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Pamlico County Sheriff's Office Conducts Sex Offender Compliance Operation



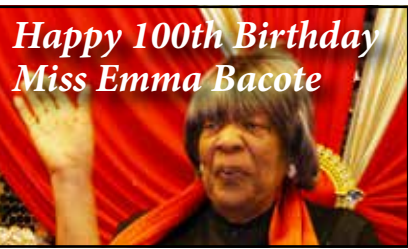
Pamlico County, NC – During the month of July, the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the U.S. Marshals Service and North Carolina Probation and Parole, conducted a joint operation focused on sex offender compliance checks within Pamlico County.


As part of this coordinated effort, law enforcement officers conducted compliance checks on more than 40 registered sex offenders residing in the county. While North Carolina law mandates that sheriff's offices complete these checks at least once per year, the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office exceeds this requirement by conducting compliance checks every three months at random intervals. This ongoing commitment ensures greater accountability and safety for the citizens of Pamlico County.

As a result of the July operation, one individual was arrested. Gregory Brandli was taken into custody for Failure to Register Online Identifiers with the Sheriff's Office and Being a Registered Sex Offender Unlawfully on the Premises of a Child Care Center. Brandli was arrested by Pamlico County deputies and received a \$35,000 secured bond. His first court appearance was held on August 1, 2025.

The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office remains dedicated to the strict enforcement of the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry laws.

For more information about the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry, please visit: <https://sexoffender.ncsbi.gov>





SnakeTalk

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Join us at the
Pamlico County Library
Thursday, August 7th @ 5PM

Learn about Snakes in Pamlico County

Hurricanes at the Rotary Club of New Bern Pigskin Preview

by: Hiram Lupton



(L to R) Assistant Coach Donnie Richards, Assistant Coach Keith Reese, Caleb Paul, Jacob Bennett, Trey Munford, Head Coach Brandon Akins

It may still be very hot outside, but fall is on the way and with it comes high school football. For the last four years one of the signals that the season is close in our area is the annual Rotary Club of New Bern's Pigskin Preview event. Held last Tuesday evening at the Shrine Club in New Bern, the gathering brings together coaches, athletic directors, and selected players from five area teams, New Bern, Havelock, West Craven, Pamlico, and Jones, for question-and-answer sessions about the upcoming season. The event was moderated by the always entertaining WCTI TV12's Brian North. This was more than just good food and fellowship, it was also a fundraiser by the Rotary Club of New Bern with all proceeds from the event to be split between the athletic departments of the four participating schools. Jones is new to the group this year so money raised will be split



Coach Akins and Hurricane players field questions from moderator Brian North

five ways. Last year Pamlico County High School Athletics received an \$1100 check from New Bern Rotary. Special thanks to all the sponsors of this year's event and especially the Rotary of New Bern for putting on a great event.

Topping Off the New Pamlico County 6-12 School

by: Hiram Lupton



The final structural beam leaves the ground

An important milestone in the construction of the new Pamlico County 6-12 School was marked and celebrated last Thursday with a tradition in the construction industry, a topping off ceremony. It is thought that the tradition dates back centuries, perhaps beginning in ancient Scandinavian cultures to bless and celebrate a new structure. An American flag and/or an evergreen tree are often attached to the beam representing growth, good luck, the harmonious union of nature and construction, and patriotism. These symbols were present at the Thursday ceremony as was the custom of signing of the beam by all those involved in the construction, or to be involved with the new structure. On hand for the ceremony were many local dignitaries includ-

ing State Senator Norm Sanderson, N.C. House Representative Keith Kidwell, and several members of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners. Also in attendance were all the members of the Pamlico County School Board and much of the administration and faculty of the school system. All these along with representatives of SFL+a Architects who designed the school and Metcon Construction, the general contractor building it, plus the many construction workers, tradesmen, and subcontractors all gathered to celebrate the milestone. With the completion scheduled for a little less than a year from now, there will no doubt be more milestones to celebrate but this will be the biggest, at least until the final one. Completion.

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BCCC Back to School Bash



August is here, which means that soon parents will be humming the familiar tune "It's the most wonderful time of the year," while their kids will be wondering how summer went by so fast. To help get ready for the new school year, Broad Creek Christian Church (BCCC) held their annual Back to School Bash last Saturday at their facility in Olympia. From pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, crayons, glue, backpacks and much more, students could get what they needed to make sure their school year gets off to a great start. But, that's not all that was available to attendees. This event has evolved into much more than a school supplies distribution and has become a community fair. Need a haircut so you can look good for that first day of school? Barbers were there to trim you up. There were also many community groups and agencies there distributing valuable information, from the Pamlico County Health Department to the Pamlico Partnership for Children and many more, you could find out how these groups could help you start your school year off right. The U. S. Coast Guard was there to give you a close up look at one of their patrol boats as well as the Olympia Volunteer Fire Department who brought one of their trucks to take a look at and learn about fire safety. There was also plenty of food available so you didn't even have to leave to get lunch. Great job BCCC by all your volunteers and sponsors for getting the school supply season off to a great start.



