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The 58th Annual Shriners Fish Fry

by: Hiram Lupton



Last Friday was Good Friday and you might also call it Good Fish Friday because it was the day of the 58th annual Shriners Fish Fry. The Pamlico County Shriners were set up at the Motion Church Parking lot at the corner of NC Hwy 55 and NC Hwy 306 in Grantsboro serving delicious, cooked on site, fish plates for a very worthy cause, the Shriners Hospitals for Children. They also had some great help from the students of the always hard-working Pamlico County High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). Robby Sadler of the Pamlico County Shrine Club reported that 1200 plates were prepared and sold. Special thanks to all that worked hard cooking, packing, and serving and of course all that came by to purchase a plate.



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Pamlico County's Country Stores

by: Hiram Lupton



They were once the center of commerce and social interaction, and every community had one or two, or even more. We are talking about Country Stores. In a time when mobility and travel was not as easy as it is today, they were the lifeblood of a small community. The shopkeepers who ran them knew everyone in the community, their families, and often times their financial situation as well. They sat behind a counter surrounded by all the essentials for the home, often with a notepad and a sharp pencil for "ciphering" the cost of your purchase. If they didn't have it in stock, they could order it, as long as you didn't mind waiting for it. These Country Stores of Pamlico County

will be the subject of a Pamlico County Historical Association "Snapshot" program to be held on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 PM at the Heritage Museum in Grantsboro. There will be several speakers prepared to talk about the country stores they remember, and the program will be opened up for others to also share their memories as well. The Historical Association invites you to come and remember with them, and perhaps share some memories of a country store that was in your neighborhood. If you have pictures, please bring them to share. We would love to digitally copy your pictures to create a display in the museum of some of the stores that once existed here.

Brian Caudle – Pamlico County's Veterans Service Officer

by: Hiram Lupton



Pamlico County has a new Veterans Service Officer now on the job and while he grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina, he has strong ties to the County. Brian Caudle was an active-duty member of the United States Coast Guard from 1991 until his retirement from that branch of the armed service in 2017. One of his posts while in the Coast Guard was at Station Hobucken, and it was while he was there that he met his future wife, who is a native of Vandemere. After assignments all over the country, they knew that this area would be where they settled after his time in the Coast Guard was complete. "I want to be an advocate for veterans and their families here in Pamlico County," says Caudle. "If you are a Veteran, you deserve the benefits you have earned from your service to our Country and that goes for your family as well." Brian's office is located in the Department of Human Services building at 828 Main Street in Alliance. He'd love for any veteran to call or stop by and bring their spouse. "I love meeting veterans and I want them to know I'm here to serve the Veteran's Community." His normal office hours are 9-2, Tuesday thru Thursday. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Brian's email is brian.caudle@pamlicocounty.org and he can be reached by phone at (252) 745-4086.

The Old Theater Presents Dee Dee King & Company Concert

Celebrating Mother's Day 2025

Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 PM

Advance Tickets: \$39 available now at [Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern](http://www.oldtheater.org) or online at www.oldtheater.org. Tickets at the door are \$45.



Dee Dee King & Company will present another unforgettable Mother's Day Celebration Concert to the delight of his fans. Mothers of all ages will be pampered with the best music imaginable from an all-star band, including the impeccable vocals and soul-stirring performance by award-winning musical and vocal phenomenon, Dee Dee King. Expect a musical journey that will take you down memory lane reminiscing on favorite hits, ballads, love songs, and more from yesteryear as well as today and from multiple genres. This soulful performance will include jazz, smooth jazz, blues, pop, R&B, Motown, Classic Rock and more. You will be moved, energized, invigorated, and fulfilled knowing that this was much more than a show or concert, but an historic musical encounter that will leave the theater full of emotion, love, and joy. Witness a heartfelt tribute by Dee Dee King to his

mother and grandmother, who were native daughters of Oriental. Treat Mom on this Mother's Day with a gift of great music and special extras she will never forget.

Tickets may be available at the Box Office one hour before the performance for \$45. Complimentary tickets will not be accepted for this event. Doors open at 6:00 for this show. Wine and soft drinks will be available by donation.

The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a venue for performing arts in Oriental, Pamlico County and all Eastern North Carolina. The theater is located at 609 Broad Street in Oriental, NC. For additional information call 252-249-0477 or visit their website: <https://oldtheater.org>.



Vandemere Community Roundtable

by: Hiram Lupton

Last Monday evening, the Town of Vandemere held a what was termed a Guided Open Community Roundtable. Town Government officials, volunteer committee members and residents gathered at Town Hall to share ideas and discuss the future of the "Village by the Sea." Vandemere Mayor Sandra Snipes, who moderated the meeting, welcomed the 20+ attendees and stressed that by working together they could build a successful future for Vandemere. Sharing ideas on what that future should look like was the purpose of the meeting. Snipes said that comprehensive planning is the key. "We need to develop long term planning based on long term vision while allowing the plan to be living and change over time as circumstances change. With a framework of Private Business, Municipal Government, and the Community all working together, we can achieve our goals." Attendees also filled out a survey where they could express their ideas on the town's future.



Vandemere Mayor Sandra Snipes

One charged in Havelock fatal hit-and-run, another sought

by News 12 Staff

The Havelock Police Department arrested one person and is searching for another in relation to a fatal hit-and-run that happened on April 13, 2025.

Elizabeth Warnack has been charged with one count of felony hit and run resulting in death and has been placed under a \$35,000 bond.

Authorities are searching for Michael James Spalti, who is facing the same charge.

