

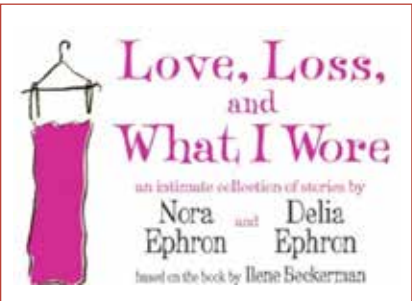


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The Old Theater in Oriental Presents

Love, Loss, & What I Wore
April 25 and 26 at 7:00 PM
April 27 at 3:00 PM

Tickets are \$25 for general admission; \$20 for Old Theater members, military, and students. Tickets are available at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern and online at www.oldtheater.org.

Love, Loss and What I Wore is a play written by Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron, based on the best-selling book by Ilene Beckerman. Monologues and ensemble pieces follow fragmented stories about the nostalgic power of women's clothing. A cast of five women enrobed in black sit on stools and tell funny, wistful and universal memories about their families and loved ones through the prism of their closets. It is about women, clothes and memories covering all the important subjects like mothers, proms, mothers, buying bras, mothers, hating purses, and why we only wear black. It is funny and powerful, a reminder of our female wiles, worries, and insecurities. Five local actresses portray multiple characters: Nelda Coates, Elaine Creel, Jessica Russo, Gail Vergato, and Christine Wager. Love, Loss and What I Wore is produced by the Old Theater's production company, Pamlico Players, under the leadership of Per Erichsen and directed by Deirdre Murray.

The Box Office opens one hour before the play begins. The newly renovated Old Theater will provide the comfort you deserve and the wine, soft drinks, and water you desire by donation.

The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization bringing entertainment to Oriental and Pamlico County as well as surrounding areas, located at 609 Broad Street in Oriental, NC. For more information call 252-249-0477.

BBQ, Gospel & Blues Saturday, April 26 at the Red Rooster.

A beautiful event that truly shows the power of the arts and the impact they have made on the American Culture. It is a celebration of the music that unites us and the roots that hold firm to this important music heritage.

Concert is FREE to attend, brought to you by the Pamlico Arts Council. Gates open at 1pm.

We'll be showcasing multiple bands honoring our musical heritage:

2:30 to 3:30p - Jill & Shane Harris
4:00-5:00p - Post 12 Band
5:30-6:30p - Next Level Band
7:00-8:00p - Bob Tyson Band
8:30-10:00p - Southern Hellcats

Tell your friends and family because this is a don't miss!

Food and beverages will be available to purchase - remember to bring cash for the Red Rooster.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

by: Hiram Lupton



The month of April has been proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month as well as Guardian ad Litem Month, and to raise awareness of this, an event was held last Tuesday at the Pamlico County Courthouse. The contingent included members of the Pamlico County Department of Social Services, the Guardian ad Litem program, Sheriff's Department, the Pamlico Partnership for Children, and many other Pamlico County residents who added their voice to child advocacy. Holly Russell introduced the keynote speaker, Judge Walter Mills, who spoke of the importance of child abuse prevention and awareness citing some of his experiences as a district court judge presiding over such cases. Proclamations issued from Raleigh were read by Antoinette Boskey, the District Administrator for Guardian ad Litem in Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties and Debbie Green, Director of Pamlico County Human Services Center.



For over 40 years, the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem program has led child advocacy through quality representation for abused and neglected children by dually appointing community volunteers and attorneys for every child assigned. The proclamations of Governor Stein and Chief Justice Newby, honor the contributions of over 5,000 North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Child Advocates across the state and invite you to consider joining the cause. Being a North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Advocate is an investment of time, energy and heart. But as many volunteers have said about this opportunity, "Volunteering for a child, outweighs the time required and the journey that is often detoured and misunderstood through little eyes. Knowing that my service amplifies the voice of the most vulnerable to assure a safe and permanent home is achieved, is my selfless gift to my community." To learn more, visit volunteerforgal.org, call 1-800-982-4041.

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Susan Bridgeman of the Pamlico Partnership for Children closed the program at which time attendees planted blue pinwheels, the national symbol for child abuse prevention, on the front lawn of the

Hurricanes Softball

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Ladies Softball team was busy last week, hitting the diamond 3 times. Last Tuesday was April Fool's Day but the Lady 'Canes weren't fooling around as they hosted Southside in a conference matchup. Pamlico struck early and often, scoring in every inning in a 13-1, 5-inning victory. Avery Cain was in the circle for the Hurricanes and the Junior gave up only 2 hits while striking out 5. At the plate Peyton Robinson led the way going 3 of 3, driving in 4 runs and scoring twice herself. She had plenty of help with leadoff hitter Hailey Shamblin collecting a pair of hits including a big triple, while scoring 3 runs. Pamlico also ran at will on the bases, swiping 9 bags with Robinson accounting for 4 of those.

The very next night these two teams squared off again, this time at Southside. Pamlico plated 7 runs in the first inning and never looked back, pounding out 16 hits and winning 19-0. Shamblin and Robinson each reached base every time they stepped to the plate, going 5 for 5 and 4 for 4 respectively. Allie Daniels also had a good night, going 3 for 4 and scoring 3 times, as well as Taylor McHenry who hit a big triple in her 2 for 3 night. Pamlico also victimized the Seahawks with 11 stolen bases. In the circle, Sarah



Hailey Shamblin, playing great defense at first base.

Scott pitched a great game, not allowing a single Seahawk hit while striking out 8 and walking 3.

On Thursday, Pamlico stepped out of conference for a trip to New Bern to take on the Bears. Pamlico started strong, scoring a pair of runs in the first inning but that would be all they would get for the night.

The Hurricanes lived dangerously all night with New Bern seemingly having

runners on in nearly every inning. An example, in the bottom of the first, the Bears had the bases loaded with nobody out but some great defense and a strikeout held New Bern scoreless. It all caught up to Pamlico in the final two innings. New Bern pushed across a run in the sixth and two in the seventh for a 3-2, walk-off win. Hailey Shamblin led the 'Canes attack with 3 hits.

This week, Pamlico will put their perfect 6-0 conference record on the line with a pair of games against East Carteret. Tuesday the Hurricanes are at home and Friday they travel to Beaufort.



Allie Daniels



U.S. Forest Service News Release Fire restrictions to lift on North Carolina's National Forests

ASHEVILLE, N.C., April 1, 2025—The USDA Forest Service is lifting fire restrictions across the four National Forests in North Carolina effective Wednesday, April 2, at 8 a.m., coinciding with the end to the statewide burn ban.

Widespread rainfall over the past 48 hours reduced the overall fire danger across much of the state. The improved weather conditions also helped firefighters currently battling multiple fires in Western North Carolina, including the Rattlesnake Branch Fire on the Pisgah National Forest.

Forest visitors will be able to once again build campfires and use camp stoves and fire rings. However, several areas will continue experience warmer and windy weather in the days ahead, so it's important to exercise extreme caution when burning outdoors.

Some important campfire tips to remember:

Make sure your campfire is a safe distance from your tent or anything that can ignite unexpectedly.