Matt Wareham Sworn in as District Attorney

"I'm excited to continue to serve this amazing community and committed to always uphold the Constitution while being firm but fair."
Matt Wareham - District Attorney



New Bern, N.C. — Today Matthew T. Wareham was sworn in as District Attorney for North Carolina's Fourth Prosecutorial District, covering Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties. Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Clinton Rowe administered the oath of office to Wareham and his staff at the Craven County Courthouse in New Bern.

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LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND



Saturday, August 9th **83°Hi** Humid with periods of rain and a thunderstorm



Sunday, August 10th **86°Hi** Sun and clouds with a thunderstorm



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Pamlico Community College

It’s time to start the Fall 2025 semester at Pamlico Community College!

By Sandy Wall

In less than a week, registration for the Fall 2025 semester will be fully underway at Pamlico Community College!

New and returning curriculum students can sign up for classes Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

But even before the formal registration period begins, new and returning curriculum students are encouraged to contact the college so they can complete the enrollment process, speak to an advisor about their academic options, and see what financial aid programs could be available to them.

Additionally, the college’s Continuing Education division has great, short-term courses available. Registration for those classes is underway now and will continue to take place at different times throughout the semester.

Detailed information about the courses and programs available this semester at Pamlico can be found on the college’s website – www.pamlicocc.edu – or in the most recent edition of The Beacon, which is the college’s printed schedule. Copies of The Beacon were mailed at the end of July.

Whatever new and returning students decide to pursue, they can expect to receive a nationally recognized education.

PCC can prepare you for a great career or can get you started on a four-year degree for a fraction of the cost of university tuition. Students who are planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree can save thousands of dollars by attending PCC for their first two years.

Approved credits earned at PCC transfer directly into the state’s public university system and to many private colleges and universities in North Carolina.

The college offers Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in General Education two-year degree programs.



The path to Commencement begins with registering for courses at Pamlico Community College. The official registration period for the Fall 2025 semester is set for Tuesday, Aug. 12, but new and returning students can begin the enrollment process anytime. Contributed image

Pamlico also offers unique-to-the area programs in Environmental Management Technology and Environmental Science Technology.

Students interested in business are encouraged to check out PCC’s programs in Business Administration and Accounting and Finance, and those interested in “helping” careers should take a look at PCC’s public service programs in Criminal Justice Technology, Early Childhood Education, Human Services Technology and Medical Assisting.

For men and women interested in great hands-on careers, PCC offers programs in

Cosmetology, Esthetics, Electrical Systems Technology and Welding.

High school juniors and seniors who want to enroll in tuition-free, college-level courses available through PCC can sign up Aug. 25-27 at the Mattocks Center in Bayboro. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about registration, email studentservices@pamlicocc.edu, call 252-249-1851, ext. 3001, or visit Student Services in the Johnson Building on campus.

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

SAVE THE DATE !!!!

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Instructor

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Agent of the
Week

Gregory Green
Broker-

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

When my wife and I wanted to purchase a nearby property that was not currently listed for sale I contacted Gregory Green. Greg was able to identify the distant owner and negotiate a price for us. Once the deal was agreed on, he promptly and professionally managed the entire process. He even arranged to have expired permits on the property renewed and referred us to a local attorney to handle the closing. When my neighbor mentioned wanting to purchase a similar property nearby, I recommended she call Greg. He handled all the negotiations, and that property is now under agreement and will shortly be hers. Overall, I would highly recommend Gregory Green to broker any real estate purchase or sale.

Dave & Lorraine, 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.
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ORIENTAL – Wide-water views of Smith & Green Creeks from Oriental West Condos unit A-1. Fully furnished, first floor, **2BR/2BA**, w/deep-water deeded boat slip.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- August 6th – Today is National Fresh Breath Day. Don’t forget your mints.
- August 7th – Today is National Sea Serpent Day. Give “Neusie” a kiss if you see her.
- August 8th – Today is National Dollar Day. Due to inflation, this is now known as \$1.69 Day.
- August 9th – Today is National Passion Fruit Day. I’m pretty passionate without fruit.
- August 10th – Today is National Lazy Day. I don’t believe in limiting this to one day.
- August 11th – Today is National Presidential Joke Day.
- August 12th – Today is National Vinyl Record Day. Put the needle on the record and give it a spin.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- August 6th – 19??, Pastor of the Stonewall Methodist Church, Betty Jo Rodgers
- August 7th – 1975, Actress Charlize Theron
- August 7th – 19??, Pamlico County Emergency Management Director Chris Murray
- August 9th – 1944, Actor Sam Elliott
- August 9th – 1963, Singer Whitney Houston
- August 9th – 1967, Football Hall-of-Famer and Coach Deion Sanders
- August 9th – 1968, Actress Gillian Anderson
- August 11th – 1953, Professional Wrestler Terry Bollea (Hulk Hogan)



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
President Trump’s latest piece of legislation — arrogantly dubbed his “big beautiful bill” — is neither big in its vision nor beautiful in its impact. For North Carolina, the ramifications are not only immediate but deeply damaging. This bill is a direct attack on the working families, educators, farmers, and voters of our state.

