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## Pirate Jam August 30 at 1pm

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## Attorney General Jeff Jackson Warns North Carolinians about DMV Text Scams



**RALEIGH** – Attorney General Jeff Jackson is warning North Carolinians to be on the lookout for text scams impersonating the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) and demanding that people pay an outstanding traffic ticket or face severe actions. The Department of Justice is receiving a higher volume of calls and complaints from consumers about this scam.

“Unfortunately, scammers took note of the toll text scams that were everywhere a couple months ago and are now using the same playbook for these traffic text scams,” said Attorney General Jeff Jackson. “Please keep an eye out and warn your loved ones that these texts are scams. Government agencies will never text you to threaten legal action.”

These scams are targeting residents in multiple states and warn that if the recipient does not click on a link to make a payment, they may face suspended driving privileges, suspended vehicle registration, or ultimately be prosecuted.

The NCDMV will never text you to ask for payment.

### If you receive one of these scam texts:

1. Do not click on any links.
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4. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov) and the North Carolina Department of Justice at [www.ncdoj.gov/complaint](http://www.ncdoj.gov/complaint).

If you're unsure whether an email, text, or letter from the NCDMV is legitimate, you should contact the agency directly at (919) 715-7000.

## Pamlico County High School Seventy-Fourth Commencement Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

Ninety-Seven outstanding young people took a final walk across the stage last Friday in A.H. Hattell Auditorium at Pamlico County High School's Seventy-Fourth Commencement Exercise. They came up the steps on one side as students, and went down the steps on the other side as Graduates. The nights orators offered advice and encouragement to the graduates. There were also fond memories shared, in particular by the three student speakers, Shelby Mehring, Annie King and Samyah Maiden. One overriding theme echoed from all those who stood behind the podium Friday night. Be proud you are from Pamlico and always take a piece of it

where ever you go. The graduates are now off to new adventures and experiences. Some are headed down the road to further their education, some to the service of our country in the military, and some to the workforce. This road no doubt won't be wide and straight, but will have many detours and turns along the way, and many will probably not wind up where they envisioned, but they will ultimately wind up where they need to be. Congratulations on your great accomplishment. I would say to go forth and do great things, but most of you are already doing that. You are the Pamlico County High School Class of 2025, now and forever.



The PCHS Class of 2025



The Faculty and Administration of Pamlico County High School



Student Government Association President, Miss Annie King



Park Scholarship Award Winner, Miss Shelby Mehring



Senior Class Vice President Miss Samyah Maiden leads her classmates in the ceremonial Turning of the Tassel



Superintendent of Pamlico County Schools, Dr. Jeremy Johnson



A final walk across campus for the PCHS Class of 2025

## Economics Over Emotion – Snowden School to Close

by: Hiram Lupton

With a 6 to 3 vote, the Beaufort County Board of Education made the decision to close S.W. Snowden School in Aurora at their regular meeting last Tuesday evening in Washington. Closure of the K through 8 facility had been under speculation and debate for several years, but this spring the possibility of closing the school became more of a reality, with a continuing decline in enrollment as well as once again tight funding for education from both the state and county. The most recent enrollment at S.W. Snowden shows 119 students across all grade levels. Students and parents in the Aurora area must now make a choice to continue to attend school in Beaufort County by traveling to Chocowinity, or seek educational opportunities elsewhere. Pamlico County Schools may be an option for some. In order to attend a public school in a county which you are not a resident in, a student must obtain a release from their current school district and make an application to attend as an out of district student. The guidelines and more information for this procedure are located on the Pamlico County Schools website



under home > resources > for families > out of district students. You can also contact the Pamlico County Schools Central office directly for more information by calling (252) 745-4171 ext. 6643. As Pamlico County School Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Johnson states, "We make every effort to accommodate out of district students who meet the enrollment criteria, but our first obligation is to students who live in Pamlico County and reside within our school district." It should

be noted that there is a deadline for this application and that deadline is fast approaching, June 19, 2025. Arapahoe Charter School is another option for former Snowden students. According to statistics provided by the Beaufort County Board of Education, there are already roughly 40 students that would be in Snowden's school district, attending ACS. Arapahoe Charter School can be contacted at (252) 249-2599. The closure of Snowden School is one more blow to the small community of Aurora that in recent years has seen their grocery store close as well as their only bank earlier this spring.

## Remarkable Women of Oriental Oriental History Museum

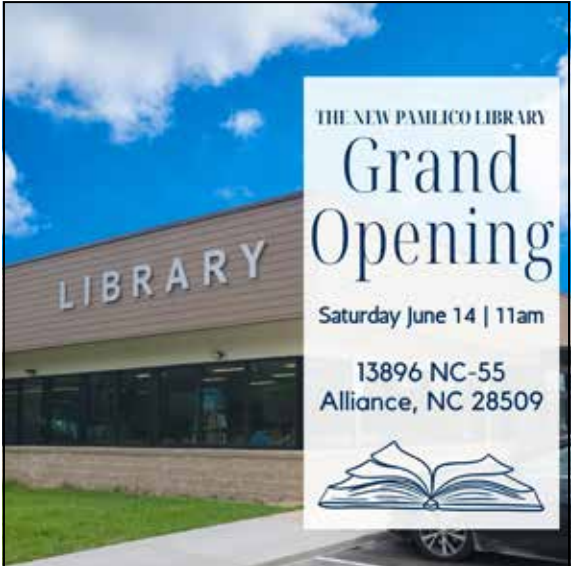


Great News! The Remarkable Women of Oriental Exhibit is extended through the end of June. We are also adding a farewell reception to celebrate these great ladies who changed the face of Oriental and the County on Thursday, June 19th from 7-9pm. Join us for a Night at the Museum with light refreshments. Come read about the history of the Winfrey's, The Pamlico News and Spirit of Christmas.

We are open on Friday from 11am-3pm and Saturday from 1-4pm. Admission is always free and donations are graciously accepted. If you are interested in becoming a docent or joining our Board so we can extend our hours, please contact us at [OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com). We hold a monthly planning meeting (about one hour), and shifts are 2-3 hours per month. We are located at 802 Broad Street, Oriental and would love to have you join our team!

## PCHS Scholarship and Academic Awards Night

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### LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, June 14th **85° Hi** Rain throughout the day