Use rocks to create a fire ring in the center of a large, cleared area.

Use the Drown-Stir-Drown-Feel method to put out your campfire safely.

For more information, check out Smokey Bear's Campfire Safety webpage

While the statewide fire restriction on National Forest lands has lifted, the restrictions on all open burning in the area of Roan Mountain remains in effect because of heightened wildfire risks following Hurricane Helene. Click here for more information on the Roan Mountain fire restriction.

For wildfire updates, follow the National Forests in North Carolina on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nfsnc or visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc>.

Sheriff Davis Presents to BOC

by: Hiram Lupton



Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis presented a report to the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners on Monday that could have been titled the "Ever Changing World of Law Enforcement." In it, Davis focused on changes that his department has seen over the last 10 years both in active law enforcement as well as the county detention center which he oversees. On the law enforcement side his department has grown, but not exponentially. In December of 2014 there were 43 employees at the department and while that has increased to 57 in December of 2024, so has the number of calls responded to, from 7,167 to nearly double at 14,217 last year. Remarkably through technology and efficiency, the department has reduced the average response time to those calls from 15 minutes in 2014 to just under 5 minutes in 2024. Davis also highlighted many other changes in the department over the last decade including increased patrol units, a Canine patrol, drones, electronic monitoring, water enforcement, swift water rescue capabilities, crime scene investigations, and cellular and social media analysis. One aspect he is most proud of is an increase in com-

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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Sunday, April 13th **58°Hi** Partly Cloudy throughout the day



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Pamlico Community College

Cosmetology, Esthetics students prepare for great hands-on careers

By Sandy Wall

Pamlico Community College's Cosmetology and Esthetics programs offer potentially lucrative, hands-on career training for creative women and men who want to help people look their very best.

Cosmetology students learn to cut, color and style patrons' hair. There is a classroom component as well as hands-on skills training, first with mannequins and later with customers.

PCC offers both a diploma and a certificate option in Cosmetology. To complete either option, students must earn the required number of credits as well as work the requisite number of training hours.

Meanwhile, the college's Esthetics program focuses on patrons' skin care. Students learn to give facials, waxings and other skin care procedures found in spas and salons across the country.

PCC's Esthetics program offers a certificate option, as well as a certificate option in Esthetics Instructor.



Cosmetology student Haleigh Murray, left, practices curling hair as Instructor Elethia Woodham, center, and student Jasmine Midgett, right, look on. Contributed photo

Both the Cosmetology and Esthetics programs, which are headquartered in the college's Cosmetology Building at 703 Main St. in Bayboro, feature small class sizes and individualized attention. Interested students can begin the programs in high school through the Career & College Promise program.

Students who complete the programs are eligible to test for their respective state licenses.

For more information about Pamlico's Cosmetology program, call Instructor Debi Fulcher or Elethia Woodham at 252-249-1851, ext. 3130. Their email addresses are dfulcher@pamlicocc.edu and ewoodham@pamlicocc.edu.

For more information about Esthetics, call Instructor Shanna Lewis at 252-249-1851, ext. 3135, or email her at slewis@pamlicocc.edu.

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



Cosmetology student Samyah Maiden, left, applies relaxer to a patron's hair. Contributed photo



Cosmetology student Delante Grant practices on a mannequin while he waits for a patron to arrive for an appointment. Contributed photo



Esthetics Instructor Shanna Lewis, left, watches as student Tiffany Everett gives a facial to a patron. Contributed photo



Esthetics student Exaliz Colon applies lotion to a patron's face, shoulders and upper chest. Contributed photo



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Agent of the Week

Allen Propst
Owner/Broker/GRI

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- by: Hiram Lupton
- April 9th – 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders his army to General Ulysses S Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia.
 - April 10th – Today is National Farm Animals Day.
 - April 11th – Today is National Pet Day.
 - April 12th – Today is National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day.
 - April 13th – Today is Palm Sunday.
 - April 14th – Today is National Dolphin Day.
 - April 15th – 1912, The ocean liner Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 9th – 1926, Publisher of Playboy magazine Hugh Hefner
- April 10th – 1936, Football coach and announcer John Madden
- April 11th – 19??, Pamlico County Clerk of Superior Court Steven Hollowell
- April 12th – 1946, Actor Ed O’Neill
- April 13th – 1743, The 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson
- April 14th – 1932, Singer Loretta Lynn
- April 14th – 1941, Baseball all time hits leader and gambler, Pete Rose
- April 14th – 1977, Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar



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Sheriff Davis Presents to BOC

munity outreach for the department including involvement with the youth of Pamlico County. On the detention side of things, he spoke about the upgrades the department has done and continues to do in order to protect both detention employees and inmates. The use of tablets by inmates has been somewhat controversial, but it has paid dividends to the department. These have allowed inmates to video visit with family and have greatly reduced the in-person visits allowed. This keeps contraband out of the jail. Use of the tablets is strictly monitored and recorded and has also aided the department in investigations. The use of digital timekeeping within the jail has also been a big plus. It is required by law that those incarcerated be checked upon at certain intervals during their stay. This timekeeping system greatly helps in that monitoring. Davis also touched on the federal inmate housing program at the detention center. Once a source of revenue for the county that is now being more scrutinized. The increased burden of transporting federal inmates has added costs to the county both in dollars and manpower. As Davis put it, he and the County Manager are examining it as he put it, “if the juice is worth the squeeze,” to continue in the program. Overall the department has increased efficiency in the last 10 years and continues to look for ways to do that, all with the primary goal of protecting the citizens of Pamlico County.

Summer camp by the numbers

- Summer camp is a rite of passage for many children. Each year, campers of all ages head off to nearby recreation centers or travel to rural areas to claim their cabins and bunks. Here’s a deep look at some of the statistics surrounding summer camps.
- 1,467:** The number of day camps in the United States run by the YMCA. - YMCA
 - \$3.91 billion:** The peak market size of the summer camp sector in the United States in 2019, before stay-at-home-restrictions affected statistics in subsequent years. -Statista
 - 14 million:** The average number of American summer camp registrants each year. - American Camp Association
 - 1 week:** The most popular session length for summer camp, although the majority of independent camp operators offer four-, six- and eight-week sessions. - American Camp Association
 - 50:** The percentage of respondents whose camps charge \$1,000 or more per session, with most programs costing between \$1,000 and \$1,500. - CampMinder
 - 58 to 63:** The percentage of female staff members at overnight and day camps, respectively. - American Camp Association
 - 200 to 300:** The average number of campers served each session. - CampMinder
 - 7 in 10:** The number of camps that run 10 or more different programs. - CampMinder
 - 79:** The percentage of camps that maintain a screen-free environment. - CampMinder

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

Pamlico Middle School Athletics
Baseball and Softball

by: Hiram Lupton

The boys and girls of Pamlico Middle School’s baseball and softball teams have been hitting the diamond this spring and putting the ball in play. Last week they both were in action at home against West Craven Middle School. The boys worked hard but came up short in an 8-5 loss while the girls took care of business with an 11-2 victory.