Ronald Pearson, 57, of Pamlico County, was fatally struck as the truck left the area of Willow Oaks Estates (formerly known as Jacksons Mobile Home Park), per officials.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Spalti, please contact Captain Joshua Casassa at 252-447-3212 or those wishing to remain anonymous, can do so by going to <https://www.havelocknc.us/FormCenter/Police-Department-5/Anonymous-Crime-Tips-49>



Elizabeth Warnack



Michael James Spalti

WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday, April 26th **77° Hi** Rain throughout the day

Sunday, April 27th **73° Hi** Partly Cloudy throughout the day



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Pamlico Community College



New option for Medical Assisting

Pamlico Community College is adding a new option for students who are interested in Medical Assisting! Beginning June 16, Pamlico will offer a program through its Continuing Education division that can be completed in a matter of months. The college will continue to offer its Curriculum program in Medical Assisting, which features a two-year Associate in Applied Science (AAS) option and a three-semester Diploma option. For more information on the new Continuing Education program, contact Lori Giles at 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or lgiles@pamlicocc.edu. For more information about Curriculum options, contact Tina Hardison at 252-249-1851, ext. 3044, or thardison@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed photo

PCHS students tour electrical lab



Pamlico Community College Instructor Larry Monk, center, shows Pamlico County High School students some of the training equipment in the college's Electrical Systems Technology lab. Pamlico County High School teacher Stephen Brown brought students from an Agriculture Mechanics class to the college recently to tour the lab. Monk reminded the group, which was made up primarily of sophomores, that high school students are eligible to take PCC courses tuition-free during their junior and senior years, thanks to the N.C. Career & College Promise (CCP) program. For more information about PCC's Electrical Systems Technology program, contact Monk at 252-249-1851, ext. 3029, or lmonk@pamlicocc.edu. For information about the CCP program, contact Derek Godwin at 252-249-1851, ext. 3106, or dgodwin@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed photo



FARM SCHOOL ON WHEELS

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Agri-Tourism & Farm-Starter Workshop

Saturday, April 26, 9am - 3pm

Pamlico Small Business Center
701 N. Main St, Bayboro, NC 28515

~ Maximizing Your Land
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**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...

We would like to thank Linda for all the help she has given us in our search for a place to purchase. Being first time buyers she was extremely good at explaining the process and the things we needed to do. She answered all our questions and was quick to get back to us. It was a pleasure to work with Linda.

Robert & Michelle, Oriental



MERRITT – Newly-renovated, 2,100 sf **3BR/2BA**, on 1 acre unrestricted lot, no HOA. Home is on an engineered permanent foundation with a HUD Compliant Foundation Engineering Certification letter; qualifies for Conventional, VA, FHA and USDA financing. Roof & HVAC installed 2021.
OFFERED AT \$279,500



ORIENTAL – Spectacular waterfront views of Smith & Green Creeks from first floor unit at Oriental West Condos in the Heart of Oriental. Building B, Unit 7 is a **2BR/2BA** condo with a 40' x 16' deeded boat slip with 5' controlling water depth.
OFFERED AT \$350,000



ORIENTAL – **3BR/2.5BA** home offers comfortable living. Open floor plan, ideal for family gatherings or entertaining on 3 acres. Offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as is.
OFFERED AT \$425,500



ORIENTAL – **3BR/2BA** 1,740 hsf waterfront on 3.15 acres, boat dock with 40' X 20' deep-water protected boat slip. Anderson double-hung windows & Anderson Patio sliding glass doors, 2021 architectural roof, detached 2-car garage and waterfront-facing screened porch with adjoining waterfront-side decks. This home was designed for waterfront living.
OFFERED AT \$575,000



ORIENTAL – 4,000 hsf commercial building on 0.92 acres of unrestricted land, not in flood zone, +/-3 miles north of Town of Oriental. Fully-insulated I-beam construction, 6" concrete floor. Reception area, conference room & 2 offices. Carrier 2.5 ton heat pump for 1,080 hsf office area & two 5.0 ton HVAC systems for 2,920 hsf warehouse. Walk-up attic storage, fenced side yard, 208 3-Phase electrical system with 200 amps service. Ingersole Rand 200 PSI air compressor system for warehouse with work benches & shelving. Metal fabrication equipment does not convey.
OFFERED AT \$ 650,000



MERRITT – Waterfront **3BR/2.5BA** with dock and boat lift on Moores Creek. Great water views. Oversized garage with workshop, garden shed, whole house generator, whole house 400 AMP service. Screened deck, open deck, close to ICW on 1 acre in the Bay Shores Estate community.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- April 23rd – Doth thou knowest that today is National talketh like Shakespeare Day?
- April 24th – Today is National Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day.
- April 25th – Today is National Hairball Awareness Day. One time I thought my cat was cracking up at a joke I told. Turns out it was only a hairball. Today is also Arbor Day.
- April 26th – Today is National Audubon Day. This day is for the birds.
- April 27th – Today is National Prime Rib Day. Probably my favorite rib.
- April 28th – Today is National Superhero Day.
- April 29th – Today is National Zipper Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 23rd – 1936, Singer Roy Orbison
- April 23rd – 1960, Actress Valerie Bertinelli
- April 25th – 1917, Jazz Singer Ella Fitzgerald
- April 26th – 19??, PCHS NJROTC leader Jesse Rodriguez
- April 28th – 1941, Singer and Actress Ann-Margret Olsson
- April 28th – 19??, Director of Camp Don Lee, Kate Metts
- April 29th – 1951, NASCAR Champion Dale Earnhardt
- April 29th – 1954, Actor and Comedian Jerry Seinfeld



NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE FOR REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BAY RIVER METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025, has been rescheduled and will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District located at 101 N. Fourth Street, Bayboro NC.



Are EVs more eco-friendly...

Consumer demand for electric vehicles (EVs) has increased considerably in recent years, and automotive industry forecasts indicate that demand is likely to continue to rise over the next five to 10 years. Despite that popularity, some are still not sure if EVs are more eco-friendly than traditional cars and trucks, a skepticism that is typically linked to the production of EV batteries. Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology report that EVs ultimately are more eco-friendly than gas-powered alternatives, even if the batteries needed to power them are more carbon-intensive to manufacture than gas-powered cars. In their 2019 Insights Into Future Mobility study, researchers at MIT determined that the average gas-powered car emits more than 350 grams of carbon dioxide (CO2) per mile driven over their lifetimes. By contrast, hybrid and plug-in hybrids emitted around 260 grams of CO2 per mile driven, while fully battery-electric vehicles emitted 200 grams of CO2 per mile driven. The future also looks even better for EVs, as the MIT report indicates battery EVs could drop to around 125 grams of CO2 per mile driven by 2050 as more countries work to decarbonize their electric grids.

Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!
Come join others who have found a Solution!
Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898
Meetings in Pamlico County:

(If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)

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

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Janet Best York Rolison, 88, passed away, Monday, April 14, 2025. A native of Wayne County, she was educated at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, NC, Greensboro College and UNC Greensboro. Janet was a teacher and Registered Dietitian. She is survived by her husband, Harry W. Rolison, whom she married in 1991, and with whom she enjoyed many outdoor activities and traveling. She was an avid cyclist, hiker, seamstress, and quilter. She made many quilts for family and friends and donated quilts to the hospital for premature babies. Janet also made hundreds of dresses for the charity Dress a Girl Around the World. Janet is survived by two children from her union with the late Richard E. York: Audrey Weil (Kenneth) of Wilmington, NC; and Alan R York (Rebecca) of Lewisville, NC. She is survived by grandsons Jake Weil (Bekah), Brian Weil (Gabrielle), and Grayson York.

