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#### **Pirate Treasure** Hunt





The Pirates of Oriental were once the terror of the sea. Rampaging along the coast of North Carolina, they struck fear into many a hearty seaman. Recently however, these bawdy buccaneers have decided to give up their pillaging and plundering ways and make amends for their unlawful past. They have allied with the Pamlico Arts Council and last Thursday they partnered with the Oriental Parks and Recreation Department for a kids treasure hunt at the Oriental Recreation Park behind the Fire Department on Straight Road. Several of the Pirates were there, spreading goodwill, including Captain Graybeard, Gallant Bodacious Belinda, Gregory, and Daring Debbie. They had buried some of their treasure in the sand at the rec area, and were offering prizes to young pirates who dug up their gold. A hearty time was had by all.

#### 68th Lupton **Family Reunion**

The 68th Lupton Family Reunion will be meeting on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the GOOSE CREEK ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 145 Hobucken Schoolhouse Road, Hobucken, NC 28537.

We will be gathering at 12:00 PM with lunch following at 1:00 PM. Bring your favorite side dish and drink. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper products, and ice will be provided. Donations will be accepted to help cover the hamburgers, hot dogs, rent, paper products, postage and ice.

Please bring anything you would like to share with everyone. But most of all come prepared to have a good time of fellowship.

This year we are again having a "Dessert Contest." Bring your favorite cake, pie, or cobbler, or others. Everyone will be the judges & cast their vote for their favorite dessert. Prizes will be given.

Directions: Pass the stop light in Bayboro, turn left on 304 toward Vandemere and veer left at Cash Corner and keep going. Cross the HIGH-RISE BRIDGE over the Intra-Coastal Waterway onto Goose Creek Island. Take the second road to the left. The Community Center is left on the hill.

SEE YOU THERE: Betty Ireland Shingleton, Secretary 252-268-7283 Randi Ireland, Assistant Secretary 252-414-0998

Floyd Thomas Ireland, Jr., President

## The 2025 Croaker Festival







small town summer festival around, the Croaker Festival. Every year since that inaugural celebration, except in 2021, when Mr. Croaker wasn't feeling well and asked Mr. Flounder to swim in for him, crowds have come for the pageants, the bands, the parade, the food, the fireworks and the hospitality. Despite a little rain on Saturday everything went off without a hitch. The only hiccup, Community Church services on Sunday were moved indoors to the Oriental

Since 1980, Oriental has played host to the best Methodist Church. This year, the festival committee decided that for the 45th anniversary, they would honor a group of ladies who were members of the Oriental Junior Women's Club in 1980 and planned the very first Croaker Festival. They received the title of Grand Marshals. It was once again a great festival put together by some great volunteers who worked hard to make sure that "Croakers Came Alive, in

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## **PCHS Class of 1963 Reunion**

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County High School Class of 1963 gathered at Brantley's Village Restaurant in Oriental on June 28th to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of their graduation. A great night of food and fellowship by classmates.

Submitted by Hazel H. Alcock

## Oriental Repeater Group (ORG)





This afternoon, Bill Michne, WM3X, and Tom Corwin, KI4NSP, presented the Oriental Repeater Group (ORG) with a check in the amount of \$25,000. The donation is to be used to upgrade and maintain the amateur radios and equipment currently located on both the Arapahoe and Kershaw radio towers.

The five members/owners of the Oriental Repeater Group graciously accepted a cash donation to maintain the amateur radios and related equipment owned by the group. The equipment is currently located on two commercial radio/cell towers in the Oriental/Arapahoe areas of Pamlico County. The amateur radio repeaters are for general use by licensed amateur and GMRS FCC licensed individuals, especially during times of emergency.

The Oriental Repeater Group (ORG) is comprised of the following local individuals and is a branch of the Pamlico Amateur Radio Society (PARS) of Oriental. This year, 2025, is the twentieth anniversary

For additional information, contact Bruce Perkins at K4ONC@aol.com or 252-626-2730.

Lor Kutchins, W3QA.....President Bill Olah, KR4LO......Vice President Bruce Perkins, K4ONC.....Secretary / Treasurer Mike Marsh, K4NLC

Wayne Beasley, Jr., KO4OJC

Bill Michne, WM3X, presenting Bill Olah, KR4LO, representing the Oriental Repeater Group (ORG), a check in the amount of \$25,000. Tom Corwin, KI4NSP, absent from pic.

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND



#### Local Students Honored at Annual SkillsUSA Workforce **Development Event**

Atlanta, Ga. (Grassroots Newswire) July 2, 2025 The following local students were recognized at the 2025 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 25-26 with a certificate of accomplishment. More than 6,500 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

First place state winners were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 114 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 850 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Friday night, June 27 at the closing SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena. As an indicator of proficiency, Skill Point Certificates were awarded to the national contestants who met a predetermined threshold contest score for their SkillsUSA event, demonstrating workplace readiness. Students can add this certificate to an employment portfolio.

The following local students are Skill Point Certificate recipients:

\* Mia Angelo, from Arapahoe and a student at Pamlico Middle School (Bayboro), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Pin Design.

\* Wyatt Gearey, from Arapahoe and a student at Pamlico Middle School (Bayboro), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Extemporaneous Speaking.

"More than 6,500 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2025 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

#### **About SkillsUSA**

SkillsUSA is the #1 workforce development organization for students, empowering them to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. SkillsUSA represents more than 442,000 career and technical education students and teachers in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. Those members represent 130 in-demand occupational areas, from 3-D animation to welding. A vital solution to the skills gap, SkillsUSA has served over 15 million members since its founding in 1965. Learn more at skillsusa.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.





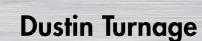






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## COMMUNITY

#### **OBITUARIES**



ly known as "Jeanne," of Arapahoe, passed peaceon Thursday, July 3, 2025, at the age of 86.

Jeanne was a lifetime member of Bethany Christian

Church, where she faithfully served in many roles throughout the years. She retired after more than 30 years with PCS Phosphate, where she worked in the Human Resources Department.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Smith and Manila Ensley; sisters, Bessie Ensley Pittman, Annalene Ensley Heath Lilley, Martha Ensley Terranova and Evelyn Ensley Beeman; and brother, Guyan Ensley.

Clara Jean Ensley, loving- Jeanne is survived by her sister-in-law, Jill Ensley, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

fully into her eternal home A funeral service to honor her life will be held Thursday, July 10th at Bethany Christian Church beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow immediately at Greenleaf Memorial Park.

> The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the church.

> As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be directed to Bethany Christian Church Memorial Fund, PO Box 156, Arapahoe, NC 28510 or Pamlico Rescue, PO Box 302, Bayboro, NC 28515.

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

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Luptor

- July 9th Today is National Sugar Cookie Day.
- July 10th Today is National Pina Colada Day.
- July 11th Today is National French Fry Day.
- July 12th Today is National Pecan Pie Day.
- July 13th 1585, A group of English colonists led by Richard Grenville reach Roanoke Island, N. C.
- July 14th Today is National Mac and Cheese Day. It is also National Nude Day. Maybe I'll eat some Mac and Cheese in the Buff.
- July 15th Today is National I Love Horses Day.