Tre'Mhiya Arrington slides safely home with a Pamlico run

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers of The Pamlico News,

On Monday evening, March 31st, Senator Cory Booker stood up and spoke for 25 hours and 4 minutes on the US Senate floor to bring attention to the extreme problems being created by this Administration. He began:

“Tonight, I rise with the intention of getting in some good trouble. I rise with the intention of disrupting the normal business of the United States Senate for as long as I am physically able. I rise tonight because I believe, sincerely, that our country is in crisis. And I believe that, not in a partisan sense, because so many of the people that have been reaching out to my office – in pain, in fear, having their lives upended – so many of them identify themselves as Republicans.” Twenty-five hours later he concluded: “This is a moral moment. It is not left or right; it is right or wrong.”

Many of us find ourselves feeling this way. What will happen to our Social Security and Medicare that we paid into all of our working lives and on which we now depend? What will happen to our neighbor who works for the Veterans Administration? How much higher will my already high grocery bill go? What are the tariffs going to do to my everyday expenses? And why, oh why are we now treating Canada as an enemy?

Senator Booker’s speech was a rare and much-needed reminder that the fight for justice is on-going and that, sometimes, we need to take the time to truly listen, reflect, and act.

Respectfully, Diane Lemieux

Horoscopes

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you are going to take action on a project that has been on your mind for awhile, Aries. Trust your instincts, but make sure you are not moving too fast.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

This week brings an opportunity for intellectual pursuits, Taurus. You might think to enroll in a higher education class or a take a course on a specific hobby that has been on your mind.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Partnerships are key right now, Gemini. You might want to pursue new professional relationships. Embrace your ability and willingness to adapt and facilitate change.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

You need to take care of your body and mind, Cancer. Now is as good a time as any to begin this pursuit. Even small adjustments can lead to long-term health benefits.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this is your week to look into matters of self-expression and creativity. Pour your energy into anything that gets you excited. Your enthusiasm may draw others in as well.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, home life takes center stage this week, and you might feel a strong desire to nurture your space. Decluttering and organizing could bring more harmony to your home.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you are able to express your thoughts with clarity and charm, which is why personal relationships often come easy to you. This week you may use this superpower to make friends.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You may soon find yourself reevaluating how you spend your money or what you value most in life, Scorpio. This is a good time to check financial goals and adjust them.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

There is a sense of fresh energy surrounding you this week, Sagittarius. If you have been putting off something, now is the time to take the leap.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, focus on rest and relaxation in the days ahead. You have been putting in a lot of work lately and now is a time to focus on your inner self and recharge.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Collaborations with others could prove fruitful this week, Aquarius. Don't hesitate to lean on your social network when you need to get something done.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You might be presented with a way to take your professional life to the next level, Pisces. Strategize about how to move forward in this regard, and think through all decisions.

ARIES Traits & Overview

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, ruled by the planet Mars, and ruling the First House. It is a male sign. Aries symbolizes action and daring.

Fire signs possess huge amounts of energy that let them go about their tasks with fierce intensity, passion, and creativity. Besides the four elements (Water, Fire, Earth, and Air), the twelve signs of the Zodiac have qualities. There are three qualities in astrology: Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable. Aries is a Cardinal sign.

Cardinal signs are the initiators. They are the pioneers and the project starters, the ones to get things moving. Cardinal energy represents beginnings, inspiration, and action. Aries marks the start of Spring, Libra marks the start of Fall, Capricorn marks the beginning of Winter, and Cancer marks the beginning of Summer.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Key decisions for retired couples



Dan M. Roberts

Once you and your spouse retire, you'll have some decisions to make — decisions that could affect your quality of life in your retirement years. What are these choices?

Here a few of the most important ones:

- *How much should you withdraw from your retirement accounts?* By the time you retire, you may have contributed for decades to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But once you retire, you'll probably need to draw on these accounts to help pay your living expenses. Consequently, both of you will need to be sure that you don't withdraw so much each year that you risk running out of money later in your retirement. One common guideline is to aim for an annual withdrawal rate of 4%, but everyone's situation is different based on age, pre-retirement income, lifestyle, health, travel plans and other factors. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you will have to take certain amounts, based on your age and account balance, from your traditional IRA and traditional 401(k) each year.)

- *When should you take Social Security?* The answer to this question depends on many factors, such as your age and other sources of income. You can take Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will typically be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you can afford to wait even longer, your payments will "max out" when you reach age 70. Your decision on when to take Social Security can affect your spouse — and vice versa. If the lower-earning spouse claims Social Security before their full retirement age — again, age 67 — their own retirement benefit and any potential spousal benefit will be reduced. (Spousal benefits are given to

the lower-earning spouse if their full retirement benefit is less than half the other spouse's full retirement benefit.)

- *Should you downsize?* If you live in a big home and your children are grown, you may find it economical to downsize. Of course, this is also an emotional decision, but you may find that you can save money by moving into a smaller home.

- *Where should you live?* Some states are far more expensive to live in than others. You'll want to weigh your decision carefully, considering the cost of housing, food, income and real estate taxes, transportation and health care in whatever state you choose.

- *Have you finished your estate plans?* If not, now is the time. You'll want to work with your legal professional to create whatever documents are needed — a will, living trust, power of attorney — to help ensure your assets go where you want them to go, and that your financial and health care choices will be protected if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Of course, many of these same issues will apply if you are single, divorced or widowed. But if you are married, you and your spouse will want to discuss all your choices and then decide which steps to take. Once you've got your plans in place, you may well find that you can fully enjoy your retirement years.

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The Calves Have Arrived!



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

Perhaps one of the greatest things about 4-H is that there is always something to look forward to: 4-H Embryology, Summer camp, Presentations, Horse Shows, State Fair Exhibits. This year we have been looking forward to our first 4-H Dairy Project. We've done livestock shows, and chicken shows, and rabbit shows. However, we haven't had the opportunity to have a dairy show until now.

Our 4-H Dairy Project started Monday. For the next eight weeks our 4-Hers will be able to have hands on experience with six dairy calves. They will be responsible for feeding, cleaning, and training the calves. They will learn about the proper way to show a dairy cow, what are breed standards and desirable traits in dairy calves. They will also gain skills in showmanship, show grooming, and how to keep project record books.

At the end of our Dairy project the youth will participate in a dairy cow show. They will use all the knowledge they gained to show off their calve to it's best advantage. Further they will exhibit how much they have worked with their calve, and all of the knowledge they have gained about dairy cows. We are very excited to watch our 4-hers learn and grow over the next eight weeks!

Our Dairy project isn't the only thing we're excited about this spring. Our 4-Hers have started their Coastal Plains Chicken Project. Youth work with their chicks so that on the day of the show, their chicken is calm and easily handled. A chicken should be carried with the arm beneath the chicken so that the chicken's head is tucked into the crook of the arm. The chicken will also be put through several different poses during the show to exhibit the chicken's wingspan, keel, feet and tail. The tail will also have to be flexed up and down in order to show off its carriage. It is very important for the bird to remain calm throughout these various poses. We are looking forward to seeing all the hard work of these youth come to fruition at the coastal plains chicken show in May. We also are half way through our Spring 4-H Programs: Chopped International, Sew Much Fun, and It's Electric.

