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Oriental's History Museum presents The History of Sailing in Oriental

August 1 - October 25

by: Hiram Lupton



Known as the Sailing Capital of North Carolina, Oriental is happy to show off its sailing prowess! Come visit the Museum to learn about the town's sailing history, sailing socials, and local sailing clubs dating back to the 1960's. We will also be holding "Evening at the Museum" Speaker Events for all areas of sailing. Oriental's History Museum is located at 802 Broad Street. Hours are: Friday 11-3, Saturday 1-4. Admission is always free, donations gratefully accepted. For more information contact us: OrientalHistoryMuseum@gmail.com.

Feeling Ghostly? Need Some Spirit?

Audition August 2 for Historical Society's Fall Ghostwalk

NEW BERN, NC The New Bern Historical Society is looking for a few good ghosts. Whether you are a spirited novice or have lots of ghostly experience, the Historical Society wants you to portray the historic characters in this year's Ghostwalk. Ghostwalk brings to life noted personalities from New Bern's past who tell their stories. There's no need to worry though, all the apparitions in these stories are from the pages of history, not from science fiction. Each year a new and different batch of spirits appear. Auditions will be on Saturday, August 2, 11am-1 pm at the Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern.

Kim Deal, Program Director, is looking for volunteers, both men and women to play the phantom roles. All the roles are adult characters, but responsible teens with a parent are invited to audition to play the adult roles. "Whether you are a veteran actor or new to the stage, we would love to have you come out for this fun and exciting New Bern tradition." No preparation is necessary. Participants will be asked to read from scripts. Those selected as ghosts will learn a script and participate in at least 3 rehearsals prior to Ghostwalk. They will perform at one of the many ghost sites including Cedar Grove Cemetery for all three nights. Ghostwalk will take place the evenings of October 23-25, 2025.



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6-12 School Construction Progressing on Schedule

by: Hiram Lupton

Walls are going up, and up, and construction of Pamlico County's new 6 through 12 school is progressing nicely. "There is still a long way to go, but we are on schedule and where we need to be," says Henry Rice, Director of Operations for Pamlico County schools and the main liaison between the school system and MetCon, the contractor in charge of the project. MetCon Construction Superintendent Justin Fout concurs. "You are always going to have little problems crop up on projects of this size, but we work together to solve them without setbacks. I'm confident we will finish on schedule and have a beautiful school for Pamlico County." At the MetCon construction office, there is a constant reminder of the completion date in the form of the count down clock that is constantly running. "It is always running, always there to see" says Fout, "but you really don't feel any pressure, at least not until it drops below 100 days. That is the serious time." Weather is his biggest worry. "It is something that is out of our control. Rain and wind are a fact you have to face on

a construction site. You just hope that you don't have a prolonged period of bad weather such as a hurricane or tropical storm." There are often as many as 150 laborers at the site, from plumbers, electricians, masons, and equipment operators. The goal is to keep them working to reach completion at the end of the 2026 school year. Demolition of the old school building will begin shortly after that. The area where the current school sits will be where the driveway entrances and paved parking area for the new school will be. These will not quite be ready when the new school open for the 2026-27 school year, but should be completed a few weeks after opening. An important milestone in the construction project will take place this week. A topping-off ceremony is scheduled for this Thursday. This is a celebratory event that marks the completion of a building's structural framework, specifically the placement of the final beam at the highest point of the structure. The latest milestone in the long road to a new school for Pamlico County.



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Alumni-led Pamlico Middle School Strategic Planning Group Announces Formal Nomination for Stonewall Site Preservation

Bayboro, NC...At the May 19, 2025 Pamlico County Board of Commissioners meeting, Imagine Pamlico's committee, Pamlico County Training/Central School - Strategic Planning Group (SPG), presented a proposal for preserving and repurposing the current Pamlico County Middle School (PCMS) after its anticipated decommissioning in Fall 2026. Since then, two major milestones have been surpassed. First, the SPG succeeded in obtaining a letter of support from the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners. Then, on June 12, 2025, after nearly 14 months and over 1,000 volunteer hours shared between fellow alumni, the SPG received confirmation that the National Registry Advisory Committee (NRAC) nominated the Pamlico County Middle School be added to the NC State's Historic Study List. This meeting was recorded and available on Youtube:

North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee - June 2025, starting at 5:43:08.

SPG Project Leader Douglas Pearsall, who transferred from the Community School in 1956 to Pamlico County Training/Central School (PCT/CS), attended from 2nd-12 grade and graduated from PCT/CS in 1966, recalls the enormous community support that has continuously motivated him, "At the inception of our efforts, we sent out a community survey and received nearly 300 signatures of community support within just a few weeks and have received even more since then." Pearsall commented on what has since followed those initial days, "I have been amazed at the overall support and coordination needed for internal and external communications required by



SPG Committee Members (L to R): Historian/Narrator Elizabeth Harwick, Project Manager and PCT/CS alumni Albert Bond and Project Lead Douglas Pearsall.



SPG Committee Members (L to R): Project Lead Doug Pearsall and Senior Advisor Steve Dudley Pearsall, both alumni of PCT/CS.

1983-June 1987), was the main author of the application and was instrumental in assembling the necessary historical documents, "Many of the people who shaped my life walked the halls of this school. I've long understood its role as a place of strength and learning during a time of unequal opportunity. This application is my

project affairs and the extensive effort needed for supporting all aspects of the project."

Steve Dudley, SPG Senior Advisor, enrolled in PCT/CS for grades 1-11 (1958-1969) before transferring to Pamlico County High School, described the amount of information required to assemble the application, "In order to substantiate our claims of the historical significance of the site, we had to go so far as to reach out to the National Archives at Atlanta. In the end, we knew the 70-page application provided the integrity and credibility needed for serious consideration."

SPG Project Manager Albert Bond, spent 1st-6th grade (1961-1965) at PCT/CS, transferred to Arapahoe Middle School, and then returned to PCT/CS for 9th grade before transferring to Pamlico County High School. With his decades of professional project management experience, Bond realized that the process, "required significant effort in organizing meeting and workshops, in reviewing and supporting the development of the documentation and providing general project support."

SPG Historian Elizabeth Harwick, who attended PCMS from 5th-8th grade (August

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Board of Elections Members Receive Oath

by: Hiram Lupton



At their regular July meeting last Tuesday, Members of the Pamlico County Board of Elections were administered the oath of office by Pamlico County Register of Deeds, Lynn Lewis. Returning to the Board for another two-year term are Mary Helen Boone, Delcine Gibbs, Duncan Harrison, and Russell Harrison. Joining them as a new member of the board will be Johanna Hicks. Harrison and Richard took their oaths remotely via video conference. Mr. Richard will be presiding over the Board as Chairman. The members of the County Board of elections are responsible for conducting local elections and administering election laws. Each member must be a registered voter, reside in the county they serve in, and be of good moral character. Four members of the board, two Democrats and two Republicans, are appointed by the State Board of Elections at the recommendation of the state chairs of their respective parties. The fifth member who serves as chair, is appointed and approved by the Governor. These appointments are done in even numbered years.



Prepare to be inspired this August! Broad Strokes Gallery (BSG) in Oriental is thrilled to launch our inaugural Summer Artist's Open Exhibition! It's a vibrant celebration marking our one-year anniversary, and we are inviting talented artists from near and far to share up to two of their finest works.

Get ready to discover captivating art from emerging and established names you may not have encountered before, alongside stunning new creations from our own cherished BSG member artists.