She is also survived by stepsons, Phillip Rolison (Lisa) of Winston-Salem, NC and grandsons Alexander and Benjamin; Danny Rolison of Raleigh NC; Lisa (Richard) Sigler, Tyler and Grace; Chris (Tammy) and Robbie Rolison (Katy); Brian, Taylor, Kayleigh, and Logan Rolison. Janet had eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A celebration of Janet's life will be held at 11:00am Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Trinity Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Jon Gaska officiating. The family will receive friends at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may made to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1416 Bolton Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or to The Methodist Children's Home Alumni Association, 1041 Washington Street, Raleigh, NC. 27605. Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel is serving the family.

BOC Unanimous in Opposing Ferry Tolls

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners

Monday's regular Pamlico County Board of Commissioners meeting saw the BOC unanimously pass a resolution opposing a proposed Ferry toll provision that is currently included in the Senate version of this year's North Carolina legislative budget (SB 257). The proposal calls for adding a toll to existing ferry routes that do not currently have any, and raising toll fees for those that already do. This includes the ferry route directly connected to Pamlico County, the Minnesott-Cherry Branch Ferry, which provides a crossing of the Neuse River. The proposal would impose a fee of \$5.00 for vehicles less than 20 feet, \$10.00 for vehicles greater than 20 feet. Passengers would pay \$1.00. There was also a provision for a Commuter pass that would cost \$150.00 that would be good for any ferry route on the vehicle it was assigned to. There would also be tolls added to the Bayview-Aurora Ferry route in the amount of \$3 for vehicles less than 20 feet and \$6.00 for those over 20 feet and the same \$1.00 fee for pedestrians. Projections by the State put the revenues generated by these tolls to be \$880,000 for the Minnesott route and \$100,000 for the Aurora route. These funds would be allocated to a Ferry Capital Fund for marine vessel replacement. "The Minnesott Ferry route is a part of our highway system and an important link for working people in our county commuting to jobs," said Commissioner Ken Heath, who was the tip of the spear in the fight against these tolls 2 years ago when they were also proposed in the state budget. "The N.C. House hasn't introduced their budget yet so it is still a ways off from being in the final budget, but now is the time to contact your legislators and express to them your opposition to this tax. Now is the time to stay vigilant." It is expected that similar resolutions will be enacted by our neighboring counties that are also being affected.



Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Spending time with new friends and those you've know for years can be a satisfying way to pass the week, Aries. Try to plan some activities that you can enjoy together.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this week you may choose to tackle some necessary, albeit time-consuming, chores. They may take a few hours, but then you'll have time to unwind.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, certain information that you have been looking for may finally come to the surface. Once you have your answers, you might be able to move on to other tasks.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, emotional matters that emerged over the previous few days might soon be settled with all parties feeling satisfied with the results.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, confusion with loved ones can be easily cleared up with a little, honest communication between you and the other people involved. Embrace this chance to be open and honest.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you may be especially motivated this week and feel a need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you are operating at peak efficiency and ready to handle many of the less exciting tasks on your to-do list. Tackle the grunt work and the fun will follow.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You have the stamina and energy to get a lot of chores taken care of this week, Scorpio. But you may be short on time. Enlist other people to help if an opportunity presents itself.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't be surprised if you spend a lot of your time on the phone this week, Sagittarius. There are many things on your to-do list and tackling them one by one is essential.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Financial paperwork and money matters fill the docket for you the next few days, Capricorn. Paying bills, balancing a checkbook and building your nest egg are your top priorities.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
This week you could be feeling industrious and on the lookout for a new project, Aquarius. You will be an asset to anyone who needs extra assistance.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Particularly vivid dreams could have you wondering what your mind is trying to tell you, Pisces. You might come up with some interesting interpretations, but the answers remain unknown.

TAURUS Traits & Overview

Taurus, the second sign of the zodiac and the ruler of the second house, is all about reward. Unlike the Aries love of the game, the typical Taurus personality loves the rewards of the game. Think physical pleasures and material goods, for those born under this sign revel in delicious excess. This zodiac sign is also tactile, enjoying a tender, even sensual, touch.

Taurus zodiac sign adores comfort and likes being surrounded by pleasing, soothing things. Along these lines, they also favor a good meal and a fine wine. The good life in all its guises, whether it's the arts or art of their own making (yes, these folks are artistic as well), is heaven on Earth to the Taurus-born.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Is buying a home always the right move?



Dan M. Roberts

It's widely thought that home ownership is a key to building wealth — but is it? And should you consistently make sacrifices to buy your own home?

Let's start with the first question: Is owning a home essential to building wealth? It would probably be more accurate to say that home ownership can be helpful in building wealth. Building home equity — essentially, the difference between the size of your home's value and what you still owe — is certainly valuable. Plus, the bigger your equity, the less you might have to take out in a new mortgage if you ever want to buy a different home.

Now for the next question: How much should you sacrifice to buy your own home? This isn't an easy question to answer because buying a home isn't just a financial issue — it's also an emotional one. Many people simply like the feeling of owning a home. If you fall into this category, you might be willing to make many sacrifices to join the ranks of homeowners.

However, if you're relatively young and you are part of a single or even a dual-income household, you may well find that your other priorities are more important than home ownership, at least for the moment. These priorities can include paying off student loans, reducing other debts, paying for child care, meeting health care costs and even saving for retirement. With all these expenses, you might not be able to take on a big mortgage, along with real estate taxes, homeowners' insurance and the inevitable but costly repairs that come with owning a home.

In addition to the danger of becoming "house poor" by paying too high a percentage of your income on your mortgage, you could

face another issue by sinking too much money into your home — and that's liquidity. A home is much more illiquid than savings or investment accounts, so if you needed money in a hurry, and most of yours was tied up in your home, you might be in a jam. You could tap into your home equity through a loan or a line of credit, but that's basically taking on even more debt, though these loans and credit lines typically offer lower interest rates than other forms of borrowing.