We are also very excited for our 4-H Summer Fun. Among our programs is 4-H Book Explorers at the Pamlico County Library, 4-H Electric Congress and 4-H Sleep away Camp. 4-H Sleep away camp is a wonderful opportunity to develop life skills. They will spend a week kayaking, swimming, hiking, navigating ropes courses, and making crafts. While they are enjoying all of those activities they will be developing problem solving skills, growing in communication, and interpersonal skills. Further participating in 4-H sleep away camp has shown to have a positive impact on youth feelings of connection and belonging that many campers feel.



If you would like a little more information, or have questions about registration please give us a call. You can also sign up for our email list! You can also get a head start on registration for specific programs by enrolling in Pamlico County 4-H Online. You can access the link on our website. If you have any questions about accessing 4-H Online or the enrollment process please give us a call and we will be happy to walk you through it. You can also sign up for our Pamlico 4-H Email list. To learn more about all 4-H programs in Pamlico County contact Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121, or kait_neeland@ncsu.edu, or check us out online at pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu. Don't FORGET to REGISTER, spaces will fill up!!

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Join us at your Craven-Pamlico Regional Libraries this April as we honor National Poetry Month! We invite you to create an original poem using five random words available at all the libraries or online at MyCPRL.org/poetry. Let your creativity flow and celebrate the art of poetry with us!

Poetry Rules
Poem may be written in any poetic style and on any subject, but must include your 5 random words.
The poem in its entirety must be an original work by the person entering the contest.
Only one poem per person.
You must be a member of a Craven-Pamlico Regional Library. Apply for Library Card.
Poems containing language that is vulgar, offensive, or wholly inappropriate will not be accepted.

Enter your poem online here or drop by any CPR library with an entry form on or before Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

There are three age groups
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by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico Christian Academy Girls Soccer team is in their second full season of competition and although the wins have been hard to come by, it is apparent to anyone who has seen the team play over the course of the season that they are experiencing great improvement. Last Thursday they hosted Jacksonville Christian Academy at Lawson Creek Park in New Bern and the Mariners were competitive throughout the match. Mandy Tyler scored in the first minute of play for PCA, giving the Mariners the early 1-0 lead. JCA answered back with a pair of goals before Tyler knotted things up at 2-2 with her second goal of the day. JCA answered back quickly to regain the lead, 3-2 going into halftime. That however, would be all the scoring for either side, as the second half became a defensive struggle to the end. Keep working hard ladies and the wins will come.





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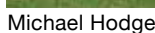
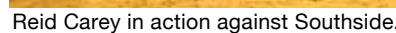
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by: Hiram Lupton

This week Pamlico takes on the undefeated class of the conference, East Carteret. Tuesday the Mariners visit Bayboro while on Friday the Hurricanes strike Beaufort.

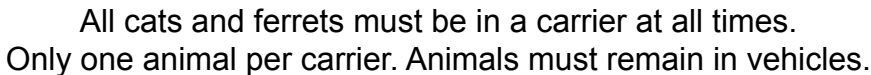
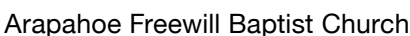


Make the dressing by whisking together the olive oil, vinegar, Dijon mustard, and garlic until you have a smooth emulsion. Set aside. Toss the arugula, artichokes, olives, and tomatoes together. Drizzle the salad with the dressing, garnish with the fresh basil, and serve.



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CarolinaEast Medical Center to Participate in 2025 Organ Donation Awareness Flag-Raising Ceremony

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



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

Pause to Give Life includes hospitals throughout most of North Carolina and the observance occurs annually in April to kick off the start of National Donate Life Month. The statewide ceremony took place on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:08 a.m. The time of 10:08 a.m. highlights that one donor can save eight lives, followed by a moment of silence for 30 seconds to recognize more than 3,000 patients waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in North Carolina. CarolinaEast's Pause to Give Life ceremony took place outside the Medical Center, near the entrance of the Emergency Department.

The Donate Life flag was first introduced in 2006 and since then, the flag has become a national symbol of unity, remembrance, and hope while honoring those touched by donation and transplantation. Over the past 19 years, more than 50,000 Donate Life flags have flown across the United States.

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

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

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



[April 1, 2025 – Richmond, VA] — Each April, Donate Life America (DLA) leads National Donate Life Month (NDLM), an observance focusing national attention on the need and importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. National Donate Life Month is about the importance of registering your decision to be a donor, honoring deceased and living donors, and celebrating the lives they saved. It is the generosity of donors and donor families that makes saving lives through transplantation possible.

Donate LifeSM is the national brand for the cause of donation, uniting the hundreds of donation and transplantation organizations, the more than 100,000 patients waiting for transplant, the life and legacy of the millions of recipients in the U.S. and their families, the donor families who say yes in their time of grief, and the more than 170 million people who have registered their decision to be a donor and help others at the end of their life.

We invite the community to join us this April in supporting this vital cause and making a difference in the lives of those waiting for lifesaving transplants.

Give hope and help save lives by registering your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor at your local DMV, on RegisterMe.org or in your iPhone Health App.

Share the Donate Life message by educating others about how their generosity can help save and heal lives. Learn more about living donation as another way to help those waiting for a second chance at life Join key celebrations throughout April to support the Donate Life cause online and in your community: Celebrate the lifesaving generosity of living donors and learn more about living donation.



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Springtime Shad Run

By Barbara Lupton – Staff Marine Biologist of The Pamlico News

The trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and the shad are running. Shad are anadromous fish, meaning they spend part of their life in saltwater and migrate into freshwater rivers and streams to spawn. Each spring, these fish migrate up North Carolina's river systems to spawn. My grandfather loved to commercial fish for shad. He ate a lot of shad too, including shad roe. I do not have a taste for either. My grandmother tried to bribe me once when she cooked shad roe and eggs. She said if I ate it all, I could have some ice cream. I remember trying to eat, or gag, the roe down. Ice cream was not worth it to me, but shad roe is a delicacy to others.

A couple of the more sought-after shad species in North Carolina making these spring runs are American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*) also known as white shad and hickory shad (*Alosa mediocris*). Females are often referred to as roe shad and males are bucks. American Shad start running as early as February with peak runs in late March or early April. After spawning, shad travel back out to sea. These fish are found in all of North Carolina's major coastal river systems (Cape Fear, Neuse, Tar/Pamlico, Chowan, and Roanoke rivers). During the spring, river herring also make this upstream trip. River herring are comprised of two species, blueback herring (*Alosa aestivalis*) and alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*).

Historically, catching shad was for subsistence and later were fished commercially for food and fertilizer. During the late colonial and antebellum periods, people around the Edenton area developed major fisheries for spawning American shad and river herring in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound using haul seines. Seines were deployed from boats to trap the fish and then were pulled. The first major fishery was a haul seine



Possibly the Capehart Chowan River Shad Fishery ca 1890. (Source: Copied from the H. H. Brimley Photograph Collection, PhC.42, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC).