Let’s start with healthcare. The bill’s proposed cuts to Medicaid and public health programs would gut critical services in our rural communities — many of which are already hanging by a thread. Up to 500,000 could lose health insurance from Medicaid or ACA cuts. Hospitals from Murphy to Manteo are facing closures or service reductions, leaving thousands with nowhere to turn for care.

Education fares no better. North Carolina teachers — already underpaid and under-resourced — would be further undermined by this bill’s push toward privatization and its funding cuts to public schools. It’s a slap in the face to every parent and educator who believes that our children deserve quality education, regardless of their zip code.

For farmers and small businesses, the bill’s deregulation schemes and corporate tax giveaways leave little more than scraps. Family farms are already fighting to survive in a volatile economy, and this legislation would tip the scales even further in favor of massive agribusiness and out-of-state corporations.

And perhaps most chillingly, the bill’s veiled attacks on voting access threaten to erode North Carolina’s hard-fought gains in electoral fairness. From gerrymandering to ID laws, we’ve seen what partisan manipulation can do — this bill codifies it on a national scale.

Let’s not be fooled by branding. There is nothing “beautiful” about a bill that betrays North Carolina’s values, burdens its people, and bulldozes its institutions. Our state deserves leaders and laws that build up, not tear down.

Sincerely,
A Concerned North Carolinian
Diane Lemieux
Arapahoe

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)
- <https://aaeasternnc.org/> <https://aanorthcarolina.org/> <https://www.aa.org/>**

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why Bonnie Crosser is running for Oriental Town Commissioner

Continue helping the Town Manager and staff find new opportunities to eliminate nonessential spending in order to create funding for essential infrastructure projects.
Cost reductions from last year’s expenses amounted to over \$234,000+ as initially reported by the Town Manager during the July 2025 Town Meeting. The outsourcing of the meter reading and parks mowing contributed to this spending reduction. My goal is to continue to focus on additional cost efficiencies which will make funds available to repair and replace our aging infrastructure; our roads and drainage issues.

Continue building on the improvements in financial accounting and emphasize the essential need for financial oversight.
As a result of the Fiscal Year 2024 audit, the Town Auditor found 5 financial performance indicators of concern. We, the Town Manager and her staff, laid the foundation to address those issues, by working hard to implement best practices and incorporate NC Statute requirements into the Town’s financial reporting system. Best practices resulted in identifying \$200,000+ idle cash and moving it into an interest-bearing account.

Continue working on the much needed modernization of the Town’s Water System.
As the Chairperson of the Water Advisory Board, I have worked actively with the Town Manager, staff, and the consulting firm contracted to manage this \$5.4 million renovation project. I plan to continue the Water Plant Rehabilitation, Booster Station (addressing pressure issues for the residents in Dolphin Point), and Valve Replacements projects which address the comprehensive repair and replacement of key components of Oriental’s aging water system.

Continue development of Parks and Recreation facilities.
After being asked to re-join the Park and Recreation team I agreed and will continue my efforts to secure much needed funding to upgrade the facilities and to improve the Town’s equipment and play areas for both youth and seniors that use them

During this campaign I encourage everyone to seek the facts and ask questions. I will be holding Coffee with Commissioner Crosser Hour on every Monday, from 9:00am until 10:00am at Mariposa’s. Please feel free to stop by.
Respectfully, Commissioner Bonnie Crosser, CPA

Recent headlines from the Wall Street Journal: "GM's profit is dented by big tariff hit" and "Ford posts first loss since 2023 following \$800 million tariff hit." When General Motors and Ford are in trouble, so are we. Tariffs hurt everyone.

Bill Deighton
Arapahoe

Dear Editor,
Here are some highlights of the “One Big Beautiful Bill” healthcare impacts to rural NC communities. Before Medicaid expansion about 2 million people were covered. Since the expansion about 650,000 people have been added. This expansion happened because the government saw a need. Many employers had stopped hiring full time workers, thus getting around the laws that required them to include health insurance as part of their pay package. The government decided to support workers by expanding Medicaid.