#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

July 9th – 1956, Actor Tom Hanks

July 10th - 1943, Tennis Champion Arthur Ashe

July 12th - 1951, Actress Cheryl Stoppelmoor (Cheryl Ladd)

July 13th - 1942, Actor Harrison Ford

July 13th - 1946, Actor and comedian Richard Marin (Cheech Marin)

July 13th – 1954, Former N.C. State Basketball player David Thompson

July 13th - 19??, Oriental Mayor Sally Belangia

July 15th – 1946, Singer Linda Ronstadt

## Feeding the Hungry in Pamlico County since 2007 PCFLO July 2025 Newsletter

Comments From the Chair



**Greetings Everyone!** 

We were very fortunate again this month. Thanks to a grant request submitted by Gail Watts, our one-person Developmental Committee, we received a \$2,000 grant from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation. The entire amount will be used to purchase food as prices increase and the

number of people seeking our assistance also increases.

Additional assistance in stocking our pantry shelves this month came from two very different sources. Camp Don Lee is asking each group of campers to donate an item of food when they come to the camp. In the first two weeks of the food





Kate Metts, Camp Don Lee director, assists Ray Ruppert with the first load of donated food. Above, a volunteer tends to the Community Garden at Oriental United Methodist Church

drive, campers donated 532 pounds of food. More to follow!

The second source of donated food is the fruit of volunteer labor at Oriental's Community Garden site. As noted in an earlier column, the goal of this volunteer effort is to provide a portion of the fresh vegetables grown in the garden to PCFLO for distribution to our clients. We were fortunate to share in the first harvest of 60 pounds of vegetables.

> PCFLO's mission is to accumulate and distribute highquality, nutritious food to those who need assistance in Pamlico County, North Carolina, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religious affiliation.



#### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Fill your mind with positive and motivational thoughts and you'll be much happier in the long run, Aries. It's easy to focus on negatives, but a change of perspective is liberating.



#### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It is possible that a lack of energy is affecting your ability to do the things that you normally enjoy, Taurus. Figure out ways to get more rest so you will not lack energy.



#### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

It seems your social skills have been less consistent than in the past, Gemini. Do you have a reason why you have been pulling away from others lately? Get back on track.



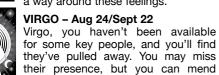
#### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, someone might recommend you

for a leadership position and you could be inclined to take it. This is something that is out of your wheelhouse, but you'll make the most of it.



#### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 Leo, trusting someone else right now

is something you might find challenging. It could be because you don't trust your instincts. You'll have to find a way around these feelings.





#### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, you have been making excus-

es for someone in your life in the hopes that the relationship could be salvaged. But the other person must make an effort as well.



#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, you have been putting your

goals aside due to overwhelming circumstances and general procrastination. Now is the time to get things back on schedule.



#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 It's time to engage with the activi-

ties that you are passionate about, Sagittarius. There is never a "right" opportunity to get things started; you just need to take that first step.



#### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 Someone who understands you may

enter your life, Capricorn. It may feel like you already know and understand this person, even though you have



#### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 It's possible that you might feel stuck

with someone in a situation that is not to your liking, Aquarius. You can be a catalyst for change if you start taking action.



#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 You are about to have a eureka

moment, Pisces. Everything you have been fretting about will then fall into place. It will be some smooth sailing afterwards.

#### fences if you hope to. **CARCER** Traits & Overview

Emotional, intuitive, and practically psychic; ruled by the moon and characterized by the crab, Cancer has so much going on in its watery depths. Cancer signs may seem prickly and standoffish at first meeting, once they make the decision to become friends with someone, that person has a friend for life.

Most Cancer signs have been called psychic at some point, and with good reason—Cancer can often intuit relationships, ideas, and motivations before anyone has actually spoken. That can make for challenging interactions with this sign-Cancer hates small talk, especially when it contains white lies (like saying, "How nice to see you!" when it's clear that both parties would rather avoid each other). That's why social gatherings can be overwhelming for Cancers. They'd much rather spend time in small groups where everyone is on the same page.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

# **BCTMA Third Thursday Showcase** Features the Members Variety Show on

July 17 at the Historic Turnage Theatre. Washington, NC: The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association is pleased to present the BCTMA Members Variety Show on July 17 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Turnage

Members of the BCTMA often play at the acoustic jams on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. This is an opportunity for members to perform some of their favorite songs by taking part in this Variety Show. Members being featured this month include John Eckmann, Chris Furlough, Chris Lucas, Van Rice, Reggie Workman, and Marianne Wurtele. Come enjoy a selection of classic country, rock, blues, and old mountain tunes.

Theatre.

Admission is free and donations are appreciated. This family friendly concert is sponsored by the **Beaufort County Traditional** Music Association, founded in 2008 to promote traditional music in Eastern



North Carolina. The Showcase is held at the Turnage Theatre. 150 W. Main Street. Washington, NC. BCTMA also hosts acoustic string jams at the Theatre on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. www.bctma.org

#### 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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including some programs that

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New students are encouraged

to contact PCC's Student Services

division to get the application

and financial aid processes start-

ed. Staffers there can be reached

at 252-249-1851, ext. 3001, or

studentservices@pamlicocc.edu.

Meanwhile, current students

are encouraged to reach out to

their program advisors. Also, Callahan can be reached at 252-

229-9710 or ncallahan@pamli-

Seated classes will begin Aug.

"We are looking forward to

starting up the 2025-26 academic

vear," said PCC President Zac

Schnell. "We welcome all who

are ready to join the adventure of

education to advance their skills

15. Online courses will start Aug.

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## **Land/Home Sales Property Management Appraisals Development**



#### Agent of the Week

#### **Susan Adams** Broker/Veteran

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

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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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**OFFERED AT \$475,000** 



ORIENTAL -3BR/2BA 1,740 hsf waterfront on 3.15 acres, boat dock with 40' X 20' deep-water protected boat slip. **OFFERED AT \$575,000** 



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## Why wait? Get a jump on the Fall 2025 semester at Pamlico now

by: Sandy Wall

Now is a great time for new and returning students to get a head start on the Fall 2025 semester at Pamlico Community College!

The official registration date for the upcoming curriculum semester is Tuesday, Aug. 12, but you don't have to wait until then.

College officials are encouraging new and returning students to go ahead and enroll for the new semester, get their financial aid - if they qualify - in order, and choose their program and

"If you are thinking about getting back to your educational pathway or starting a new one, the time to act is now," said PCC Vice President of Instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer Neil Callahan. "Why wait until August? Academic advisors like myself are here to help you put together a plan and get start-

He continued, "Check out our website. Look over our programs. Look over our Fall 2025 schedule of courses. We are here to help

PCC is proud to offer students a high-quality education close to home. The college features small class sizes so students can get more

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Bring your dreams and your drive to excel to Pamlico Community College, where instructors and staffers want to see you succeed! Now is a great time to get a jump on the upcoming Fall 2025

semester. Photo by Hiram Lupton

the leap forward, we got you!"

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

and abilities to help improve our community. If you are ready to take

## Water Borne Health Risks for Our Canines

If you are a dog owner, the Pamlico County Health Department's Animal Control Officer, Berkley Hill, wants you to be aware of a pair of health dangers that have shown up this summer in the County.