Sunday, June 15th **85° Hi** Rain throughout the day



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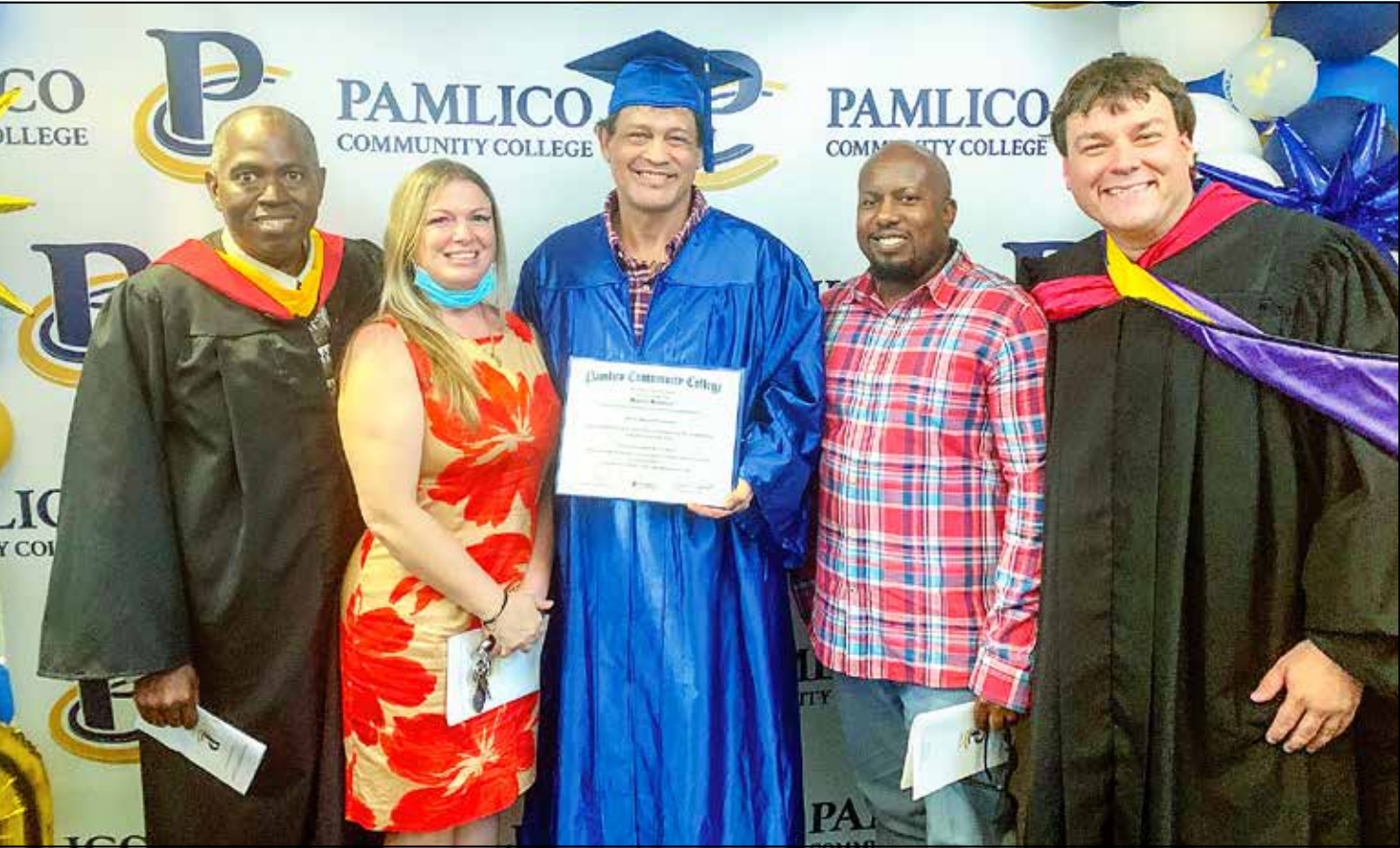






# Pamlico Community College

## Former PCI offender participates in Commencement



Harvey Rountree, center, was among the members of the Pamlico Community College Class of 2025 who participated in the college's Commencement ceremony May 16. What made his situation unusual was he completed the requirements for his associate degree in Human Services Technology (HST) while he was housed at Pamlico Correctional Institution in Bayboro. Rountree, who was released from state custody April 30, was the first PCI student to participate in an on-campus Commencement. Rountree entered the HST program in the Fall of 2022 at PCI. He was a student of Instructor George Royal II. The college launched the innovative HST program at the Bayboro prison in August 2017. It's designed to reduce recidivism among participants by teaching life skills such as anger management, avoiding substance abuse, maintaining family relationships and other material. Rountree is joined in the photo by, from left, PCC Chair of Correctional Education Ed King, PCC Coordinator of Prison Education Services Mary Grammer, Human Services Technology Instructor George Royal II, and PCC President Zac Schnell. Contributed photo

# PCMS Promotion Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

For the seventy-nine, now former students of Pamlico County Middle School, the walk across the stage at A.H. Hatsell Auditorium last Thursday evening signaled a rite of passage. This end of the school year, was more than just a celebration of summer break finally arriving, it was the end of their middle school experience and marked the beginning of high school. They are no longer “graders” but are now more than a number, they are high school Freshmen and entitled to all the benefits and agony that the title

entails. During the ceremony they heard words of wisdom from PCMS Principal Joshua Gaskill as well as guest speaker, Miss Annie King, of the Pamlico County High School class of 2025. But the big event was that short walk across the stage, the culmination of three years of hard work, and the beginning of four more years of learning, growing, and experiencing. Enjoy it because before you know it, you will be the PCHS class of 2029 and taking that walk across the stage again.



The PCMS class of 2025



Faculty and Administration of Pamlico County Middle School



## Congratulations

Kristen Powell, Recipient of the Dottie Osmun Memorial Scholarship and to the Pamlico County High School Graduating Class of 2025



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**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.  
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**ORIENTAL** – Built in 2020, this 1,176 sf **3BR/2BA** with attached garage, and back deck is located on a .5-acre corner lot in the Cypress Circle subdivision. Walk, bike or drive to all the amenities offered by the town of Oriental.  
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- June 11th – Today is National German Chocolate Cake Day. I don’t care what country it is from, chocolate cake is ok by me.
- June 12th – Today is National Loving Day. I believe in getting some loving every day.
- June 13th – If you have paraskevidekatriphobia or triskaidekaphobia you may want to just stay in bed today.
- June 14th – 1775, The U.S. Congress created the Continental Army later to become the U.S. Army. It is also National Flag Day.
- June 15th – Happy Father’s Day! It is also National Megalodon Day. Take your dad to the Aurora Fossil Museum fossil pit and dig for megalodon teeth to celebrate. He may need some teeth.
- June 16th – Today is National Fudge Day. I often fudge the truth, but I don’t think they mean that kind of fudge.
- June 17th – 1885, A gift from France, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- June 11th – 1910, Undersea Explorer Jacques Cousteau
- June 11th – 1969, Actor Peter Dinklage
- June 13th – 1986, Actress Katherine Litwack (Kat Dennings)
- June 14th – 1969, Tennis Champion Steffi Graf
- June 15th – 1937, Singer/songwriter Waylon Jennings
- June 15th – 1964, Actress Courtney Cox
- June 15th – 1969, Rapper and Actor O’Shea Jackson (Ice Cube)
- June 16th – 1829, Apache leader Geronimo



June 15 - National Megalodon Day & AFM's Birthday!

June 15 is a special day at the Aurora Fossil Museum! Not only is it Father's Day, but it is the day we celebrate our founding in 1978 and it's National Megalodon Day, established to honor the museum's mission and the awe-inspiring prehistoric shark, Megalodon. Come explore our exhibits, discover fossilized shark teeth and dig for fossils in our "Pits of the Pungo". Visit our gift shop to find unique souvenirs and educational materials or support our mission by donating to the AFM today!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Being rich does not prevent a person from being crazy too."

Bill Deighton  
Arapahoe



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Meetings in Pamlico County:

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- 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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**William A. Blair, Jr.** died unexpectedly June 3, 2025, at his residence, Golden Heights Assisted Living Facility in New Bern, NC. Born in Bayshore, NY, October 8, 1952, to William Anthony Sr. and Joan Worzel Blair, he was known to family as Billy. He had a very early interest in identifying cars. He could recognize and name makes and models well at the age of two. William grew up to be an excellent student. He loved popular music and played the clarinet. While summering on Fire Island with his grandmother, he and his brother made money wagoning luggage and groceries for people visiting by ferry. He was on Connetquot High School’s basketball and track teams and he contributed the school’s literary journal. He graduated in 1970 and completed some community college classes on Long Island.

He enjoyed boating and fishing on the Great South Bay, and worked as a clammer while in NY. He moved to Oriental, NC, with his family in 1990. After a few years then moved to New Bern where he enjoyed many visits from family, taking walks and appreciating nature. William also enjoyed watching baseball, watching and playing tennis, billiards, reading and writing poetry, and word play. William is survived by his sisters, Vivian Blair of Oriental, NC, and Eleanor Brosius of Centreville, VA, and his brother-in-law Thomas Brosius, as well as cousins in FL, VT, and NJ. Bennett Funeral & Cremation Care is handling the cremation. There will be no services. Cremains will eventually be buried at Union Cemetery in Sayville, NY. Friends and family are invited to share memories and photos of William on his memorial page at the following link: https://bennettcares.com/obituaries/william-blair-2025. Bennett Funeral & Cremation Care is honored to serve the family and friends of William Blair.