Unfortunately, now the government is pulling back on supporting workers. According to Dr Shannon Dowler, former chief medical officer of NC Medicaid, “The cuts will lead to patients skipping preventative care leading to more serious and more costly issues down the road.” People in our state still need to be covered. How will healthcare be funded? Will it be by more Go Fund Me pages or by state increasing resident taxes? Maybe it will be an increased tax on health care providers and hospitals? If that is the case then private insurance will increase. According to Kaiser Family Foundation, a single 40 year old making \$31K per year will see an increase of \$1,140 per year; for a 60 year old couple making \$82K per year, annual premiums would increase from \$7000 to more than \$31,000 per year (in some parts of the state).

It is regrettable that people will suffer from cutbacks due to waste fraud and abuse according to DOGE, yet the largest amount of fraud discovered has been primarily directed by corporate mismanagement. Who’s looking at that problem? Let’s stop blaming the workers and start asking why CEOs need three homes and a yacht.

So, six months from now, you may say to yourself, “What’s the big deal? I’m not seeing any impact.” Well, think again. Cuts to Medicaid in the “Big Beautiful Bill” don’t begin until Late December 2026. This is after the November 2026 Midterm elections. In rural NC we won’t feel the pain until after voting. Why do you think they did this?

Dennis Balsly (R)
Kathryn Garcia (D)
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Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, if you long to take your romantic relationship to the next level, this might be the week to focus on your feelings. Your partner may be waiting for you to make a move.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you feel that your power has increased, it may be time to take on some more responsibility right now. Embrace your new role and remain confident in your ability to handle it.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Tranquility you have been feeling of late enables you to listen more attentively to your inner self, Taurus. Take advantage of slow times to evaluate events and make important decisions.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, right now you are going through a period where circumstances are trying to shed light on your hidden motivations. But you’re not ready to show everyone your cards just yet.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You can look forward to an enjoyable week, Gemini. Career issues or family matters are nothing to worry about right now, as everything seems to be moving along smoothly.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, your ego may take a hit this week, but you’ll need to roll with the punches. You are finally understanding that simply willing something to happen won’t always work.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
This week you may find satisfaction that will put a smile on your face and boost morale. You also may find yourself embracing some of the core values that have been a part of your life.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Your actions lately have been going against your nature to want to please others, Capricorn. It will be difficult for you to get back on target, but not impossible.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, others may have been asking questions of you since you’ve uncharacteristically been out of the limelight. Reveal what you want to share. Even you are allowed your secrets.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
It is becoming evident that you might need to bring in a little extra help on a situation that has been brewing for some time, Aquarius. Figure out who you can trust and go from there.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You have a tendency to avoid conflict instead of facing things head on, Virgo. If you’ve been circumventing something that needs attention, it is time to see it through.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Your powers of concentration and self-discipline are impressive, Pisces. There are lessons that others can learn about these admirable traits if you’re willing to share.

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

Why rebalancing your portfolio matters — and how to do it



Dan M. Roberts

In life, balance is everything — whether it’s finding time between work and family or maintaining a healthy diet. The same goes for your investments. Keeping your financial portfolio balanced is a smart way to stay on track toward your long-term goals, even as the markets shift.

That’s where portfolio rebalancing comes in. Rebalancing is the process of adjusting your investments — like stocks, bonds and cash — so they stay in the right mix for your needs. This mix, known as your asset allocation, is designed to reflect your comfort with risk, your investment goals and how long you have until you’ll need to use the money for a major life event like retirement or the purchase of a new home.

For example, let’s say your target portfolio is made up of 60% stocks, 30% bonds and 10% cash. Over time, as the value of each investment changes, your portfolio may become unbalanced. If stocks have a great year and rise in value, they could end up making up 70% of your portfolio. That means you’re taking on more risk than you originally intended.

To get back to your 60/30/10 target, you would sell some stocks and possibly buy more bonds or cash investments. This helps bring your portfolio back in line with your goals.

Markets go up and down. That’s normal — but it also means your portfolio can shift without your even touching it. If you don’t rebalance regularly, you might be taking on too much (or too little) risk.

Rebalancing offers several benefits. It helps keep your investment plan on track and manages your exposure to risk. It also encourages disciplined decision-making, rather than chasing trends.

It might feel strange to sell investments that have been doing well and buy ones that haven’t. But this strategy can help you “buy low and sell high,” which is one of the key ideas behind successful investing.

You may be wondering how often you should rebalance your portfolio. There really is no one-size-fits-all answer. Some people rebalance once a year. Others do it more frequently based on how far their investments drift from their target percentages.

What’s important is that you check your portfolio regularly — at least annually — and make adjustments when needed. After big market movements, whether up or down, it’s a good idea to take a closer look.

Keep in mind that if you rebalance by selling investments in a taxable account, you might owe capital gains taxes. Also, some brokers charge fees for trades. But if you own similar investments in a retirement account like an IRA or 401(k), you can often rebalance without triggering taxes. A financial advisor can help you choose the best approach — and may even be able to help you avoid or reduce costs.