On these sizzling summer days, it can be refreshing for you to walk your dog down to the neighborhood pond or creek and give them some splash time to cool off. On these hot, still days there can be a hidden, often deadly menace growing in stagnant water that can be invisible to the eye in smaller amounts. It thrives in the summer heat and grows in fresh or brackish water. Blue-green algae, which scientifically is known as cyanobacteria, can be highly toxic to animals and particularly dogs. They can become seriously ill, sometimes within 30 minutes of ingesting water that the bacteria lives in, and this could quickly lead to organ failure and death. Dogs are highly susceptible because they tend to drink and ingest water when they splash and play in it. They can also ingest it from licking it off their fur or if they have an open wound or sore that is exposed to the bacteria. Symptoms can be vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, and difficulty breathing. If you notice this, seek veterinary help immediately. "We've had several dogs in Pamlico County die from this," says Berkley. "It can come on fast and can cause violent illness."

Another water born disease that is believed to have affected several dogs in Pamlico County is Leptospirosis. It is an infection caused by Leptospira, which are bacteria that target the kidneys and liver. The bacteria are found in the kidneys of infected foxes, mice, rats, skunks, raccoons, and possums. According to Hill, "If an infected animal urinates in a puddle, and then is lapped up by a dog, it can be infected." Leptospirosis can also affect humans. People may contract leptospirosis by coming into contact with an infected dog's urine or other bodily fluids (except saliva) or coming into contact with food, water, or soil contaminated with infected urine. Symptoms in dogs can include fever, lethargy, poor appetite, diarrhea, and tender muscles. "Fortunately, Leptospirosis is preventable," says Hill. "There is a vaccine for this disease. This is another important reason for regular checkups at your veterinarian's office to make sure they are up to date on all their vaccinations." While cats may also be affected by Leptospirosis, it is much rarer and there is not a feline vaccine for the disease. "Our pets are our family. We want to make sure they are as happy and healthy as possible this summer."



A tranquil pond like this may look like a great place for your dog to play, but it may hold hidden dangers to their health.

## 4 sources of pet pain

When an animal is in pain, its owners may find it challenging to determine the root of its discomfort. Unlike people, companion animals cannot verbalize where it hurts or what is wrong. In fact, some pets may not even exhibit signs they are in distress.

Cats, dogs and other domestic pets are prone to the same types of pain that humans experience, according to Animal Health Associates in Michigan. Pain may stem from illness, injury or other causes. Here's a look at four potential sources of pet pain.

#### 1. Underlying diseases

Diabetes, cancer and hyperthyroidism can cause pain in animals that may present as a lack of appetite in pets. Therefore, if your pet seems less enthusiastic at meal time, make an appointment with a veterinarian to rule out disease as the culprit.

2. Dental and oral issues

Gum disease, tooth infections, sores, and other oral issues could cause distress in a pet and also may compromise its ability to eat.

Inadequate nutrition could make a pet weak, which leads to its own issues

#### 3. Arthritis and joint pain

Older dogs and those with genetic predispositions to conditions like hip dysplasia may have chronic pain. Difficulty getting up from seated or prone positions may showcase some of that pain. Pets with such conditions may not partake in activities they once

#### enjoyed.

4. Post-operative pain Animals recuperating from a surgery may experience pain. Veterinarians often prescribe pain medication to mitigate this issue, but some pain may bleed through. A pet in pain may be more lethargic or may be snippy and aggressive.

It could take some trial and error to determine if a pet is in pain. Any behavior that goes against the norm could be a sign of illness, injury or underlying pain.

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## The 2025 Croaker Festival



The Pamlico Chorale and Community Band perform at opening ceremonies



Judging the baking contest is a sweet job if you can get it



The 2025 Croaker Festival Grand Marshals



The Marine Corp Band



merson Gaskins is crowned the 2025 Croaker Queen





2025 Croaker Parade Winners

- Grand Poo Bah Pickled Herons
- Best All Around Patriotic U.S. Marine Corps
- Most Memorable St. Thomas Episcopal Church
- Best Catch in '25 Mermaids of '85
- Best Crew Opa's Crew
- Best Team Oriental Dragon Masters
- Best Business Promotion Grove & Vine
- Best Community Involvement Pamlico Community College
- Oldest Croaker Alive in '25 Miss Fay Bond
- Best Choreographed Ol' Front Porch
- Shrimp's Alive in '25 N. C. Shrimpers



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## July & August 2025

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Breakfast with Friends **Brantley's Restaurant** Thursday's - July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursday's - August 7, 14, 21, 28 8:30 am



Please join the group at Brantley's (Center Room) for breakfast.

The breakfast will continue every Thursday at 8:30. (Except for when they are closed). Come as you are able. Breakfast is on your own.

Prayer Shawl Thursday's - July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursday's - August 7, 14, 21, 28

Creative Card Making Class



Crochet, knit shawls or lap robes to share with those that are in need of comfort and support.

Please call Leigh Price for details. 919.219.2446.

**Oriental United Methodist** Church - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - July 9

Game Day

Wednesday - July 9

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday—August 13

**Oriental United Methodist** 

Church - Fellowship Hall

10:00 am



The class meets each month on the 2nd Wednesday to make cards and enjoy each

other's company. The class is led by Cheryl

Mcaskill, a Stampin'Up demonstrator. She

will provide most of the supplies needed, and each person will make 8 cards during the class. Class Limited to ten people. Cost for paper supplies is

share it with others and maybe even inspire new enthusiasts.

10:00 am - Noon **Oriental United Methodist** Church - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday—August 13



Join us for an afternoon of fun-filled board games, cards, and fellowship! All skill levels are welcome! We've been playing Rummikub, but it's always exciting to introduce new games and learn from others. If you have a favorite game, this could be an opportunity to

Prime Time's mission is to provide services and activities promoting the well-being for the 50 plus community in Oriental and Pamlico County. Prime Time brings together many resources helping area residents sustain an independent and enriched quality of life. All are

Have a suggestion for a program or day trip, please contact Debora Steenson @ 252.675.0909 or email director@primetimepamlico.org

## Free Digital Skills Information Sessions



**Oriental United Methodist Church** 404 Freemason St Oriental, NC 28571

#### Please bring a device & join us for any of the following sessions:

**AUG 18** 

Online Safety and Privacy

10-12 AM

Learn how to recognize and report scams and create strong passwords.

SEPT 15

Smartphones 101

10-12 AM

Learn how to navigate smartphones, download apps, and use various communication tools

**OCT 13** 

Smartphone Intermediate

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## July is Healthy Vision Month!



It's always important to take care of your eyes, to protect them and take preventive measures to preserve your vision. Eye health is often something people don't think about as much, especially in comparison to things like physical and mental health. The truth is, however, that eye health affects our everyday life as well, even for simple tasks.

There are some basic things every person can do to help protect their eyes now, and long-term.

#### Get an Annual Eye Exam.

Comprehensive eye exams with your optometrist are one of the most important, preventive things you can do to help preserve your vision. It's also the only way to accurately assess eye health, diagnose an eye disorder or disease, or find out if you might need some type of corrective lenses.

