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Library Happenings

Digital Skills Information Sessions
August 27, 2025 10:30am to 12:30pm

Join ECU Health Community Digital Literacy Specialist, Sydney McDuffie, for Digital Skill Information Sessions. Join us for a series of hands-on workshops designed to improve your digital skills and help you navigate the online world confidently! All sessions are from 10:30am to 12:30pm

Workshop Schedule:

August 27th: Using Healthcare Online
September 3rd: Smartphones 101
September 10th: Smartphone Intermediate
September 17th: iPad & Hotspot Basics
September 24th: Microsoft Word Basics

Books & Babies Lapsit Storytime
August 28, 2025 10am

Children from birth to age 2 and their caregivers can enjoy story time, singing, reading, dancing and playing in a lap-sit structured program. This program equips infants, toddlers, and disabled children with tools that help to fulfill the exploratory, sensory, and literacy needs of their expanding minds.*

*This project/program/service is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-253645-OLS-23)

Books & Babies
Preschool Story Time
August 29, 2025 10am

Join our legendary Ms. Fran in the Pamlico Library's Children's Room for a magical trip to the make-believe world filled with talking animals, ocean creatures, flying cars, and gentle giants. Ideal for ages 2-4

Teen Library Lounge
August 29, 2025 3:30 pm

Fridays are for TEENS at the library! Come kick back, hang out, and enjoy a chill time with friends. Whether you're into gaming, socializing, or just relaxing with some snacks, the Teen Library Lounge is your place to be. Grab some friends, dive into a game, and make it a fun Friday every week!

"Libraries are the backbone of our society. They are the strong foundation upon which we can build the future." -Park

Grantsboro Walmart Celebrates Grand Reopening

by: Hiram Lupton



Store Manager Angela Ross cuts a ceremonial ribbon signaling completion of renovations

When you finish a big task, it is a good time to step back and take a moment to celebrate your accomplishment. Last Friday, that's what the crew at the Grantsboro Walmart did as they marked the completion of their store's remodeling with a grand reopening celebration. The 16-week, \$7 million store remodel was done without closing and with minimal inconvenience to customers. It included a revamped store layout with expanded product lines and new fixtures, new signage, and renovated rest rooms. As store manager Angela Ross put it, "This is our store's second-best day ever." The store also took time to recognize a few of their community partners as Ross presented four different Pamlico County organizations with donation checks totaling \$5000. The Sound of Salvation Ministry (\$1500), Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church Food Pantry (\$1500), Arapahoe Charter School (\$1000), and Grace Fellowship Academy (\$1000) each received donations. This renovation is now complete but there are more changes on the horizon for the Grantsboro Walmart. In roughly 2 years there is a planned 40,000 square foot expansion planned for the location.

PCA Staff Tours New School

by: Hiram Lupton



As a part of their annual pre-beginning of school faculty retreat, members of the Pamlico Christian Academy's faculty, administration, staff, and board, got a tour of the new PCA campus currently under construction. Head of School Earl Sadler, Jr. led the group through the chapel and administration building as well as the lower school class rooms. While there, members of the PCA family were given the opportunity to place their signature on different places that will be ultimately covered by construction such as door framing and bare concrete floors. Although ultimately not visible, this signing establishes a connection between the building and those who will be working in it. Construction on phase 1 of PCA's new campus, includes the Chapel, cafeteria, administrative offices, and lower school classrooms, and is expected to be complete in November.

ACS Goes Back to School with the RCA House System

by: Hiram Lupton

A new school year has begun at Arapahoe Charter School and with it begins a new approach to education, school culture, and student character. The house system essentially divides a school's students into smaller groups or "houses." This approach encourages a community aspect among each of the groups. Since a house will be composed of all age groups within the school, mentorship becomes a key element. There is friendly competition between each house in academics, sports, extra circular activities, and community service. This approach was inspired by traditional British boarding schools, but has been expanded upon by acclaimed educator Ron Clark. Clark, who grew up in Beaufort County and taught in Aurora before moving to New York where he taught in the inner city, founded the Ron Clark Academy a private non-profit school in Atlanta. He has authored several books on education and is a proponent of the house system. While the "houses" in the system are a focus, the system itself can be adjusted to fit the needs and goals of a particular school. "I

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Pamlico County Schools Honors Ms. Debbie Latham: Retiring After 29 Years of Service Without a Single Absence



Written and Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick, PIO Pamlico County Schools

Pamlico County Schools proudly announces the retirement of Ms. Debbie Latham, who has dedicated more than 29 years of service as both a school nutrition worker and a school bus driver. Known for her reliability and determination, Ms. Debbie has been a fixture of Pamlico County Schools - one whose presence will be deeply missed at Pamlico County High School.

Incredibly, throughout her nearly three decades of service, Ms. Debbie never missed a single day of work. Her unmatched dedication is a rare testament to her strong work ethic and her unwavering commitment to the students she served. Whether preparing meals or driving her bus route, Ms. Debbie always showed up - dependable, spirited, and ready to get the job done.

Elizabeth Harwick, Public Information Officer for Pamlico County Schools, shared, "Ms. Debbie will probably hate this recognition because she never likes the spotlight - but she deserves every bit of it. She has given her all to Pamlico County Schools, and I will miss her very much."

While Ms. Debbie may shy away from attention, her retirement is an opportunity to celebrate her extraordinary commitment to Pamlico County Schools. Her decades of service reflect the strength, humor, and heart of the community she served so faithfully.

Pamlico County Schools extends its deepest gratitude to Ms. Debbie Latham for her years of service and wishes her the very best in her retirement. She will always remain part of the Pamlico Schools family.

Community Prayer Circle for Schools

For where two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. -Matthew 18:20



As has become tradition on the last Saturday before Pamlico County students return to class, a Community Prayer Circle was held at the Pamlico County High School football field to pray for students, parents, teachers, administrators, and staff for a blessed school year.

by: Hiram Lupton

Circle of Prayer

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Pamlico Community College

Learn to secure funding for your organization with PCC's Grant Writing course

By Sandy Wall

Pamlico Community College's Grant Writing course is a convenient way for men and women to learn how to secure the vital funding their organizations need to make a difference in the community and beyond.

This semester's Grant Writing course is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 2. It will be available in a convenient Zoom-based format and will meet Tuesdays thru Nov. 18.

Class times will be 7 to 8:30 p.m., and the cost will be \$70.55. The instructor will be professional grant writer Monica Minus.

"It's important for area non-profits and other community organizations to know how to secure funding from public and private sources," said Lori Giles, the college's chair for Continuing Education and Technical Programs. "Competition for funding is becoming more intense, so this course is designed to equip people with the skills they need to create successful grant applications."

Students who enroll in the course will develop effective grant writing skills. They'll also learn how to research funding opportunities, write narratives, and develop budgets to successfully manage their grants.

"We have found it's more convenient for our students to offer the Grant Writing course during the workweek and in a Zoom-based format," Giles said. "Students can take the course from home and save on transportation costs."