Your ideal investment mix will probably change as your life changes. Younger investors might favor stocks for growth. As you near retirement, you may want to focus more on income and stability. Rebalancing helps you adjust as your goals evolve.

Think of your portfolio like a car on a road trip — regular check-ins and small course corrections will help you stay on the right path. A financial advisor can help you design a strategy that keeps your investments aligned with your goals every step of the way.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.



Why Are My Trees or Shrubs Dying?

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



“Why are my plants dying” is a very common question that I receive through the Extension office. Over the past two years our climatic conditions have been rather extreme and this question has occurred more frequently. To help address this issue, lets discuss the most common causes of plant decline in Pamlico County and what we can do to help prevent it.

First, plants do not die overnight unless they are struck by lightning, catch on fire, or something removes the entire plant from the ground. Plant decline typically occurs over weeks to months, with larger plants exhibiting symptoms longer, while smaller plants can decline more rapidly. Excessive soil wetness is the most common cause of plant decline, which deprives roots of oxygen leading to root death. Roots anchor plants in the ground, supply plants with minerals needed for growth, and provide access to water that plants need to transpire to move nutrients throughout the plant and remain turgid. Without a healthy root system, drought and high temperatures can create additional plant stress that can push plants over the edge. When root death occurs, disease pathogens can also enter plants resulting in decline. The most common of these pathogens in Pamlico County is Armillaria and phytophthora root rot. Above ground symptoms include dieback of foliage and stems, typically starting on new growth and progressing across the plant. Below ground symptoms include:

- **Armillaria** – white fungal mass growing under the bark and the soil line, black rhizomorphs extended along roots <https://www.fs.usda.gov/foresthealth/docs/fidls/FIDL-78-ArmillariaRootDisease.pdf>
- **Phytophthora** – black dead roots, and black discoloration in stems <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/phytophthora-root-and-crown-rot-in-the-landscape>



Armillaria



Fall Webworm

To prevent plant decline from excessive soil moisture, consider improving drainage and selecting plants that can tolerate wet soil conditions. The NC State Extension Plant Toolbox <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/> has an excellent database that you can search and select site specific conditions to help choose plants that are adapted to your location. If your shrubs and trees lie within several hundred feet of a creek or river, realize there is little you can do to prevent

excessive soil moisture. If you observe trees growing along the shore’s edge across Pamlico County, you will see numerous dead or dying trees. This is a natural process that cannot be entirely prevented. High tides, hurricanes, and excessive rain events will create saturated soil conditions at numerous times during the year. To help reduce hazards created by these conditions, consider selecting trees and shrubs of shorter stature and replace lost trees with native species more tolerant to flooding.

I often get asked if insects are the cause of dead or dying plants. While there are a few insects that can kill healthy trees and shrub, most often plants are weakened by climatic conditions, soil compaction, and root disturbances that allow secondary pests to enter and push plants closer to death. Some insect pests like fall webworm or twig girdlers create mostly cosmetic damage that rarely requires control. Other insects like bagworms can cause significant damage in short periods of time and should be controlled (Integrated Pest Management of Ornamental Pests NCSU <https://ipm.ces.ncsu.edu/ipm-nursery-ornamentals/>). Questions about bark beetles killing pine trees is another common occurrence, but rarely do they cause significant damage in Pamlico County. Often, homeowners do not



Flood Trees



River Edge
notice the decline of pine trees until the canopy turns brown or bark starts to fall off the tree. By this time, the tree has been dead or in decline for many months and you will find many different species of insects working to help the natural process of decay. Just because the insect is there does not mean it is the reason the tree died. Once a tall pine tree’s canopy has turned brown, that tree is dead and should be removed if it poses a hazard to property should it fall. No additional treatment of nearby trees is typically needed, and would only provide a couple of weeks of protection if applied. Also, insecticide treatment of tall trees requires specialized equipment that is expensive and time consuming.
Lastly, it is helpful to keep in perspective that plants, like humans, do not live forever. Age, disease, and environment influence the life span of all living organisms and your plants are no exception. Should you have additional questions about plant decline on your property, please contact me, Daniel Simpson, at 252-745-4121 or danel_simpson@ncsu.edu to discuss your situation. Cooperative Extension is a free educational service that helps to address the needs of all citizens. We can make site visits to examine issues and help submit diagnostic samples to appropriate labs to help resolve issues.

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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.

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.

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by: Hiram Lupton



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Topping Off the New Pamlico County 6-12 School



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Aniyah King, A member of the first class projected to graduate from the new high school (2027), signs the beam



Superintendent of Pamlico County Schools, Dr. Jeremy Johnson

Safety first when clearing land

New homeowners often see their homes as blank canvasses. Looking at a home as a blank canvas is typically associated with its interior, but it also can apply to landscaping.