Hauling the seine on board flatboat, Greenfield Fishery, Chowan County, NC, c.1905. Steam flat with long steering oar fastened to the bow to keep it from tangling with the seine. Boat is anchored from the bow. Man standing in the water shows shallowness of the water. Fishing hands wear oilskin trousers and jackets with rubber hip boots and sou'wester hats. The seine is being loaded onto the stern in the order in which it will be paid out. It will be taken out into the sound to be placed for fishing. (Source: Copied from the Ross and Frances Inglis Photograph Collection, PhC.96, State Archives of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC).



Hickory shad (*Alosa mediocris*) (Source: Copied from NCDMF, Shad | NC DEQ)



American shad (*Alosa sapidissima*). (Source: Copied from NCDMF, Shad | NC DEQ)

During the spring, fishermen on the Neuse River would follow the fish upstream and primarily used staked gill nets. They stay in camps and built shacks (known as shad shacks) along the river during the prime shad fishing season. In 1890, shad was one of the most important species when 5.7 million pounds were commercially landed in North Carolina and remained one of the most important fish until 1935 (Roelofs).

North Carolina shad populations have declined over time along with shad population declines on the entire Atlantic Coast (St. Johns River, Florida to the St. Lawrence River) due to a variety of reasons including overfishing, pollution, damming of rivers, development in the spawning areas, and river flow. Resource managers have tried to mitigate these impacts through reductions in harvest and harvest methods, implementing seasons, removal of dams, habitat protections, and adjusted waterflow release from dams, to name a few. Human impacts along with change in temperature, salinity, natural waterflow, and loss of habitat stills affect the shad populations along the Atlantic coast.

Today, while limited, highly regulated commercial fishing continues, shad fishing has become a very popular spring recreational activity in North Carolina's upstream rivers and creeks, including around Kinston, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, and Grifton. Grifton celebrates the shad every year with a festival. This year's Shad Festival is April 10 – 13, 2025. Recreational fishermen look forward to the long tradition of catching shad during the spring like generations did for centuries.

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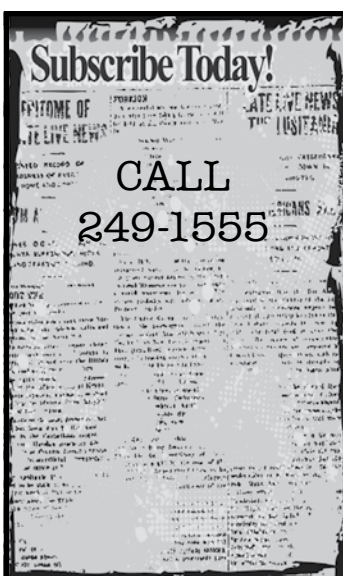
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Pamlico County

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Harry Keith Bennett, deceased, of Grantsboro, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before July 9, 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 9th day of April, 2025.
Cindi M. Quay, Administrator
of the Estate of Harry Keith Bennett
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.

412 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES:
04/09/2025, 04/16/2025,
04/23/2025, 04/30/2025

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Linda Sue Whitley (aka Sue Whitley), deceased of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to exhibit it the same to the undersigned on or before July 10th, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 9th day of April, 2025. Stephen A. Dunn, Executor, c/o Andrew W. Blair, Adams, Howell, Sizemore & Adams, P.A., 1600 Glenwood Ave., Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27608.
The Pamlico News: April 9, 16,
23, 30, 2025

INCIDENTS

March 20, Main St., Wichita Village Lane, Bayboro, domestic
March 20, Main St., Bayboro, identity theft
March 20, Moonlight Lake Dr., New Bern, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
March 21, Alfred Rd., Bayboro, order for arrest misdemeanor crime of domestic violence
March 21, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, break or enter building - misdemeanor, injury to personal property
Marc 22, Gibbtown Rd., Merritt, simple assault
March 22, Main St., Bayboro, traffic stop/person complaint
March 23, Pennsylvania Ave., Vandemere, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny, larceny after breaking or entering, burning personal property, possession of firearm by convicted felon
March 25, Main St., Bayboro, found property
March 26, Main St., Alliance, first degree trespass, enter/remain
March 26, NC Hwy 55, Oriental, simple assault
March 27, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest trafficking opium or heroin, warrant for arrest possession with intent to manufacture, sell, distribute
Schedule II controlled substance, warrant for arrest possess drug paraphernalia
March 27, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, simple assault
March 27, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, simple assault, carry concealed weapon, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
March 28, Roberts Rd., Grantsboro, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle/car without consent of owner
March 28, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, identity theft
March 28, Barkside Ct., New Bern, citizens assist
March 28, Lynchs Beach Loop Rd., Bayboro, order for arrest child support warrant service
March 28, Rowe Rd., Bayboro, assault inflicting serious bodily injury, possession firearm by convicted felon
March 28, Moonlight Lake Dr, New Bern, simple assault
March 28, Savanna Rd., New Bern, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, possess fictitious/altered title/registration card/plate, possess/display altered/fictitious/revoked drivers license
March 29, Foxwood Trail Rd., New Bern, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age, injury to personal property
March 29, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant for arrest trafficking in opium/opiate/opioid/heroin, warrant for arrest possession with intent to manufacture/sell/distribute controlled substance
March 30, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
March 31, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, injury to real property
March 31, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, all other offenses/abandoned vehicle
March 31, Mill St., Stonewall, injury to personal property
March 31, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, obtain property by false pretenses
April 1, Main St., Bayboro, obtain property by false pretenses
April 2, Scotts Store Rd., Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods value > \$1,000
April 2, Main St., Vandemere, disturbance
April 2, South St., Bayboro, larceny of property or goods value > \$1,000
April 2, Moonlight Lake Dr., New Bern, juvenile complaint

INSPECTIONS

March 17, Kenneth Alphin, New Bern, electrical, \$100; Taylor Gilman, Arapahoe, new modular, \$880.20; Lewis Smith, Arapahoe, deck, \$86
March 18, James & Ryan Kemter, Grantsboro, new, \$2,146.34; Wout Vantellingen, Oriental, CAMA-General, \$77.04; Wout Vantellingen, Oriental, CAMA-General, \$113.44; Jeremy Vickers, Arapahoe, electrical, \$50; Daniel Mitchell, New Bern, electrical, \$100
March 19, Pam Richter, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Brendan Nolan, Grantsboro, building, \$215.20; Clint Walker, Grantsboro, demo, \$0
March 20, Pamlico Christian Academy, New Bern, new elementary & con building; Pamlico Christian Academy, New Bern, new admin; Terry & Kate Daniels, Arapahoe, screen porch, \$103.76; Ken Locklear, Oriental, new, \$1,418.68; Anthony Wetherell, Grantsboro, mechanical, \$100; William Rudd, New Bern, electrical, \$50; Beth Stormer, Grantsboro, mechanical, \$100; Jenny Faison, Grantsboro, mechanical, \$100; Jennifer Scott, Grantsboro, mechanical, \$50
March 21, Derek Spain, Stonewall, handicap ramp, \$0; Cliff Druml, Merritt, sign, \$50; Daily Bread, Bayboro, new, \$500; David Hansen, Stonewall, mechanical, \$100; David Jones, Merritt, boat house, \$147.28; Thomas Hrbac, Arapahoe, reno, \$192.24
March 24, Camp Seagull/Seafarer, Arapahoe, fireworks, \$200 (5); Daniel