Join the excitement at our opening reception on Saturday, August 2, from 2-5 p.m.! Escape the summer heat, mingle with the artists, and refresh your senses with light refreshments while immersing yourself in a world of art. It's the perfect way to celebrate creativity and our anniversary!

Visit us at 730 Broad Street in Oriental. For details, call 252-249-6164 or explore broadstrokesgallery.weebly.com.

Broad Strokes Gallery is a proud program of the Pamlico Arts Council.

Military, Civilian Emergency Responders Exercise Aviation Mishap, July 31

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (July 28, 2025) — This is a public advisory of military and civilian training that will take place in Beaufort, North Carolina, during evening hours, July 31, 2025. The training is of medium scale that will involve military police, fire and emergency services, and military aircraft and personnel alongside local law enforcement and emergency responders exercising the scenario of an aircraft mishap. Though the training event is planned to take place on the grounds of Michael J. Smith Field, the community is advised that participating emergency vehicles are expected to run emergency lights, with possible sirens during the training. The training event is closed to the public. Members of the press should direct inquiries about this matter to MCAS Cherry Point Communication Strategy and Operations at 252-466-4241 or cherry-point@usmc.mil.

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND



Saturday, Aug 2nd

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Sunday, Aug 3rd

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Longtime Pamlico Community College Cosmetology instructor to retire in August

By Sandy Wall

After teaching hundreds of students how to help men and women look their best, Pamlico Community College Cosmetology Program Director/Instructor Debi Fulcher is hanging up her shears.

The upstate New York native, who has taught at the college since May 2007, will be retiring at the end of August.

“I got my cosmetology license in 1985,” Fulcher said recently. “I have been doing hair for 40 years.”

Along the way, she has trained and inspired scores of Pamlico students, many of whom have gone on to productive and rewarding careers. She also has become a familiar face to many in the community.

“Mrs. Fulcher is the heart and soul of our Cosmetology department,” said Derek Godwin, who oversees the college’s Bayboro-based programs. “She is the kind of leader whose kindness, dedication and quiet strength have held everything together for years.”

Fulcher is a natural when it comes to the cosmetic arts. She was first attracted to hair-styling as a girl after watching her aunt, who is a beautician.

“Just watching her, it seemed to be easy,” Fulcher said. “I pick up skills by watching others.”

She got her first hands-on experience at age 12 by cutting her younger brother’s hair – and she was good at it.

She and her family moved to Eastern North Carolina when she was in the ninth grade. After graduating from West Carteret High School in 1980, Fulcher worked several retail jobs, including grocery store cashier and convenience store manager.

One day, her stepfather mentioned Craven Community College was opening a new Cosmetology school in Havelock. Tired of ringing up grocery orders and stocking shelves, Fulcher enrolled in the program and thrived.

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Pamlico Community College Cosmetology Program Director/Instructor Debi Fulcher lives in Newport and commutes to Bayboro for work. Contributed photo



Cosmetology Program Director/Instructor Debi Fulcher shows the class photos that line the walls of Pamlico Community College’s Cosmetology Building in Bayboro. Contributed photo

After getting her state license, she began working as a cosmetologist. Fulcher earned a teacher’s license in 2004 and took a job teaching in Johnston Community College’s Cosmetology Department.

Her experience as an instructor at Johnston led her to apply for a position with Pamlico, and she has been here ever since.

“It’s hands-on,” Fulcher said about teaching. “The reason I wanted to do this is because I wanted them to know the right way to do things. When it clicks with them, you see that nice light bulb go off.”

She doesn’t just teach students all of the hands-on skills they’ll need in a salon. Fulcher also trains them how to work with the public, including how to connect and build rapport with clients so they can understand their customers’ wants and needs.

“I teach students what I know, and they build on that,” Fulcher said. “When they do that, they become better than me.”

Fulcher said she’s seen a lot of styles come and go – and come back again – during her four-decade career, including bouffant and updos, perms and bobs, mullets and pixie cuts, and, of course, bright and vivid colors.

What she hasn’t seen is a lot of time away from her job. A self-described “workaholic,” Fulcher is looking forward to some off time when she retires.

She and her husband of 39 years, Jesse, plan to travel to every state in the union. Fulcher hopes to reconnect with far-flung family members and visit popular attractions. She also plans to eat at restaurants featured on the TV show “Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives.”

Fulcher said she’ll continue to do hair for friends and family members, but won’t be taking on any new clients. And, of course, she’ll be thinking about her former colleagues and students.

“I’ll miss them,” Fulcher said.



Land/Home Sales
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Agent of the Week

Allen Propst
Owner/Broker/GRI

Here’s what one of Allen’s customers had to say...

Allen was unbiased in showing us homes, recommending the home that fit our requirements before he showed all of his listings. We were from out of town & Allen spent half of his Saturday giving us a tour of the area, stopping to introduce us to local sights. You could tell Allen was proud of his hometown. After we settled on the property, he continued to assist us with no restrictions. He will be on our Christmas card list from now on.

Bill & Mirna, Arapahoe



ORIENTAL – Spectacular waterfront views of Smith & Green Creeks from first floor unit at Oriental West Condos. B-7 is a 2BR/2BA unit w/ a 40’ x 16’ boat slip w/5’ controlling water depth. **OFFERED AT \$350,000**



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BAYBORO – Attention Investors: 3 rental properties must be sold together. Each is a 2BR/1BA home with a back deck. Close to New Bern, Grantsboro and Oriental. All 3 homes are leased. **OFFERED AT \$475,000**



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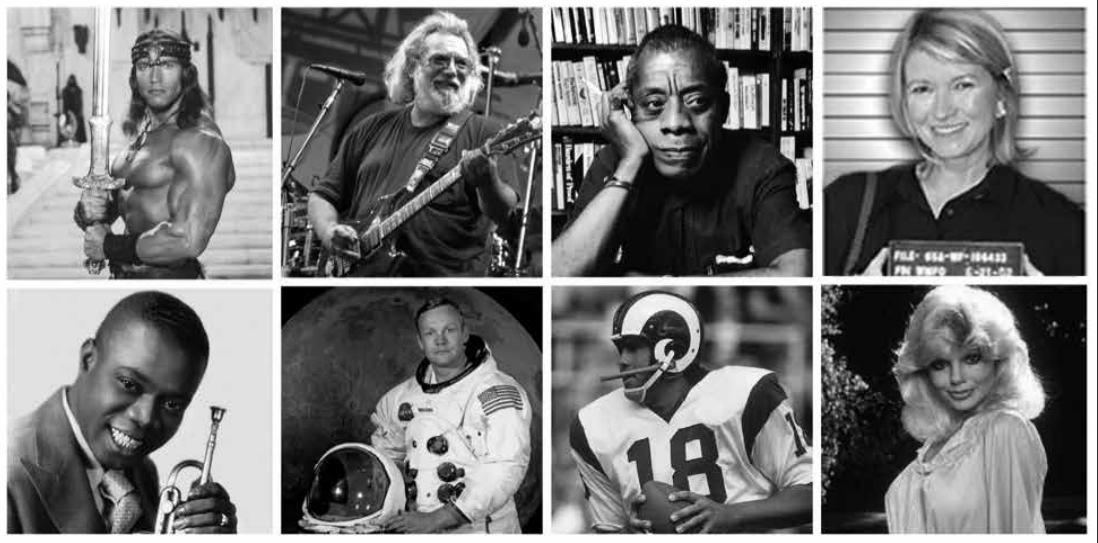
THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- July 30th – Today is National Cheesecake Day
- July 31st – 1971, Earthlings first used a “Lunar Rover” to ride around on the moon.
- August 1st – 1907, The U. S. Army establishes an aeronautical division. It would later evolve into the United States Air Force in 1947.
- August 2nd – Today is National Ice Cream Sandwich Day.
- August 3rd – Today is National Grab Some Nuts Day. I'll grab some Cashews.
- August 4th – 1790, What would become the United States Coast Guard was founded. It was known then as the Revenue Cutter Service or Revenue-Marine.
- August 5th – Today is National Oyster Day. My Dad always told me to eat oysters because “they would put lead in your pencil.” I was six and didn’t have a clue what he was talking about.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- July 30th – 1947, Actor and Politician Arnold Schwarzenegger
- August 1st – 1942, Jerome John Garcia (Jerry Garcia)
- August 2nd – 1924, Writer James Baldwin
- August 3rd – 1941, Martha Stewart
- August 4th – 1901, Jazz musician Louis Armstrong
- August 5th – 1930, Astronaut Neil Armstrong
- August 5th – 1940, Former NFL Quarterback Roman Gabriel (in Wilmington, NC)
- August 5th – 1946, Actress Loni Anderson