Homes are empty of furniture and decorative items like photos and art on the walls when new homeowners move in. That makes it easy to see the interior of a home as a blank canvas. But that's not always so easy in the garden or the yard, where brush, overgrown plants or trees and other eyesores might have been left behind by the previous owners. A landscape must be cleared out before it can be seen as a blank canvas. Though clearing land may seem like a straightforward process, no one knows what lies beneath overgrowth or neglected areas of a yard or garden. Do-it-yourselfers can typically clear land on their own, but some safety strategies should be kept in mind to ensure the process goes smoothly.

- Wear appropriate PPE. Personal protective equipment should be worn when clearing land. The appropriate PPE when clearing land includes attire and other gear that many homeowners likely already have on hand. A long-sleeve shirt, puncture proof pants and gloves and slip-resistant work boots should be worn when clearing land. Homeowners also may want to invest in a hard hat if they will be cutting branches off of trees or cutting trees down. A face shield also may be a good bet depending on the scale and potential dangers of the project.

- Contact your utility company. Overhead power and telephone lines are visible to the naked eye, and homeowners should be conscious of those lines as they cut any high branches. But underground lines are not visible, and that can make clearing land dangerous. Homeowners are urged to contact their utility companies before they begin to clear any land so they can determine if any underground lines are beneath areas they intend to clear out.

- Get a lay of the land. Carefully inspect the area to be cleared prior to starting the project. Inspections can reveal the density of any vegetation that may need to be removed and reveal if there are any harmful plants like poison ivy growing. Many DIYers can remove small trees on their own, but a professional tree service may be necessary for large trees or those located close to the house. Homeowners won't want to cut down a tree, even a small one, if it can potentially fall onto the house. In addition, homeowners who are unfamiliar with chippers or stump grinders may be better off hiring a tree service to clear trees.

- Don't go it alone. No one should clear land alone. Even small projects are best tackled by at least two people. Should someone get injured during the project, the presence of another person ensures someone can immediately call for help. In addition, clearing land can be more difficult than it appears, and having at least two people to pull old shrubs or carry tree branches reduces the risk of injury.

Safety should be the utmost priority as homeowners prepare to clear land on their properties.



Working Lands Trust Secures 1,500-Acre Farmland Easement in Pamlico County to Preserve North Carolina’s Agricultural Heritage

Pamlico County, NC (July 29, 2025)— Working Lands Trust (WLT) is proud to announce the successful completion of the second and final phase of the McCotter Promised Land Opportunity Zone (PLOZ) Farm Easement, permanently conserving an additional 1,568 acres of prime farmland and working forest in Pamlico County, making it the second largest agricultural easement secured in conjunction with state and federal partners. With the previous phase — closed in 2023 — protecting 1,200 acres, the total acreage now safeguarded under the McCotter PLOZ Farm Easement stands at a historic 2,768 acres, making it the largest conglomerate of agricultural conservation easements funded with state and federal funds under one landowner in the history of North Carolina.

This conservation milestone represents years of collaborative effort among landowners, public and private partners, and conservation leaders. It was made possible through generous



interconnected. The McCotter PLOZ Easements help ensure that Pamlico County remains a place where farming is viable, valued, and protected.”

“This is the second largest conservation easement in the history of the Farmland Preservation program, and it serves as a perfect reminder of the long-term, strategic benefits that come from investing in farmland conservation to support our state’s top two industries — agriculture and the military,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “I am proud of our continued partnership with the United States Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy and the Working Lands Trust.”

Without funding from federal and state governments, projects that support food security and national security would not be possible. Demand for farmland preservation is at an all-time high, but state and federal funding are falling far short. We encourage state and federal lawmakers to fully fund farmland preservation programs so this important work can continue.

The McCotter PLOZ Farm Easement is more than a transaction — it’s a symbol of what can be accomplished when we act with urgency and collaboration to protect the lands that sustain us. Working Lands Trust is proud to be a part of this legacy and invites all North Carolinians to help shape the future of rural resilience, agricultural preservation, and natural heritage.

Media Inquiries or Partnership Opportunities:
Contact Mikey Fulk at (336) 460-2562 or mikey@working-landstrust.org

About Working Lands Trust:

Working Lands Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North Carolina’s working farms, forests, military readiness, and rural heritage. Through strategic partnerships and innovative conservation tools, WLT helps landowners protect their property, sustain their communities, and strengthen the future of agriculture in the state.



The 3 parcels in the Vandemere/Cash Corner/Maribel area that comprise 1,568.43 Acres placed in McCotter Promised Land Opportunity Zone (PLOZ) Farm Easement Preservation. Parcel A – 852.52 Acres, Parcel B – 282.38 Acres, Parcel C – 433.53 Acres. The survey plat of these parcels is recorded in the Pamlico County Register of Deed office in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 20-4.

– Hiram Lupton

support from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF) and the Department of Defense’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program.