So, here's the bottom line: You don't need to feel that you are missing out on a chance to build wealth by not buying a home immediately — especially if you would feel extremely stretched by the mortgage payments, given how expensive homes are today. You won't hurt yourself — and, in fact, you'll likely help yourself — by taking care of your most pressing priorities first.

Of course, this doesn't mean that you can never become a homeowner. If you would still like to own a home someday, you could start saving for a down payment, keeping the money in a liquid, low-risk account. Just as importantly, though, you should plan on how owning a home can fit into your budget and how it will affect your cash flow. If you can manage it, you may indeed find that there's no place like home.

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Pamlico 4-H Fun



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

Spring has sprung and we enjoying our Spring 4-H Fun Programs. There is an awesome 4-H Program to participate in throughout the year. State Fair in the fall, Project Record books, and the start of livestock projects in the winter, Summer Camp and Electric Congress in the summer. This spring we've had all kinds of 4-H Fun, from school enrichment to after school SPIN Clubs to our First Down East 4-H Dairy Project!

First our 4-H Ag 101 class has been working hard on their micro-farm. They've planted onions, carrots, lettuces, and mustard greens. They have also helped Mr. Simpson with this year's Extension Potato Trial. They are now learning about aquaculture and hydroponics. We are so excited about how much they've learned this year.

We've had an awesome time with our It's Electric Program. In the fall members of our SPIN Club made mini-Tesla Coils and worked on their project record books. This spring 4-Hers submitted their project record books and five of our 4-Hers are eligible to attend NC 4-H Electric Congress this summer. They are also finishing their spring project Photo Sensing Cars! We are so excited to watch them learn and develop their skills!

Sew Much Fun never disappoints! In the Fall 4-Hers designed their own small projects! This spring our 4-Hers are using geometry and math to design their own lap quilts. We are so excited to watch them not only develop skills in sewing, but to apply math to their creative endeavors. We hope to see them all compete in the 4-H State Fair Sewing Competition and Display this coming Autumn. Sew Much Fun isn't just about developing skills in math, geometry and sewing, but also exploring and expressing their own creativity.

Chopped International has also been a ton of fun! We have had two of our Spring Sessions. First we journeyed to Italy wehre we learned about some of Italy's geography, history, and current government. We made three kinds of pasta: Pasta Pomodoro, Spaghetti Bolognese, and Pasta e Lenticchie. Then we did Breakfast Around the world! We learned about where the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Morocco are, what languages they speak and what form of government they have. Then we dove right into the cooking, by making Belgian Waffles, scones, and Shakshuka. Youth practiced safe food preparation, honed their knife skills with different types of chopping. We have three Chopped International workshops left this spring, and registration is open. Next up is Chopped International: Breakfast Around the World.

We also recently kicked of the first Pamlico Craven 4-H Dairy Project! The 4-H Dairy Project! It is an amazing opportunity for youth to connect with animal agriculture. Our 4-Her have been learning about how to approach a calve safely, how to feed, and the necessary nutrition for a non-grazing breed. They will continue to learn about cows, proper farm safety, showmanship and breed specific qualities. They will also have the opportunity to explore milk production systems, and keep project record books.

One of the 4-H Programs that I am so excited for every spring is 4-H Presentations. 4-H Presentation is a public speaking program that allows youth ages 5 - 18 to develop and perfect their presentations skills by researching, writing, and delivering a speech. Once a speech is prepared there are three stages to 4-H Presentations: County Activity Day, District Activity Day, and North Carolina 4-H Congress. If you are interested in giving a presentation this spring, please let me know!

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!!

Whoever said that country life was **SIMPLE** never lived on a **FARM**



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by: Hiram Lupton

The Lady Hurricanes took the field only once last week in a pre-Easter break matchup at home against non-conference foe, the Bears of Bear Grass Charter last Wednesday. Much like the two teams first meeting at the Bear’s Den back in early March, Pamlico held the advantage early with a 5-1 lead going into the sixth inning, but the Bears roared to life, first tying the game, then winning in extra innings, 11-6. Junior Allie while driving in a pair of runs. It wasn’t enough to overcome 6 errors on defense however as Pamlico takes the loss. After a week to enjoy their Easter eggs, the Lady ‘Canes wrap up their regular season with a pair of games against Jones Senior. They visit the Trojans on April 29 and host them in Bayboro on May 1.



Allie Daniels



“When life throws you a curveball, hit it out of the park.”

Pamlico Baseball Splits Two

by: Hiram Lupton

Hurricanes baseball stepped out of conference last week to play a pair of games before Easter break. On Monday Pamlico traveled across the Neuse to butt heads with the Rams of Havelock and the Hurricanes offense was on fire. They pounded out 16 hits in scoring 16 runs. Several Pamlico batters recorded 3 hits each including Ross McLamb, Cam Daniels, and Brady Caccavaro. McLamb’s hits included a single, double, and triple. Pamlico was also aided by 8 Ram errors in the 16-5 win. Thursday saw Bear Grass Charter School pay a visit to Bayboro and behind strong pitching, the Bears took a 13-3 win back to Martin County. Jonathan Mitchell registered a pair of hits for the Hurricanes and drove in 2 of Pamlico’s runs. Next up for Pamlico will be a pair of games in Easter Holiday tournaments this week. They take on Northern Nash on Monday and will battle West Columbus on Tuesday. The following week will see Pamlico close out their conference and regular season schedule with a pair of games against Jones Senior. On 4/29 they travel to Trenton and on 5/1 Jones will visit Bayboro.