Experience the Country Music Star  
Power of Julie Williams

CMT Next Women of Country singer-songwriter and rising star Julie Williams is turning heads in Nashville’s country music scene with her compelling blend of country storytelling, intertwining elements of folk, ’90s country, and pop. Join us on Sunday afternoon, June 22, at 4:30 pm when Julie takes the stage at the Old Theater in Oriental, presented by Pamlico Musical Society. Come join us for an experience you will never forget! Music has always been a part of Julie’s life - honing her singing talent in church and beach bars and belting out national anthems before packed stadiums. She grew up listening to everyone and everything, from The Chicks and James Taylor, to Gladys Knight and Michael Jackson -- eventually creating the sound that speaks to everything she is: Black, white, Southern, a woman, hopeful, truthful. “My music is mixed like me,” is how she describes it, “I want to tell the stories that need to be told.”

Julie started sharing those stories, and the people listened. A student at Duke University, Julie was signed to Small Town Records whose alumni include Mike Posner and Delta Rae and sang as a vocalist for the Duke Jazz Ensemble. After graduating with a public policy degree in 2019, she moved to Nashville and found her musical home in the Black country and Americana scene. She was named in Rissi Palmer’s Color Me Country Class of 2021 and featured in a PBS NewsHour special on Black women in country music. In 2022, Julie joined the Black Opry, a collective of Black artists in country, blues, folk, and Americana music that have been featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show, Good Morning America, and NPR Music. Julie was inducted in the CMT Next Women of Country Class of 2023, joining celebrities Kacey Musgraves, Lainey Wilson, Lauren Alaina, and Maren Morris, among others.

Tickets to the concert are \$25 and are available in Oriental at Nautical Wheelers, 411 Broad Street, in New Bern at Nautical Wheelers, 202A Craven Street, and online at pamlicomusic.org. For helping to make this concert possible, the Pamlico Musical Society wishes to thank our season sponsors: Beth Frazer Real Estate & Rentals and Village Realty; and individual sponsors: Jay and Lauri Gates.

Celebrating 28 years of presenting great music for our community, the Pamlico Musical Society is a non-profit organization bringing quality musical entertainment, enrichment, and education to Pamlico County. We welcome your support! To learn more about the benefits of joining our group, including advance ticket sales and artist receptions, call 252-617-2125 or visit www.pamlicomusic.org, and like us on Facebook @pamlicomusic.



Horoscopes



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
This is a terrific time to get a grasp on your inner emotions and thoughts, Aries. You may feel extra sensitive and loving towards others, especially your partner.



**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, you may come across some rough spots that need to be ironed out this week. It may not be easy, but if anyone can handle it, that would be you. Make some firm choices.



**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
It’s easier to express how you feel to someone important in your life by doing so in person, Gemini. Set up a meeting where you can get things off of your chest.



**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, there may be a day this week where you feel like you’re all ready to go somewhere but you have no invitation. Make your own plans and get something started.



**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
Elements of your life seem to be falling into place, Leo. This is happy news for you. Enjoy this well-earned change.



**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
It could be one of those weeks when your head is in the clouds and you can’t focus, Virgo. Make an effort to organize your thoughts and take the week one task at a time.



**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, you are receptive to different creative or recreational outlets this week. Think about a trip to a museum or even a botanical garden. You can use a respite from the grind, anyway.



**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Some health issues have you feeling less like yourself, Scorpio. You’re eager to get to the bottom of things. Make your well-being a priority and don’t worry about anything else until then.



**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
No one really knows what they will get with you this week, Sagittarius. Your mood is in flux. Focus your attention and try to avoid getting too up or too down.



**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
It may be difficult for you to connect with others this week, Capricorn. Your mind is running in a million different directions and this can make it challenging for you to make plans.



**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, the clouds are parting and the sun is about to come bounding through. Bask in this shift and make plans to get up and go.



**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, be mindful that you may not have the commitment to finish any project you start this week. But give it your best shot.

GEMINI Traits & Overview

Smart, passionate, and dynamic, Gemini is characterized by the Twins, Castor and Pollux, and is known for having two different sides they can display to the world. Expert communicators, Gemini is the chameleon of the Zodiac, adept at blending into different groups based on the vibe and energy they perceive. While they’re also amazing at showcasing surface traits, the Gemini well runs deep, which is why the Twins are one of the Zodiac’s most emotionally intelligent signs.

Energetic and quick-witted, Gemini never gets stuck in the past and doesn’t ruminate on what might have been. Instead, they move forward with glass-half-full optimism and an ability to always look on the bright side—and land on their feet—in nearly any situation. With a mind that’s constantly racing, even when they’re just quietly hanging out, the Twins never get bored. In fact, Gemini are happy keeping their own company, and can often turn their solitary daydreams into reality.

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## Observe Save for Education Day with a 529 plan



Dan M. Roberts

Whether your children are in grade school or high school, they'll be leaving for college or trade school before you know it. With the cost of education rising, now is the time to prepare for that day.

Starting to invest when your child is born is often a great way to build a strong financial future. Even if your children are older, you can still make progress and potentially reap tax benefits by contributing to a 529 education savings plan.

Contributions are made with after-tax dollars, accumulate with no federal income tax and can be withdrawn for qualified education expenses federally tax free.

Unfortunately, half of Americans don't know what a 529 plan is, and fewer than a quarter have one, according to 2024 research from Edward Jones and Morning Consult. One way to keep a 529 plan top of mind is to recognize May 29 (5/29) as Save for Education Day.

**Benefits of a 529 plan**

- **Tax Advantages.** Your withdrawals are free from federal income tax when you use them for elementary or secondary school tuition — including vocational schools and some online courses and degree programs — registered apprenticeships, and qualified higher-education expenses such as housing, books and more.

- **Flexibility.** The variety of qualifying expenses may surprise you. For example, you can pay for off-campus housing (up to the cost of on-campus room and board), student loan repayments (up to a \$10,000 lifetime limit), and computers and computer-related accessories, including printers, internet access and educational software used primarily by the plan beneficiary. You may even be able to roll over unused funds to a Roth IRA for your beneficiary, switch beneficiaries or roll it over to another 529 plan.

- **Control.** As the account owner, you – not the beneficiary – control how the funds are used, as you planned and intended.

**Strategies for building 529 savings**

If you set aside money every month, it can make a big difference toward funding your child's best educational path forward. So, how can you budget for a 529 for your child, when you have competing financial priorities?

- **Save early and regularly.** Consider setting up automatic transfers into a 529 account, even if it feels like a small amount. Taking a few minutes to set it up now can help pay for four years of your child's education in the future.

- **Increase over time.** You could reallocate your day care expenses once your child enters school, which could be a substantial amount each month.

- **Review your savings over time.** Many things can change over time — your available dollars, education costs, investment performance, choice of college, financial aid options and the number of children you're providing for. You have the flexibility to change your contributions.

Your financial advisor can help you determine how a 529 plan can fit into your overall financial strategy and navigate the various guidelines and limits – such as defining a qualified expense, changing beneficiaries and rolling unused dollars elsewhere.

A 529 plan can be a valuable tool for helping your family members afford the educational opportunities that can lead to a promising future. Whether you're exploring this opportunity for the first time or reviewing your current plan, Save for Education Day on 5/29 is good time to do it.

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Pamlico County

### 2025 Pamlico County Extension Master Gardener Training Course

Daniel Simpson, County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



The Pamlico County Cooperative Extension office would like to introduce are newest Master Gardener Interns who recently completed our 40-hour volunteer training course.

- **April Minnifield, Donna Amon, Melissa Humphreys, Laura Brauer, Maggie Beach, Nancy Ross, Stacie Tindle, Susan Miller, Teresa Casey**

These participants received instruction on growing vegetables, maintaining turfgrass, producing tree fruit and small fruit, and controlling pests within the landscape. To celebrate the completion of this course, participants visited the gardens at Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC and learned about various landscape plants that are adapted to our local climate, and others that have a historical relationship to our area (<https://www.tryonpalace.org/>).

Participants who have completed this course may now obtain the title of Extension Master Gardener by completing volunteer service hours with Cooperative Extension. If you recognize these participants, please congratulate them for completing this course. We look forward to working with them to bring home horticulture related instruction and assistance to the citizens of Pamlico County.