For more information or to register, call 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or email lgiles@pamlicocc.edu. Students also can register online at <https://pamlicocc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/24677>



Seats are still available for Pamlico Community College's Zoom-based Grant Writing course, which will begin Tuesday, Sept. 2. For more information or to register, contact Lori Giles at 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or lgiles@pamlicocc.edu. Contributed photo

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

Intersection to Become 4-Way Stop

by: Hiram Lupton

Drivers who frequently use Neuse Road should make sure their brakes are in good working order as in the near future one intersection along that well-travelled route will become a 4-way stop. The cross roads at the intersection of Neuse Road (SR 1005) and Lee Landing Road currently requires motorists to stop only on Lee Landing Road. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has the wheels in motion to require drivers approaching from all directions come to a stop. One prerequisite for this to happen was met at the last Pamlico County Board of Commissioners meeting when the Board unanimously approved a



resolution supporting the change. According to County Manager Mark Brewington, the NCDOT cited the ever-increasing amount of traffic passing through the intersection coupled with the presence of a highly limited sight distance due to curves along Neuse Road approaching the intersection. The expected increase in area traffic due to the opening of a new school along Lee Landing Road this fall

may have also factored in. Pamlico Christian Academy's new facility is located along Lee Landing Road approximately one-half mile north of the intersection. There has been no exact timetable given on implementation.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- August 27th – 1955, The Guinness World Book of Records is first published.
- August 28th – Today is National Red Wine Day. I'll get my UB40 record out.
- August 29th – Today is National College Colors Day. Red and White.
- August 30th – Today is National Beach Day.
- August 31st – 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales is killed in a car accident.
- September 1st – Happy Labor Day. If you are an expectant mother, this may be the day.
- September 2nd – 1945, Japan surrendered to the allies formally ending World War II.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- August 27th – 1952, Actor Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman)
- August 28th – 1756, TV alien Gordon Shumway (ALF)
- August 28th – 1965, Singer Elleen Edwards (Shania Twain)
- August 29th – 1958, Michael Jackson
- August 31st – 1945, Musician George Ivan Morrison (Van Morrison)
- September 1st – 1933, Singer Harold Jenkins (Conway Twitty)
- September 2nd – 1948, Astronaut Christa McAuliffe
- September 2nd – 1966, Actress Salma Hayek



Pulled Pork, Beer and Music on Sept. 13 to Benefit PCFLO

Enjoy a great meal and help others on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the New Village Brewery! Jim Kellenberger will be serving up his famous slow-cooked pulled pork plates starting at 5 p.m., with all proceeds benefiting Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach (PCFLO). Pulled pork dinners are \$15 each and include potatoes, coleslaw, green beans and roll. There will only be 125 plates sold so get there early!! And also enjoy live music in the beer garden by the talented Noah Jackson Cobb.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Residents of Oriental,

I want to make you aware of what's bubbling up around Commissioner Roe's upcoming vacancy. Three commissioners are trying to schedule a special meeting to "amend the rules of procedure" — not just decide the play for this one vacancy, but rewrite the entire playbook for how all future vacancies are filled. That kind of change should be handled in a workshop with transparency and care, not rushed through for short-term advantage.

When the Mayor said no to a Special Meeting, Commissioner Allen Price used his Mayor Pro Tempore title to call one anyway, scheduling it before Commissioner Roe's departure and while Manager Miller is on vacation.

Our attorney has been clear: Roe should not vote on anything regarding filling his own seat, and any amendment to the procedure, should include a tie-breaker. Yet the goal appears to be the opposite — to force a stalemate and leave the seat vacant, which is a disservice to the town. Luckily, state statutes prevented this last-minute maneuver.

You deserve better. You deserve commissioners who work together for the town, not manipulate rules for their own gain. Two of the commissioners behind this — Crosser and Price — are on the ballot this fall. In the months ahead, stay engaged: ask questions, press candidates for facts backed by data, and don't settle for vague answers. Be respectful but persistent. Our town deserves a board that puts residents first.

Breana Litzenberger
Oriental

"Pizza is the only circle of trust I believe in."

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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OBITUARIES



Joe Wright, affectionately known as Papa Joe, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025.

A native of Cleveland County, Joe grew up in the Polkville area and graduated from Polkville High School. He went on to attend Mars Hill College before beginning a successful and varied career in business. He was especially proud of the 15 years he spent with Piedmont Aviation. An entrepreneur at heart, Joe opened Shelby's first Honda motorcycle dealership, the Honda Corral, and went on to establish several other businesses in the Shelby area. Adventurous by nature, Joe developed a love for flying after watching Fred Simmons fly near his childhood home. He earned his pilot's license, became a member of the Civil Air Patrol, and volunteered countless hours at the Shelby Municipal Airport.

Joe also had a lifelong passion for motorcycles and loved exploring the open road on his Honda Gold Wing. After retiring, he followed his love of the water to Oriental, NC, where he worked at the Oriental Marina and Bow to Stern Yacht Services. He later earned his U.S. Coast Guard captain's license and sailed extensively up and down the East Coast and as far as the islands of Trinidad and Tobago.

Joe is survived by his children: Dean Wright (Susan) of Raleigh, NC; Ricky Wright (Anne) of Columbia, SC; and Wendy Rogers of Greensboro, NC. He is also survived by his brother Don Wright (Vickie), and his nephew Phillip Wright, both of Polkville.

He leaves behind seven beloved grandchildren: Lindsay Wright Hendrix (Tyler), Evan Wright, Connor Rogers, Mason Rogers, Kendall Rogers, Morgan Wright, and Trenle Wright; and one great-grandson, Grady Scott Hendrix.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Mattie Wright; his sister, Nell Wright Covington; his nephew, Don Wright Jr.; and his wife, Jane Williams Wright.

Known for his gregarious spirit and warm personality, Joe made friends everywhere he went and touched many lives along the way. He will be dearly missed.

A graveside service officiated by Rev. Ervin Price was held at Rehobeth Community Church at 2036 Rehobeth Church Rd. Shelby NC, on Saturday August 16 at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations in Joe's memory to Camp Sea Gull or Camp Seafarer—two coastal camps that reflect his enduring love of adventure and sailing. Online condolences may be made at www.cecilmburtonfuneralhome.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor

My name is Chris Moffat. I am writing to ask for your vote for Town Commissioner. I'd like to introduce myself, my background and why I'd like to serve as a Town Commissioner.

I'm running for Town Commissioner because I have a desire to give back to the town where we retired. I feel that my background provides me with the experience needed to make valuable, positive contributions to the workings of the Town Board. Besides being a good listener, I find it helps to break issues down into smaller, key discussion points, which helps a board collaborate and reach the best decision for all involved.

My wife, Anne and I first discovered Oriental in the spring of 2007 and immediately fell in love. We were drawn to the laid-back, casual pace and the natural beauty of the Neuse and the surrounding creeks. In 2021, we retired and became full-time residents.

I spent 35 years in commercial real estate in Charlotte. I leased, bought, sold, managed and renovated office buildings. I managed staff, developed budgets, negotiated contracts, managed construction projects, and arranged financing. These will all be key to infrastructure projects moving forward for our town.

I also learned how important it is to listen, to be collaborative and to communicate clearly with all parties involved. Even when there were differing motivations and goals, I worked to move the project and the team forward.

I have served on several nonprofit boards. I chaired the board at Florence Crittenton Services. I was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Charlotte Housing Authority, where I chaired the Development Committee. I was an active member of Sharon Presbyterian Church where I was an Elder and served two terms on the Session, chaired the Finance Committee, led the annual Stewardship Campaign and chaired the committee that built a new Family Living Center at the height of the Covid pandemic.

I have served on Oriental's Board of Adjustment since 2022, and I am a member of the Oriental Rotary Club.

If elected, I promise to bring an open mind to all discussions, to listen to the concerns of the residents, the staff and fellow commissioners. I promise to be constructive and transparent in my efforts and promise to communicate with everyone involved in the same fashion.

I would appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration.

Chris Moffat
chrismoffat2025@gmail.com
Oriental

Why don't drivers use their turn signals? Too lazy to flick that lever? Too busy on the phone? Taught to drive by druggie Uncle Bumpkin? Drunk? Lost? Act like an adult, be safe, use your turn signals.

Bill Deighton
Arapahoe

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Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You are likely to experience a week full of thoughtfulness and introspection, Aries. You are searching for a new source for self-fulfillment, and may be inspired by another's ideas.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, now is the time to identify your priorities. Figure out what you want or would prefer to do before you start taking any steps forward. This is the only way to get satisfaction.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Prepare for a week that will pose some challenges, Gemini. A last-minute project at work may test your mettle.



CANCER – June 22/July 22
The plan may have been to stay isolated until you get all of your tasks done, Cancer. But those closest to you have some other ideas; they might invade your quiet cocoon.



LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, there's more than one way to approach a project. Remain receptive to new ideas and take time to think things through before choosing a path forward.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your independent streak may need to be tempered in the days ahead. Teamwork is the name of the game so make a concerted effort to be a good team player.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Right now you might not feel you are in the correct place in your profession, Libra. Is your current role too restrictive or does it not challenge your skills? You might want to start looking around for new challenges.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, now is a great time to take the bull by the horns. An opportunity to be assertive and take on a leadership role presents itself this week. You're ready.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may be taking stock of your professional life and goals. Be sure you plan accordingly to balance the work side with your personal needs.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Something unusual may happen to you this week, Capricorn. Be ready for the unexpected. This also is a good time to tie up some loose ends that you have been overlooking.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
There is nothing to stop you from asking for help from time to time, Aquarius. While you certainly enjoy the satisfaction of getting things done, assistance is necessary from time to time.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Hard work is starting to pay notable dividends, Pisces. Enjoy the fruits of your labors, but remember to keep your nose to the grindstone.

VIRGO Traits & Overview

Virgos is the star sign born between 23rd August and 22nd September 2023. This zodiac sign works HARD at coming off all effortless and perfect. They have extremely high standards, none more so than for themselves, and they obsess over everything. They are fantastic detail-people, love organising stuff, and can be relied on to make everything go smoothly.

Virgos can come off as uptight or critical, but actually their Mercury ruler does present a lighter side to their character. They love gossip, information, education, entertainment. Their mind is sharp, bright and shrewd. Virgos make great friends, they are 100% solid and also (secretly) naughty fun.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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ACS Goes Back to School with the RCA House System



The entire school assembled in the gym for an exciting sorting day



The four "houses" of Arapahoe Charter School.

of students from each grade level assigned to each of the four houses. The houses, Revoir, Isibindi, Amistad, and Altruismo have their own color, blue, green, red, and black respectively, and their own coat of arms. Four groups that are still united as Arapahoe Charter School.

have been involved in the use of the house system before, and have found it to be excellent in fostering a sense of community within a school," says lower school director Michele Shelton. "All our faculty and staff have enthusiastically bought into this concept and we are excited to see what it will do for our learning environment." The teachers and staff, who are also separated into the houses, have been introducing students to the concept since school began back on August 13 and last Friday was what is known as sorting day, the day the entire student body finds out what house they are a member of. This was done entirely at random with the only constraint being roughly an equal number

Friday Night Lights are Back in Pamlico

by: Hiram Lupton

The Hurricanes of Pamlico County High School hit the field for the first time in 2025 last Friday as they hosted KIPP Pride high school who traveled from Gaston for the contest. In case you were wondering, KIPP stands for Knowledge is Power Program. It is a part of a network of free college-preparatory public charter schools located across the country. Pamlico kept things close for a while, trailing by only 8-0 at the end of the first period, but in the second quarter, the Pride took control as the Hurricane offense committed 4 turnovers, giving KIPP momentum they never let go of as they built a 48-0 halftime lead. Things were only slightly better the second half for Pamlico as KIPP continued to pile up scores. The Hurricanes finally found the endzone in the fourth quarter as Freshman Noah Gibbs kept the ball on a quarterback keeper and scored from 5 yards out. Kicker Baird Audilet added the extra point to make the score 64-7. KIPP added another score for a final of 72-2. The Hurricanes weren't without some bright spots, among them Senior Linebacker Isaiah Mewborn had an outstanding game on defense, leading Pamlico with 11 tackles. There are plenty of things to work on in the coming week for the Hurricanes who hit the road this Friday to visit the Pirates of Swansboro.



Noah Gibbs (#7) scores Pamlico's only touchdown.



Caleb Payl (#44), Isaiah Mewborn (#42), and Baird Audilet (#8) converge on a KIPP ball carrier



The always awesome Hurricane cheerleaders

Hurricanes at the Net

Pamlico Picks Up First Win of Season

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School volleyball squad played a pair of road matches last week leading off with a trip on Wednesday to North Lenoir to take on the previously undefeated Hawks. I say "previously" because Pamlico scratched the win column for the first time by besting the Hawks 3-1 (25-23, 25-23, 19-25, 25-17) in a hard-fought contest. The following evening saw the Hurricanes take a trip south to do battle with West Carteret and the Patriots defended their home with a 3-0 sweep of the 'Canes (25-15, 25-23, 25-13). This week Pamlico stays busy with three matches. On Tuesday they welcome the Panthers of Washington County to Bayboro before heading to Edenton to do battle with Holmes High School on Wednesday, followed by another trip north on Thursday to face the Bears of Bear Grass Charter School.



Hurricane Head Coach April Rose

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The Old Theater Presents A Night of Stand-up Comedy with Paul Snyder and Sid Davis

Friday, September 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM

\$25.00 General admission; \$20.00 for OT members, military, and students.
Children under six are admitted free.

Tickets are available at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern or online at www.oldtheater.org

Paul Snyder is headlining the evening with his unique blend of humor and relatable storytelling. Paul is a rising star in the world of comedy, a regular performer at clubs and theaters nationwide. In 2024, he released his debut DryBar Comedy special, "I Left the House for This," which has already garnered over 1.2 million views on YouTube. His comedy is family-friendly, offering a mix of personal anecdotes and observational humor that resonate with audiences of all ages. With a laid-back delivery and a knack for making even the smallest crowds feel like old friends, his performances are consistently warm, engaging and entertaining.

Sid Davis is the featured comedian known for his unique comedic style and infectious wit, and non-stop laughter. He turns everyday events into hilarious stories. He gained significant recognition in 2014 when the late Joan Rivers selected him as her opening act for her comedy tour after viewing over 200 comedians. Growing up in Ohio, Sid was influenced by comedy legends such as Red Skelton, Garry Shandling, and Johnny Carson. He is funny without being vulgar and audiences of all ages find him hilarious. Sid's phenomenal and unlikely success story in the comedy business began after retiring from his airline mechanic career at age 50. His first Comedy Time TV spot earned the highest-rank and he was voted "Best in Fest" for 3 years at the San Luis Obispo Comedy Festival. After you see his one-of-a-kind show, you too will agree with Joan Rivers. "Sid Davis is terrific! He's a walking sitcom!"

Box Office opens at 6:00 PM and tickets may be available at that time. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance begins. Wine and soft drinks will be available by donation to The Old Theater, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and venue for performing arts in Oriental and Eastern North Carolina. The theater is located at 609 Broad Street in Oriental. For additional information call 252-249-0477.



Sid Davis



Paul Snyder



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When she is not helping real estate clients, Autumn enjoys working as a hair stylist. (She graduated cosmetology school at age 17). Working closely with people in this career has helped her hone her client relationship and interpersonal



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NEW BERN, NC, Have you ever wondered what life was like in your great-grandfather's time? Here is an opportunity to find out. Join us as uniformed re-enactors from the 5th and 7th NC Infantry Regiments will set up a full period camp at New Bern Battlefield Park Saturday, September 6th. It will be open to the public at no charge, from 8am to 4pm.

Both Union and Confederate soldiers will be in camp. Visitors will be able to view several demonstrations and displays including a Civil War surgeon's display, weapons display, and a cavalry demonstration, and artillery demonstration.



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The public is welcome to New Bern Battlefield Park at 300 Battlefield Trail on Saturday, September 6th from 8am to 4pm. Activities will begin with 8:30am morning roll call and inspection followed at 9am by infantry drill. At 9:30am see an artillery demonstration. Afternoon activities will begin with a 1:30pm infantry drill. At 3pm you'll see the trial of a deserter in the camp and at 3:30pm the artillery demonstration. Throughout the day, from 8am to 4pm you'll find a weapons and gear demonstration, a civilian camp, and medical, blacksmith and cavalry displays.

For information call the New Bern Historical Society at 252-638-8558. The New Bern Historical Society owns and maintains Battlefield Park. It is open to the public from sunrise to sunset daily.

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.

Authentic Civil War Recipes from the Battlefield



Fried Salt Pork with Greens

This classic Southern dish is a staple, featuring crispy fried salt pork served alongside tender greens. This recipe is a hearty and flavorful twist on traditional collard greens.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound salt pork (rind removed)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups collard greens, chopped
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. Cut the salt pork into small cubes.
2. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 3 minutes.
3. Add the garlic and cook for an additional minute.
4. Add the salt pork to the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until crispy and golden brown, about 10-12 minutes.
5. Add the collard greens to the skillet and stir to combine with the fried salt pork. Cook until the greens are tender, about 5-7 minutes.
6. Season with red pepper flakes (if using), salt, and pepper to taste.
7. Serve hot.

Cooking Time: 20-25 minutes

The staple ration for the soldiers was hardtack, a rock-hard biscuit. But other simple Civil War recipes, like soups, stews and hash, could be made with whatever ingredients the soldiers had on hand.





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DEQ reminds residents, businesses that burning trash is against state law

RALEIGH – The open burning of trash, metal, plastic and all other man-made materials not only harms the environment and poses a public health risk, it's against state law. During the summer and fall burning season, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Air Quality is reminding North Carolinians: If it doesn't grow, don't burn it. Open burning is only allowed in limited circumstances and only for vegetative materials like leaves, limbs and yard debris.

The open burning rule, the state's oldest air quality regulation, limits what can be burned outdoors and when. Other requirements of the open burning rule:

- Residential yard waste and commercial land clearing burning can only occur between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. No new vegetation can be added to a burn pile after 6 p.m.
- Burning is only allowed when the air quality forecast is Code Green or Code Yellow. Burning on Code Orange, Red or Purple days is prohibited. Check your county's air quality forecast at the online Air Quality Portal.
- Yard waste must originate at a private residence and be burned on that site. In other words, residents can only burn vegetation from their own yard – not yard waste from other homes or locations.
- Burning of yard waste is only allowed if permitted under local ordinances and only if public pickup of yard debris is not available.
- Campfires, outdoor cooking fires and bonfires are permissible, unless prohibited by local ordinances or temporary burn bans, provided that only vegetation such as firewood is burned. Fires must be controlled and never left unattended.

Commercial land clearing operations are also limited by the open burning rule. Land clearing is the uprooting or clearing of vegetation in connection with construction, land development or mining, or the initial clearing of vegetation to enhance property value. The burning of this debris must comply with all open burning rules, including the following key restrictions:

- As a general rule, the vegetation should originate on the site where the burn is taking place. (Land clearing waste can be transported and burned at another site up to four times a year only if specific conditions in the open burning rules are met).
- Kerosene or diesel fuel may be used to start a land-clearing fire, but no other man-made materials can be burned.
- Land clearing burn piles must be at least 500 feet from occupied structures and at least 250 feet from any public road when the prevailing winds are blowing toward the road. Information on wind direction is available from the National Weather Service.

The Division of Air Quality enforces the state open burning rule, partnering with local law enforcement, firefighters and fire marshals, and the N.C. Forest Service to ensure compliance. Violators can be fined up to \$25,000 per violation per day. To submit an open burning complaint, contact the DEQ Regional Office that serves your county. Anonymous complaints can be submitted via our online tool.

Careless debris burning is the leading cause of wildfires in North Carolina. The N.C. Forest Service may require an open burning permit before certain fires are lit, including fires in protected areas. The Division of Air Quality does not issue burn permits. Burn permits are available through the N.C. Forest Service's online application at ncforestservice.gov/burnpermit or by contacting a local N.C. Forest Service county office or local permitting agent. For more information, contact the N.C. Forest Service.

Local county and municipal governments may have more stringent burning restrictions than state law. Contact your local officials to learn what burning rules may be in place where you live.

The open burning rule includes exceptions for certain special burns, including firefighter training exercises and prescribed burns. For more information about open burning, and to watch a video that reviews these state laws, visit DEQ's Open Burning website.

The Pirate Jam Main Event

It has been a very fun, busy Pamlico Arts Council Pirate Month in our county. But the main event is the Pirate Jam on Saturday, August 30. The most fun concert that you can attend via watercraft of any kind. Come float, paddle or drop your anchor off of Teach's Point (Dewey Point) just across from the bridge in Oriental on Green's Creek.

PAC is so proud to bring the best lineup of bands ever! We start the afternoon at 2 p.m. with Signature Blend, a band out of Vandemere that plays southern rock and blues. They will be followed by Bridge Atlantic, a rock and pop band that we introduced to you last year. This band was so popular, it has been contracted by other organization events in the area ever since. They will start palying at 3:30.

Then, our hometown favorite band will take front and center at 5 p.m., Southern Hellcats! Music will continue until 6:30 p.m. What a show it will be!

Let's all thank PAC's band and burgee sponsors for helping us bring this awesome event to life by patronizing their businesses!

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Whether you come via rubber duckie, kayak or boat, we hope to see you out there! Rain date Sunday, August 31.

This project is supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



Bridge Atlantic played to a floating room only crowd.



Pirate Jam attendees enjoying the tunes and beautiful afternoon.

Mastering The Art Of Pirate Speak

Arrr, Matey! – One of the most iconic phrases associated with pirates is the hearty "Arrr, matey!" This classic pirate expression is a must-have in your vocabulary if you want to sound like a true seafaring scallywag. Practice rolling your 'r's and adding a gruff tone to your voice for extra authenticity.

Shiver Me Timbers – Another popular pirate phrase that adds a touch of drama to your speech is "Shiver me timbers!" This exclamation is often used to express surprise or disbelief and is sure to impress your fellow buccaneers.

Ahoy, Mateys! – When greeting your fellow pirates, be sure to use

the traditional seafaring salutation of "Ahoy, mateys!" This friendly greeting is a great way to start a conversation and establish yourself as a true member of the crew.

Landlubber! – A classic pirate insult for someone who is inexperienced or clueless when it comes to the ways of the sea. It's a quick way to establish dominance in a pirate crew.

Scurvy knave! – An insult that implies someone is deceitful or untrustworthy. It's a sly way of questioning someone's character without being too direct.

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For more information call 252-249-0200.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BERTHA M. MIDGETTE File No.: 19E000096-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to CHARLENE MIDGETTE, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before NOVEMBER 25TH, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR CTA.

This 19TH OF AUGUST 2025

ESTATE OF BERTHA M. MIDGETTE
C/O CHARLENE MIDGETT
PO BOX 385
ALLIANCE, NC 28509

Publish AUGUST 27 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 10 AND 17, 2025.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO.: 25SP001049-680

IN RE: REGISTERED ESTATE NUMBER 9

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 43-17.2

TO: All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in Registered Estate Number 9.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition was filed by Petitioner Reservco Inc., by and through its attorneys K&L Gates LLP, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, alleging that the Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 9 had been lost under the circumstances stated therein, and praying that new duplicate certificates of title be issued to the Petitioner.

The land referred to in Certificate of Title for Registered Estate No. 9 is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument, a corner in the line dividing Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, and running thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes East 17 feet to an iron pipe in the center line of the old Sand Hill Road, and running with the center line of said Road, South 58 degrees 15 minutes West 154 feet; South 47 degrees 10 minutes West 182 feet; South 73 degrees 45 minutes West 424.5 feet; South 43 degrees West 217.5 feet; South 28 degrees 25 minutes West 230 feet; South 15 degrees 45 minutes West 236.5 feet; South 19 degrees 30 minutes East 310.5 feet; and South 17 degrees 55 minutes West 46.5 feet, which point is marked by an iron pipe set in the edge of said Road 18 feet from the center thereof; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes West 1,620 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 2 degrees 15 minutes East 3,739 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 42 degrees 45 minutes East 3,473 feet to the concrete monument, the point of beginning, containing 121.5 acres, more or less, as shown upon plat attached to the

Decree of Registration hereinafter referred to and made a part thereof. LESS AND EXCEPT that 47.48 acre tract conveyed at Book 216, Page 704, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the southeast corner of the tract herein conveyed which point is located as follows: beginning at an existing axle in the southern margin of Bellline Road and running thence to an existing iron pin in the southern margin of Bellline Road North 86° 32' 32" East, 930.27 feet, thence from such pin the following courses and distances: North 3° 53' 08 West 544.87 feet to an existing iron pin; North 1° 41' 08" West 371.70 feet to an existing iron pin; North 1° 46' 54" West, 420.36 feet to the point of beginning, the same such point being South 87° 03' 38" West, 83 feet from an existing iron pin in the western line of Old Sand Hill Road. From such beginning point heretofore described, running the following courses and distances: North 25° 15' 00" East, 482.78 feet to a point; North 33° 54' 21" East, 71.54 feet to a point; thence North 29° 57' 36" East, 174.04 feet to a point; thence North 16° 29' 43" East 548.02 feet to a point: thence North 20° 35' 44" East, 100.71 feet to a point, thence North 24° 55' 10" East, 154.31 feet to a point; thence South 87° 20' 23" West, 1512.86 feet to a point; thence South 20° 11' 33" West, 1502.64 feet to a point, thence North 87° 03' 38" East, 1442.99 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, such property containing approximately 47.48 acres according to a survey dated December 31, 1981, made by Wiley C. Rodman, III, Land Surveyor No L2266, being bounded on all sides by the property of Texasgulf Inc. and being part of the J. Peter Grace Tract of the Grantor.

PIN: 6544-11-8100-000
REID: E02-4
See also Torrens Book 1, Page 27 (Registered Estate No. 9)

Said petition will be heard and considered, and an order entered thereon, at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pamlico County, on the 2nd day of October, 2025, at 2 o'clock p.m.

This 19th day of August, 2025

/s/ Sandy H. Harris

Asst. Clerk of Superior Court

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DONALD ELBERT HARDISON File No.: 25E001141-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to RHONDA H. GLASER, EXECUTOR on or before NOVEMBER 25, 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 EXECUTOR.

This 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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REPORTS

INCIDENTS

- Aug. 14, Sanders Rd., Merritt, larceny of motor vehicle
- Aug. 14, NC Hwy 55, Merritt, injury to real property
- Aug. 14, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, cruelty to animals (F)
- Aug. 14, Lee Landing Rd., New Bern, communicating threats
- Aug. 14, Foxwood Trail Rd., New Bern, simple assault
- Aug. 15, Hodges St., Oriental, break or enter building (misdemeanor)
- Aug. 15, N. Third St., Bayboro, simple assault
- Aug. 15, Stonewall, order for arrest - hit/run leave scene, property damage
- Aug. 16, Foxwood Trail Rd., New Bern, family offenses/involuntary commitment
- Aug. 16, Country Club Dr., Arapahoe, harassment
- Aug. 16, Scott Town Rd., GRantsboro, allow dogs to run at large
- Aug. 17, Midyette St., Oriental, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
- Aug. 18, Old Bay River Rd., Alliance, break or enter motor vehicle, larceny of firearm
- Aug. 18, Main St., Bayboro, fail to work after paid
- Aug. 18, School House Lane, Vandemere, simple assault
- Aug. 18, Blount Rd., Arapahoe, order for arrest driving while license revoked, not impaired revoked, order for arrest expired registration card/tag
- Aug. 18, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest for failure to appear (3)
- Aug. 19, NC Hwy 55 E., Alliance, intimidation
- Aug. 19, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, driving while impaired

- Aug. 19, Don Lee Rd., Arapahoe, assault on a female buy male at least 18 years of age
- Aug. 19, Keystown Rd., Grantsboro, order for arrest driving while impaired, order for arrest open container after consuming alcohol 1st, order for arrest reckless driving - wanton disregard
- Aug. 19, Beech Lane, Grantsboro, order for arrest for failure to appear
- Aug. 19, Gibbtown Rd., Merritt, suspicious activity
- Aug. 19, Savanna Rd., New Bern, driving into a ditch
- Aug. 20, Lovick Lee Rd., Oriental, communicating threats
- Aug. 20, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest larceny
- Aug. 20, Lynchs Beach Loop Rd., Bayboro, order for arrest possess/sell/buy altered gun serial number

INSPECTIONS

- July 18, Carolyn O'Neill, Oriental, build, \$178; Patrick Peters, Merritt, electrical, \$50; Jai Green, Merritt, storage, \$157.60; Betty Miller, Bayboro, electrical, \$50; Ross Bell, Grantsboro, shed, \$218
- July 21, Rob Adams, Oriental, electrical; Joseph Chiavetta, Bayboro, storage, \$424; Mark Henley, Oriental, fire, \$100
- July 22, Linwood Ireland, Alliance, ramp, \$50; Barry Conklin, Grantsboro, electrical, \$150; Pamlico Manager, Bayboro, gas, \$50; JEC, Oriental, reno, \$50
- July 23, Kevin McGarrigle, Oriental, gas, \$50; Michael Hunt, build, \$75.60; Terri Rogers, Grantsboro, shed, \$1,150; Joshua Bell, Stonewall, shed, \$146
- July 24, Richard B. Lee, Oriental, car-

- port, \$146; Christopher Wilson, shed, \$290; Keith Smith, Oriental, electrical, \$150; Kuang Group, Bayboro, CAMA, \$195.76
- July 25, Jackie Ireland, Oriental, electrical, \$100; Timothy Mitchell, Arapahoe, electrical, \$150; Pamlico Christian Academy, Grantsboro, fire alarm, \$1,544; Jason Scott, Arapahoe, new, \$1,526.38; Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, mechanical, \$100
- July 28, Edison Brown, Oriental, DW, \$260; Gregory Wright, Grantsboro, new, \$1,795.86; Mark White, Arapahoe, gas, \$50; Grantsboro, New Bern, build/electrical, \$124.30; Rett's Creek Farm, Bayboro, electrical, \$100
- July 29, Keith Rinola, New Bern, new, \$1,765.32; William Herman, Arapahoe, gas, \$50; Geoffrey Hall, Grantsboro, CAMA, \$354.33
- July 30, Sam Pike, Vandemere, electrical, \$50; Ashley Amaya, Grantsboro, SW, \$235
- July 31, Buddy Burke, Oriental, demo MH, \$0

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- Aug. 4, PIN H041-58-L; ¼ AC W/S Water St & N/S Wyatt Alley from Andrew L. Latham, Andrew Latham, Margarette Latham to Paula Aguilera Arredondo, Paula Aguilera Arredondo, \$48
- Aug. 4, PIN I043-2; 11 AC W/S Swan Point Rd (SR 1219) & NC Hwy 304; Map DB 239/504 from Kyle P. Hall, Jennifer Hall to Harvey Bryan Whitley, Bryan Harvey Whitley, Jr., \$96
- Aug. 4, Bay Shores Estates Lot: 7A Phase Two PCA 87-5; Boat Slip 1 MB DB 304/441 from Patrick Hartung to Dylan Baker, \$90
- Aug. 4, Woodland Heights Lot: 18 MB

- 12/58 PIN D051-27-18; 25CVS001039-680 from Barbara Williams to Frances Allena Hoffman, \$0
- Aug. 5, One Tract S/S Gibbtown Rd (NCSR 1335) & W/S NC Hwy 55 from Oriental Consortium, LLC to Matthew James Castro, Valentina Castro, \$530
- Aug. 6, Lot 8 Salona Garrison Estate S/S Dudley Ct Bayboro PCA 130-8; ½ AC S/S Chinchilla Dr (NCSR 1209) from Charity Dudley Barrow to Darien O'Shea Fisher, \$0
- Aug. 6, 22E67; 57/100 AC Lot Janerio Park Section II China Grove Community on Neuse River MB 4/84 from Kevin Michael Brown, Ashley Ross Brown, Amy Davis Brown, Megan Brown Howard, Timothy Aaron Howard to Marian C. Bissett, Derald Gray Potter, Jr., \$400
- Aug. 6, Sail Haven Lot: 22 Section Two MB 9/26 from Gilbert F. Terry, Vickie C. Terry to Rich Connolly, \$60
- Aug. 6, 0.43 AC Lot 1 & 0.40 AC Lot 2 PCB 4-18 from Craig Michael Baker, Amy Marie Baker to Habitat for Humanity of Pamlico County, Inc., \$90
- Aug. 6, PIN E08-74-3; 10.10 AC Tract 3 PCA 83-1 from Debra A. Lee, Bryan C. Harris to Timothy Krulan, Christine Krulan, \$2114
- Aug. 6, Grace Harbor Marina Unit: B-24 CC1 Slide 12-3, Grace Harbor Marina Und Int Common Elements Slip DB 604/638 from Timothy S. Nixon, Natalie C. Nixon, Natalie C. Cartwright, Natalie Nixon to River Dunes Development, LLC, \$180
- Aug. 6, Grace Harbor Marina Unit: C2 CC 1 Slide 12-3, Grace Harbor Marina Und Int Common Elements Slip DB 604/638 from River Dunes Development, LLC to Timothy S. Nixon, \$270

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



Teachers and staff were back at school preparing for open house and the first day of school. The PTO groups were active supporting their staff with breakfast and helping in other ways to get the year off to a good start. There was a prayer circle on Saturday at the football field to pray for all our administrators, resource officers, students, faculty, bus drivers, staff, parents, county leaders, and all county residents. We started this year off right and bathed it in prayer.

There have been several opportunities for parents and students to receive free school supplies. Sunday morning the Stonewall Methodist Church congregation prayed over their students and their backpacks and gave them a gift card to purchase any other supplies they needed.

Arapahoe Charter School had already begun classes, and the classes at all other county schools began on August 25, 2025. Remember to look out for those children waiting for the bus in the mornings. We all want this to be a safe productive year.

Construction of the new Pamlico County High School and the Pamlico Christian Academy are looking good and appear to be

right on schedule. The new Urgent Care in Grantsboro will open for business September 8, 2025. I understand you can pay a flat \$119 fee if you don't have insurance and it will cover all services including cost of things like x-rays. They also accept Medicare, other insurances, and Tricare.

Celebrating his birthday in August is Chris Meadows (8/27). Celebrating birthdays in September are Karen Deaton (9/2), Beth Hudgins and Tommy Spain (9/5), Stephanie Banks Henries (9/11), Ginger McLawhorn (9/12), Julia Tingle (9/13), Carey Smith (9/15), James Paul (9/17), Peg Witt (9/18), Asa Gatlin IV (9/20), Sue Sanders (9/27), Donna Gordon and Fay Bond (9/29), and Tim Carey and Reid Carey (9/30).

Celebrating anniversaries during September are John Paul & Beth Wood (9/2), Kevin & Suzie Rodgers (9/10), and Chris & Maria Machle (9/27).

Have a blessed week Fearful? Take Spiritual Vitamin F. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10)

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



We hoped for rain over the weekend and we got a sprinkle. We are enjoying lower temperatures so we should be thankful for that. Construction is to start across the creek on Joe and Colleen's addition to their home. We are so happy to have them as neighbors. Church yesterday had 16 in attendance. Next Sunday will be lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Several from church attended Women of Faith breakfast at Brantley's Saturday sponsored by Oriental Methodist Church. The speaker was our Librarian from the new Library.

The room was full of women from a lot of different churches. Yesterday Kevin and Russ cooked a shrimp boil in my yard to celebrate my birthday and invited my close neighbors. The shrimp were as fresh as you could get them, caught Saturday night by Alex. Finished a puzzle that Betty Joe gave me. Thank goodness Suzi, Bill and Sylvia stayed to help me finish because it was a tough one! The Librarian also told us they have puzzles you can check out from the Library.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—WAR DOES NOT DETERMINE WHO IS RIGHT—ONLY WHO IS LEFT!

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope that all is well in your lives this week. I know for me it has been a hectic week but it always is the first week of school. I am driving one of our buses this year and on day one I am noticing some things drivers (not bus) but everyday drivers are doing.

That bus that you are behind, the one while stopped that you are already edged out to race around as soon as the stop sign goes in, yeah that one. That bus has precious cargo on it and should be treated as such, so is it really worth endangering everyone around to race past? I know it's an inconvenience but that little bit of time you save just isn't worth it.

One of the other things that I see are distracted drivers, people riding down the road driving, and have their phone down by the bottom of the steering wheel just scrolling or texting away. The fact that you hold it low means you know it's wrong and you shouldn't be doing it. It only takes a split second for something bad to happen, so please I urge you to put the phone down. Your family and everyone around you deserves to have their loved ones come home and not in an accident because that text or whatever just couldn't wait. I promise it can wait, before cell phones all of it waited and we were just fine.

Please just remember to slow down, leave early, take a different route, but by all means be mindful of the buses and the cargo that they carry. I will get off my soap box for now but this is truly something that is very important.



I saw that the Heritage Day is coming back this year, that is an amazing event so make sure you are following along and if you are a vendor and would like to set up there make sure you reach out to them if you are interested in setting up. The Urgent Care looks to be opening soon, it sure is a nice looking place and from the sign it seems they will be open late.

Labor Day is this weekend so that means everywhere will be busy. Especially the water, seems like that is usually one of the busiest weekends ending up summer breaks and everything else summer. I hope you all get out and enjoy, Until next time, see ya!

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Erin for the most part gave us about .05 inches of rain and a few gentle gusts through the pines.

I came across an old video of crabbers on the creek from 11 years ago. There were three at the same time tending to their pots off of the point. Now I'm lucky to see the occasional single boat.

Looks like Mullet are about and congregating. Probably helped entice a big pod of Dolphins (12!) the day before the storm. That's the largest number I've ever seen on the creek. At the most there's usually 4.

Wayside has a new owner, Shika Gordon, and has renamed it Highway 33 Sports Bar and Grill. The community has been raving about the food. Their hours are 10 am to 12 am M-Saturday and Sunday 12 pm to 12 am. Mr. Cedric Coffey is the manager and is the artist who has recreated the interior.

Aurora VFD just took delivery of a brand new F250 which will replace their 1985 model.

The Sandpiper is surprisingly still around. The Crows, now out of figs, have discovered the food table unfortunately. While looking for my box turtle I saw a good sized snake near the foundation. My sources agree that it was a Water Snake (this week's photo).

I found some Mattamuskeet small yellow onions at Food Lion. They aren't as sweet as their bigger ones and are very aromatic.

There will be a candidate's forum at the Community Center on September 4 at 7 pm. We have three running for mayor and two for town commissioner for the town of Aurora.

Campbell's Creek will have a pig picking on 9/20 from 5-7 pm. They will have both chicken and pork BBQ and proceeds will to the Community Center upkeep.

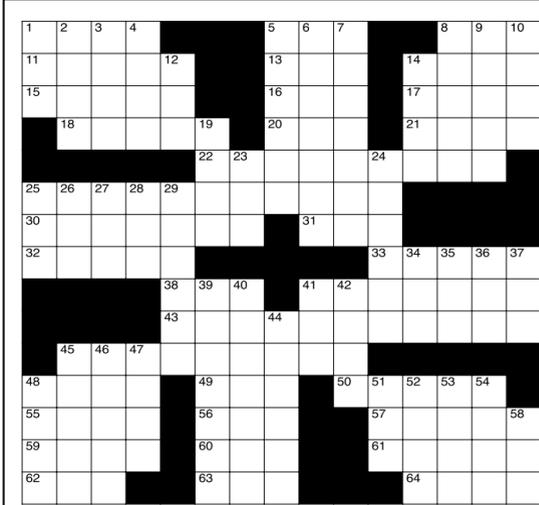


gratuity

In an era when consumers are increasingly asked if they want to tip when paying for goods or services, a recent survey has found that many American consumers still adhere to conventional wisdom when leaving a gratuity in restaurants. A YouGov survey released in June 2024 found that 62 percent of Americans tip between 15 and 20 percent when they dine out at a restaurant. Though 15 percent was long the standard when tipping at a restaurant, the YouGov survey indicates more diners are tipping at the higher end of the 15 to 20 percent range. Among survey respondents, 35 percent indicate they typically leave a tip of 20 percent, while 27 percent indicated they typically tip 15 percent. And 20 percent seems to be the best restaurant workers can expect, as the survey indicated only 4 percent of diners tip at 25 percent.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Space Systems Command
- 8. Plant seed by scattering
- 11. Alliances
- 13. Fiddler crabs
- 14. Heroic tale
- 15. Yemen capital
- 16. Misleading gesture
- 17. Cain and ___
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Hundredweight
- 21. Children's toy in the snow
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Free of deceit
- 30. Performed a dance
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Exaggerated
- 33. Refrain from inflicting
- 38. A doctrine
- 41. Can be subdued
- 43. A place to bathe
- 45. Land used for pasture
- 48. Curved piece of iron
- 49. Automobile
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. Breezes through
- 56. Child
- 57. NBA legend Iverson
- 59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
- 63. Lair
- 64. Fibrous material

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Home of "60 Minutes"
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. ___ fide: legitimate
- 4. Immune response
- 5. Assistance and support
- 6. Glared
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Pitch black
- 9. S-shaped lines
- 10. Statistical test
- 12. ___ Paulo, city
- 14. Graduation garb
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. Weather events
- 25. A pituitary hormone
- 26. Jamie Foxx film
- 27. Rocker's accessory
- 28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
- 34. Consume
- 35. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Sick
- 37. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 39. Removed the husk
- 40. Mass of rocks and sediment
- 41. Two-year-old sheep
- 42. Area units
- 44. Prison overseer
- 45. Walked
- 46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
- 47. Tax
- 48. 50 percent
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Tattle
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Egg of a louse

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to state fairs.

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Answer: Contest

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in New York on August 26, 1980. I was raised in a small apartment with six siblings, and studied ballet at the School of American Ballet. I starred in many films as a child, notably playing the main character in a popular Christmas movie.

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Eastern Carolina Women's Center Joins CarolinaEast Physicians CarolinaEast OB/GYN is Formed

(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Health System announces that Eastern Carolina Women's Center, PA (ECWC) is joining its family of services. Effective September 1, 2025, the employees and physicians of ECWC will be part of CarolinaEast. CarolinaEast Physicians, providing primary and specialty care for all phases of life from offices in four counties, now includes the newly named CarolinaEast OB/GYN.

The physician practice's eight providers, Kristi L. English Brown, MD, FACOG, Rolvix H. Patterson, MD, FACOG, Paige Clark, MD, FACOG, Jeremy Belch, MD, MPH, FACOG, Kathleen Montanez, MD, Jennie Gillespie, DO, FACOG, Mandy K. Marshburn, DNP, CNM and Jessica M. Ipock, CNM are now part of CarolinaEast Physicians and will continue to provide OB/GYN services in their current location at 801 McCarthy Boulevard in New Bern. The Havelock location will temporarily pause seeing patients until a later date.



CarolinaEast OB/GYN will continue to serve women of all ages, including general wellness care, surgical intervention, family planning services, obstetrics, and gynecology, but with an added focus on developing a partnership model which supports clinical integration and high-quality, multidisciplinary patient-focused care with a broader reach.

"Eastern Carolina Women's Center has cared for the women of Craven and surrounding counties for nearly 30 years. By integrating ECWC, CarolinaEast aims to continue supporting women's health while maintaining the high quality care and enhancing the patient experience," said Michael Smith, President and CEO of CarolinaEast Health System. "We look forward to working with this incredible group of physicians and staff to build on this valuable service to our community."

ECWC was formed in 1998 by the merger of two prominent practices; Craven Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pinetree Obstetrics and Gynecology. The practice serves the women of Craven, Jones, and Pamlico counties, as well as other outlying areas, with a mission of meeting the physical, emotional and educational needs of women in an accessible, confidential, friendly and comfortable setting.

"I look forward to joining with CarolinaEast to become CarolinaEast OB/GYN. We are grateful for our dedicated staff that is truly committed to our patients and this practice, providing a solid foundation for this exciting next step for our team," said Rolvix Patterson, MD, FACOG. "As providers, we are enthusiastic about new opportunities to deliver state-of-the-art obstetric and gynecologic care to our local and regional communities under the leadership of a nationally ranked health system."

CarolinaEast Medical Center's Women's & Children's Pavilion, also known as the Labor & Delivery and Postpartum departments, offers quality, award-winning care for mothers delivering babies and recovering after childbirth. They received the Women's Choice Award® for America's Best Hospitals for Obstetrics in 2025 and are a designated Baby-Friendly® Hospital, demonstrating that CarolinaEast is adhering to the highest standards of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies.

CarolinaEast Physicians began integrating practices in 2009 and CarolinaEast OB/GYN brings physician practice locations operating as part of the Health System to 21. The integration will involve the transition to CarolinaEast's Epic electronic health record system and all current patients of ECWC are encouraged to create a MyChart account for continuity of care. Visit <https://www.carolinaeasthealth.com/patients-and-visitors/patient-portal/> to create an account or learn more.

About CarolinaEast Health System

CarolinaEast Health System has been serving the growing needs of the coastal North Carolina community since 1963. In addition to the system's flagship, 350 bed CarolinaEast Medical Center, CarolinaEast includes a rehabilitation hospital, free-standing surgery center, the SECU Comprehensive Cancer Center, and numerous CarolinaEast Physician practices providing primary and specialty care for all phases of life from offices in four counties. Visit carolinaeasthealth.com to learn more.

Contact: Brandy Popp, Director, Public Relations. –CarolinaEast Health System 252-633-8154 bpopp@carolinaeasthealth.com

Did you know?

The American Heart Association reports that a resting heart rate between 60 and 100 beats per minute is normal for most adults. However, a physically active person or athlete may have a resting heart rate as low as 40 beats per minute. Individuals may recognize resting heart rate or know it from past wellness exams, but why is it important? According to the AHA, a person's resting heart rate can be an important clue into how healthy or unhealthy that person may be. The AHA notes that a lower resting heart rate indicates the heart muscle is in good condition and therefore does not have to work as hard to maintain a steady beat. Conversely, a higher resting heart rate has been linked to lower levels of physical fitness, higher blood pressure and elevated body weight.



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PCA vs PCHS Soccer

by: Hiram Lupton

Soccer is taking off in Pamlico County and a good sign is that two schools from the county squared off on the pitch last week in competition for the Pamlico Cup. What is The Pamlico Cup you ask? It is much like the World Cup if the world is Pamlico County but without hundreds of millions of soccer fans watching worldwide on TV. The Pamlico Cup is pretty special around here if you play soccer for Pamlico County High School (PCHS) and Pamlico Christian Academy (PCA). It is a way to stir up some interest and create a friendly rivalry between the two County schools. The Mariners and the Hurricanes played round one for the cup last Wednesday at Lawson Creek Park in New Bern. The first half belonged to PCA, as by intermission the Mariners had built up a 7-1 advantage. In the second half both teams settled in and played some tough defense, with PCA finally winning round one by a final score of 9-2. These two teams will battle it out again in round two on August 28 on PCHS's home field. If PCA wins, they claim the trophy for 2025 outright. If PCHS turns the tables, they force a tie and the winner of the trophy will be decided by penalty kicks. The beautiful Pamlico Cup Trophy was made by Mr. Slate Laser Works in New Bern. Check out his awesome work at www.shopmrslate.com.



The Pamlico Cup Trophy features the logo of PCA on one side and PCHS on the other with an area to record each year that particular team wins the cup.





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<p>WHO</p> <p>The official Pamlico County Training School - Pamlico Central School Alumni Association, Inc. (PCT-PCS)</p> <p>WHAT</p> <p>The Pamlico County Training - Pamlico Central School Alumni Association Inc. will celebrate our Founder's Day Reunion</p> <p>WHEN</p> <p>September 26-27, 2025</p> <p>Friday, September 26, 2025 6:00PM to 9:00PM MEET AND GREET</p> <p>Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:00AM to 12:00PM</p> <p>TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE (Tour Campus) (Tour will start promptly at 10AM)</p> <p>12:00PM to 3:00PM LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING</p> <p>CONTACT US</p> <p>PCTPCALUMNI@YAHOO.COM</p>	<p>WHERE</p> <p>15526 NC-55 Bayboro, NC 28515</p> <p>The original site of the PCT-PCS School</p> <p>PLANNING TO ATTEND?</p> <p>Cost: \$50 per person</p> <p>Dress Code: Casual, but you may dress up if you are compelled to do so. Keep in mind there will be a tour Saturday. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.</p> <p>Payments Due By September 10th. Send payments to payment sources below.</p> <p>ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE HUBERT L. MONK MEMORIAL GYM PAMLIKO COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL</p> <p>DONATE If you cannot attend and still would like to donate please send donations/reunion fees to zelle or by mail:</p> <p>Zelle Contact : 240-441-8200 or The Officers of Pamlico County Training/Pamlico Central School Alumni P.O. Box 103 Bayboro, NC 28515</p>
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