#### Wear Protective Eyewear.

If you are into sports, active hobbies, or even like working on building or other types of projects at home, you would benefit from protecting your eyes with impact-resistant eyewear while performing any of these activities. The goal is to help keep your eyes healthy, free of potentially damaging dust, dirt or other debris, and ultimately, for your eyes to remain injury-free.

#### Wear Sunglasses with UV Protection.

While you may love being out in the sun, you still have to be careful to protect your eyes from harmful UV rays, especially over long-term exposure. Bright sunlight, for example, can increase the risk of cataracts, growths on the eye, and even some types of eye cancer. UV rays reflected off of sand and water can also cause eye irritation and even sunburn! When outside in the sun for extended timeframes, sunglasses are a simple and cost-effective way to protect your eyes now and over time.

#### Rest Your Eyes from Digital Devices.

It's hard to put down those smart phones or take a break from your laptop when you're under a deadline, but anytime you can, it's important to give your eyes time to rest away from those screens. Resting your eyes can help prevent and even treat digital eye strain, dry eyes, blurry vision, tearing or watery eyes, headaches, eye discomfort and fatigue, focusing difficulties, and sensitivity to bright lights.

When you are staring at a screen, try to make a conscious effort to blink more often. This will help keep your eyes lubricated.

You can also adjust your workspace, such as changing the height and position of your chair, your desk, or your monitor.

#### The Bottom Line.

Your eyes allow you to see, but they also allow you to connect with your surroundings, so take care of them in any and every way you can. Protecting your eyes from everyday factors is vital, whether it's sun or screens, or anything in between. Taking care of your weight, and making healthy lifestyle choices can also affect your eye health. Talk to your primary care provider, or an optometrist, to learn more about general eye health and measures you can take to extend the life of your vision.

Source: National Eye Institute





Oriental Rotary Club Presents Bill Mason Award and Inducts New Board

The Rotary Club of Oriental presented its prestigious Bill Mason Award to Tom McIlhenny of the Oriental Marina & Inn during its annual awards and board induction ceremony last week. The award honors individuals who exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" through their commitment to the community. McIlhenny continues to be a dedicated sup-

porter of the Oriental Boat Show, the club's largest annual fundraiser. His ongoing contributions and willingness to lend a hand ensure the show's continued success, helping the club fund scholarships, community projects, and local initiatives each year.

Incoming Club President DeMoranville announced the 2025-2026 board of directors during the ceremony, expressing excitement for the year ahead and emphasizing Rotary's continued commitment to serving Pamlico County. The new board will focus on community outreach, youth

programs, and supporting local needs while strengthening the club's impact through service projects and fundraising.

The club also expressed its deep appreciation to Tony Santore for his dedicated service as Club President over the past year. Under Santore's leadership, the Rotary Club of Oriental continued its strong tradition of community involvement, including supporting local schools, providing disaster relief, and ensuring the success of the Oriental Boat Show.

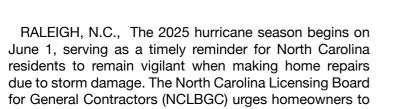
The evening served as a celebration of service and a reminder of the club's mission to improve lives locally and globally through hands-on projects and community partnerships.

If you're interested in learning more, please visit www.OrientalRotary.org or email us at orientalrotaryclub@gmail.com.

## COASTAL LIVING

## After the Storm, Comes the Scam: **Protect Yourself**

(North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors Warns Public About Unlicensed Contractor Activity During Hurricane Season)



severe weather events.

The NCLBGC urges citizens to exercise caution and avoid falling victim to scams by individuals posing as legitimate contractors. Licensed general contractors in

North Carolina have met strict state requirements, includ-

ing passing an examination, meeting the financial require-

verify contractor credentials and be aware of unlicensed

individuals offering repair services in the aftermath of

ments, and completing continuing education courses.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this year's hurricane season is expected to be above normal, as above average Atlantic Ocean temperatures lay the groundwork. The outlook for the season predicts a 60% chance of an above-normal season. NOAA anticipates 13 to 19 named storms during the season, with 6 to 10 of them potentially developing into hurricanes. The hurricane season officially runs from June 1st to November 30th, with the peak season typically occurring between August and October.

A quote from NOAA's prediction states, "As we witnessed last year with significant inland flooding from hurricanes Helene and Debby, the impacts of hurricanes can reach far beyond coastal communities," said Acting NOAA Administrator, Laura Grimm. "NOAA is critical for the delivery of early and accurate forecasts and warnings, and provides the scientific expertise needed to save lives and property."

"Each year during hurricane season, we see an increase in fraudulent activity by individuals posing as legitimate contractors," states Ryan Cody, Executive Director at the NCLBGC. "We strongly encourage homeowners to protect themselves by verifying that any contractor they hire holds a valid North Carolina general contractors license."

The NCLBCG reminds North Carolinians of the following:

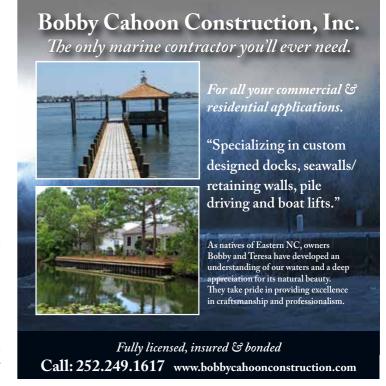
- Any project quoted at \$40,000 or more requires a valid NC general contractors license.
- Projects less than \$40,000 do not require a license. However, hiring a NC licensed general contractor may offer security in knowing that you have contracted with a general contractor who is authorized to per-

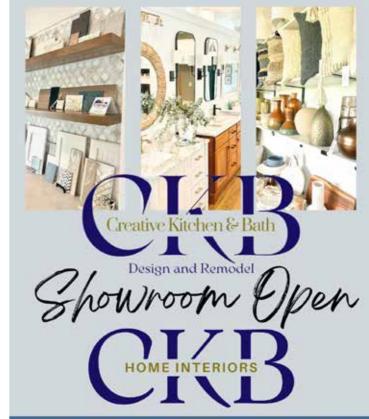
form work in NC. Ask for proof that the contractor is licensed. The NCLBGC does not recognize licenses issued by other states or countries. Citizens can verify if the contractor is properly licensed in North Carolina by 1) searching on the NCLBGC's website at www. nclbgc.org; 2)calling the NCLBGC at (919)-571-4183.

- Be wary of door-to-door repair solicitations or people who demand deposits or payments in cash.
- Contact your insurance company for guidance before beginning any work. Do not make a large deposit or upfront payment in full. Require a written contract that details the work to be done, materials to be used, a payment schedule that is based on completion of work and a timeline for work to be completed. A licensed general contractor is required to list their license number on all contracts.
- Do not make payments before work specified on the payment schedule is completed.
- Do not make payments for any work not specified in the contract unless it has been submitted and approved in writing by you before the additional work begins.
- Request a Certificate of Insurance from the contractor and verify it is valid by contacting the party who issued it.
- Before making final payment, evaluate the completed work and require the contractor to confirm that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid to eliminate potential liens on your property.
- Contact the local building inspections and permitting office to determine if permits are required to assure building code compliance. If permits are required, confirm with the permit office that the contractor has acquired them before construction begins.
- Contact local law enforcement if you suspect you are being scammed by a contractor.
- Contact the NC Attorney General's office if you suspect you are being price gouged by the contractor at https://ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint/price-gouging/ or call toll free within North Carolina at (877)-5-NO-SCAM or (877)-566-7226.