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Aurora Community Forum – S.W. Snowden Elementary School

by: Hiram Lupton



Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools, Dr. Matthew Cheeseman

The tight knit community of Aurora turned out en masse last Wednesday evening, filling the bleachers in the gym at S.W. Snowden Elementary School. This gathering was not to support one of the school's athletic teams however, it was to show support for the school itself and in opposition to a Beaufort County Board of Education proposal to shutter the school in a cost cutting measure. The Community Forum was moderated by the Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools, Dr. Matthew Cheeseman, who led things off with a presentation outlining the reasons for the closure. Every attendee was given a handout filled with a dazzling array of numbers and statistics which Dr. Cheeseman reviewed. It all pointed to the conclusion that attendance is down, funding is down, and despite the fact that no one wants to, cuts have to be made. Much of the funding for North Carolina Public Schools comes from the state legislature and it is largely based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) in a county's school district. ADM is just another way of saying school enrollment. ADM system wide is on the decline and in particular at S.W. Snowden, which made it a candidate for closure and consolidation. Statistics for month 2 of the 2024-25 school year show the ADM of Snowden at 119 in grades K through 8. One of the more telling stats concerning declining enrollment was shown by comparing the previous years enrollment in a particular grade with the following years enrollment in the next grade level. As an example, in 2023-24 there were 20 students enrolled in third grade at Snowden. The following year there were 15 enrolled in fourth grade. Every grade level showed a similar decline, identifying the trend of declining students. Dr. Cheesman cited the growing number of students seeking alternatives in their education including home schooling and enrollment in Charter Schools. The statistics he presented showed that there were 40 students who would otherwise be attending Snowden that are enrolled at Arapahoe

Charter School. The money for education follows the student so if the student is not enrolled in the Beaufort County School System, the dollars go elsewhere. Many of Dr. Cheeseman's comments in his presentation put unveiled blame for Snowden's proposed closure on the state's lack of funding. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Cheesman reiterated that no one wants to close S.W. Snowden, but tough decisions have to be made. He also stated that school performance had nothing with the decisions for Snowden. The second portion of the forum was turned over to the many members of the crowd who had signed up to ask questions or to make public comment. As expected, 100% of those who spoke, often emotionally, expressed their opposition to the closure. Former teachers and administrators from the school, local pastors, former students, parents and residents of the community all spoke in opposition to the proposal. In what could be somewhat a case of political grandstanding, two Beaufort County Commissioners spoke in opposition to the proposal and derided the School Board in their comments. One of the overriding themes in nearly all of the speaker's comments were the distance that younger students would now have to travel and the extreme amount of time they would be spending on a school bus. Students from Snowden who remain in the county school system would be transported to Chocowinity. Welfare of the students and safety were two things cited. As one speaker put it, "This ain't about dollars, its about people." There was also a general consensus that the loss of smaller schools located in a community, particularly for younger children was a detriment. One speaker lamented that in a community school, "We all know one another. We all look out for one another. Parents and family are not that far away and are more involved. We are all family whether we are related or not." The final decision on S.W. Snowden's fate has not yet been determined. The recommendation to close the school is not a new one and was made in a study as far back as 2019. The next opportunity for the public to show their opposition to the closure comes on May 1, when the Beaufort County School Board has scheduled their regular monthly meeting to take place in the same location as the Community Forum, the S.W. Snowden gymnasium.



VOLUNTEERS

Women make up the greatest percentage of volunteers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says women currently volunteer roughly 6 percent more than men. What types of jobs might volunteers be doing? Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer job in the United States. This is followed by tutoring or teaching; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food; general labor; professional or management assistance; and coaching, refereeing or supervising sports teams.

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Delayed detection of wounds or burns can lead to delayed treatment. And delayed treatment raises the risk of infection.

Foot infections can be especially harmful to people with diabetes. Good blood flow helps to heal foot wounds and deliver medications like antibiotics that can help fight infections. But diabetes reduces blood flow to the feet. That can prevent infections from healing.

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Feet also tend to gradually widen as the day goes on. “So we often recommend that if you’re shopping for new shoes, go in the afternoon or evening when your feet are a little bigger,” Wu says.

If your feet haven’t been measured in a while, consider doing so. A foot-measuring device, called a Brannock Device, can measure both the length and width of your feet. It’s usually available at shoe stores.

Experts suggest leaving a little space at the front of the shoe, because when we walk, our feet tend to shift forward.

“I’ve seen a lot of patients who end up losing a toenail, or it turns black, because the front of the shoe doesn’t have enough room,” Wu says.

Make sure that the shoes are comfortable from the start. “If they don’t feel right, don’t think that you can break them in later. That could cause blisters and pain,” Holmes says. “Pain is meant to be a cardinal sign to tell you that something is wrong. When you don’t listen to it, you get in trouble.”

Any time you have foot pain that lingers, it’s a good idea to see a health care provider. Give your feet the attention they deserve.

“I suggest to my patients that when you go to your doctor, and you take your clothes off for the exam, make sure you take off your shoes and your socks too. Have the doctor take a look at your feet,” Holmes says. “I think that’s important, to catch foot problems sooner than later.”



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Submitted by Hank Steinfeld

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April 10, Prescott Rd., Grantsboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
April 11, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest possession of firearm by felon
April 11, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, financial card fraud - felony, abuse disabled/elder serious injury, communicating threats, stolen identity, extortion
April 11, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, order for arrest failure to wear seatbelt - driver
April 11, Longleaf Dr., New Bern, order for arrest expired registration card/tag, order for arrest use foreign license while driving while license revoked, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
April 11, NC Hwy 55, Merritt, suspicious activity
April 11, Main St., Bayboro, possess/carry weapon on educational property - not gun
April 12, Scotts Store Rd., Grantsboro, lost firearm
April 12, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, misdemeanor child abuse

April 12, NC Hwy 55, Bayboro, DWI
April 12, Florence Rd., Merritt, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
April 12, Vandemere St., Oriental, family offenses, nonviolent
April 14, Main St., Bayboro, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
April 14, Prescott Rd., Grantsboro, welfare check
April 14, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, second degree trespass, shoplifting
April 14, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, possession of firearm by convicted felon
April 16, Main St., Bayboro, failure to appear

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

April 11, .25 AC NE/S Riggs Rd from Mark F. Jones to Mark F. Jones/TR, The Mark F. Jones Family Trust, Mark F. Jones, \$0
April 11, Timber Deed 7.9 AC Map attached PIN K031-3-7 from Bonnie Whitney, Archie Fulcher, Clarence Hunter to Buck Timber Company, Inc., \$5
April 11, Windward Estate Lot: 6 PCA 103-9 Streamline Developers, LLC to Patricia Rowe Henries, Jody Wayne Henries, \$760
April 11, River Dunes Lot: 8, Marina Village Sec 4B PCA 166-