Everything I have, my career, my success, my family, I owe to America.
–Arnold Schwarzenegger

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This was prompted by a recent exchange of birthday cards with a friend in the United Kingdom

They raised the price of a stamp to 78 cents! Why I can remember when stamps were 3 cents and gas was 27 cents per gallon. But times have changed and we still get a bargain. I sent a birthday card to a friend in England and it cost \$1.70. He sent one to me and it cost Three pounds twenty pence, or \$4.32 at the current rate of exchange. Next time you want to complain about the price of a stamp I'll give you 78 cents and you can take it to California for me.


William Deighton
Arapahoe



Who says nothing is impossible? I've been doing nothing for years.

— Henny Youngman —

Food of the Month August: Canned Tuna or Chicken



PCFLO is selecting a Food of the Month for each month during 2025, and for August, our selection is canned tuna or chicken. Help provide **PCFLO** clients with nutritious protein by bringing canned chicken or tuna to your church during any Sunday in August. You can also bring canned chicken or tuna to the **PCFLO** collection box at the Food Pantry at 108 Straight Road in Oriental. Looking ahead to September, the Food of the Month will be turkey gravy. Thanks for your support!!

Concerned about your drinking?

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

- (If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)
- Tuesday 8pm** - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)
 - Thursday *7:30pm**** - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)
 - Friday 8pm** - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).
 - Sunday *7pm** – Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)
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COMMUNITY

Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation Awards Grant to Grant Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach

Feeding the Hungry grant increases access to nutritious food; provides nutrition education



ORIENTAL, NC - Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach (PCFLO) is pleased to announce it has received \$2,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. The “Nourishing Our Neighbors” grant supports community feeding partners as they tackle food insecurity and promote healthier lifestyles through nutritional education initiatives.

"Once again, thanks to a grant from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation, Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach is able to significantly increase our ability to feed the hungry in our county," said Raymond Ruppert, chair of the PCFLO Board of Directors. “With the increased cost of food and the increased demand for assistance, the timing of this grant could not be better. We are very fortunate to have such a strong partnership with Food Lion.”

The mission of PCFLO is to assist the people in Pamlico County who need food as determined by Pamlico County’s Social Services Department, as well as those who are experiencing emergency situations related to obtaining food. PCFLO is supported by nine county churches and the Oriental Rotary Club.

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across its 10-state footprint. Established in 2001, the foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding local neighbors in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$18.9 million in grants.

About The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C. Established in 2001, the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to eliminating hunger. The charitable foundation has provided more than \$18.9 million in grant funding, helping to nourish communities with fresh food for backpack programs, Kids Café’s, and other hunger-relief programs as well as funding for long-term programs to help shorten the lines at food banks. The charitable foundation partners with Feeding America, the nation’s largest hunger-relief agency, in addition to local food agencies serving the 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states in which Food Lion operates. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds.

About Food Lion

Food Lion is an omnichannel retailer committed to nourishing its neighbors during the moments that matter most. More than 82,000 associates across 1,100+ stores deliver an easy, fresh and affordable shopping experience throughout 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. Through its ‘Count on me’ culture, Food Lion fosters a sense of belonging for all associates, promoting a diverse and inclusive environment that has supported LGBTQ+ equality for nearly two decades. Food Lion is the only company in the country to be named an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for 23 consecutive years. It also pioneered a food rescue program to support food-insecure neighbors. Through Food Lion Feeds, the retailer has donated more than 1.5 billion meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 3 billion meals by 2032. Founded and based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Ahold Delhaize. For more information, visit foodlion.com.



Ozzy Osbourne, the heavy metal legend who dominated rock for decades as a solo artist and member of Black Sabbath, has died at the age of 76.

“Hating people isn’t a productive way of living. So what’s the point in hating anyone? There’s enough hate in the world as it is, without me adding to it. “
–Ozzy Osbourne

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You're on fire this week, Aries. Ideas are sparking left and right. Don't forget to slow down before you burn out. You want to showcase energy without creating chaos.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
This week is ideal for treating yourself to something great, Taurus. Money and love are both flowing in a way that is to your liking. The universe delivers for you right now.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, your words have power this week, so use them wisely or go wild. It's a great time to network, flirt or finally send that romantic text you've been thinking about.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
It's not a bad thing to have so many emotions flowing right now, Cancer. This week is ideal for reconnecting with your intuition or redecorating your space.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Get ready to shine again, Leo. You could be the center of attention and those around you love the show. You may also enjoy some career wins this week.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you're crushing your to-do list this week while others seem to be snoozing. Midweek brings you a curveball, but you can handle it with signature grace and organization.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Your charm is turned up to 100 percent right now, Libra. A chance encounter could ignite something sweet this week. Weigh your options regarding which path to pursue.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, this week you're serving up mysterious mastermind energy. People want your attention, but you are playing it really cool. Money or career secrets may come to light.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Adventure doesn't have to translate to a far-off trip, Sagittarius. It could mean a new idea or even a flirty conversation. If you're in the mood to explore, bring someone along.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you might be plotting your next power move, and this week the stars are backing you. You could be giving off boss energy, but don't forget to take care of yourself, too.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You're cool, quirky and full of surprises this week, Aquarius. Others are finally catching on to your appeal instead of trying to go up against you. A collaboration could spark genius.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Listen closely to your dreams this week, Pisces.. They are trying to tell you something. A creative streak could hit hard and it might lead to something truly magical.

LEO Traits & Overview

Leos are the star sign born between 23rd July 23 and 22nd August and are ruled by the Sun. This perfectly represents their innate belief that they are the centre-of-the-universe! That sounds annoying AF (it can be), but mostly you'll be happy to let them take centre-stage because they work hard for it. This sign of the zodiac is charming, warm, welcoming, funny, protective, and generally great company.

Leos love to lead, perform, talk, be admired and receive the praise and respect of others. They are naturally regal, and always assume a boss-like stance in any relationship or group dynamic. They are confident, bright and sexy people, though they can be jealous, controlling and possessive at their worst.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

You Have an Estate Plan — Whether You Know It or Not



Dan M. Roberts

Think estate planning is only for the wealthy or elderly? Think again. If you own anything — a home, a car, a savings account, even a pet — you already have an estate plan. The only question is: Did you create it, or will your state do it for you?