Allen Simpson, Arapahoe, plumbing, \$136.40; Paul Lee, Oriental, gas, \$50; Precision Electrical, New Bern, electrical, \$50
March 25, John Collie, Vandemere, CAMA, \$188.88; Jim Baluss, Oriental, CAMA, \$178.24; Andy Smith, New Bern, CAMA, \$169.04; Joel Hudson, Oriental, addition, \$363.52; Bobby Gambill, Oriental, electrical, \$150
March 26, Jamie Brinson, New Bern, building, \$604; Daniel Solie, Oriental, building, \$50; Anthony Wetherell, Grantsboro, gas, \$50; Sandra Johnson, Stonewall, CAMA Minor app fee, \$100; Betty Thibodeau, Minnesott Beach, deck, \$74.64
March 27, Mark Phillips, Grantsboro, building storage, \$157.52; Johnny Gaskins, Bayboro, electrical, \$50; Village Hardware, Oriental, electrical, \$50; Peter Okuust, ramp; Robin Walston, Bayboro, electrical, \$100
March 28, Village Hardware, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Steven White, Lowland, building lifting, \$276.24; Ralph Dickson, Bayboro, electrical, \$218; River Dunes, Oriental, electrical, \$250; JE Hardison, Bayboro, electrical/building, \$1,275
March 31, Sea Gull, Arapahoe, building, \$50; Walmart, Grantsboro, electrical, \$375.20; Michael Daniels, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Kim Hutchins, Oriental, building, \$194

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 19, 25E1044; 2 AC E/S Beard's Creek Rd & 0.07 AC SR 1005 & SR 1116;
Arapahoe from Charles Franklin Brinson, Jr./EST, Charles Todd Brinson/ EXR, Charles Todd Brinson, James Gregory Brinson, Melanie Hruza Brinson to Charles Todd Brinson, \$0
March 19, PIN h091-77; ½ AC W/S Tarklin Creek from Patricia H. Pate to William Maxton Kirby, \$0
March 19, Moores Creek Lot: 9 Phase 1; PCA 74-8 PIN: K05-9-9 from Thomas Burke, Sarah Burke to Scott W. Sherwood, Kathryn J. Carney, \$80
March 20, One Tract Old Bay River Rd (NCSR 1347) & NC Hwy 306 Near Grantsboro from Robert Smith, Jr., Veronica Clark to Mark A. Smith, \$0
March 20, 2.27 AC TRact 3 PCA 61-6 from Wilbert Beasley, Jr., Wilbert Beasley to Wilbert Beasley, Jr., \$0
March 20, Whittaker Pointe Lot: 19 PCA 121-7 from Coastal Heritage Construction and Realty, LLC to Jeanna Marie Sturgis-Tiller, Jeanna Marie Sturgis Tiller, Jeanna Marie Sturgis Tiller, \$1,337
March 20, 5.51 AC TRact Map Attached from Diana Bennett, Diana R. Bennett, Daniel Bennett, Glacia Kori, Glacia K.

Kori to Jarrett Hacker, \$22
March 20, Whittaker Pointe Lot: 29 Phase IV PCA 137-5 from James P. Stockwell, Laurie E. Stockwell to Coastal Heritage Construction and Realty, LLC, \$64
March 21, Portion of PIN F042-47; 24E144; One Tract Keel Rd Map Attached from Diana Rachel Bennett, Diana R. Bennett, Diana Bennett, Glacia Ayala Kori, Daniel Z. Bennett, Daniel Bennett to Leo Benoit, \$400
March 21, PIN H05-28; 2.70 AC Hwy 55 & SR 1336 Stonewall from Royce Dalton Grady, Jr. to Jules Whorton, \$59
March 21, 0.95 AC SR 1302 from John M. Standley to Ralph Fleming Taylor, Suzan D. Taylor, \$614
March 21, 3,919.0 Sq Ft Map in DB 607/823 from Dana L. Mathews, Gina I. Mathews to Janie Chesson Vann, Hayden Coley, \$1,100
March 21, Mariner's Landing Lot: 8 PCA 192-14, Mariner's Landing Lot: 23 PCA 192-14 from James Anthony Josey, Chnita Wise Josey to Jeffrey Daniel Hedges, Veronica McLaurin Hedges, \$56
March 21, Arlington Place Lot: 95 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Daniel McArthur, Amy B. McArthur to Kimberly Owen, \$840
March 21, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: B Lot: 22 MB 4/100 from Johnny W. Teeman, Teresa A. Teeman to Paul R. McConocha, \$820
March 24, PIN H091-229, H091-226 & H091-26; Tract One: 92/462 & Tract Two N/S NCSR 1302; Life Estate from Ernest A. Shelton, Melvinia Shelton, Melvine Shelton, Lynnette Shelton/AIF to Lynette Shelton, \$0
March 24, Mainsail Point Lot: 7 PCA 13-2 from Daniel Paul Bogardus, Emily Ann Bogardus to Jerome Sakurai, Sherry Temple Pruyn, \$1,170
March 26, River Dunes Lot: 114 PCA 157-10 from Alan Fenner Boyd/TR, Pungo Trust to David E. Upchurch, Janet C. Upchurch, \$80
March 26, Grace Harbor Marina Unit: A32 CB1 12-3 from Alan Fenner Boyd/TR, Pungo Trust to David E. Upchurch, Janet C. Upchurch, \$78
March 26, Smith Creek Woods Lot: 1 PCA 148-2, Smith Creek Woods Lot: 2 PCA 148-2, Smith Creek Woods Lot: 3 PCA 148-2 from Lynstar Management Group, LLC to Timothy McCoy, \$50
March 26, .375 AC S/S Kennels Beach Rd (SR 1114) & West of Neck Rd (SR 1101) from Lavina B. Lindsey to Alexia Cayton, Bryan Cayton, \$163
March 26, PIN G041-68-3; 82/100 AC E/S Mill Pond Rd (SR 1203); map in DB 672/692 from Darryl D. Hatter to Daniell Jamella Hatter Dozier, Emily P Housing LLC, \$0

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*

 Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I'm not sure when most people read the paper so thought I would cover them all. I hope all of you have had a great week since the last time we met here. The weather lately sure has felt like summer! I wonder what weather we will have next week, you know how it is around here if you don't like this week's weather wait until next week.

Looks like the construction site for the new urgent care is coming along. The farmers have been busy lately getting the fields ready. I love the freshly plowed fields. Something about the smell of freshly turned soil. These guys work tirelessly this time of the year to get the fields ready recently 7 days a week, to include the people over at Meherrin. I like to get out and watch them, I often take my camera and drone out to take photos and videos of the action. I usually get some pretty good shots.