11 from Ian W. Davis, Vicki M. Davis to Trisha G. Weise, William E. Weise, \$1,535
April 11, Shine Landing West Lot: 3 PCA 142-16, Shine Landing Boat Slip 21 PCA 136-10 Und Int Lot 32 PCA 136-10 from Karen P. Voorhees to RMB Construction, Inc., \$40
April 14, 2.146 AC SR 1102 from John T. Howes to Hugh H. Barnes, III, Judy K. Barnes, \$300
April 14, .216 AC (I AC) PIN L091-64 MB 3/112 Lot 2 from Sheila Jo Davis to Alexander Logan Bell, \$160
April 14, 0.69 AC Parcel One PCB 18-7 from Richard T. Lee to Richard T. Lee, Jared Ace Dail, \$0
April 14, 0.69 AC Parcel Two PCB 18-7 from Richard T. Lee to Rachel Powers, \$160
April 15, 25E1046; E/S Main St Vandemere from Chronitta K. Johnson, Chronitta Johnson, Karla Johnson Kilpatrick, Richard C. Kilpatrick to Che’Lisa R. House, Che’Lisa R. House, Donald T. House, \$0
April 15, Trustee’s Deed; PIN F09-33-85; DT 484/548; Lot 85 Phase 1 Arlington Place PCA 153-17; Wild Swan Lane Arapahoe from Substitute Trustee Services, Inc./ TR, Thomas R. Hoskins, Maria Hoskins, Jonathan Hoskins to Tar Heel Home Investors, \$62
April 15, Trustee’s Deed; 87/100 AC S/S Bay River & N/S NCSR

1331; Map in DB 216/564 from Teresa H. Vaughn/TR, Teresa H. Vaughn/EXR, Richard W. Hudson Revocable Trust, Richard W. Hudson, Richard W. Hudson/EST to Teresa H. Vaughn, \$0
April 15, Trustee’s Deed; Two Tracts PCA 165-17 from Teresa H. Vaughn/TR, Teresa H. Vaughn/ EXR, Richard W. Hudson Revocable Trust, Richard W. Hudson, Richard W. Hudson/ EST to Richard W. Hudson, III, Christian Hudson, \$0
April 15, Trustee’s Deed; 7.38 AC, 4.77 AC, 7.39 AC & 4.76 AC PCA 29-10 from Teresa H. Vaughn/TR, Teresa H. Vaughn/EXR, Richard W. Hudson Revocable Trust, Richard W. Hudson, Richard W. Hudson/EST to Lucien R. Vaughn, III, Christian Hudson, Richard W. Hudson, III, Benjamin Michael Stanley, \$0
April 15, 1 AC NW/S SR 1217; Map in DB 199/679 from George Edward Bess, Sr., George E. Bess to Carolyn Kay Bess, \$0
April 15, Dolphin Point Lot: 47 Section II PCA 46-3; Map in DB 665/718 from John S. Potter, Lynn L. Potter to Robert B. Brewer, Heather C. Brewer, \$64
April 15, Oriental Plantation Lot: 10 Section 3-A PCA 55-9, Oriental Plantation Lot: 11 Section 3-A PCA 55-9 from Gaetano W. Forzano, Hillary M. Bianco to Hillary M. Bianco, Gaetano W. Forzano, \$0

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6 TIPS FOR TAKING STUNNING NATURE PHOTOS

Exploring the great outdoors is a rewarding way to bear witness to the majesty of nature. Nature frequently presents awe-inspiring vistas that can take individuals’ breath away. Some nature lovers are content to bask in the moment and set the scene to memory. Others may want a more permanent way to commemorate the view. Amateur photographers eager to capture the majesty of the great outdoors can practice their picture-taking skills. According to the photography tips and technique experts at Picture Correct, many factors are involved in taking nature photographs. These tips can help anyone take stunning nature photos.

- Invest in quality gear. The right photography gear makes it much easier to take great photos. Lenses are very important for capturing shots. Macro lenses are designed for insects and flowers. Wide-angle lenses help snap landscapes. Telephoto lenses can focus on animals without having to get too close.
- Take the foreground into consideration. When you find an inspiring landscape to photograph, skip the empty landscapes and think about zeroing in on something interesting in the foreground. This can be



a particularly attractive flower in front of a vast field, or even a rusty watering can left out in a row of crops. Items in the foreground impart interest in the photo.

- Consider depth of field. Sometimes you will have no control over the busy background an interesting subject is in front of in a planned photograph. A shallow depth of field achieved with a wide aperture can blur a background and separate the subject from that background, according to Shotkit, a photography and gear authority. Some post-production work also can be done to blur backgrounds in apps like Lightroom or through Photoshop.
- Zoom in and crop subjects. Smaller pictures can be just as compelling as larger

ones. Zoom in on the bark on a tree, the skin of a lizard or the wings of an insect. Closer looks at what is hiding in plain sight in nature can lead to compelling pictures. Zoom in and think about a macro lens, which will magnify even the tiniest details.

- Study what you want to capture. The best photographers do their research. If you want to grab a great photo of an egret by the water’s edge, spend time watching these birds in their habitat and learning their behaviors. This might help you predict when to snap the best photo.
- Use light wisely. The photography resource Expert Photography recommends taking photos primarily during the golden hours. These are right after sunrise and just before sunset. The light during these times of day has a softer, hazy quality that will illuminate subjects evenly and less harshly than midday, when shadows also may pose challenges. Taking photos during these times also means fewer people around and a better chance that wildlife will be out and about.

Nature photography is wildly popular and there are many ways for amateur photographers to make their photos pop.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope all of you had a wonderful Easter. We started off the Easter celebrations with going to see “Written In Red” such an amazing performance and blessing to see. There were a total of 15 different churches from the county that participated. If you have never been, it is a must see. It is one of those shows that you can never see too many times. When you read the bible it is often hard to know what is going on at the time they are talking about. With this you see the story unfold and have a much better understanding of what really happened, and how much Jesus sacrificed for all of us.

Yard sale season is definitely among us. The wife and I get out most weekends and enjoy riding around looking for the lost treasures she thinks she needs! The annual Oriental Community Wide yard sale is coming up on May 3. We have always enjoyed going to that one.

The other weekend we got out and enjoyed the Arapahoe Community 3rd Annual Car and Truck Show. There were many beautiful cars there on display. It was good to see so many people there enjoying themselves and catching up with each other. I know I saw quite a few people I hadn't seen in a while. It's always good to catch up.

The Babe Ruth League has been playing a lot of great baseball and softball at the park lately. If you get a chance and are looking for something to do go check them out and cheer them on. These days it's always good to see kids outside enjoying themselves.

The new library is looking amazing. As I ride by each day, I am starting to see more furniture and bookshelves being put in

place. It looks like it will be a great asset to our community and for generations to come. The fields in Grantsboro are definitely showing signs of life. Most of the plowing has been done and it seems like overnight the seeds that they planted spring right up the next day!