Should you like to learn more about the Extension Master Gardener Program in North Carolina, please visit <https://emgv.ces.ncsu.edu/>. To learn more about the subject matter that is discussed during this training, review the Extension Gardener Handbook at <https://extensiongardener.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/>. Both of these websites provide additional links to resources and information available through NC State Extension that can help you grow productive and sustainable landscapes.

You may also contact Daniel Simpson (Pamlico County Agriculture Extension Agent) at 252-745-4121 or [Daniel\\_simpson@ncsu.edu](mailto:Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu) to ask questions of discuss issues within your landscape.



2025 Master Gardener Info Site QR Code

### Vandemere Sandra Snipes, Correspondent



Hello from Vandemere!! This weekend the waterfront park was full of action with a fishing tournament and people enjoying outdoor recreation. What a wonderful sight to see; recreation to the right and farming to the left. Time for the potatoes to be harvested.

It seems like only yesterday our agricultural experts were planting for potatoes, and now this week it was time to harvest them. Thoughtful planning must be involved as we witness such an efficient process of prepping and planting a field, dusting, and growing such a beautiful crop to harvest. Who ever is the pilot of the yellow crop duster is

amazing; a spectacular show in and of itself on maneuvers that get the job done. About a year ago, Mr. Pat McCotter was highly gracious to show us what happens to potatoes after they are harvested, along with their quality control checks. It was amazing to see thousands of potatoes getting ready to be shipped to big vendors like Frito Lay. Pat was certainly proud of how this industry has evolved and the product it renders. We all should be proud of the accomplishments that have occurred in this county. Those potatoes are delicious...Pamlico County has the best chips! In the meantime, I will continue to try to figure out how to get at least one cucumber from my vine. Have a great week!! Come by and visit in person or see what Vandemere is all about at [www.vandemerenc.com](http://www.vandemerenc.com).



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# PCHS Scholarship and Academic Awards Night

by: Hiram Lupton

| Scholarship Name  | Recipient                | Amount    | Presenter  |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Franklin Family Scholarship   | Eric Brantley            | \$500     | Lisa Jackson   |
| Michael Spain Memorial  | Kendall Harris           |           | Spain Family   |
| O' Front Porch Music Festival - Dottie Osmun Memorial Scholarship                 | Kristen Powell           |           | Caroline Rose  |
| PCHS Class of 1976  | Zeb Cuthrell             | \$500     | Dr. Wanda Dawson   |
| PCHS Class of 1976  | Kristen Powell           | \$500     | Dr. Wanda Dawson<br>Jane Potter & Dr. Wanda Dawson           |
| PCHS Class of 1976 - Michael Potter   | Samyah Maiden            | \$1,000   | Dawson   |
| Pamlico Retired School Personnel Scholarship                                      | Annie King               | \$500     | Carolyn Squires  |
| Tideland EMC  | Kendall Harris           | \$500     | Heidi Smith  |
| Delta Sigma Theta 2025 DELTA Alumnae Scholarship                                  | Samyah Maiden            | \$1,000   | Aviva Barron + 6 seats<br>Catherine Delcambre & Betsy Hughes |
| Girls on the Run - Academic   | Kristen Powell           | \$2,000   | CarolinaEast Health System Auxiliary                         |
| CarolinaEast Health System Auxiliary Scholarship                                  | Summer Sawyer            | \$3,333   | Mrs. Cassillo  |
| Matthew F Cassillo Foundation - PCHS Scholarship                                  | Kristen Powell           | \$500     | Mrs. Taejon Owens  |
| AKA - Theta Beta Omega Chapter Community & Academic Scholarship                   | Holli Scott              | \$1,000   | Vicky Mosely Jones   |
| NAAACP Pamlico Chapter Scholarship  | Annie King               | \$500     | Brenda Moore   |
| St. Peter Baptist Church Ministries Scholarship                                   | Kristen Powell           |           | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Club Scholarship  | Diana Harper             | \$5,000   | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Club Scholarship  | Anthony Chaparro Alvarez | \$5,000   | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Club Scholarship  | Kylie Morgan             | \$5,000   | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Shelby Mehring           | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Elena Vilches            | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Tony Bustamante          | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Allyson Leaming          | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Peyton Robinson          | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Lucas Browne             | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Kathryn Montanye         | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | DJ Curtis                | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Hunter Harrison          | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Rotary Top Scholars  | Kendall Harris           | \$500     | Ms. Carol DeMoranville                                       |
| Oriental Women's Club - Hargrove  | Samyah Maiden            | \$3,000   | Susan VanMeter + 1 other                                     |
| PCHS Class of 1983, Thomas L. Squires, Jr Athletic Scholarship                    | Landon Yeates            |           | Squires Family   |
| PCHS Class of 1983, Thomas L. Squires, Jr Athletic Scholarship                    | Eric Brantley            |           | Squires Family   |
| Vanessa Cowell Memorial Scholarship   | Zyneiah Collock          | \$500     | Pete Anderson  |
| William B Harris  | Eric Brantley            | \$5,000   | Lee Morgan   |
| William B Harris  | Samyah Maiden            | \$5,000   | Lee Morgan   |
| Go Play Ball  | Jaiden Gaskins           | \$500     | Amanda Sawyer  |
| Dick & Kitty Cribb Memorial Golf Scholarship                                      | Summer Sawyer            | \$1,000   | Amanda Sawyer  |
| ECU - Access Scholarship  | Lucio Tony Bustamante    |           | Holly Buck   |
| ECU - Ella D. Broughton Memorial Scholarship                                      | Lucio Tony Bustamante    |           | Holly Buck   |
| ECU - Captain David L. Beveridge & Geraldine Mayo Beveridge Scholarship           | Lucio Tony Bustamante    |           | Holly Buck   |
| NCSECU People Helping People Scholarship  | Diana Harper             | \$10,000  | SECU Foundation  |
| Simon Strong Scholarship  | Areya Doucette           | \$500     | school awarded   |
| India Terrell Memorial Scholarship  | Areya Doucette           | \$500     | school awarded   |
| Frances Mae Carawan   | Holli Scott              | \$2,000   | school awarded   |
| UNCG Spartan Scholarship  | Elena Vilches            | \$3,000   | school awarded   |
| UNCG Chancellor's Scholarship   | Elena Vilches            | \$2,200   | school awarded   |
| NC Next Scholarship   | Elena Vilches            | \$2,302   | school awarded   |
| GEMKA Engineering Scholarship   | Lucas Browne             | \$2,500   | school awarded   |
| American Red Cross Student Scholarship  | Kristen Powell           | \$500     | school awarded   |
| Pamlico Friends of the Library  | Kristen Powell           | \$1,000   | school awarded   |
| Jane Gatlin Beta Club Scholarship   | Summer Sawyer            | \$500     | school awarded   |
| UNC Charlotte Chancellor Scholarship  | Samyah Maiden            | \$1,500   | school awarded   |
| Dichtenmueller Scholarship  | Samyah Maiden            | \$3,000   | school awarded   |
| Jennie B. and Charles E. Latham   | Samyah Maiden            | \$4,000   | school awarded   |
| Navy League of the United States Scholarship                                      | Patti Pickard            | \$1,000   | school awarded   |
| NC Teaching Fellows   | Rachel Prescott          | \$40,000  | school awarded   |
| Perry-Griffin Foundation - Anne F. Watson   | Rachel Prescott          | \$10,000  | school awarded   |
| Eastern NC Region - Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses - RIBN Scholarship | Kendall Harris           |           | school awarded   |
| Joseph Hageman Scholarship  | Kendall Harris           | \$3,500   | school awarded   |
| Perry-Griffin Foundation - George R. Brinson Memorial Scholarship -               | Hunter Harrison          | \$10,000  | school awarded   |
| Richard Wells Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund - Golf Scholarship                 | Tony Bustamante          | \$10,000  | school awarded   |
| Pamlico County Farm Bureau Educational Scholarship                                | Peyton Robinson          | \$1,000   | school awarded   |
| North Carolina Bankers Association Scholarship                                    | Peyton Robinson          | \$4,000   | school awarded   |
| Perry-Griffin Foundation - Edward Lupton  | Peyton Robinson          | \$10,000  | school awarded   |
| Captain J.R. Hooten USMC Memorial Scholarship                                     | Peyton Robinson          | \$2,000   | school awarded   |
| Military Order of the Purple Heart Colonel Jerry Marvel Scholarship               | Peyton Robinson          | \$2,000   | school awarded   |
| NCSECU People Helping People Scholarship  | Diana Harper             | \$10,000  | school awarded   |
| NCSU Transformational Scholars  | Diana Harper             | \$40,000  | school awarded   |
| Oriental Dragon Detachment Scholarship  | Diana Harper             | \$2,000   | school awarded   |
| Richard Wells Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund - NJROTC Scholarship               | Diana Harper             | \$10,000  | school awarded   |
| Bethany Christian Church Memorial Scholarship                                     | Diana Harper             | \$500     | school awarded   |
| Marine Corps League Scholarship   | Diana Harper             | \$2,000   | school awarded   |
| NCSU Park Scholarship   | Shelby Mehring           | \$121,000 | school awarded   |
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Pamlico County High School celebrated all things academia on May 29th with a combination Senior scholarship presentation night. This year's ceremony also added in an academic awards night where teachers selected a top student in every subject taught at the school. In addition, the top scholars of the Junior class who will serve as Marshals for graduation were introduced, as well as three students who were accepted to attend the North Carolina Governors School this summer. But of course, the main event was the awarding of college scholarships. Twenty-six deserving students received over sixty different awards to further their higher education. The amount awarded on scholarship night was well over \$350,000, with more scholarships still being announced over the coming weeks. Please see the scholarship list that was updated just before our press deadline this week, for the names of all the scholarship winners.