When someone passes away without an estate plan, state laws take over, deciding who gets what and when. This legal process may not reflect your wishes. That's why taking control of your assets through a personal estate plan should be a top priority.

At its core, estate planning is about clarifying your wishes and making things easier for your heirs. It ensures your assets are distributed according to your preferences, designates who will make decisions on your behalf if you can't and provides guidance for your care in a medical crisis. Most plans include four key components:

- 1. A Will** – This document outlines how your assets should be distributed after your death and names an executor to oversee the process in probate court. It can also designate guardians for minor children. Keep in mind that a will doesn't cover everything — certain transfer on death (TOD) accounts and jointly held property may bypass your will entirely.
- 2. Power of Attorney** – If you become incapacitated, you'll want someone you trust to be able to make decisions on your behalf. A durable power of attorney designates such a person, helping to ensure your bills are paid, your business continues (if you have one) and your wishes are honored.
- 3. Health Care Directive** – Sometimes called a living will, this document spells out your preferences for medical

treatment if you're unable to speak for yourself. It can also designate someone to make health care decisions for you.

- 4. Beneficiary Designations** – Accounts like 401(k)s, IRAs, and life insurance policies transfer directly to the people you name, regardless of what your will says. It's essential to review these beneficiary designations regularly, especially after significant life events such as marriage, divorce, death of a spouse or the birth of a child.

One common myth is that a will is all you need. But wills only take effect after death; they don't help if you're alive but unable to make decisions. Another misconception is that estate planning is only for the wealthy. In truth, planning is about more than money — it's about making things easier for the people you love during difficult times.

An effective estate plan can prevent costly legal battles, reduce confusion and give your loved ones a clear roadmap to follow. It also allows you to leave a legacy that reflects your values and priorities.

As your life changes, your estate plan should change along with it. Review your documents every few years or after major life events. It's often a good idea to seek help with such reviews. Your financial advisor or attorney can guide you through the process, ensuring your plan fits your unique circumstances.

In the end, estate planning isn't just about planning for what happens when you are gone. It's about feeling confident, knowing that what matters most — your family, your purpose, your legacy — is protected.

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State 4-H Presentation Champions!



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

Last month I shared our 4-H District Activity Day Presentation Superstars. If you didn't get to catch that article you might be wondering what 4-H presentations are, and how there could be presentation superstars. In North Carolina, 4-H presentations are a big part of the 4-H youth development program, which is run by NC State Extension. These presentations give youth ages 5–18 the opportunity to develop public speaking, research, and communication skills by preparing and delivering short talks or demonstrations on

topics they're passionate about.

Participants choose from a wide range of categories—from science and technology to arts, agriculture, and healthy living. They then compete at the county, district, and sometimes state levels, where they're judged on clarity, organization, creativity, and delivery.

On June 20th three of our Pamlico County 4-Hers traveled to Wayne Community College for the South East 4-H District Activity Day. Nearly 200 4-H youth from across the region came together to compete in presentation and 4-H Entertains competitions.

At District Activity Day Laura Adolphson and Sophia Adolphson competed in the Arts and Communication category, and Cecaily Odunusi presented in the Cloverbud category. (Cloverbuds are young 4-Hers ages 5–7 who participate but are not yet old enough to compete.)

After weeks of dedicated work—researching, writing, memorizing, developing slides, and practicing—Laura, Sophia, and Cecaily represented Pamlico County marvelously. Laura delivered an engaging and informative talk on How to Write Novellas, earning a silver medal in her category. Sophia impressed judges with her well-researched and dynamic presentation on The History of Manga, taking home the gold. Both Laura and Sophia demonstrated exceptional public speaking skills and a deep passion for their topics. All three of our Pamlico County delegates stood out as shining examples of what 4-H presentations are all about. We couldn't be prouder of all their hard work! But that is not where our story ends! Laura and Sophia both earned the right to attend NC 4H State Presentation Competition.

After a couple more weeks of dedicated practice, and taking the district judges feedback seriously Laura and Sophia presented their presentations. All of that hard work showed as they both one gold in their age categories! I can't wait to watch them grow and learn even more!

We are always proud of all of our 4-Hers, and look for ways for all of our Pamlico youth to have 4-H fun. This past Monday was our last 4-H Book Explorers at the Pamlico County Library. With Book Explorers, we'll take a fantastic journey around the world—one book and one country at a time. This summer we learned about: Portugal; Trinidad & Tobago, Denmark, Cornwall, East Africa, Belgium, Thailand, and Argentina.

This week several of our 4-Hers will be at 4-H Sleepaway Camp. Campers will spend a week kayaking, swimming, hiking, navigating ropes courses, and making crafts. While enjoying all these activities, they'll also be building problem-solving skills, and growing in communication and interpersonal development.

As we come to the end of summer, we are looking forward to our fall programs kicking off. This year we will have a return of: It's Electric, Chopped International, and Sew Much Fun! We will also have several new programs. We will be releasing that information in the next few weeks!

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



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Alumni-led Pamlico Middle School Strategic Planning Group Announces Formal Nomination for Stonewall Site Preservation

way of honoring the teachers, students, and community who built something lasting and ensuring their story is told with care and truth.”

At the May 19th presentation to the county commissioners, Imagine Pamlico reported it had received funding to execute a professional feasibility study of the Stonewall site, which is currently underway and expected to be finalized at the end of the summer.

While looking forward to the potential use of the site as not only a community center serving all residents of Pamlico County but also a museum dedicated to the site’s history, Pearsall notes that one of

the major goals has been achieved – preserving the legacy and history of the site in an official capacity. “With the state application process fully behind us, we hope to successfully achieve historic recognition of the property at the federal or national level; we hope this historic achievement is celebrated by the entirety of the alumni and Pamlico County community.”

For more information about the PCMS project, email Doug Pearsall at pearsalldp@gmail.com. For more information about Imagine Pamlico, visit www.ImaginePamlico.org, their Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages under Imagine Pamlico.

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Feeling Ghostly? Need Some Spirit?

If you are interested in participating in one of New Bern’s premier events as one of the ghostly specters from the past, be sure to be at the Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street at 11am on Saturday, August 2. For more information, call or email the New Bern Historical Society office at 252-638-8558, adminoffice@newbernhistorical.org.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.



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6-12 School Construction



Justin Fout, Construction Superintendent for MetCon, gives Henry Rice of Pamlico County Schools an update on the 6-12 school construction.



A crane lifts roof beams above what will be the Pamlico Middle School Gymnasium



What will be the new High School Gymnasium



The countdown clock at construction headquarters



the lower floor classrooms taking shape



Plumbing fixtures mark where rest rooms will be



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WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Dawson Creek, mile 0.1 from Neuse River, at Janeiro, Pamlico County, North Carolina.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to replace the existing Bridge No. 57 on SR 1302, between SR 1305 and SR 1378 (Janiero Road) Bridge with a new fixed span bridge at the same location. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety. The purpose of the project is to replace the current, structurally deficient bridge with a new structure. The bridge will be closed for the duration of the demolition and construction and off-site detour will be in place.

The existing fixed bridge has a horizontal clearance of 35 feet and a vertical clearance of 10.61 feet above mean high water. The replacement bridge will be fixed bridge with a horizontal clearance of 65.95 feet and a vertical clearance of 11.8 feet above mean high water.