The NCLBGC is the state agency that issues licenses to approximately 30,000 licensed general contractors in North Carolina. Additional information is available at nclb-gc.org or by calling or (919) 571-4183.







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### Oriental Woman's Club July 2025 Yard of the Month



Fran and Phil Smith's home, located at 506 Midyette Street, has been selected as July 2025 Yard of the Month. Fran's roots run deep in Oriental, as her Grandparents once owned the home on Broad Street, where Nautical Wheelers now resides.

You're immediately drawn to the beautiful lime light hydrangeas, an array of various colored knockout roses and hibiscus, as well as the beautiful arbor and tea roses to the right side of the home. The water fountain and swing in the arbor area lend comfort and serenity. Knockout roses complete the fence line. A beautiful Japanese maple and magnolia complement the front yard.

This gorgeous yard is truly a delight to see!









HOURS: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday – Saturday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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I am an actor born in California on July 8, 1977. I wrestled in high school and also acted in drama productions. During my career I have played a son of a famous boxer, a rebel love interest, and a beloved dad who died tragically.

Answer: Milo Ventimiglia





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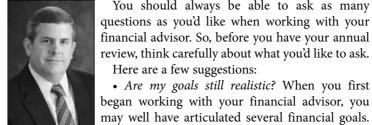
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## Questions to Ask Your Financial Advisor



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Here are a few suggestions: • Are my goals still realistic? When you first

For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children's college education, or that you'd like to retire at age 55, or that you hope to travel internationally every year during retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you're saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you'll certainly want to ask whether you're still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you've been following; but if you aren't, you may need to adjust them. The same is true if your goals have changed. You and your financial advisor will want to build a strategy to address any new or different goals such as emergency cash needs,

having adequate insurance protection or estate planning. • Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk? Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.

• How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy? Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.

• How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio? Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it.

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## EXTENSION Pamlico County

## Moisture Brings Mosquitoes

Daniel Simpson, County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



With an increase in summertime precipitation, residents should not be surprised to see an increase in biting insects. Biting flies and mosquitoes are the most common of these in Pamlico County, with the former being particularly troublesome all summer long. Let us discuss what options

are available to manage these insects and how we can protect ourselves and our sanity from their annoyance.

Biting midges (Culicoides sp.) are small, sometimes barely-visible, blood-sucking flies more commonly known in many areas as biting gnats, sand flies, biting midges, punkies or "no-see-ums." Their biting activity is extremely annoying, and during the past few months have been prevalent across all of Pamlico County. These insects breed in areas with fresh and saltwater habitats, with the immature larval stages feeding on decaying organic matter from wet mud and sand, and even decaying seaweed. Adults feed on liquid substances ranging from plant juices to body fluids of insects and the blood of vertebrates. Females of many species feed on mammals, including people, using these blood meals to produce eggs.

Control of these insects is difficult because only community wide insecticide applications can reduce populations, and even then, only last a few days. With new generations of flies constantly being produced during warm weather months, chemical control is short lived. Physical barriers (window screens, clothing) and insect repellents are your best options. However, personal experience shows these options are often less than satisfactory if the populations are large. A fine mesh head net with repellent applied is the best method of relief that this author has found. If you would like more information on biting flies, visit the NC State Extension note titled "Biting Midges and Their Control" at https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/biting-midges-and-their-control.

Mosquitoes may also be on the rise following recent precipitation. Mosquitoes breed in and around water, requiring this moisture to hatch eggs and support larval development. This means any standing body of water, no matter how small, can support mosquito development. "Tip & Toss" is the standard recommendation for mosquito control, which means anything that holds water should be either tipped over to drain or thrown away to remove it from the landscape. However, in coastal communities like Pamlico County, escape from mosquitoes is often not possible. Community wide control efforts are the most effective means of reducing populations and require everyone in your neighborhood to participate.

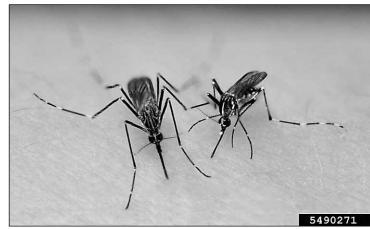
Insecticides applied to landscapes (trees, yards, perimeter) may reduce populations in the short-term, but if rain or mois-

ture persist mosquitoes will return. Mosquito "dunks" may also provide some control in small bodies of water that never dry up. These products contain a bacterial toxin that kills the immature insects but does not harm fish, birds, or humans.

Follow the label directions of any insecticide product you use carefully. Read the label and find the section titled "Precautionary Statements" for information

related to safety in the environment. Even if a product is described as "safe for the environment" or "non-toxic", a registered insecticide, by definition, is meant to kill insects. Do not assume that low human toxicity means you can apply these products in shorts or flip flops. Read the directions carefully and use the proper protective equipment. For more information on managing mosquitoes, visit the NC State Extension Mosquito note at https://entomology.ces.ncsu.edu/mosquito-control-around-homes-and-in-communities/.

As with biting flies, repellents and physical barriers provide some protection from mosquitoes. Products containing the active ingredient "DEET" are considered the most effective but other options are available. Read and follow the label directions



when applying repellents, as some products have very specific requirements or limitations. For more information on the use of insect repellents, visit the NC State Extension Repellent note at https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/insect-repellent-products.

Please remember that everyone has their own tolerance for nuisance insects and what is acceptable to one person may not be for another. Complete control of nuisance insects is impossible within the environment and landscape. The most effective control strategies require large scale participation (county, municipal, neighborhood).

For more information on this or related subjects, please contact Daniel Simpson at (252)-745-4121 or Daniel\_simp-

## Keep the barbecue fired up

Backyard barbecues remain popular even when the summer slowly begins to wind down. Though traditional favorites like hamburgers and hot dogs always have a place at the table, grilling afficionados may be on the lookout for new recipes to test their skills.

"Buttermilk Chicken Kebabs" from "Casablanca: My Moroccan Food" (Firefly Books) by Nargisse Benkabbou does not disappoint. Even though buttermilk is not a traditional Moroccan ingredient, the author uses it to tenderize the chicken and make these kebabs even more mouthwatering with an added hint of tang. These smoky skewers can be enjoyed on their own, or cooked and added to salads or served on flatbreads.

#### **Buttermilk Chicken Kebabs** Serves 4 as a starter

cup buttermilk

- cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped 1/2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
  - tablespoons lemon juice
- tablespoons olive oil
- tablespoon clear honey
- teaspoon ground turmeric
- teaspoon ground ginger teaspoon ground cumin
- teaspoon salt, or more to taste 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
  - pound, 2 ounces boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into bite-sized chunks



Place all of the ingredients, except the chicken, in a large bowl and stir to combine. Add the chicken and turn to coat with the marinade. Cover with the plastic wrap and leave to marinate in the fridge for

When ready to serve, thread the pieces of chicken onto skewers. Preheat a barbecue or heat a griddle or skillet over high heat. Place the skewers on your barbecue or skillet and cook for 5 minutes on each side, turning every now and then, until golden on all sides and cooked through. Serve immediately.

## AROUND THE COUNTY

#### Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



When I say this was a busy, busy week I really mean it! With the Croaker Festival last weekend, the Pamlico Chorale practicing with the Pamlico Brass at the Catholic Church on Tuesday, company coming in for the 4th of July, people taking their boats out for the weekend, the Pamlico Brass and the Pamlico Chorale performing for the official opening of the

Croaker Festival at 4:00p.m. on Friday, the parade and the Marine Band on Saturday, many vendors and lots of folks in spite of the heat for the grand opening of the festival, and the grand finale with the fireworks on Saturday evening. Some of the family watched the fireworks from Jeanna's porch. Church at Bethel on Sunday was very patriotic starting with the Pledge to the America Flag followed by the

Star Spangled Banner and patriotic hymns. There were seventeen for the service. My grandson Noah flew to Chicago for the graduation of a high school friend from Military School. My neighbor Pat from Reidsville's daughter Jennie and son Izzy were here. Izzy did a lot of fishing from the dock but only caught one fish. Kevin, Eric, and Kelly sailed to the Other Banks but came back early because of the weather. Maura and Melydia took their boat to Oriental for the festivities there. Thanks to the Pamlico Chorale for withstanding the hot weather to sing on Friday for the festival.

WE WERE SO THANKFUL TO GOD FOR HOLDING OFF THE RAIN FOR MOST OF THE FESTIVAL.

#### Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



I pray you had a safe and happy 4th of July. As always, it is a blessing to see the flags go up in the town of Stonewall, but other towns display their patriotic spirit as well. Even Ms. Lib at "Cut A Head" on Main Street in Aurora has the most wonderful decorations around. You should go by and take a look at her window and go inside if she

is open and check out all her patriotic decorations. It is an excellent place to get your hair cut while admiring all the decorations if you happen to be there on Wednesday through Saturday,

Oriental celebrated the 45th Croaker Festival. My sister, Mildred Harrison, one of the members of the Jr, Women's Club who started the Croaker Festival in 1980, was on a float with Sally Belangia, Linda Caroon, Linda Holton, Diane McDaniel, Janice Shorey, and Mary Weingart. These women were the grand marshals of the parade this year. The parade seemed to have the best attendance ever, and of course, "the oldest croaker," Mrs. Faye Bond was there on her own float. It was a wonderful nostalgic parade, because there was a beautiful red Farm-all tractor exactly like the one we used to farm tobacco, corn, and cucumbers in Pamlico when I was a little girl.

As always the choral and the Pamlico Community Band opened the festivities at the stage on the waterfront to begin the festival. My daughter, Joannis and her husband, Walt Summerlin were in Pamlico for the festival. They reconnected with the Community Band director, Dave Falardeau, who played music with Walt as part of an Elvis Tribute band called "Elvis and the E'ssentials."

In the early years of the Croaker Festival, the Oriental Methodist men actually fried croakers and sold plates beside the parsonage. I saw a lobster food truck and other venders that were not local, so it "ain't" quite the same small-town atmosphere. In the early days, there were no food trucks just churches and civic groups representing the county.

The biggest excitement in the Pamlico community was when on their way back to the farm Friday evening, Joannis and Walt saw a huge bear on Straight Road.

Celebrating birthdays in July are Charles Alexander and Brian Ellenberg (7/8), Floyd Peed (7/10), Tal Hudgins (7/13), Penny \$ Farmer (7/14), Charles Stackhouse (7/15), Annette Jones (7/17), Jeannine Russo (7/18), Joanne Gwaltney Ashton (7/22), Mark Norman (7/23), Stephen Carey, Kenneth Dixon, and Karen Keast (7/24), Doug Spain, Chris Spain (7/25), Gladys Wright (7/26), Ed Kelleher (7/29), and Bertha Gilliam (7/31). Celebrating their anniversary in July are Cathy and Brent Fulcher (7/24).

Have a blessed week. Zealous? Take Spiritual Vitamin Z. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, Zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14)

#### Aurora Joy McCracken, Correspondent



There is something comforting about still seeing folks selling watermelon out of the back of their pickups and conjuring up remembrances growing up. You need to go by the Dollar General parking lot and see Mary Jo for your fresh produce needs (this week's photo). She is there each Friday from 8:30 until she runs out with enticing items like cherries, cantaloupe, green beans and much more.

The big news is that Chuck and Michelle Bonner are retiring from Frank & Shirley's. We wish them well and know the new owners, Travis and Tina Manley, will keep us happy and fed. They reopen July 14. I understand the Wayside Restaurant is for sale and is currently closed.

Augh. The '80's are back at 8 am; sounds like a radio show, doesn't it? One day I heard a Bob White over in the woods. A Canadian family flotilla are coming and going on the creek. Only a few Gulls around. Have seen several Dolphin sightings. There is a definite reduction of pots on the creek. It seems there is better crabbing on the south side.

Earlier in late spring we had a Wren nest up against the gutter and house. Later they appeared to have set up a second nest, in the same area but lower to the deck. Things are quiet now; everyone must have fledged. A swanee, those birds will build a nest in a 60's bouffant hairdo if you let them. The feeder has been invaded by House Finches and Cowbirds. Having a consistent number of Hummingbirds at four now.



The Aurora Lion's Club is starting a support ground for the visually impaired. Their regular meetings are the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Community Watch Building. For more information call Catherine Revels at 252-229-3678.

If you are seeing any Turkeys please check out the Wild Turkey Summer Observation Survey sponsored by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. I've got a hen hanging about at the end of the road.

#### Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, Correspondent



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening! I hope that all of you are well and had a fantastic July 4th holiday. I know I enjoyed some much needed time off! That time off that did not include working around the house, seems there is always something to do even if you just rent. Every time I

think I will be able to skip a week mowing we will get a little rain and it will shoot right up overnight. Who am I kidding though I love to mow my grass, always have since I was a kid. I remember one year for my birthday I even asked for my own mower. I have been mowing grass since I could see through the handle, not over it but under it! I do some of my best problem solving on a mower. I put my head phones on and some music that fits my attitude for the day. Away I go! I always feel more relaxed and calm after mowing the yard. I was brought up that if you knew you had company coming the grass would be mowed and the house would be cleaned!

My wife and I were out and about, as we usually are on the weekends, we visited at our favorite place for coffee the Bean. We really do enjoy that place. Something about sitting there watching people and the harbor. We always see something new. We went to the Croaker Festival early Friday morning before it got hot and busy. The vendors were still setting up even though I had read they were supposed to be set up at a certain time most were just getting there or started which I'm sure is quite frustrating to the organizers of the event. I wanted to scope prices for artwork and photography type stuff as I would like to set up next year. Not quite sure I'm ready for that! It would, I think take quite a bit of inventory as well as tables and displays. Food for thought I guess.