The Oriental Rotary Club presented ten \$500 top scholar awards (top), and three other scholarships in the amount of \$5000 each (bottom)

## SCHOLARSHIPS



The PCHS Class of 1983 presented two awards in memorial of their class-mate, Thomas L. Squires, Jr.



The PCHS Class of 1976 gave 3 awards including the Michael Potter Memorial Scholarship



The top scholars of the Junior Class who will be serving as Graduation Marshals



The Tideland EMC Scholarship.



The NCSECU People Helping People Scholarship presented to Diana Harper by PCHS Principal Rebecca Lansche.



Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Johnson presents the prestigious Park Scholarship to Shelby Mehring.



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# Summer of HOPE Benefit Horse Show

by: Hiram Lupton

The weather may have been sweltering but it was a great time at the George Brinson Memorial Riding Arena in Arapahoe last Saturday at the 7th annual Summer of HOPE Benefit Horse Show. It was a great turnout of riders and mounts and although it was a fun and games show with 20 different events to compete in, there was some serious horsemanship on display. There was also a serious reason for all this fun, to help support a great organization that does outstanding work. Horses of Pamlico Etc. (HOPE) is a 501 c3, not-for-profit animal rescue based here in Pamlico County. They strive to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home any animal who is in need. It can be an expensive undertaking, from housing and feeding, to Veterinarian bills. Saturday's show had a two-fold purpose, to raise funds to help HOPE continue their good work, and to raise awareness of what they do. If you'd like more information about HOPE, check out their website [www.horsesofpamlico.com](http://www.horsesofpamlico.com), their Facebook page, or give them a call at 252-474-7838. HOPE is located on Moore's Swamp Road and while they always welcome monetary donations, they also welcome volunteers. Whether you have plenty of experience around horses, or have none, they can find a job for you



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Addysen Grant  
Olivia Greene  
Jenna Hacker  
Siena Hancock  
Hunter Hamby  
Malachi Hartwig  
Avery Hettinger  
Owen Hodges (not pictured)  
Kaivion Jones  
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Jasiel Perez-Mendoza  
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A copy of the proposed budget is available for review at the Vandemere Town Hall during normal business hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and can be found on the Vandemere website at <http://www.vandemerenc.com>. Citizens are invited to make written or verbal comments.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF MARY PEELE DAY

File No.: 24E000226-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MARY PEELE DAY, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before AUGUST 18TH, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR CTA.

This 19TH DAY OF MAY 2025

ESTATE OF MARY PEELE DAY  
C/O ANNA D. ARTHUR  
5407 FLORENCE ROAD  
MERRITT, NC 28556

Publish MAY 21, 28 AND JUNE 4 AND 11, 2025.

### Notice to Creditors Estate of Betty Jane Walker, File No. 25E001068-680

Having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of Betty Jane Walker, late of 1009 Drake Avenue SE, Huntsville, AL 35802, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them before the undersigned at 1009 Drake Avenue SE, Huntsville, AL 35802, on or before the 4th day of September, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of June, 2025.

Emanuel Jaynes Walker, Jr.  
Executor of the Estate of Betty Jane Walker  
1009 Drake Avenue SE  
Huntsville, AL 35802

For Publication 06/04/2025; 06/11/2025; 06/18/25; 06/25/25

### NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BRADFORD LEVON STOKES

File No.: 24E000218-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BRADFORD LEVON STOKES, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR CTA.

This 3RD DAY OF JUNE 2025

ESTATE OF BRADFORD LEVON STOKES  
C/O MAURICE STOKES  
1453 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE  
BURLINGTON, NC 27217

Publish JUNE 11, 18, 25 AND JULY 2, 2025.

### NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RONALD ANTHONY PEARSON

File No.: 25E001104-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to RONALD ANTHONY PEARSON, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR CTA.

This 3RD DAY OF JUNE 2025

ESTATE OF RONALD ANTHONY PEARSON  
C/O JOHN PIERSON  
490 ADAMS DRIVE SW  
SUPPLY, NC 28462

Publish JUNE 11, 18, 25 AND JULY 2, 2025.

## REPORTS

### INCIDENTS

May 29, Main St., Bayboro, larceny of firearm

May 29, N. Third St., Bayboro, possess controlled substance prison/jail premises, possession of a weapon by an inmate, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/distribute Schedule III controlled substance, possession of cellphone by inmate

May 30, NC Hwy 55, Stonewall, possess carry weapon on educational property/not gun

May 30, Fairview Court, Bayboro, larceny of firearm, missing firearms

May 30, Kershaw Rd., Arapahoe, order for arrest speeding, order for arrest driving while license revoked

May 31, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, assault with a deadly weapon

June 1, Fairview Court, Bayboro, simple assault, break or enter building (misdemeanor), assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age, injury to personal property

June 3, River View Rd., Arapahoe, obtain property by false pretenses

June 3, Smokey Dr., New Bern, financial card fraud - felony

June 3, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest conspire to traffic in methamphetamine

June 3, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest - possess/sell/buy alter firearm/gun serial number

June 3, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest child support

June 4, Shore Dr. E., Oriental, mental subject, simple assault

June 4, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, child custody dispute

### INSPECTIONS

May 1, Burton Farm Dev., Arapahoe, CAMA Minor App, \$100; Bobby Terry, New Bern, build, \$101.20; Phillip Nyborg, Oriental, generator, \$150

May 2, Walmart, Grantsboro, Com, \$2,075.21; Daniel Ramey, Merritt, build, \$952.44

May 5, Lynette Shelton, Oriental, handicap ramp; Gil Brinson, Grantsboro, carport, \$134.48

May 6, Greg Prunier, Merritt, electrical, \$150; Charles Draughton, Oriental, electrical, \$50; Philip Hamilton, Oriental, building, \$131.92; Philip Hamilton, Oriental, all trades

May 7, William Roberts, Oriental, electrical, \$50; Troy & Amanda Roberson, Arapahoe, build, \$2,443.22; William Watson, Arapahoe, retaining wall, \$62.48; John Wallner, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Pat O'Donnell, Minnesott Beach, mechanical, \$100; Ann Christian, Oriental, electrical, \$50

May 8, Robert Cowan, Oriental, electrical, \$150; Randy Allen, Arapahoe, new, \$1,932.14; Alvin McSwain, Arapahoe, electrical, \$150; Emily & Rusty Pernell, Grantsboro, modular, \$995.96; Roosevelt Bess, Bayboro, mechanical, \$100