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Commanding Officer Col. Brendan Burks commented, “This easement acquisition is a great achievement for America’s Air Station and a tremendous win for the warfighter. It protects critical farmland and preserves operational capabilities within military airspace for low altitude pilot training.”

Pamlico County has long played a pivotal role in North Carolina’s agricultural history. Known for its fertile coastal plain soils, the region has supported generations of farmers cultivating corn, soybeans, cotton, and timber. Historically, the area thrived on diversified farming, with deep roots in both commodity agriculture and small-scale family farms. Today, Pamlico’s working lands continue to feed the state and nation, while also contributing to climate resilience and rural livelihoods.

“Promised Land OZ is pleased to partner on the strategic preservation of McCotter farm to feed and protect future generations of Americans,” remarked John Heneghan, Manager of Promised Land Opportunity Zone Funds.

Mikey Fulk, Executive Director of Working Lands Trust, remarked: “This project is a model for what farmland preservation can achieve. It demonstrates the strength of partnerships, the foresight of landowners, and the growing recognition that agriculture, conservation, and military readiness are

General Mobile Radio Service

Two way radio system to communicate during hurricanes and other natural disasters.



The Pamlico Amateur Radio Society (PARS) is presenting a community wide information meeting regarding General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS), in preparation for hurricanes and other natural disasters. During major weather events, specifically hurricanes, we may lose all methods of communications ie landline/cell phone service, internet, and commercial radio and TV, in our immediate area. Radio communications may be your only method available to communicate with others, for a period of time.

PARS is promoting the use of a two way radio system to communicate during these times. The General Mobile Radio Service or GMRS is a valuable service to have available. Unlike amateur radio or ham radio, no test is required. You are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for 10 years and the cost is only \$35. You are issued a radio callsign that is valid for your entire family. The radios cost between \$25 and \$150, depending on the features.

Communications between one handheld radio and another (simplex) is between 2 and 5 miles. The distance between you and another radio can be up to 20 miles or more by use of a radio repeater. PARS currently operates a GMRS repeater just North of Oriental.

If you would like to learn more about GMRS and the advantages of owning and operating such a radio, you are invited to attend a GMRS Information Meeting sponsored by your local amateur radio club PARS. The meeting will be held at Oriental Town Hall on Thursday, August 21 , 2025 at 6:30pm.

For additional information and/or questions, please contact Bruce Perkins at 252-626-2730 or email K4ONC@AOL.COM.



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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