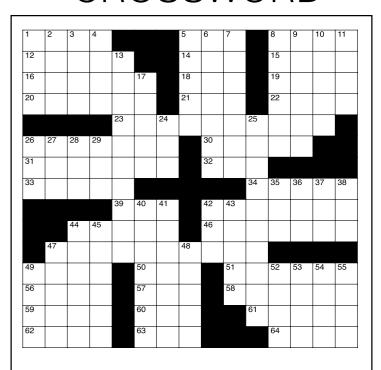
I hated to see the rain move in on Saturday as I know it hurt all the businesses and people down enjoying our great county. They

were still able to pull of a phenomenal fireworks show as always!! While we were at the Bean this past week we met a nice young lady from Duke that has been down this summer helping our health dept and community. Her name was Grace, although we



didn't know that until the last time we saw her. I, of course, took her picture and gave it to her. She was like you did the same thing for one of her friends. I love putting smiles on peoples faces with a picture that they had no idea was being taken. Those moments are real. I always do them in black and white because black and white tells a story. I will be writing about her in my blog. If you enjoy my writing I invite you to check my blog out. Most of it is about creating Mill Creek Photography but it will be ever growing as my mind takes me in different directions. Check in out at www.millcreekphotography.zenfoliosite.com

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42. Evading

51. Extreme

61. Gloomy

44. Minute, one-celled unit

47. A country in W Africa

50. Pointed end of a pen

58. Member of U.S. Navy

59. Mens' fashion accessories

63. Between south and southeast

57. Doctors' group

60. A way to allow

62. Grads wear one

64. Jaguarundi cat

49. One point north of northeast

56. Norse personification of old age

46. Losing one's hair

34. Hip joints

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1.50 percent
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charlize Theron flick "\_\_ Flux" 39. A place to bathe 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and
- 32. No seats available
- self-centered person
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 2. Hormone 3. The standard monetary
- unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges 5. Electronic communication

1. Snakes do it

- 6. Artilleries 7. "Strangers on a Train" actor
- Farley 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance 48. A way to lessen
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new 27. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 28. Court case: v. Wade 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat 55. Unit of measurement
- A N ОМ 0 L 0 G В Α МА L Ε Ε R

#### **COUNTY OF PAMLICO** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pamlico, North Carolina has scheduled a Public Hearing as follows:

**DATE: July 21, 2025** TIME: 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE: County Commissioner Meeting Room** 202 Main Street Bayboro, NC 28515

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public on the following proposed amendments:

- Solar Energy Ordinance
- Wind Energy Ordinance

#### Please note the following:

During regular business hours, the full text of the following proposed amendments can be obtained from the Clerk to the Board at the County Manager's Office located at 302 Main Street, Bayboro, NC (Phone Number: 252-745-3133, Email: tracy.boyd@pamlicocounty.org)

#### **Public Hearing for the Town of Vandemere**

A Public Hearing for the proposed fishing pier will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Vandemere Town Hall, 1042 Pennsylvania Avenue, Vandemere, NC 28587.

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Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from the Town's website at www.TownofOriental.com and questions can be directed to the Town Manager at manager@ townoforiental.com The Town reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals.

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#### **INCIDENTS**

June 26, N. Third St., Bayboro, assault on Government Official or em-

June 26, Kennels Beach Rd., Grantsboro, vehicle tow

June 27, NC Hwy 306, Grantsboro, juvenile complaint

June 27, Fairview Ct, Bayboro, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence June 27, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest cruelty to animals (M) June 27, Country Club Dr., Minnesott Beach, simple assault, injury to personal property

June 27, Main St., Bayboro, failure to appear possess marijuana up to ½ oz., failure to appear possess marijuana paraphernalia

June 27, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, obtain property by false pretenses, possess of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana, identity theft, unauthorized use of motor vehicle/car without consent of owner

June 28, Hardison St., Alliance, failure to appear leave pot/gill net unat-

June 29, Florence St., Merritt, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence June 29, Cooper Rd., Alliance, injury to personal property, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000, injury to personal property

June 29, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, order for arrest for failure to appear, simple possession of Schedule VI controlled substance, possession of marijuana paraphernalia

June 30, Farnell St., Bayboro, simple assault

June 30, Main St., Bayboro, found wallet

June 30, Lee Landing Rd., New Bern, death investigation

June 30, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, obtain property by false pretenses

June 30, Hudson Lane, New Bern, family offenses, nonviolent, verbal

June 30, Moores Swamp Rd., New Bern, order for arrest fail to wear seatbelt, order for arrest driving while license revoked, not impaired re-

July 1, N. Third St., Bayboro, possession with intent to sell/manufacture/distribute controlled substance Schedule VI. simple possession of Schedule III controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance by an inmate

July 1, Lovick Lee Rd., Arapahoe, warrant for arrest misdemeanor larceny/possess stolen property

July 2, N. Third St., Bayboro, assault on government official or employee July 2, Foxwood Trail Rd., New Bern, domestic violence prevention order

#### REPORTS

#### **PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

June 11, PIN M02-3; 10 AC Upper Spring Creek from Francis J. Gannon, III to Harry Lee Carpenter,

June 11, Deed for Highway Right of Way; 0.056 AC, see instrument; Replace Bridge No. 680067 over Sandhill Canal from Riggs Custom Builders, LLC to Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation, \$3 June 11, Blackwell Cemetery Lot: 19A MB 11/68, Blackwell Ceme-

tery Lot: 19B MB 11/68, Blackwell Cemetery Lot: 24A MB 11/68, Blackwell Cemetery Lot: 24B MB 11/68, 24D195 from Julia C.Tingle, Julia C. Tingle/EXR, Dorothy S. Tingle/ST, Linda T. Burton, Raymond A. Tingle, Jr. to Clay W. Caroon, Christy P. Caroon, \$24

June 11, Cutter Bay Lot: 86 2.58 AC PCB 15-8 & PCB 13-9, PIN H042-70-86 from Cutter Bay LLC to Timothy K. Pero, Brenda C. Pero, \$80

June 12, Commissioner's Deed; PIN K052-12; 61/100 AC Map in DB239/545 & MB 12/45 from Bark B. Bardill/COMR, Nancy T. Wyman, Nancy Sullens Wyman, Wade Wayne Wyman, Michael W. Wyman, Joseph W. Wyman, Pamlico County to Yursa Properties Deed Enterprises, LLC, Yursa Properties and Deed Enterprises. LLC, \$15

June 12, Commissioner's Deed; PIN I-42-99; 0.46 AC Parcel A Map in DB 294/318 from Mark B. Bardill/COMR, Frederick D. Wilson, Brian E. Moore, Shane Wilson, Bernika S. Wilson to Alexis N. Hollowell, Michael A. Hollowell, \$9 June 12, Pecan Grove Mari-

na 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A DB 334/140 & DB 352/697, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17, Pecan Grove Marina Boat Slip 223 PCA 173-10 from Richard L. Higgens, Susan J. Petrie to Matthew D. Evans, \$65

June 13, Alexander Lot: 2 PCA 70-1 from Phillip Mayo, Ashley Mayo to Daniel Beute, Alexandria Beute, \$830

June 13, 0.80 AC Oriental Rd (SR 1308) Map Attached from Sojka Living Trust, Cynthia Pressler Steenstra/TR, Sherry Pressler/ TR, Chester Pressler/TR, James Pressler/TR, James B. Pressler/ TR to Oriental Cottages, LLC,

June 13, Mason Bay Lot: 9 PCA 49-2; Map DB 515/663 & DB 471/85, Mason Bay Lot: 9A PCA 49-2; Map DB 515/663 & 471/85, Mason Bay Lot: 10 PCA 49-2 from Jeffrey M. Pappas to Steven W. Rose, \$598