A copy of **Public Notice D05PN-05-2025**, which describes the proposal in detail, can be obtained by calling (202) 815-4631 or by viewing at Public Notices for Bridges - Active | Navigation Center. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Coast Guard East District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 at D5Portsmouth-BridgesPublicNotice@uscg.mil through **August 5, 2025**.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The 2013 Oriental Commissioners’ election brought forth a field of 10 candidates to address concerns such as financial issues after Hurricane Irene clean-up and the imminent arrival of a Walmart Express. The past five elections though have seen a significant drop in candidates, with only six on the ballot for five positions two years ago.

In February of 2024, my message at a Town Meeting concerning comments about former town employee Drew Cox by a seated commissioner included, “The only positive I can see coming from this is that maybe this will be a ‘wake-up call’ to citizens to pay attention and understand what’s going on among members of this Board. Attend meetings, hold commissioners accountable, and consider running in the next election rather than sitting back complacently and assuming that all will run smoothly, as it did for years up until now.”

Happily, this has come to pass as 11 candidates – two incumbents and nine new contenders – have filed to run in this year’s November 4th election.

I yearn for those years when our Oriental Town Board worked together for the good of the town without personal agendas and contentiousness among commissioners. To this end, I hope that “out with the old and in with the new” in order to “**restore our village**” will come to pass in November. We have signage to such in our yard; if you would like to proclaim the same, stop by Broad St. Custom Signage at 801 Broad Street and get a placard, too.

A Candidates’ Forum is being planned for October at The Old Theater just as there was in 2013. Stay tuned, attend the forum, learn what you can about the 11 candidates, and vote thoughtfully and responsibly come November 4th.

Jean White
Oriental Citizen

Children’s Theater Workshop –
Sharing Night II

by: Hiram Lupton

The Children’s Theater Workshop wrapped up another great summer program last Thursday at the Old Theater in Oriental with their Session II Sharing Night. First up was the Third and Fourth grade group which performed “The Quest for the Missing Color”. Indigo has gone missing and all the other colors work together to solve a mystery and find their friend. Next up was the high school group who performed a hilarious spoof that took you back to Sherwood Forrest in 15th Century England entitled “Robin Hood and the Wedding of Doom.” This comedy featured wisecracks and physical humor as the talented cast told the familiar story of Robin Hood and his Merry Men as they match wits with the Sheriff of Nottingham and his nefarious henchmen. An excellent job by both casts and 2025 Drama Coach, Lynn Whalen. Special thanks go to all the volunteers that put in the time and effort to make this season a success as well as the sponsors of The Children’s Theater Workshop who helped make it all possible. Bravo!



The cast of “Robin Hood and the Wedding of Doom”



The cast of “The Quest for the Missing Color”



The colors celebrate as they unravel a mystery in their search for Indigo



Friar Tuck is forced into performing the wedding ceremony of Maid Marian and The Sheriff of Nottingham (L to R – Emma Peters, Harmony Gray, Audri Leon)



Robin Hood and his Merry Men plan how they will rescue Maid Marian and defeat the Sheriff (L to R – Krista Balance, Braydon Lane, Harmony Gray, Brooklyn Franklin)



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by: Hiram Lupton



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outlined the goals and mission of the group. “Pamlico Catch is primarily made up of three counties, Pamlico, Beaufort, and Hyde, adjoining Pamlico Sound. We want consumers to be aware of where their seafood comes from. To do that, we hope people will ask ‘Is it local.’ Locally caught seafood is vital to our local economy, and we seek to promote that.” They also seek truth in advertising. “If the product is locally caught, consumers need to know it and conversely, if it comes from somewhere else, they need to know that too.” They are encouraging all those involved in the process, from the fishermen who catch the seafood, seafood dealers, and restaurants that serve local seafood, to display Pamlico Catch’s logo. “When they see that logo, people know they will be getting the best locally caught seafood available. Restaurants and dealers are also making a pledge to the public, that their product is locally caught.” Look for the logo. When you see it, you can be confident you are buying and eating the best and supporting your local economy at the same time. For more information on Pamlico Catch, follow them on Facebook and visit their website, www.pamlico-catch.com.

Pamlico County and Vandemere Receive CAMA Grants



Last week, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality’s Division of Coastal Management (DCM) announced that it had awarded Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) grants totaling \$6 million to 32 communities to strengthen their resilience to increasingly hazardous weather events. Among the grants, Pamlico County will be receiving \$190,000 in a Phase 1 award while the Town of Vandemere will be getting \$565,000 in a Phase 4 grant. Phase 1 grants go

directly to third party contractors and involve Community Engagement, Risk & Vulnerability Assessment/ Planning, Project Selection and Prioritization. Working with the local governments, the contractors selected by DCM will support the development of the communities’ resilience strategies and CAMA Land Use Plans. Phase 4 grants go toward construction and implementation and feature a range of nature-based solutions and community-focused strategies for stormwater management and flood mitigation. Specific projects include the construction of rain gardens and living shorelines to reduce flooding and erosion impacts. Vandemere’s grant will go to construct a living shoreline along the waterfront park that will aid in erosion reduction.

Top Priority Crime Reduction

Crime reduction often is a top priority for elected officials. Around 58 percent of adults in the United States believe that reducing crime should be on the docket for the president and Congress. People may be concerned that they will be crime victims. While the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Justice Statistics offer annual data on crime, it isn’t an exact science. That is because data only includes crimes that have been reported to law enforcement. Many crimes are never reported. The Pew Research Center reports that certain crimes are more common than others. Theft/larceny was the most common property crime and aggravated assault was the most common violent crime as of 2022. The good news is both FBI and BJS data indicate both violent and property crime rates have declined dramatically since the early 1990s. Significant decreases in the rates of robbery (74 percent), aggravated assault (39 percent) and murder/non-negligent manslaughter (34 percent) have occurred between 1993 and 2022.



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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to VIRGINIA SAWYER-SIMMONS, ADMINISTRATOR on or before OCTOBER 28TH, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 30th DAY OF JULY 2025

ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW SAWYER
C/O VIRGINIA D. SAWYER-SIMMONS
P O BOX 209
VANCEBORO, NC 28587

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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INSPECTIONS

June 3, Croaker Festival, Oriental, fireworks, \$100; Camp Seagull, (2) Arapahoe,fireworks, \$100; Michele Dempsey, Arapahoe, gas, \$50; Steven Breedlove, Arapahoe, CAMA, \$251.60; Streamline, Minnesott Beach, new, \$1392.16
June 4, Sara Nugent, Merritt, garage, \$315
June 5, Stewart Dunham, New Bern, electrical, \$150; Hosea Davis, Jr., Bayboro, building, \$183.12
June 6, Motion, Grantsboro, fire, \$100; David Burrows, Oriental, solar, \$107; Allen/Carolyn Young, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Glen/ Gloria Tyndall, Oriental, mechanical, \$150; John McKee, Arapahoe, mechanical, \$100; Craig Heartwell, Merritt, mechanical, \$100; Jimmy Dhillon, Grantsboro, build, \$100; Linda Ireland, Lowland, mechanical, \$100
June 9, John Spain, Bayboro, storage, \$252; Lewis Bridges, Grantsboro, electrical, \$150; Eric & Rena Adams, Oriental, building, \$96.08; Julia Lee, Grantsboro, garage, \$180.56
June 10, Mary Rusher, Arapahoe, boat lift CAMA, \$56.40; Charles Reilly, Arapahoe, reno, \$160; SRJ Rent, Merritt, new, \$686.08; SRJ Rent, Merritt, new, \$686.08; SRJ Rent, Merritt, new, \$701.56; Ada Davis, New Bern, inspection, \$50
June 11, Michael Gaskins, Grantsboro, pool, \$150; William Herman, Arapahoe, electrical, \$100