The last few times I haven't written about history, but rest easy my friends we will be picking up where we left off. The last I shared with you was a member of the Reel family. Do any of you remember who it was? It was John Benton Reel. His story is an amazing one. Next week we will continue with his story and the history of Pamlico County. Until then have a great week and I will see you next week.



Who remembers when Grantsboro looked like this?

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



Christ the Lord is Risen! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! It was the most glorious Sonrise at the Stonewall Campground as Stonewall Methodist Church gathered to celebrate Resurrection Sunday. Doug Carey recorded six or seven birds singing at our Sonrise Service. The glory continued at worship with 17 children as part of the congregation of over 70. It was awesome when the Rodrigues family joined the church with four by profession of faith and two by transfer of membership. It was indeed a glorious day. Even the rugged cross covered by flowers was the most beautiful one I think I have ever seen. Check our Facebook page if you want to see for yourself.

The congregation at Broad Creek United Church of Christ was gathering as I passed there at 6 am. Pamlico Methodist Church had their Sonrise service at 7:00 am in their cemetery. Craig Cooper provided the music, and Pamlico also enjoyed breakfast after their service. I know many other services took place near the water including Oriental, Camp Don Lee, and Vandemere to mention a few.

Watch out for wildlife on the roads. Turtles are crossing the roads more often than usual, probably looking for water. A turkey almost ran into my car on Trent Road and deer are still out and about looking for green grass to nibble. I heard a cute joke the other day. “Do you know why the chicken crossed the road to get to the other side. To prove to an opossum that it could be done.”



to prepare the fields. Some plants are already sprouting on Trent Road.

Celebrating birthdays in April include Shannon Ellenberg (4/22), April Dawn Edwards (423), Serenity Henries (4/24), Jesse Rodriguez (4/26), Justin Rodgers (4/28), Amy Smith (4/29) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30).

Have a blessed week. Overwhelmed? Take Spiritual Vitamin O. “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

The weather has been simply beautiful, but the farmers need rain. My mother always told me to plant my garden on Easter Monday. Now I just plant a tomato plant on my deck, but I am blessed to have friends who share their bounty with me.

Speaking of birds and farmers, the fields are white with sea gulls when they turn over new dirt. I think worms are easy picking at that time. As a former mathematician, it always blesses me to see the parallel rows that modern tractors use

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



Oh, What a beautiful Easter Day the good Lord gave us! The sunrise services must have been lovely this morning. There were fourteen at Bethel for the service today. Bill Nickerson sang a solo from the Easter Cantata that we sang with Stonewall Methodist last Sunday evening. It was great to be a part of the singers for a change instead of directing. I had seven for lunch today, Melydia Edge, Dennis and Sarah Maxwell, my son Russell, his two sons Noah and Harry. We had the traditional ham for lunch and I had made Noah a chocolate cake for his birthday. Friday was Noah's 19th birthday so they made reservations at Baxter's in New Bern and enjoyed an evening of Jazz music by three excellent musicians. Sylvia Nickerson's brother passed away last week in Oklahoma. He had been sick for a long time. Bill Nickerson is doing a lot of work on his house. There is

always something that we need to do on our homes down here all the time. Thank goodness the pollen is all most through falling all over everything. The azaleas have been so beautiful but alas they are beginning to fade. Saw the ad for in the Pamlico News this week for the Croaker Festival on the 4th and 5th of July. To have good fireworks they need donations. The Pamlico Brass will be playing and the Pamlico Chorale will be singing the American Celebration and the Salute to the Armed Forces. Pamlico Christian Academy is on Spring break this week and they are getting ready to build their new school. The county is building a new school, and an Urgent Care is going up at Alliance. Lot of building going on in the county.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—APRIL HATH PUT A SPIRIT OF YOUTH IN EVERYTHING. (SHAKESPEARE)

Explaining granges and how they affect rural residents

Local granges serve as a center of rural life in many agricultural communities. People who live outside such communities may be unfamiliar with granges, including what they are.

The most basic definition of a grange is an outlying farm or land with a manor building on the property. When first developed in 12th century Britain, granges were properties that may have been owned by a lord, who chose to live on the property or leased it to others. Other granges were held by the church, mainly by monasteries.

The grange definition and system was modified when the concept was brought to North America. After the Civil War in the United States, Oliver Kelley, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, realized while touring the region that poor farmers in the South bore the brunt of the war's devastation. Kelley noted outdated farming practices that were disorganized and largely ineffectual. He considered an organization that could bring farmers together across the country with a spirit of mutual agricultural cooperation.

Out of this idea the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (also called The Grange) was established as a non-profit organization in 1867. The goal was helping rural American



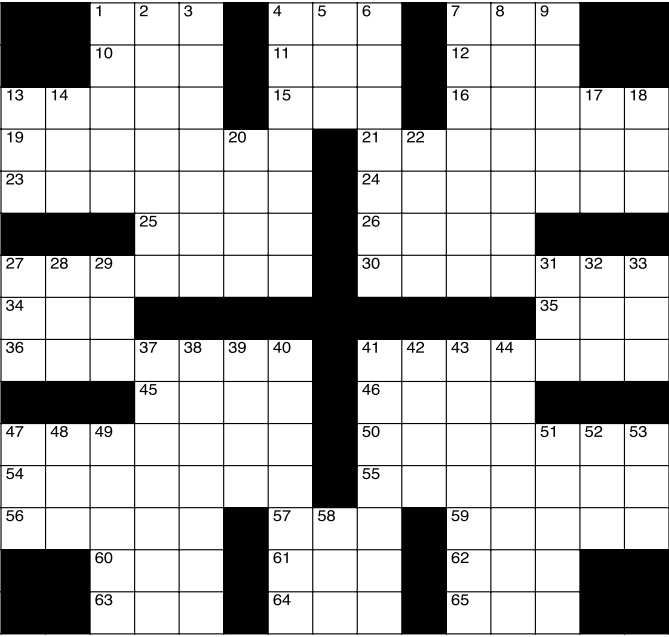
families with a strong emphasis on issues related to agriculture. The first grange (Grange #1) was founded in 1868 in Fredonia, New York. Other granges soon sprung up across the country.

The organization operates on four tiers: community, county or district, state, and national level. It is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group with a national scope. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., it has membership in the hundreds of thousands. According to The Grange, their mission is to “strengthen individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agriculture awareness.”