May 9, Lawana Sampson, Grantsboro, build, \$196; Keith Wykle, Oriental, electrical T Pole, \$100; Burton Farm, Arapahoe, foundation, \$50; James Drew, Bayboro, electrical, \$50; Tower Engineering Professionals, Bayboro, mechanical, \$150; Stephan Pertz, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Morgan Sullivan, Bayboro, build/CAMA, \$266

### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

May 16, One Tract Muddy Landing Rd (SR 1108) & Scott Town or Outlet Rd (SR 1100) DB 162/260; 6.16 AC Farm Rd; 2.78 AC Farm Rd; 6 AC NC Hwy 306 between Muddy Landing Rd (SR 1108) & Scott Town or Outlet Rd (SR 1100) from Clinton A. Walker to Polly's Place, LLC, \$0

May 16, 1 AC W/S Sadler Place Rd (SR 1350) Part of Leon L Wise Sub from Kamal Nito Mehra to Riverstone Development, LLC, \$0

May 16, .87 AC MB 5/20 from Bradley P. Bennett, Madison C. Bennett, Madison Bennett to Ricky G. Bennett, \$210

May 16, Baird Creek Point Lot: 16 Section 2 Phase I PCA 171-8, Baird Creek Point Marina Slip 9 CC 1 Slide 11-15, PIN E08-1-2-16 & E08-1-2-1-9SL from Josephine T. Bailey, Josephine Bailey to Frank J. Bailey, \$0

May 16, PIN E091-43, E091-43-1 & E091-99; 9.45 AC TTract (Portion of Lot 4) PCB 17-4; 24E85 from Annie Boone Cutler, Annlie Boone Cutler/ AIF, Johnnie W. Boone, Kim G. Boone to Joseph P. Wilhelm, \$436

May 16, Lots 2, 3, & 4 MB 7/22 & Map in DB 477/233 from Christopher F. Weinheimer, Nancy D. Berglund, Nancy Berglund Rose to Christopher F. Weinheimer, Nancy D. Berglund, \$0

May 16, Indian Lake Lot: 2 MB 12/35 PIN F094-2-2 from William G. Jackson, III to Taylor Gilman, Lauren Gil-

man, \$0

May 19, N/S Styron Dr S/S Pierce Creek Oriental MB 5/25 Sea Vista Pierce Creek Area Block A from Anne H. Siren/TR, Anne H. Siren Revocable Trust, Anne H. Siren to Anne Hanby Siren, \$0

May 19, N/S Styron Dr S/S Pierce reek MB 5/25 Sea Vista Pierce Creek Area Block; Undivided Interest from Anne Hanby Siren to Anne Hanby Siren, Edward D. Siren, III, \$5

May 19, 1.72 AC NCSR 1105 (Prescott Rd) Map in DB 329/899 from Steven Cruz Wilson to Bradley Bennett, Madison Bennett, \$900

May 19, Cutter Bay Lot: 44 4.29 AC PCB 16-2 & PCB 13-9, PIN H042-70-44 from Cutter Bay LLC to Cutter Bay Partners, LLC, \$630

May 20, DC McCotter Lot: 11 Vandemere Property; MB 1/125, DC McCotter Lot: 12 Vandemere Property; MB 1/125, DC McCotter Lot: 13 Vandemere Property MB 1/125, DC McCotter Lot: 14 Vandemere Property; MB 1/125, Deed of Correction DB 638/889; PIN J032-188; 16E54 from Cindi M. Quay/ADMR, Thelma Joy McCotter/EST to Juliette DiMaggio, Joseph Fema, \$0

May 20, Estate Deed; PIN H041-175-B; 25D001027-680; Parcel B, PCA 197-5 from Lillie Mae Pegram/EST, Russell Willis Pegram, Jr./EXR, Russell Willis Pegram, Jr., Agnes Annette Jones Pegram, Sheila Darlene Pegram/EXR, Sheila Darlene Pegram to Michael McNeil, \$350

May 20, 3.29 AC Lot 1 N/S Seafarer Rd (NCSR 1117) Arapahoe PCB 19-12 & PCA 92-3 from Paul A. Faust, Lorraine G. Faust to Justin S. Carmen, Madison F. Carmen, \$0

May 21, ¼ AC S/S Brinson Ave (SR 1102) from Eddie Lee Dixon, Eddie L. Dixon, Sherry T. Dixon to Brandon Shane Dixon, \$0

May 21, 13, 064 Sq Ft Parcel 1 PCA 50-8; PIN G042-252-1; South St Bayboro from Elizabeth C. Baker, Robert L. Baker to Denard T. Potter, Helen Potter, \$50

May 21, 1.87 AC PCB 19-4 from Weyerhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc. to Terri Lynn Rogers, \$26

May 22, One Tract live Oak Lane & Kennel Road from Rebekah Braswell Styron, Nicole Renfrow/AIF to Sheri RidenhourStyron/TR, The Styron Living Trust, \$160

## STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

### Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION, Surplus Government, Vehicles and Equipment CITY OF ROCK HILL, SC, Saturday, June 21st @10am, 757 South Anderson Rd. Rock Hill, SC., Selling Kubota Mini Excavators, Skid Steers, Backhoe, Motor Grader, UTV's, Garbage Trucks, SUV's, Mowers, Police Cars, Tahoes, more. [www.ClassicAuctions.com](http://www.ClassicAuctions.com) TONY FURR NCAF5479/5508/SCAL2893R 704-791-8825

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. I hope that all of you are doing well. The last week has definitely been a full one or for me it has. This was the last week of school for Pamlico, I know most of you are happy to have the kids home for some summer-time fun!! There has been some good rainfall lately. I ride around the county quite often with work and just to ride and the crops are truly beautiful this year. I stopped a week ago down at Spruill farms and was taking pictures of the early morning sunrise and the corn was about waste high. I went there this past weekend and it was what looked to be about head high now. They certainly have been soaking up that fabulous rain water and basking in the sun. The sunrise that morning was absolutely breathtaking, the morning dew was slowly trickling off as the morning sun was glis-tening rainbows through the droplets. There was a low lying morn-ing fog just barely over the top of the corn. The skies were a beautiful golden color. I simply could not drive by without taking it all in. I absolutely love the American flag that flies above the silos and the way the sun highlighted it in the sun was just magical.

Graduation was held this past Friday for the class of 2025. What a special time it is for families as their babies move along to their next adventure. 10 years ago I had the pleasure of meeting the Class of 2025 in third grade when I began as a teacher assistant at Fred Anderson Elementary. I got to know much of this class on several different levels. They definitely earned a place in my heart and I have followed their progress through the years. They



made their way through a nation-al pandemic, hurricanes, being dis-placed from their school buildings and having to learn in often changing scenarios. Yet they remained resil-ient through it all. They survived tragedies in their life and tribulations that we as parents wish we could have protected them from. I am very proud of each and everyone of these young men and women and look forward to what the next chapters lie await for them. I will probably still continue to follow them. Ask any teacher or someone involved in teaching and each and every child that passes through your classroom has a place in your heart. It takes much love and care to do the job that they do. We see the triumphs, the successes, the stress, the hardships, the pain, the happiness and everything else that rolls through the lives of these children. Teachers are some of the most caring, resilient people you shall ever meet.

Congratulations Class of 2025, may you spread your wings and let the whole world know that you are here ready to show them the great things that each and everyone of you are capable of doing. I am proud of each and everyone of you! The picture is of Ms. Sage Bryant Class of 2025 who through it all made it with a smile still upon your face!

## Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



“ June is bustin’ out all over” is the name of a wonderful show tune the Chorale has sung in the past and it came in with much rain that the farmers needed badly. That is except my nephew’s Blueberry Farm who has had a hard time trying to get the blue-berries picked between showers. Nobody wants wet blueberries so they have to dry off before the pickers can come in and pick. Oh by the way, those people who are so worried about illegal people being taken out of the country and that there will be no one to do the work, my nephew has owned this farm for many years and never had trouble bringing in folks to pick. Elizabeth Cuthrell and I went to the farm on Tuesday and got beautiful berries. We had 15 at church today. It was announced today that Bethel is having a Community picnic on Saturday, June 28th at 5pm. There will be food, games, and fun. Everyone in Pamlico County is invited to come. For further information call Alex and Stephanie Adams at 252-617-6378. That is also the num-ber to call if you want to buy oysters from Alex. Cal is home from

the hospital after a bout with pneumonia. Billy Blair passed away last week. He was the oldest son of Bill and Joan Blair. There is a large black bear in the woods off Straight Road in the wooded area this side of Oriental. It crossed the road as Bill and Sylvia were com-ing home from Oriental after church today. So be careful because he has been seen several times in that area. Jeanna had a cookout for the Counselors from Seagull last week. Rusty and I baked and sent 9 pans of rolls for the Counselors. The camp starts this week and the young kids will be the first campers.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—THE FOLKS I WATCHED ON TELEVISION PROTESTING WHILE WRITING MY NEWS NEED A HISTORY LESSON. PALESTINE CHOSE TO HAVE HAMAS AS THEIR GOVERNING BODY, THEY ATTACKED ISRAEL AND KILLED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, TOOK MANY HOSTAGES AND ARE STILL HOLDING SOME, AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEY ARE DEAD OR ALIVE BECAUSE MANY THEY SENT BACK WERE DEAD.

## Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The fields in Pamlico are green with corn and soybeans. Both crops are thriving since our recent rains. Of course, this also means the grass is growing and Roy mowed it again this week.

Speaking of Roy, he picked up a house screw about 3-4 inches long in his truck tire. He had no idea where he ran over it, but he was able to pump the tire up with air and get it to Hardison Tire to be plugged. They are one of the best businesses in Pamlico County and they fixed his tire in record time.

The school year has finished with PCHS seniors graduating last week, Congratulations to the class of 2025.

The Big Rock tournament is going on in Morehead this week, but an even more exciting event closer to home will take place Saturday, June 14, 2025. The new Pamlico County Library will have its grand opening celebration for county residents to come out and tour and see what they have for everyone from adults to children.

On Friday June 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm there will be a hot dog supper at Stonewall Methodist Church. Everyone is invited. They are

calling this “Pickin’ and Grinnin’ “ since there will be music by the Uhoos (ukelele players from Oriental) and the Harbor Sounds. This event is being sponsored by the Ina Gaskins Circle from Stonewall Methodist Church. Donations accepted.

On Sunday, Broad Creek United Church of Christ had a worship service that was well attended. The parking lot was full when I was on my way home from church.

Celebrating birthdays in June are Julie Sanders McCulley (6/15), Samuel Wade Rodgers (6/16), Jimmy Spain (6/17), Trisha Wood (6/18), Walter Graves and Phillip G. Nanny (6/19), Brantley Norman, Jr., Dennis Delamar, and Bruce Spain (6/20), Jonathan Fulcher (6/21), Tyler Davis Green (6/22), Russell Gregory, Brent and Cathy Fulcher (6/25), Carly Alisha Sanders (6/28), Sidney Phibbons (6/29), and Grace Farmer Nanny (6/30).

Have a blessed week. Vexed? Take Spiritual Vitamin V. “There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spir-its: and they were healed everyone.” (Acts 5:16)

## Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



On the way to Washington the other day to go to my cat’s veterinary appointment I noticed a definite drop in prosperity along Highway 33; abandoned houses, closed businesses. I don’t go that way very often preferring Pamlico County and New Bern.

Beverly Horvath’s Blue Crab Boutique on Main Street has new outdoor seating (this week’s photo) and a new kitten, Meerkat. Go by there and shop her wonderful collections, visit with the cat and enjoy the outdoors while eating her scrump-tious ice cream. Visit the BCB Facebook page to see more exiting things.

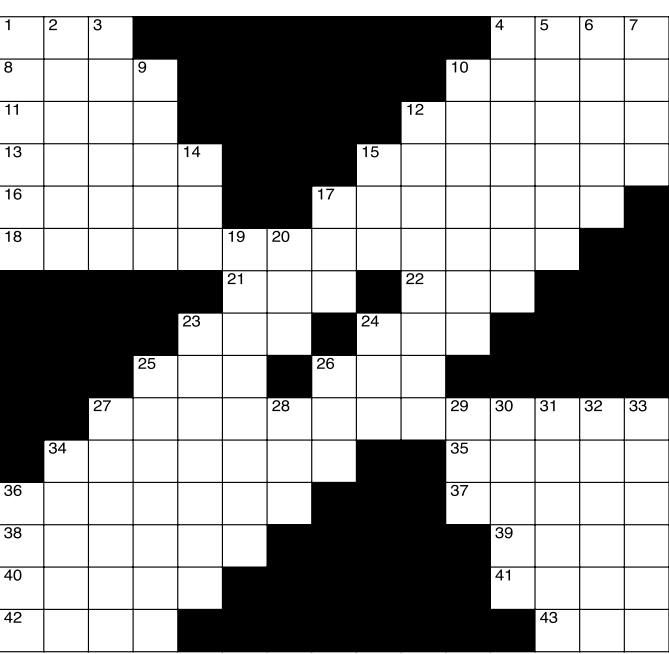
The Lightening Bugs are back and in a good number this year. The Chuck-will’s-widow has moved from the point and is in the woods across the road now. I’ve seen Turkeys (a hen with her two poults), a very young and thin Coyote (near the mine) just trotting down the road, only to get off the road as I rode by, then getting back on the road continuing his journey and a rabbit near my turn off! I miss having a rabbit in the yard. Anastasia the Cat would love to just sit and watch it.

While at Frank & Shirley’s to get a bodacious chicken, egg and cheese biscuit I ran into the Thursday Ladies Breakfast Club. They are a fun bunch.

You need to visit the town’s library to see the new reads and check out kid resources such as the Nature Backpacks and fishing supplies. I was thrilled to see a former student, Chloe Womble, working there now.



# CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Racquet sports association

4. Places to sleep

8. Native American tribe

10. Small platforms

11. Egg shape

12. Running out

13. French painter

15. Some are “of the Caribbean”

16. Painful intestinal problem

17. More irritated

18. Prove yourself

21. Catch

22. Supplement with difficulty

23. American automotive giant

24. Form of “to be”
25. Boxing’s GOAT

26. Peyton’s little brother

27. Eli’s big brother

34. Capable of producing

35. Reproductive structures in fungi

36. Allowed to go forward

37. Smiles

38. Arteries

39. VVV

40. Win a series without losing a game

41. This (Spanish)

42. Opposites of beginnings

43. Germanic mythological god

### CLUES DOWN

1. Consisting of uncombined atoms

2. Island country

3. Heavenly body

4. Caribbean island

5. Copyread

6. A place to eat

7. Drops down

9. Native group of Alaska

10. Engage in

12. “Desperate Housewives” lane

14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone

15. Foot (Latin)

17. A place to bathe

19. Animosities
20. Partner to cheese

23. Venus \_\_, plant

24. A donation

25. Pokes holes in the ground

26. Midway between northeast and east

27. Looked into

28. Not young

29. Annoy constantly

30. Something one can strike

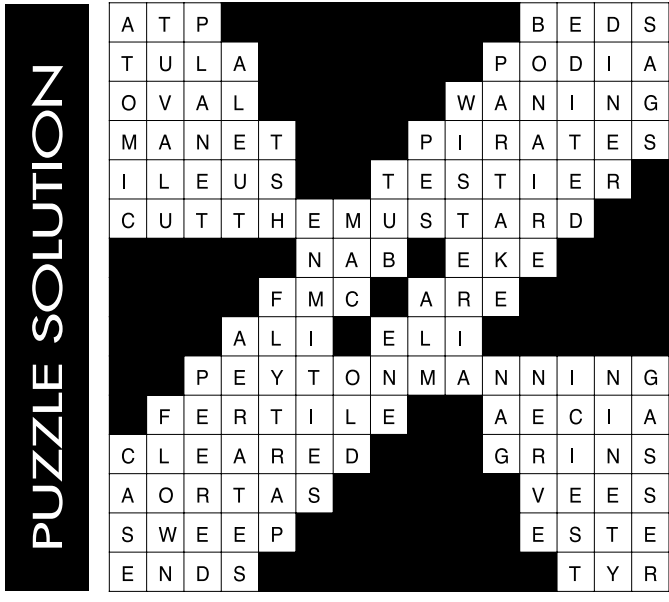
31. Most glacial

32. Ten less than one hundred

33. Idle talker

34. Has moved through the air

36. Container for shipping



# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to candy.