June 13, 17,971 Sq. Ft. Tract 1 & 14,847 Sq. Ft. Tract 2 from Bay River Capital, LLC to Bay River Capital, LLC, \$0

June 13, Quit Claim Deed; One Tract S/S Rich Rd (Rich Ave) Bayboro from Linda Rich Vest. Linda Rich Mills. Linda E.R. Vest to Eric L. Rich. \$0

June 13, Taylor Neck Estate Lot: 7 Section 1 PCA 123-3 Life Estate from Jerry B. Midyette, Sherre L. Midyette to Jerry B. Midyette, Jr., Candida B. Midyette, \$0

June 13, 3.2 Lot 1 Folly Rd (SR 1324) & Springs Creek Rd (SR 1325); 0.78 AC Lot 1-A Metes & Bounds from Ivesta Johnson, Mario Hunter to Ivesta Johnson, \$0

ment Area Tract 4 from Bybee Holdings, LLC to SC Property Investments, LLC, \$1,250

June 16, 1.05 AC PCB 19-17; Ease-

June 16, 3.7 AC E/S NC Hwy 306 Arapahoe PCA 129-3 from Jasper Tvrone Robertson, Brandi Prescott Robertson to Phillip Mayo, Ashley Mayo, \$954

June 16, Lake Minnesott Estates Section VIII Lot: 39 Country Club Dr, Arapahoe, PCA 69-6, PIN F093-839 from Patrick O'Donnell, Patricia A. O'Donnell, Patricia A. Dixon to Patrick O'Donnell, Patricia A. O'Donnell

June 16, Moores Creek Lot: 1 Phase I PCA 74-8, Moores Creek Lot: 2 Phase I PCA 74-8, PINS K05-9-1 & K05-9-2 from Bear Town Rentals, LLC to Garrett Litfin, Page Litfin, \$334

June 16, Oriental Harbor Village Marina Dock A Boat Slip 28 CB 1/78, 1/101, 1/104 & 1/135 from Bybee Holdings, LLC to Wout Vantellingen, Deborah Van Tellingen, \$136 June 16, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: D Lot: 55 MB 5/84 from Amy B. Crowley, Jon B. Abrams to Daniel McVicar, Lee Anne McVicar, \$1,150 June 17, Und Int One Tract Metes & Bounds (Joshua Hill Land) from Diana S. Edgerton, Karen E. Bass,

Lauren Boyer to Karen E. Bass,

Lauren Boyer, \$0

June 17, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A DB 334/140 & 352/697, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17, Pecan Grove Marina Phase 4 Boat Slip 243 PCA 173-10 from Cox Family Properties, L.L.C., Cox Family Properties, LLC to Sean Pollin, Melissa Pollin, \$90

June 17, Cutter Bay Lot: 15 7.27 AC PCB 16-5 & PCB 13-9 PIN H042-70-15 from Cutter Bay LLC to Littlejohn Blackston Holdings, LLC, \$400 June 17, Oriental Harbor Village Marina Boat Slip 33 Dock C CB 1/78, 1/101, 1/104 & 1/135 from John A. Thomas to Alan Wells, Mary Wells, \$90

June 17, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 14 Section V MB 11/55 from Sergei Lissotchenko to David Bilodeau, Glenda Golden Bilodeau,

June 17, Lot 12 PCA 121-10 NC Hwy 306 & Ann Drive from David R. Lauginiger, Kimberly Ann Lauginiger to David Lauginiger, \$0

June 18, Deed for Highway Right of Way; 0.060 AC Area One & 0.053 AC Area Two; Replace Bridge No. 680067 over Sandhill Canal from Douglas C. Boyd, Jesse R. Boyd, Testamentary Trust B U/W/O, Jesse R. Boyd, Testamentary Trust B to Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation, \$6

June 18, Lot 7 MB 11/64 & PCA 24-7 from Paul C. Fairbank, Shelagh Kip Fairbank to Otto Rodzel, Margaret M. Rodzel, \$1,100

June 18, 1.60 AC W/S NC Hwy 306 Arapahoe from Eric W. Morris, Wendy I. Morris, Wendi I. Tijerinas to Makayla M. Hardy, Jacob M. Sawyer, \$430

June 18, Sea Harbour Condominium Yacht Club Boat Slip 42 CB 1/71 from Bert J. Ward, Kathleen B. Ward, Sea Harbour Condominium Yacht Club, Inc. to John Wesley Stone, Nicolle Jean Stone, \$36

June 18, PIN F082-69; 0.46 AC Kershaw Rd Arapahoe Map Attached from Clndi M. Quay/TR, Merta Living Trust to Quick Property Solutions, Inc., \$200

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## **Summer Reading Tips for Parents**

By: Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities



Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills.

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment.

Reading builds visualization, thinking and language abilities. Taking the time to read with your child can help you evaluate your child's reading skills. If you discover that your child is having trouble with reading, he or she may have a learning disability. 80% of children with a learning disability have difficulty with basic reading and language. But early identification of such a disability gives a child the chance to develop ways to learn how to read effectively, and skills to lead a successful and productive life. A recent National Institutes of Health study showed that 67% of young students at risk for reading difficulties became average or above average readers after receiving help in the early grades.

Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this sum-

#### 1. Read aloud together with your child every

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

#### 2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

#### 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of the mind

and build capacity for thought and insight.

- 4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.
- It will only discourage the reading habit.
- 5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

### 6. Take your children to the library regu-

Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

#### 8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

#### 9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards,

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

#### 10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

## How to show support for local nonprofits

Making a difference in one's community is a worthy goal. There are many paths a person can take to be a catalyst for change. One of the easiest ways to make positive change is to support nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit organizations make it their missions to serve specific causes — whether those causes are the environment, a certain demographic of people, animals, schools, or social issues. Supporting nonprofit groups furthers a worthy cause and even benefits those who lend their support. According to Waterford.org, an equitable learning organization, supporting nonprofits can lead to a greater sense of happiness, improved mental health and a stronger sense of purpose and fosters a greater number of social connections. There are



many different ways to be involved with nonprofit groups.

- Make financial donations. Nonprofit organizations require funding to meet their missions. Support from donors can cover operating costs and ensure missions are not stalled or canceled due to lack of funding.
- Engage in peer-to-peer fundraising. Sharing information about an organization with others and asking them to support the nonprofit is known as peer-to-peer fundraising. This can happen by word-of-mouth advertising on social media, asking for fundraising for a cause in lieu of traditional birthday or special event gifts, or sharing fliers or other advertisements around town. This type of fundraising is especially valuable because it does not require nonprofit organizations to allocate their own resources in order to generate donations.
- Provide PTO time to willing volunteers. Business owners in a community can be sure their employees have adequate paid time off to volunteer with local nonprofits. A company may establish a set amount of hours or days per quarter or month that can be used for volunteerism in any aspect.
- Sponsor an event. While private individuals can sponsor events, the collective resources of a business or other group, such as a school, may be better equipped to spearhead a charity event.
- Participate in or attend an event. Even if you cannot donate or sponsor an event, you can still be involved. Showing up to support a cause can help raise awareness and inspire nonprofit workers and volunteers.

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