I work at the bus garage for the county schools so I often see the progress going on with the new site. They have been putting in the footers lately. Looks as if everything is going pretty smoothly over there lately. The new baseball field is looking absolutely amazing. That field is something to talk about and be very proud of. Our students are able to walk out on that field with their heads held high. Big shout out to all the people responsible for making it happen so quickly. I cannot wait to see it completed.


The other day the wife and I were out riding like we normally do on the weekends. Well that day we happened to be on New Ditch and as we were riding I could see a group of vultures in the field ahead. Now I know that isn't something out of the ordinary around here. Those things seem to be everywhere this time of year. However, that day was different, as we rode by I noticed a white head on one of them. Well that surely caught my attention,

I mean vultures do not have white heads. I immediately stopped and put the car in reverse, and there it was. The most beautiful, majestic bald eagle just sitting in the field. So thankful that I had my camera with me. Of Course when I got out he took off! He flew low to the field almost in a stealthy way, he landed by a nearby ditch partially in it. I was able to snap a few pictures of it before it took off again. I grabbed a few more shots of him flying over. He flew and flew in such grace and harmony with the wind. Climbing ever so high and soaring above. Truly one of the most amazing sites and feelings that I have shared with my wife lately.



I encourage all of you to get out and ride around to take in the beauty of our home, Pamlico County.

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*

 Our little community of West Pamlico is busy this spring. The roadsides have been mowed by DOT and they even trimmed back across the ditches. The little house beside Broad Creek UCC has placed raised planting beds beside the completed greenhouse on top of the shipping crate. It look like he will be raising a garden this summer.


It is in a good location away from animals and insects on the ground and will receive sunlight all day.

Broad Creek United Church of Christ commemorated their 160th anniversary. The Pamlico Community College Delamar Center was well attend on Saturday night and enjoyed by those present. The church service on Sunday was a blessing to all.

There was also a crowd of cars at the Hacker residence on Trent Road Sunday afternoon, but I am not sure what they were celebrating. I saw Kenny Hill and asked about Linda who was in the hospital. She is being moved to rehab, so keep her and her family in your prayers.

It was a blessing last week to see five different communities represented in the Pamlico News. Mrs. Reba and I have been writing columns for over 20 years. It is nice to have more correspondents, She and I would like to pass our communities to some younger volunteers who can write with a new approach. Please consider letting us retire and help your community to stay involved.

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*

 Hello from Vandemere! It was another wonderful sunny weekend in our town; so thankful that the pollen clouds are becoming a thing of the past as we continue to enjoy the spring season. The town has been super busy maintaining its grounds, planning for the future, putting long awaited projects into motion, and applying for grants to continue funding our vision. I am thankful for the time and effort our residents and neighbors dedicate to keeping Vandemere going.

We have come to a crossroads of having to update multiple documents to guide the town's future. One of these

Bayboro Missionary Baptist Church continues hosting the county-wide Lenten service Wednesdays during Lent. There is a short worship service starting at noon followed by a fellowship meal after the service. The April 9 speaker is Apostle Thelmond Cooper, True Worshipers Assembly of ENC Pastor and April 16 is the Reverend Scott Fitzgerald, Bayboro Missionary Baptist Church Pastor.

Stonewall Methodist Choir will perform their Easter Cantata, “Lamb of God” on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Reelsboro Methodist is preparing to perform “Written in Red.” Night performances 10th-13th at 7:30 pm. Matinee performances April 12th & 13th at 4:00 pm.

Celebrating birthdays in April include Tommy Lupton (4/13), Zeffie Roberts (4/14), JoAnn Kelleher (4/16), Maria Machle (4/17), Chris Machle (4/18), Shannon Ellenberg (4/22), April Dawn Edwards (4/23), Serenity Henries (4/24), Justin Rodgers (4/28), Amy Smith (4/29) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30). Celebrating their anniversary in April are Tillie & Zeffie Roberts (4/14).

Have a blessed week. Memory failing? Take Spiritual Vitamin M. “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Greenhouses effectively extend growing seasons

Modern, large-scale agriculture operations utilize various machines and technologies to provide products to consumers. Greenhouses are among the resources used to help plants thrive.

Greenhouses are not a new phenomenon, even if today's incarnations have technological upgrades over their ancestors. The first attempts to grow plants in greenhouse-like structures likely date back to ancient Egypt, but there are writings from the Romans as early as 14 BCE explaining greenhouse operations. The Roman emperor Tiberius wanted to eat cucumbers all year long. Roman winters would not allow for cucumbers to thrive when temperatures dropped below freezing. Rolling cucumber growing carts into sheds only did so much. Someone came up with the concept of making sheds with sheets of elenite, a transparent rock, to let the sun in and help keep cucumbers growing indoors warm. The idea took off from there.

Greenhouses are comprised of walls and roofing materials primarily made of a transparent material. The interior of a greenhouse exposed to sunlight becomes significantly warmer than the external temperature, helping to protect plants inside from extreme conditions and enabling plants to thrive even when weather conditions are not optimal. Through the years, greenhouses also may have incorporated some form of additional heating.

Keeping plants thriving for commercial production now gets additional help from computers, as relying on sunlight alone may result in fluctuations in optimal conditions. Modern, smart greenhouses, according to the cultivation technology company Growlink, employ smart technology for heating, cooling and lighting. This tech is connected to a computer to optimize plant growth conditions. Computers can adjust conditions accordingly for the particular plant being produced, such as for tropical fruits that require more moisture and heat.

Anyone who desires a greenhouse for personal plant growth can build one in his or her backyard with various plans available for free or purchase. Companies also sell prefabricated greenhouse kits that can be erected with relative ease.

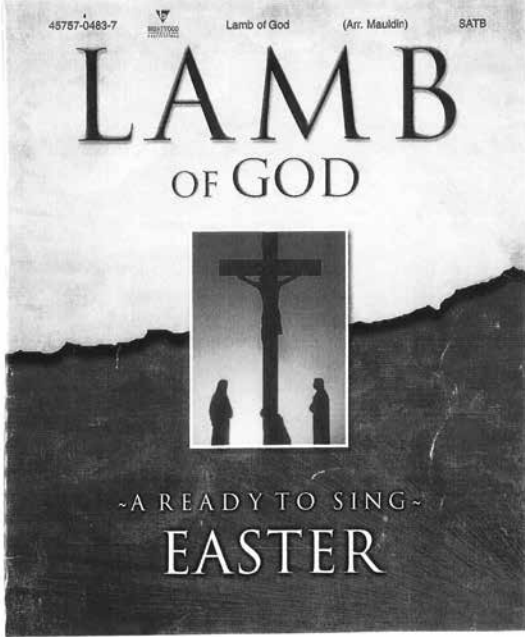
Handy homeowners also can construct basic greenhouses with materials found at many home improvement retailers. A wood frame greenhouse can be built in any size and covered with plastic sheeting. One can purchase a prefabricated greenhouse door or simply use a sheet of weighted plastic that can be tied out of the way for the door. To allow for ventilation in hot weather, a wood-frame vent that can be propped open can be incorporated into the roof rafter design.