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

July 10, Broad View Lot: 14 MB 8/75, Broad View Lot: 15 MB 8/75, Broad View Lot: 14A PCA 23-5, Broad View Lot: 15A PCA 23-5, Correction Deed DB 694/705 from Ronald Saulter, Vicky Saulter to Robert Cowan, Michelle Cowan, \$0

LEONARD EDWARD JOHNSON
File No.: 25E001046-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to CHE'LISA HOUSE, ADMINISTRATOR on or before OCTOBER 28TH, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 30th DAY OF JULY 2025

ESTATE OF LEONARD EDWARD JOHNSON
C/O CHE'LISA HOUSE
104 WINDCHIME CT.
GUYTON, GA 31312

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MICHAEL SCOTT GARGAN
File No.: 25E001110-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MICHAEL SCOTT GARGAN, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or

before OCTOBER 28TH, 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 1ST DAY OF JULY 2025

ESTATE OF MICHAEL SCOTT GARGAN
C/O NORMA P. GARGAN
4792 TIARA DRIVE, #101
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
RONALD W. ZIELINSKI
File No.: 25E001118-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to RONALD W. ZIELINSKI, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before OCTOBER 28TH, 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.

REPORTS

July 10, .87 AC MB 5/20 from Ricky G. Bennett to Ricky G. Bennett, Valerie Bennett, \$0
July 10, 0.41 AC W/S Mill Pond Rd & S/S Ralph Brooks' Farm Lane from Rosa Davis Ward, Sylvester Ward, Annie Davis Moore, James Moore to Paula Miller-Sheelor, Paula Miller Sheelor, Paula Miller Sheelor, \$0
July 10, Dawson Creek Lot: 274 Phase 1 Section 2 PCA 165-19, PIN H094-274 from Thomas J. Brindisi, Mary Brindisi to David J. Zeis, Michelle S. Zeis, \$480
July 11, PIN H094-100-2; 24E000676-240; Tract 1, 8.237 AC & Tract 2, 2.4395 AC, PCB 20-3 from Susan Allyne Coppage Perritt/EXR, Susan Allyne Coppage Perritt/TR, Susan Allyne Coppage Perritt, Susan Coppage Perritt, Susan Coppage Perritt/Alf, David Lytton Perritt, Cassie May Coppage/EST, Merry Ann Coppage, Merry Ann Coppage Trust, Cassandra Ross Coppage Faulker, Cassandra Coppage Faulker, Dudley Ross Coppage, II, Dudley Ross Coppage, Wanda Whitney Coppage, Ashley Ross Brown, Amy Davis Brown, Amy Brown, Megan Brown Howard, Timothy Aaron Howard, Kevin Michael Howard to Redfish Cottage Investments, LLC, \$214
July 11, 5.42 AC Tract A & 1.87 AC Tract B Map in DB 734/604 from Roderick Schliesman, Jennifer Schliesman to Steven Cohen, \$1,860
July 11, Bennett Landing Unit: A, BLDG 1, CC1 9-19, PIN F093-14-AC1A from David G. Fudala, Martha G. Fudala to Sigrid Tillett, \$700
July 11, Taylor Neck Estate Lot: 6, Sec 1, PCA 123-3 from Jerry B. Bidyette, Sherre L. Midyette to Eric W. Morris, Wendy I. Morris, \$580
July 11, .48 AC PCA 170-11 from Denard T. Potter, Helen Potter to Robert Rowe, Rebecca Lee Rowe, \$42
July 11, 1.46 AC SR 1102 & 3.3 AC MB 12/75 from David Paul Schmidt

to Ponce D. Ham, III, Avery Ham, \$400
July 11, Mariner's Landing Lot: 7, PCA 192-14, PIN: C05-7-7 from Equity Trust Company, Midland Trust Company, LTD., William Landess #1636218, Midland Trust Company, LTD., FBO William Landess #1636218, Equity Trust Company FBO William Landess #1636218 to Alec Paul Ciminello, Karyn Chiesa Hickey, \$120
July 14, Headwaters Lot: 17 PCA 74-9, Headwaters Lot: 18 PCA 74-9, PIN K07-14-1A-17 & K07-14-1A-18 from George C. Schrufer, Jr. to Heather Colantuoni, \$118
July 15, One Tract W/S Mill Pond Rd (SR 1203) Alliance & One Tract S/S Sawyer Canal; 12E60 from Kenneth M. Bunch, Mabel P. Bunch to Brennan Hough, Marissa Hough, \$184
July 15, Lake Minnesota Estates Section VIII Lot: 16, MB 7/63 from Jeffery Scott Stevens, Andrew B. McCann to Craig Kellogg, \$40
July 15, PIN M011-69; 0.97 AC Tract SR 1232 & SR 1236; Interest from Jennifer Leigh Ford/GDN, Debra Jo Thomas to Jennifer Leigh Ford, Debra Jo Thomas, \$1
July 15, First Tract: 639.337 AC Neal Creek Bridge on SR 1343, MB 7/67; Second Tract: Dees Tract Metes & Bounds See Instrument from AG Direct Farm Development, LLC to The Nature Conservancy, \$6,540
July 15, 24E114; Lot 3 & Und Int Lots 1 & 5, PCA 134-9 from Jennifer Tippet Wetherington/EXR, Ashby Wade Tippet, Sr./EST, Ashby Wade Tippet/EST to Jennifer Tippet Wetherington, \$0
July 15, Two Tracts SW/S Goose Creek Rd (NCSR 1102) from Jesse C. Rice to Noah K. Rice, \$0
July 16, 4/5 AC Both Sides NC Hwy 304; One Tract S/S NC Hwy 304, Maribel Community from Ada M. Davis, Solomon Adika Henderson to Maria Ruggiero, \$60
July 16, 14,847 Sq Ft Tract B Map

This 1ST OF JULY 2025

ESTATE OF RONALD W. ZIELINSKI
C/O CHRISTOPHER J. STEFFENS
2473 FOXWOOD DRIVE
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514

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Public Notice
Dominion Energy 2025
Integrated Resource Plan
Stakeholder Process

Dominion Energy is preparing an update to its 2024 Virginia and North Carolina Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which is a planning document that outlines how the company intends to reliably meet customers' long-term energy and capacity needs. As part of this effort, Dominion Energy is seeking stakeholder input and will be hosting virtual stakeholder meetings to gather comments from interested parties.

If you are interested in participating, please contact devirp@devirp.dominionenergyinfo.com and include your name, contact number, the organization you represent (if applicable), and a brief description of your interest in the IRP.

attached from Bay River Capital, LLC to Jeffery D. Sanders, \$66
July 17, Und Int 3 Tracts See Exhibit A; ½ Und Int 3 Tracts See Exhibit B from David Madison Forbes Stallings to Robert L. Stallings, III, \$1
July 17, Baird Creek Point Lot: 32, Section 2, Phase 1, PCA 171-8, PIN E08-1-2-32 from Pivot Coastal Development, LLC to Derek Joseph Hennessey, Brittney Paige Hennessey, \$84
July 17, Wind Mill Pointe Lot: 16, Phase I, PCA 144-4, PIN: I092-34-16 from Kirk Blackburn to Kati Gustafson-Agoncillo, Kati Gustafson Agoncillo, Jose Ryan Agoncillo, \$330
July 17, 14.10 AC Map in DB 440/518; PCA 51-10, PCA 83-8 & PCA 80-3 from Kirk S. Cressley, Denise L. Vansickle to Benjamin Peters, Shelly M. Garow-Pampreen, Shelly M. Garow Pampreen, Shelly M. Garow Pampreen, \$538
July 17, One Tract W/S Straight Rd (NCSR 1317) & NCSR 1349; Parcel A map in DB 524/154; Recombined 0.71 AC W/S Straight Rd (SR 1317) from Wayne L. Hill, Amanda D. McKenna, Michael McKenna to Fix it for Less, LLC, \$32
July 17, Mill Creek Lot: 307, Phase II, Arlington Place W Burton Farm Dr Minnesott Beach PCA 164-2, Mill Creek Lot: 308 Phase II Arlington Place W Burton Farm Dr Minnesott Beach PCA 164-2 from Arlington Place, LLC, LLC, Arlington Place, LLC to George Kenneth Burckhardt/TR, George Kenneth Burckhardt, George Kenneth Burckhardt Revocable Trust, \$513
July 17, Arlington Place Lot: 145, Ph 1, West Burton Farm Drive Arapahoe PCA 153-17 from Arlington Place Property Owners Association, Inc. to Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2019-4, U.S. Bank National Association, Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2019-4, U.S. Bank National Association/TR, \$0

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*

The DOT has mowed the roadsides in the Pamlico Community, and it sure looks a lot nicer. It has also allowed me to see several families of turkeys along the roadsides on Trent Road and Straight Road. I also saw one lone turkey on Highway 55. I have seen more squirrels scampering around and more turtles crossing the road. I think they are probably looking for water and cooler areas to rest. This has been one of the most oppressive hot humid rainy weeks we have had this summer. Many areas are still under a heat advisory. Stonewall Methodist Church took up a special offering to send to the Mid-Texas Global Methodist Church Conference to help with disaster recovery efforts. Pamlico County has been the recipient of help from many places when we were devastated by hurricanes, so we want to return the favor to our neighbors to the south who came and helped in Western North Carolina after hurricane Helene. Family Reunion time is rapidly approaching. The 68th Lupton Family Reunion will be Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Goose Creek Island Community Center at noon with lunch following at 1:00 pm. Donations will be accepted to help cover the rent, paper products, postage and ice. We are having a “Dessert Contest.” Bring your favorite cake, pie, cobbler, etc. Everyone will be the judges & cast their vote for their favorite dessert. Prizes will be given. Come prepared to have a good time of fellowship. There are Lupton’s who live in Pamlico County, but do not attend the family reunion. Please come if you are able. I am a Lupton

descendant and have been involved with the family reunions ever since the first one when I wrote the 3-cent postcards to invite people to attend when it was held in Whortonsville. Mildred Gwaltney Harrison attended The Gwaltney National Family Reunion in Smithfield, VA the weekend of July 25-27. Larry Gwaltney and I were not able to attend this year. This was the 16th National Family Reunion and people attended from all over the country. The reunion is held at Mill Swamp Baptist Church where many of the Gwaltneys are buried, it is within a short distance from the first 200 acres that our ancestor first farmed when he came to America from Wales as an indentured servant. Celebrating birthdays in July are Ed Kelleher (7/29), and Bertha Gilliam (7/31). Celebrating birthdays in August Betty Joe Rodgers and James Cuthrell (8/6), Beverly Bryant, Keith Gilliam, Diane Hodges (8/8), Debbie Roach, Yvonne Shealy, Chrissy Fulcher-Cahoon (8/9), Hadley Gordon (8/10), Dot Helms (8/12), Crystal Carey, Leslie Gilliam, Jr. (8/13), Jennifer Whorton Townsend (8/14), Morgan Hudgins, Karen Spruill (8/15), Earl Sadler (8/16), Linda Gwaltney (8/17), Jodi Moore (8/18), Judy Styron, Irene Wright (8/21), Aiden Reason, Mark Norman, and Reba Tiller (8/23), Carrie Ellen Hopkins (8/24), Cathy Muse Bunn (8/25), and Chris Meadows (8/27). Have a blessed week. Want a blessing? Take Spiritual Vitamin “B” and Be confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*


Aurora was included in applications selected for funding by the State Water Infrastructure Authority on July 16, 2025. One for Force Main Replace & Lift Station Rehab and the other for Water Supply Well #1 and Well #2 Rehab. This funding is just over \$3 million dollars. There’s a must read article: https://coastalreview.org/2025/07/our-coast-remembering-betty-town/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR7yRa05C4KEl6uwWmX0S71pAYotrKwdiF_TH4GzhSHw6UZq_02VEIAHl0LEoQ_aem_zT_tud8ww-fkNGmAgr_gDVA about Betty Town which is what Aurora was known as before the Civil War. Not much action on the creek with all this heat except for a couple of rude jet skiers chasing water birds. My Canadian family dined on newly cut grass and hung out in the shade. Had visits from a Red-headed Woodpecker (the first one in the yard in many years!) and a female Summer Tanager at the feeder. There’s a Great Blue Heron flying back and forth like a flight out of Atlanta. A recent trip to Aurora had all my needs met: a new hose from Thompson’s, dry goods from Dollar General and great break-

fasts from Frank & Shirley’s. Denise Toler had them all stocked up with her scrumptious deserts including key lime pie, bread pudding with caramel sauce and German chocolate cake. Got the lawnmower stuck down by the bulkhead and my good neighbor, Brady Grubbs, helped recover it. Politics are heating up for the town as we have several folks running for mayor and town commissioner.



Photo caption: The geese are discussing their future Zagat’s review submission.

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Well we are back after a little break. I’m sure all the staff at the Pamlico News got a much needed break, unless they are like me and all they do is catch up on stuff that they haven’t had time to do. I know one thing: good grief has it been HOT!! It is like that all day through the night lately. These temperatures have been relentless. I work outside for a few then I come in and cool off for a few. That has seemed to work well for me. When I am outside I do my best to work in the shade and keep a drink with me. I also take my phone wherever I am at for the simple reason that if something were to happen I am able to call someone from where I am at. When you get older you have to think of things such as that. There are a few things going on in our area coming up. Reelsboro Methodist Church is having their VBS starting Monday 8-4 at 6pm. Thursday Pamlico Child Development Center will be hosting a Resource and Fun Day from 11-1. Friday & Saturday River Dunes will be hosting the Dragon Boat Race and festival. There is also a new farmer’s market in our area. It is located on the corner of NC 306N and Mary’s Chapel. The market fortunately is inside so you can stay nice and cool with a refreshing glass of fresh lemonade. Yes, I did say fresh. It is a nice little set-up in there, it reminds me of the old general store’s from times past. The name is Sandhill Ol’ Country Market, the people there are very nice and courteous, just the way you would expect. Teachers in our area will be going back to work soon. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they have a very demanding job and deal with things most of us really wouldn’t think they would have to deal with. Teachers are some of the most compassionate people around. They take the responsibility of these kids’ lives very seriously. If you are able and you know any teachers reach out to them and ask if there is anything they need for their classroom, most everything they have comes out of their own pockets. If they don’t need anything, get them a nice gift certificate just to let them know you care.