## F Y A F T

Answer: Taffy

### Public Notice of Budget Hearing Special Called Meeting

The proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget for the Town of Mesic has been presented to the Mesic Town Council and is available for public inspection in the office of the clerk at the Town Hall during regular office hours.

The Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget on June 17th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. at the Mesic Town Hall, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget. Immediately following the Public Hearing, the Town Council will conduct a Special Called Meeting at which time it will take action to approve, disapprove, or table the proposal for further consideration.

For any questions, please contact Hazel Smith at (252) 671-0448.

Hazel Smith, Clerk/Finance Officer

Town of Mesic  
9256 NC Hwy 304  
Mesic, NC 28515-9365

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Pamlico County Proposed Fiscal Year 2025– ’26 Budget

The proposed budget for Pamlico County for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be submitted to the governing board by June 2, 2025 and after that date, will be available for public inspection in the Clerk to the Board’s Office located at the Pamlico County Administration Building, 302 Main Street, Bayboro, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on the County’s website at [www.pamlicocounty.org](http://www.pamlicocounty.org). The budget will be presented to the public on June 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m. during the regular meeting of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners. A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on the agenda. The public hearing will take place in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room located in the Pamlico County Courthouse Annex, 202 Main Street, Bayboro. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments.

Tracy Boyd  
Clerk to the Board  
June 1, 2025





NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE COASTAL CAROLINA REGIONAL AIRPORT PROPOSED RUNWAY 4-22 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND RELOCATION OF WILLIAMS ROAD DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**AGENCIES:** Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation



**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** - The Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Authority is required under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed airport improvements at the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport (EWN) in Craven County, North Carolina. The EA being prepared will also meet the NEPA requirements of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The proposed improvements include construction of a 173-foot runway extension and 400-foot runway safety area extension, relocation of a portion of Williams Road, minimal property and easement acquisition, piping of portions of Scotts Creek, and relocation of navigational aids. The proposed project is needed to improve airfield safety and maximize the usable runway length available to existing operators at EWN.

Consultants, acting on the behalf of EWN, have prepared an EA describing the anticipated environmental impacts. Based on the thresholds established in FAA Order 1050.1F, no resources would be significantly impacted by the No-action Alternative or the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action would not result in an increase in the number of annual aircraft operations at EWN in comparison to the No-action Alternative. The draft EA can be reviewed at: [flyewn.com/business/draft-ea](http://flyewn.com/business/draft-ea). A printed copy of the Draft EA is also available for review during regular business hours at the EWN Administration Offices, 200 Terminal Drive, New Bern, NC 28562.

**Public Meeting** – A public meeting will be conducted on **June 24, 2025**, from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** to discuss the project with the Project Team and solicit public review and comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment. The in-person meeting will be a drop-in format with no formal presentation, held in the **Cstone (Cornerstone) Church gymnasium, 2304 US-70, New Bern, NC 28560**.

Project details and maps can be found on the NCDOT project web page [publicinput.com/ewn-runway-williamsrd](http://publicinput.com/ewn-runway-williamsrd). The information will be available at the meeting allowing for one-on-one discussions with engineers, but there will be no formal presentation.

Comments on the Draft EA can be submitted at the workshop, emailed to Ms. Allison Thorburn ([ext-aethorburn@ncdot.gov](mailto:ext-aethorburn@ncdot.gov)), or mailed to NCDOT Division 2, Attn: Ms. Allison Thorburn. Written comments will be accepted during the public comment period, which ends on July 13, 2025. People may also submit comments by phone at **984-205-6615** project code **11551**, email [ewn-runway-williamsrd@publicinput.com](mailto:ewn-runway-williamsrd@publicinput.com). Mailed comments should be post-marked no later than **July 13**.

For additional information about the project, please contact:

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**Ms. Allison Thorburn, PE**  
Division of Highways – Division 2  
NC Department of Transportation  
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704-873-1111

# Health&Wellness

Alzheimer’s Association Encourages North Carolinians Area to Take Charge of Their Brain Health  
– June is Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month –

RALEIGH, N.C., May 29, 2025 – This June, during Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer’s Association – Eastern North Carolina Chapter is encouraging North Carolinians to take charge of their brain health.

Today, there are more than 7 million people age 65 and older in the United States living with Alzheimer’s, including nearly 211,000 in North Carolina. Two-thirds of Americans have at least one major potential risk factor for dementia. The brain changes that cause Alzheimer’s are thought to begin 20 years or more before symptoms start, which suggests that there may be a substantial window of time in which to intervene in the progression of the disease.

Experts believe there isn’t a single cause of Alzheimer’s. It’s likely the disease develops as a result of multiple factors. While not a direct cause of Alzheimer’s, the greatest known risk factor is advancing age. Although some risk factors like age can’t be changed, as many as 45% of dementia cases may be attributable to modifiable risk factors, such as high blood pressure and lack of physical activity. Research shows that adopting healthy behaviors — like getting exercise and good quality sleep — can improve your brain health and reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

“Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month offers the perfect opportunity for North Carolina residents to take charge of their brain health,” said Christine John-Fuller, executive director, Alzheimer’s Association – Eastern North Carolina Chapter. “We want people to know there are steps they can take to keep their brains healthy. We also want to encourage anyone experiencing memory or thinking problems to talk to their doctor. There are many possible causes — and if it is Alzheimer’s disease, there are numerous benefits to getting a timely diagnosis.”

The Alzheimer’s Association is offering five suggestions to take charge of your brain health and support the cause:

- 1. Incorporate healthy habits that may reduce the risk of cognitive decline:** Based on mounting scientific evidence, the Alzheimer’s Association encourages individuals to incorporate these 10 Healthy Habits — such as challenging your mind and eating healthier foods — to help protect brain health. Whatever your age or stage of life, now is the time to take charge of your brain health.
- 2. Learn the early warning signs of Alzheimer’s and other dementia:** Many people equate

Alzheimer’s to memory loss, and while that is one of the most common signs, there are others that can signal cognitive decline, including altered judgment, mood changes, challenges in decision-making, and planning and carrying out projects. Some memory changes can be a normal part of the aging process, but when changes start to interfere with daily living or stray drastically from the person’s normal behavior, it’s best to get it checked. The Alzheimer’s Association offers these 10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer’s to help people identify potential warning signs of Alzheimer’s or other dementia.

**3. Be proactive in addressing memory and thinking problems:** Studies show many individuals experiencing memory and thinking problems often put off discussing them with a doctor. However, early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and other dementia offers the best opportunity for care, management and treatment. It also provides diagnosed individuals more time to plan for the future, participate in clinical trials and to live with a higher quality of life for as long as possible. In addition, there are now treatments that can slow disease progression for people in the early stage of Alzheimer’s, making a timely diagnosis critically important. If you or a family is experiencing memory or thinking problems, it is important to get it checked. The Alzheimer’s Association offers tips and resources to help families navigate these conversations.

**4. Help accelerate disease-related research:** Clinical trials hold the key to new and better Alzheimer’s disease treatments. Individuals living with Alzheimer’s and other dementias, caregivers and healthy volunteers are needed to participate in clinical trials that help advance Alzheimer’s research. Today, more than 50,000 participants are needed in current Alzheimer’s clinical trials examining potential new treatments — with hundreds of thousands more needed in broader dementia research studies. Alzheimer’s Association TrialMatch® is a free, easy-to-use service that connects interested individuals with appropriate trials.

**5. Volunteer with the Alzheimer’s Association:** As an Alzheimer’s Association volunteer, you can help those in your community take steps to reduce their dementia risk and recognize the signs of Alzheimer’s. Our education and support programs are flexible and easy to learn, giving you the opportunity to become a leader in the effort to end Alzheimer’s.



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