In addition to agricultural advocacy, The Grange has been involved with a number of legislative and practical initiatives. For example, it currently is aiming to find ways to reduce the cost of Medicare as well as helping to reform the U.S. Postal Service. It also is advocating for open auctions of spectrum frequencies used for wireless technology to provide greater access to high-speed wireless technology to rural areas. Various Grange halls and centers are located across the country, and these facilities host events and provide gathering spots for families.

Tracing their origins to 12th century Britain, granges remain a central component of agricultural life in the 21st century.

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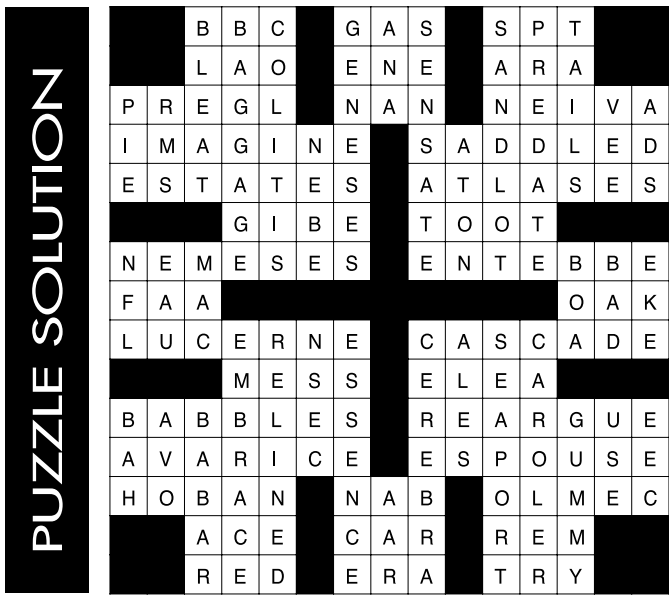


CLUES ACROSS

1. English TV station
4. It fuels cars
7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
10. Indigenous people of Thailand
11. Midway between northeast and east
12. Small Milky Way constellation
13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
15. A Brit's grandmother
16. Colombian city
19. Visualize
21. Charged
23. People's assets
24. Informative books
25. Jeer
26. You can do it with your horn
27. Agents of your downfall
30. Central Uganda city
34. Supervises flying
35. Type of tree
36. Alfalfa
41. Dishwasher soap brand
45. Hall where military eats
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Speaks incessantly
50. Discuss again
54. Extreme greed
55. Adopt or support
56. Fantasy writer Russell
57. Seize
59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
60. Noted pet detective Ventura
61. Automobile
62. Georgia rockers
63. Color opposite green
64. Amount of time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Sheep sound
2. Some can be emotional
3. Inflammation of colon lining
4. Origins
5. Comedienne Gasteyer
6. Perceived by the senses
7. A place to play ball
8. Occur before
9. Animal body parts
13. Thanksgiving dessert
14. Root mean square (abbr.)
17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
18. Promotional materials
20. One point east of northeast
22. Piers Anthony protagonist
27. Popular sports league
28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. Constrictor snake
32. Not good
33. Supplement with difficulty
37. Hug with fondness
38. Enforced again
39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
40. Substance
41. Anterior parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships load cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. “__ humbug!”
48. Monetary unit of Macao
49. Popular children's book elephant
51. Glutinous
52. Function
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river



Public Notice

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Arapahoe Charter School proposes for Federal funding for the 2025-2026 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 1-8, 2025, in the office of Jennifer Cook, EC Coordinator, located at 9005 NC Hwy 306 S. Arapahoe, NC 28510.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the proposed FY 2025-26 budget for the Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority has been presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the administrative offices of the Authority, located at 7400 Old US 70 West, New Bern, NC during regular office hours, or call 252-633-1564 to make arrangements to receive an email copy.

A public hearing on the proposed budget has been scheduled for May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Pamlico County Courthouse Annex, Bayboro, NC at which time comments from the public on the proposed budget will be heard.

Bobby C. Darden
Executive Director

FRED A. ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fred A. Anderson Families Discover the Fun in Math at Title I Night – and Fifth Graders Explore the Outer Banks

Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick

Bayboro, NC — It was a big week for Fred A. Anderson Elementary School as learning stretched far beyond the classroom walls. From math in the grocery aisles to marine life along the coast, FAA students had the opportunity to experience education in unforgettable ways.

Families turned out in full force for a highly successful Title I Night at Food Lion, where real-world math came alive right in the store aisles. Thanks to a generous partnership with Food Lion, students and their families participated in fun, hands-on activities, comparing prices, budgeting, and calculating totals, all while enjoying the everyday magic of grocery shopping through a learning lens.

The atmosphere was lively and joyful, with the FAA Instrumental Ensemble providing fantastic entertainment throughout the evening. Their performance added an extra layer of excitement to the event and showcased the talent of our young musicians. A big thank you to our ensemble students and their directors for sharing their gifts with the community!

Staff members were also recognized for their efforts in planning and executing the event. “We loved seeing our FAA families come out and engage in hands-on learning,” said principal of Fred A. Anderson, Sharon Carter Moore. “It was a fantastic opportunity to show that learning happens everywhere, even in the grocery store!”



And while we’re celebrating student success, we’d also like to give a big congratulations to our All Star Students of the Month! During the month of March, these students stood out by demonstrating Responsibility—a core value we cherish at FAA. Great job to Ella Volpe, Mackenzie Berry, Eden Lovick, Emalynn Potter, Brayleigh Tribby, Bailey Benton, and Laina Buck (not pictured). Keep up the amazing work—we’re proud of you!

From exploring math at Food Lion to discovering marine life along the coast and honoring outstanding students, FAA continues to demonstrate that learning, growth, and character-building can happen anywhere—and that community support makes all the difference.

OUTER BANKS BOUND WITH THE FRED A. ANDERSON FAM!



Meanwhile, if you were up early last week, you may have seen our signature white activity buses rolling out before sunrise, carrying a busload of excited (and slightly sleepy) fifth graders headed to one of the most eagerly anticipated trips of the year—the Outer Banks field trip.



This annual adventure is a beloved tradition at FAA, and for good reason. Students spent the day crabbing, learning how to identify seashells, soaking in the beauty and history of the coast, and visiting the iconic Cape Lookout Lighthouse. The experience brought science, nature, and North Carolina history to life in the most vivid way.

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