It looks as if the Urgent Care Center is in its final stages to open their doors to serve our community. I have noticed great progress on the new Christian Academy buildings as well. The new high school, middle school building is also coming along nicely. Man, is that thing going to be large. I was looking at it the other day and while I love the progress happening in our county, I am not looking forward to seeing things start to be torn down. The high school for me has always been there. I never remember it not being there. When the first bricks start to fall, I am quite certain it will be an emotional day for a lot of people. I sit and think about walking the halls of the school back in the 80’s. I can almost still smell it. While improvement to our county is most always a good thing our history is just as important. I have noticed on Facebook that a few people have been reminiscing by posting old pictures of our area and of the teachers and school members from times past. I absolutely love old pictures. If you have any pictures of our county post them on Facebook for all to see and enjoy, and if you don’t have Facebook, I’m sure you know someone that does, have them share them for you! Well, until next week I bid you farewell, have an amazing week! I will leave you with one of my recent pictures.



Did you know?

Drivers undoubtedly have noticed their vehicles need less frequent oil changes than cars once required. The longtime standard oil change interval of once every 3,000 miles no longer applies, and that’s thanks to the pivot away from conventional oil to synthetic oil. The molecular structure of synthetic oil and its ability to perform better at extreme temperature means drivers can now drive significantly longer distances between oil changes. In fact, Car and Driver notes that synthetic motor oils provide better startup performance and flow at temperatures down to minus-40 Fahrenheit and then endure extremely high temperatures without oxidizing, thickening or turning black. The reason synthetic oils need less frequent changes is that they can maintain their superior properties two to three times longer than conventional oils. Though each vehicle manufacturer is different and drivers are urged to consult their owner’s manuals regarding synthetic oil change interval recommendations, it’s not uncommon for modern vehicles to range between 5,000 and 7,000 miles before they need an oil change. Some synthetic oil manufacturers even note their products can last more than 10,000 miles.



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Notice of Public Hearing
2025 CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization Application
Pamlico County

On August 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Patsy H. Sadler Room on the second floor of the Pamlico County Courthouse, located at 202 Main Street, Bayboro, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on an application for CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) funds. Pamlico County intends to submit an application for up to \$950,000. The program will focus on reconstruction or rehabilitation of owner-occupied, low-moderate income housing and associated activities. The proposed program will not involuntarily displace any individuals as a result of the program. The public is encouraged to attend and may provide comment on proposed use of the CDBG funding. Pamlico County will respond to all written comments within 10 calendar days. Pamlico County encourages comments and will make good faith efforts to involve historically underutilized businesses, veteran owned businesses and Section 3 individuals and businesses in execution of the program. Applications will be taken from August 19, 2025, until August 29, 2025. **Anyone interested in applying for this program can contact McDavid Associates, Inc. at 252.753.2139 and ask for Tim Andrews.**

Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact the person listed below at least one day in advance of the hearing. Accommodation will be made for all who request assistance with participating in the public hearing. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact the individual listed below to accommodate this request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma a petición. Póngase en contacto con el individuo enumerado a continuación para dar cabida a esta solicitud.

Sarah Deskar, Grants Administrator
Pamlico County
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Bayboro, NC 28515
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF MINNESOTT BEACH

The Town of Minnesott Beach Board of Commissioners will have a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, on the 12th day of August, 2025, at the Minnesott Beach Town Hall located at 11758 NC 306 S, Minnesott Beach, NC for the purpose of holding a public hearing concerning amendments to the following Section of the Town of Minnesott Beach Code of Ordinance:

§ 151.181. ACCESSORY BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES OR USES (D) (3) (a) Maximum square footage of the exterior dimensions of the accessory buildings/structure(s) shall not exceed the lesser of 50% of the living area as noted in the Pamlico County GIS footprint of the principal building or 1200 total square feet in the **RMU zoning district.**

Drafts of the proposed ordinance amendments are on file at the Minnesott Beach Town Hall for public inspection.

The Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting will begin immediately following the Public Hearing.

The Town of Oriental will hold a Public Hearing on August 12, 2025 at 6PM or as soon thereafter as can be reached, at the Oriental Town Hall Large Board Room, 507 Church St.

The Purpose of this Public Hearing is to take comment on the Chapter S fee schedule revisions proposed.

The proposed changes will be available for inspection at Town Hall M-Th 8AM-4PM, F 8AM-3PM.

It can also be viewed at www.TownofOriental.com under the meeting notice.

Substantial changes may be made to the Fee Schedule following the Public Hearing.

Diane H. Miller, Manager/Clerk, Town of Oriental

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 - It is important to limit your exposure by taking the following actions.
 - Staying in the shade, especially during 10AM – 4PM.
 - Protecting your skin with clothing that covers your arms and legs.
 - Wearing a hat to protect your head, face, and neck.
 - Wearing sunglasses that block UV rays to protect your eyes and the skin around them.
 - Using sunscreen to help protect skin that isn't covered with clothing.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is a form of non-ionizing radiation that is emitted by the sun and artificial sources. The beneficial effects of UV radiation include the production of a vital nutrient, vitamin D. However, overexposure may present risks. Sunburn, premature aging, and skin cancer are all risks to overexposure. Keeping you and others protected from UV radiation is an important year-round.

How are people exposed to UV radiation?
Sunlight is the main source of UV radiation, however there are artificial sources like tanning beds and welding torches.

- What affects UV exposure?**
The strength of the sun's UV rays reaching the ground depends on a number of factors, such as:
- Time of day: UV rays are strongest between 10 am and 4 pm.
 - Season of the year: UV rays are stronger during spring and summer months. This is less of a factor near the equator.
 - Distance from the equator (latitude): UV exposure goes down as you get farther from the equator.
 - Altitude: More UV rays reach the ground at higher elevations.
 - Clouds: The effect of clouds can vary, but what's important to know is that UV rays can get through to the ground, even on a cloudy day.
 - Reflection off surfaces: UV rays can bounce off surfaces like water, sand, snow, pavement, or even grass, leading to an increase in UV exposure.
 - Contents of the air: Ozone in the upper atmosphere, for example, filters out some UV radiation.

- Tips to protect yourself from the sun**
- Stay in the shade, especially during midday hours.
 - Wear clothes that cover your arms and legs.
 - Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, head, ears, and neck.
 - Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block both UVA and UVB rays.
 - Use sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher, and both UVA and UVB protection.



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Registration for the Fall 2025 semester is set for Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.



PCC has been recognized as a national leader for student success again and again! You can succeed here, too!

PCC features small classes! That means individualized attention and help for you!

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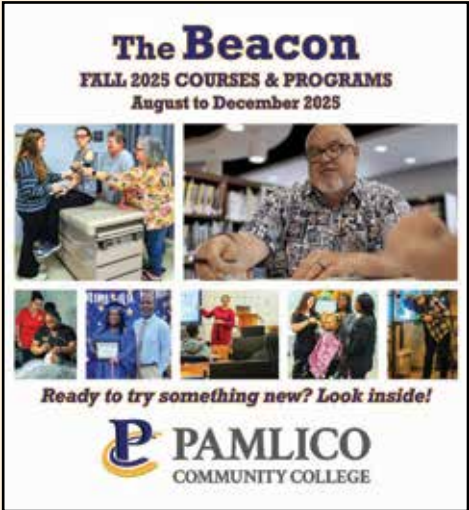


Great short-term career courses for adult learners are also available!

PCC instructors and staffers want to see you succeed! Contact us today to get started!



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