Those who want a more permanent structure may want to look into using greenhouse plastic paneling in lieu of plastic sheeting. Either way, home greenhouses can be as elaborate or as simple as individuals desire.

Greenhouses are effective ways to extend growing seasons for both commercial and home gardeners.




STONEWALL METHODIST CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY



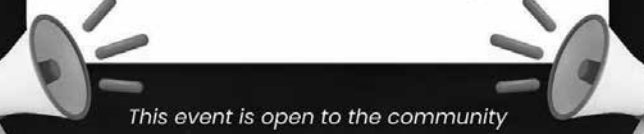
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**SW SNOWDEN
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Wednesday, April 16, 2025
6:00 pm
at SW Snowden Elementary



This event is open to the community

“If you give a good thing to the world, then over time your karma will be good, and you’ll receive good.” –unknown

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
PAMLICO COUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 105-322 that the 2025 Pamlico County Board of Equalization and Review will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners room on the second floor of the Pamlico County Courthouse, 202 Main St. Bayboro, NC 28515. The Board will meet for the purposes of performing its statutory duties and to receive requests and hear appeals of taxpayers relating to the 2025 property listings and appraisals.

The 2025 Pamlico County Board of Equalization and Review will convene on Wednesday, April 2nd at 2:30 p.m. and adjourn on Wednesday, May 7th at 2:30 p.m. in the same location. In the event of earlier or later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this same newspaper as provided by law.

FINANCE OFFICER – PAMLICO COUNTY

This position will oversee the County's Finance Department. BS in Finance/related plus 6yrs experience or equivalent combination of education/experience required. CPA preferred.

For full job description and application instructions, please see the current job openings at www.pamlicocounty.org or contact Personnel at (252)745-3133

PUBLIC NOTICE

Beginning Wednesday May 1st 2025 through Friday, May 28, 2025 The Town Of Oriental Water Department will NOT be using ammonia as part of the disinfection process in its drinking water. The change is required to by the federal and state regulations governing the Town's water system.

Using ammonia in the treatment process helps reduce the amount of Trihalomethanes, a disinfection by-product that is formed when water is disinfected with chlorine. The one-month return to chlorine-only disinfecting is not expected to cause significant increase in Trihalomethanes.

The Town of Oriental will also conduct flushing of the distribution system in order to expedite this event. Customers should be aware that there may be a slight discoloration and/or slight chlorine odor of their drinking water.

Please plan to take the steps necessary to ensure that our month-long change to chlorine only disinfection during this period does not detrimentally affect your use of the water we provide. We regret any inconvenience or problem this may cause.

Please visit our website, WWW.TOWNOFORIENTAL.COM for more information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact The Town of Oriental, 252-249-0555.



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Serving with Purpose: A Successful ServeENC

Pamlico Christian Academy students made a meaningful impact during this year's ServeENC, coming together to serve local organizations and individuals in need. From yard work to writing encouraging notes and assisting at community centers, our students demonstrated Christ-like compassion and hard work. Through their efforts, they not only blessed others but also grew in servant leadership, strengthening their faith and community connections.





PCA Envirothon Team Wins Big!

PCA's Envirothon team showcased their knowledge and teamwork, securing a well-earned victory at this year's competition. Their dedication to studying environmental issues, forestry, aquatics, soil, and wildlife paid off as they proudly brought home the trophy. Next stop: the **STATE ENVIRONTHON!**

PCA Steps Up to the Plate for Special Needs Baseball!

He is Risen! As we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, may your hearts be filled with faith and gratitude. From all of us at Pamlico Christian Academy, we pray you have a blessed Easter rejoicing in His victory and enjoying time with family.

You're Invited! GROUNDBREAKING Ceremony

Wednesday APRIL 9 4PM - 5PM
200 Lee Landing Road
Gate Code: April 9th

What to Expect!

- ✓ Ceremony & Prayer Over the Project
- ✓ Special Remarks from School Leaders
- ✓ Fellowship with the PCA Community
- ✓ Bring a Lawn Chair—limited seating

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Private School vs. Public School

Families have their own reasons for choosing private school over public, and class size may factor into those decisions. According to U.S. News and World Report, the student-to-teacher ratio at private schools in 2021 was

12.5 students per teacher, lower than the average 15.4 at public schools. The National Center for Education Statistics says public schools have an average class size of 25 students, compared to 19 students per class in private schools.

ThoughtCo. indicates public school classes can be as large as 25 to 30 students, particularly in urban neighborhoods, while most private schools keep their classes limited to 10 to 15 students. Freemont University reports that stu-

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Rain Date, May 18th from 12-3pm

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The Rotary Club of Oriental

This club stands as a beacon of service and community spirit. Established in 1951 in the Whitehurst Hotel, it has grown from a small group of twenty chartered members to a vibrant community of professional and leaders committed to making a difference. “Captain Bill Mason” was our first president and active in our club until he passed away in 2001. The founding members of the Rotary Club of Oriental embarked on their journey with a clear vision: to foster camaraderie among professionals and leaders and to leverage their skills and resources for the betterment of the community. Over the years, the club has become synonymous with initiatives that span the various facets of community life, ranging from education and health to environmental conservation and disaster relief. While the club has made significant financial contributions to non-profits both locally and across the globe, the group also volunteers their time and expertise for a variety of efforts including building houses for Habitat for Humanity in Pamlico County, repairing homes impacted by Hurricane Florence, and delivering food to home-bound Food Bank recipients. Today, the Rotary Club of Oriental continues its legacy of service with unwavering dedication. Its members, diverse in their professions yet united in their purpose, embody the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self.” Through their various programs and initiatives, they continue to touch lives and build a stronger, more cohesive community. As the club looks towards the future, it remains committed to identifying and addressing the evolving needs of Oriental and Pamlico County. With a focus on youth development, sustainable projects, and international partnerships, the Rotary Club of Oriental is poised to continue its journey of making a lasting impact in the lives of many.

The Oriental In-Water Boat Show
The Oriental In-Water Boat Show is produced by the Rotary Club of Oriental and is the primary fundraising activity of the club. 100% of the profits from this event go towards supporting its programs and initiatives.
In the last four years the Rotary Club of Oriental has contributed more than \$500,000 to the organizations and initiatives below:
College scholarships for Pamlico County students
Pamlico Community College tuition awards
Grants to top 10 graduating high school seniors in Pamlico County
Dictionaries for all Pamlico County 3rd graders
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This year is the 14th Annual Oriental In-Water Boat Show. The club is grateful to our past member, Sam Myers, for leading the efforts to produce the show in prior years. This year club members started planning the event in September with a dedicated committee of about ten people led by our intrepid and hard-working co-chairs, John Barlow and Sally Belangia. On the week of the show it’s ‘all hands on deck’ for the club to make this production successful and support its charitable efforts. We hope you enjoy the boats, exhibitors, presenters, and camaraderie of the show. Your attendance is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to make a positive impact on those in need in our local community and the world.

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