<p>NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JOHN ANDREW SAWYER File No.: 91E000046-680</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This 30th DAY OF JULY 2025</p> <p>ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW SAWYER C/O VIRGINIA D. SAWYER-SIMMONS P O BOX 209 VANCEBORO, NC 28587</p> <p>Publish JULY 30, AUGUST 6,13 AND 20TH , 2025.</p>	<p>NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF LEONARD EDWARD JOHNSON File No.: 25E001046-680</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This 30th DAY OF JULY 2025</p> <p>ESTATE OF LEONARD EDWARD JOHNSON C/O CHE'LISA HOUSE 104 WINDCHIME CT. GUYTON, GA 31312</p> <p>Publish JULY 30, AUGUST 6,13 AND 20TH , 2025.</p>	<p>NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF MICHAEL SCOTT GARGAN File No.: 25E001110-680</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This 1ST DAY OF JULY 2025</p> <p>ESTATE OF MICHAEL SCOTT GARGAN C/O NORMA P. GARGAN 4792 TIARA DRIVE, #101 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649</p> <p>Publish JULY 30, AUGUST 6, 13 AND 20, 2025.</p>	<p>NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RONALD W. ZIELINSKI File No.: 25E001118-680</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This 1ST OF JULY 2025</p> <p>ESTATE OF RONALD W. ZIELINSKI C/O CHRISTOPHER J. STEFFENS 2473 FOXWOOD DRIVE CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514</p> <p>Publish JULY 30, AUGUST 6, 13 AND 20, 2025.</p>
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<p>INCIDENTS</p> <p>July 10, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, identity theft, financial card fraud - felony</p> <p>July 10, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, order for arrest</p> <p>July 10, Leaf Lane, New Bern, trespass of real property</p> <p>July 10, Don Lee Rd., Arapahoe, family offenses, nonviolent</p> <p>July 11, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest cyberstalking</p> <p>July 11, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, second degree trespass</p> <p>July 12, Bennett Tingle Rd., Grantsboro, communicating threats, second degree trespass, injury to real property</p> <p>July 12, Main St., Bayboro, first degree trespass enter/remain, person complaint</p> <p>July 12, Whittaker Point Rd., Oriental, welfare check</p> <p>July 13, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, stranded motorist</p> <p>July 13, New St., Oriental, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000</p> <p>July 13, Wiggins Point Rd., Oriental, break or enter any building - intent commit felony/larceny</p> <p>July 13, Main St., Bayboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age</p> <p>July 13, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, dispatching of a deer</p> <p>July 14, Wiggins Point Rd., Oriental, destruction/damage/vandalism of property</p> <p>July 14, Neuse Rd., Arapahoe, harassment complaint</p> <p>July 15, Winding Creek Dr., Oriental, cruelty to animals (F)</p> <p>July 15, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, injury to personal property</p> <p>July 15, NC Hwy 304, Mesic, family offenses, nonviolent, possession of firearm by convicted felon</p> <p>July 16, Hodges St., Oriental, simple assault</p> <p>July 16, Main St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000</p>	<p>July 16, N. Trent Rd., Merritt, order for arrest driving while license revoked</p> <p>July 17, Oakwood Dr., New Bern, harassing phone calls</p> <p>July 18, Third St., Bayboro, driving while impaired</p> <p>July 18, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, injury to real property</p> <p>July 18, Longleaf Dr., New Bern, communicating threats, injury to real property, break or enter motor vehicle, larceny after breaking or entering</p> <p>July 19, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, order for arrest drive left of center</p> <p>July 20, N. Water St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, warrant for arrest fail to heed light or siren</p> <p>July 20, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, possession of marijuana up to ½ oz.</p> <p>July 20, Beech Lane, Grantsboro, second degree trespass</p> <p>July 20, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, driving while impaired</p> <p>July 21, Main St., Bayboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000</p> <p>July 21, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, obtain property by false pretenses</p> <p>July 21, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, larceny by servant or other employee, larceny of motor vehicle</p> <p>July 22, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, larceny of property or goods value > \$1,000</p> <p>July 22, Moonlight Lake Dr., New Bern, misuse of 911 system</p> <p>July 22, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, possession of marijuana up to ½ oz.</p> <p>July 22, Dogwood Landing Rd., Merritt, injury to real property</p> <p>July 22, Country Club Dr., Arapahoe, found property S & W 38 Spl.</p> <p>July 22, N. Third St., Bayboro, injury to personal property, damage to traffic control device</p> <p>July 22, Main St., Bayboro, harassing phone calls</p>	<p>July 23, Seafarer Rd., Arapahoe, simple assault, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age, simple assault</p> <p>July 23, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, trespass of real property</p> <p>July 23, Moonlight Lake Dr., New Bern, discharge firearm ENCL fear</p> <p>July 23, Broad St., Ext., Oriental, hit/run accident - fail stop property damage</p> <p>July 24, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, communicating threats</p> <p>July 25, Wiggins Point Rd., Oriental, welfare check 73 y/o male referral to APS</p> <p>July 25, Neals Creek Rd., Bayboro, order for arrest for failure to appear</p> <p>July 26, Main St., Bayboro, communicating threats</p> <p>July 26, Roberts Rd., Grantsboro, intimidation</p> <p>July 26, Cooper Rd., Alliance, driving while impaired, transporting an open container of alcoholic beverage, injury to personal property</p> <p>July 26, Beech Lane, Grantsboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age</p> <p>July 27, Foxwood Trail Rd., New Bern, simple assault</p> <p>July 27, Beech Lane, Grantsboro, misuse of 911 system</p> <p>July 28, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, simple assault</p> <p>July 28, Smokey Dr., New Bern, communicating threats</p> <p>July 28, N. Third St., Bayboro, simple assault</p> <p>July 28, Lynchs Beach Loop Rd., Bayboro, order for arrest child support warrant service</p> <p>July 29, Florence R., Merritt, all other offenses</p> <p>July 29, Swan Point Rd., Bayboro, obtain property by false pretenses, forgery and uttering, identity theft</p> <p>July 29, West Lane, Alliance, obtain property by false pretenses</p> <p>July 29, Lovick Lee Rd., Oriental, order for arrest child support warrant service</p>	<p>July 29, Neals Creek Rd., Bayboro, order for arrest second degree trespass</p> <p>July 29, NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, order for arrest child support</p> <p>July 30, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000</p> <p>July 30, N. Water St., Bayboro, warrant for arrest</p> <p>INSPECTIONS</p> <p>June 11, Corey Gunter, Merritt, electrical, \$100</p> <p>June 12, Jeff Ireland, New Bern, mechanical, \$100; Larry Miller, Bayboro, mechanical, \$100; Down East, Grantsboro, set up, \$260; Ken Stearman, Bayboro, shed, \$150.80; Gerry Pappalardo, New Bern, addition, \$1,117; Lucas Yanchok, Grantsboro, addition, \$223.44; Chris Bennett, New Bern, shed, \$453.20; Vanessa Cole, Bayboro, reinstated, \$200</p> <p>June 13, Jackie Ireland, Oriental, CAMA, \$245.68; Rose Dental, Bayboro, addition, \$405.14; John Caraway, Grantsboro, electrical, \$100; Garland Fulcher, