing a painting project through from inception to completion can boost confidence and self-esteem.

As the new year dawns and resolutions are made, families can look to various hobbies they can engage in together to make the year ahead both happy and healthy.

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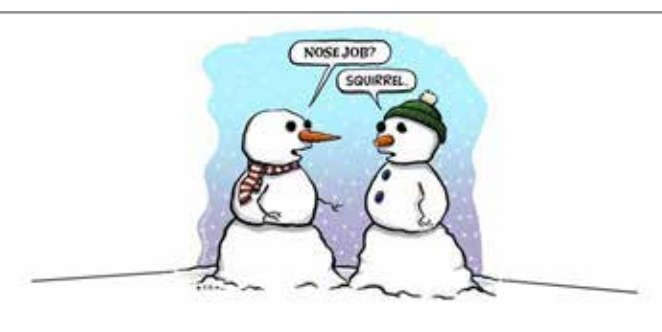
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Carl Vincent Williamson, deceased, of Bayboro, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before April 8, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This the 8th day of January, 2025.

Cindi M. Quay, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Vincent Williamson
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
412 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES:
1/8/2025; 1/15/2025; 1/22/2025;
1/29/2025

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
24 SP 40

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Thomas R. Hoskins (Deceased), Maria Hoskins and Jonathan Hoskins (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Thomas R. Hoskins and Maria Hoskins and Jonathan Hoskins) to PRLAP, Inc., Trustee(s), dated December 8, 2006, and recorded in Book No. 484, at Page 548 in Pamlico County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Pamlico County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Bayboro, Pamlico County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 12:00 PM on January 21, 2025 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Arapahoe in the County of Pamlico, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: Being Lot No. 85, Phase 1, of the subdivision known as Arlington Place as shown on that certain plat or map entitled "Arlington Place, Phase 1, Township 5, Minnesott Beach, Pamlico County, North Carolina", prepared by Herbert J. Nobles,

JR., Professional Land Surveyor, dated October 2, 2006 and duly recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 153, Pages 17 through 20 and slide 154, Pages 1 through 8, of the Public Registry of Pamlico County, North Carolina. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 38 Wild Swan Lane, Arapahoe, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a) (1).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BRENT DAILY STOWE
File No.: 24 E 231

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to GLENN E. STOWE, ADMINISTRATOR on or before APRIL 8, 2025, 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 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025

ESTATE OF BRENT DAILY STOWE
C/O GLENN E. STOWE
203 CAMPEN RD
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REPORTS

INSPECTIONS

- Dec. 9, Benny Rose, Vandemere, building, \$1,950
- Dec. 10, Stephen & Ann Dunn, New Bern, mechanical, \$100; Chip Gibbs, Arapahoe, electrical, \$150
- Dec. 11, Salvador Lopez, Bayboro, electrical, \$150; DSW Homes/Pamlico County, Bayboro, demolition, \$0
- Dec. 12, Dollar General, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Banks Built, Bayboro, plumbing, \$50; Dan Fossi, Grantsboro, plumbing, \$50; Jim Aldridge, Vandemere, seawall, \$75.60; Scott Britton, Oriental, electrical, \$100
- Dec. 16, Terry Walsh, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Dan Fossi, Grantsboro, electrical 200 amp, \$150; Jennifer Williford, Merritt, fire, \$0; Rebecca Schill, Oriental, new modular, \$842.28; Reg Piland, Oriental, plumbing, \$50
- Dec. 17, Jerry Fry, Arapahoe, electrical, \$200; Gypsy Gilliam, Grantsboro, remodel, \$729
- Dec. 18, JC Jackson Homes, Grantsboro, new residential, \$1,551; Billy Boyette, Grantsboro, electrical, \$50
- Dec. 20, Thomas & Susie Mulry, Oriental, new house, \$2,229
- Dec. 27, Zach Toleman, Oriental, electrical, \$50

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- Oct. 2, Arlington Place Lot: 51, Phase 1 PCA 153-17, Arlington Place Lot: 52 Phase 1, PCA 153-17 from William A. Cresswell, Catherine T. Cresswell to Susan Kingree Dodge, David Tennant Dodge, Jr., \$1,510
- Oct. 2, Landings Hargett Lot: 20, Section II & 1,037 Sq. Ft.

- Tract PCA 29-2 & PCB 11-10, Deed of Correction 719/421 from Nicholas R. Stark, Carolyn A. Stutts, Thomas G. Stone, Mary E. Stone to Nicholas R. Stark, Carolyn A. Stutts, \$0
- Oct. 2, Deed of Correction 719/418; 0.3 AC Lot: 19 PCB 11-10 from Nicholas R. Stark, Carolyn A. Stutts, Thomas G. Stone, Mary E. Stone to Thomas G. Stone, Mary E. Stone, \$0
- Oct. 2, 1/2 AC W/S Don E Lee (SR 1301) from Rex Smith, Gayla Smith to Marion Gibbs, \$0
- Oct. 3, Sea Vista Pierce Creek Area Lot: 1 Addition III MB 10/2; Sea Vista Pierce Creek Area Lot: 2, Addition III MB 10/2; Sea Vista Pierce Creek Area Lot: 3, Addition III MB 10/2 from Albert Truett Ray, Cynthia Johnson Ray to Catherine Anne Siren, Christopher Hanby Siren, \$120
- Oct. 3, Camp Creek Lot: 10 PCA 171-2 from Brown Pelican Construction, LLC to Carroll Construction Homes, Inc., \$84
- Oct. 4, 1 AC NC Hwy 1203 from William Nathan Carmen, Marjorie L. Carmen to William Nathan Carmen, Marjorie L. Carmen, \$0
- Oct. 4, Brown Creek Development Lot: 7 PCA 75-4 from James Anthony Josey, Chnita W. Josey to Gary Noble, Vianka Vives, \$270
- Oct. 4, Otter Creek Lot: 3 PCA 21-7 from Tara Rebecca Blomquist to Andrew J. White, Holly D. White, \$120
- Oct. 4, Bel-Aire MB 4/11, Bel-Aire .016 AC MB 4/11 04E72 from David Brigman, Susan Brigman, Kelly Ballance, Connie Ballance, Jr. to Jerome D. Addis, Deborah C. Addis, \$650

- Oct. 4, PIN E041-152; 3 AC NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro from Angelica Renee Lee to Richard T. Lee, Rachel Lee Powers, \$0
- Oct. 4, Quitclaim Deed; PIN E041-152; 3 AC NC Hwy 306 S Grantsboro from Jeffrey E. Powers, Rachel Lee Powers to Rachel Lee Powers, \$0
- Oct. 4, PIN E041-152; 3 AC NC Hwy 306 S Grantsboro from Richard T. Lee, Rachel Lee Powers, Jeffrey E. Powers to Brandy Lynn Baxter, \$390
- Oct. 4, Kennels Beach 3 Tracts MB 4/18 24E185; PIN D091-68 from Henry Griffin to Anthony M. Woodard, \$128
- Oct. 4, Edgewater Lot: 22 MB 6/34, Edgewater Lot: 23 MB 6/34 from Phyllis Jean Robinson, Phyllis Jean Rasnick, Sandra Lee Smith/Alf to Kenneth Dale Montgomery, Debra Curl Montgomery, \$550
- Oct. 4, Weyerhaeuser Properties; see instrument; maps attached from Weyerhaeuser Company to Weyerhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc., \$0
- Oct. 7, 24E19; PIN J082-46; 1.48 AC Lot 3 Jack George Mason MB 5/68 from Christine M. Doty, Christine M. Doty/EXR, Kenneth A. Mason/EST to Donald Fallon Lyons, Kate Elizabeth Lyons, \$940
- Oct. 7, Sunset Shores Lot: 1 PCA 1-9 from Kenneth W. Joyner, Tammy F. Joyner to John Denton, Laura Denton, \$870
- Oct. 7, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: D Lot: 44 MB 5/84; Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: D Lot: 45 MB 5/84 from Daniel L. Sowers, Elizabeth A. Sowers to Robert W. Lareau, Nicala R.Lareau, \$1,140

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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF CAROL E. HERMAN

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Carol E. Herman, late of Oriental, Pamlico County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4626 10th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 3713-6127 on or before the 16th day of April, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 8th day of January, 2025

Jeffrey E. Herman
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Publish: January 8, 15, 22 and 29th, 2025

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JEFFERY ISAAC WATKIN
File No.: 24 E 245

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MARTINE G. WATKIN, EXECUTOR on or before APRIL 8, 2025, 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 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025

ESTATE OF JEFFERY ISAAC WATKIN
C/O MARTINE G. WATKIN
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- Oct. 7, Arlington Place Lot: 66 Phase 1 PCA 153-17, Arlington Place Lot: 67 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from John Cole, Rebecca H. Cole to John Cole, Brandi Sue Brownley, \$0
- Oct. 8, PIN F051-9-1; 1.71 AC Tract 2 PCB 16-9 from Lawana M. Sampson, Johnny Wayne Bunn to Pharon Stoney Ippock, Jodi Sampson Ippock, \$420
- Oct. 8, PIN F051-9-1; 1.81 AC Tract 1 & 1.99 AC Tract 3 PCB 16-9 from Lawana M. Sampson, Johnny Wayne Bunn to Lawana M. Sampson, Johnny Wayne Bunn, \$0
- Oct. 8, Natures Run on Dawson Creek Lot: 9 PCB 11-19 & PCA 177-20, Natures Run on Dawson Creek Lot: 10 PCB 11-19 & PCA 177-20, Natures Run on Dawson Creek Lot: 11 PCB 11-19 & PCA 177-20, Natures Run on Dawson Creek Boat Slip 7 PCA 178-2 from Karrus Ventures, LLC to William James McLaughlin, \$875
- Oct. 8, 4 Tracts Vandemere - see instrument from Metal Processors, Inc. to Thomas M. McCrudden, Leslie L. McCrudden, \$380
- Oct. 8, Whorton Harbor Lot: 6 PCA 117-2 from Thomas Martin to Thomas Martin, Deborah Martin, \$0

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Thank you Ms. Michelle!

Medical school applications are on the decline

Medical school is never far from the minds of students who aspire to be doctors. The Princeton Review says that medical school takes four years to complete, after which individuals will also spend three to eight years in residency. When all is said and done, an individual who entered college at 18 may not become a doctor until he or she is 29, if not older.

In the United States, students can expect to spend an average of \$364,536 to become a doctor, says White Coat Investor. Of that amount, \$218,792 is for medical school and \$145,744 is for an undergraduate degree. Students must devote a lot of time and money to become a doctor, and that commitment could be one reason behind a recent decline in medical school applications.

According to data released by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the 2023-2024 school year marked the second consecutive year medical schools saw a drop in applicants. There were 52,577 applicants, which was a decline of 4 percent over the



2022-2023 year. This is in contrast to the 2021-2022 year, which was likely driven by people inspired to engage in careers in medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, there were a record number of medical school applicants, with an 18 percent increase over the previous year.

Despite a decline in applications, first-year enrollments remain high and rose 1.2 percent compared to 2023, according to AAMC data. Schools also are seeing more ethnically diverse medical students. Medical Economics reports the number of first-year Hispanic medical students rose by 4.5 percent in 2023 and American Indian or Alaska Native medical students rose by 14.7 percent. Women also accounted for more than half of applicants and first-year students.

Experts are unsure what is driving the decline in medical school applicants. However, David J. Skorton, president and CEO of the AAMC, said the medical community is seeing declines in applications for other health professions as well. The long hours, intense schooling, cost of tuition, and wear on mental health are some factors that might be causing students to reconsider medical school. Some schools are now redesigning programs to cater to medical students' overall health and wellness on their journeys to becoming doctors.

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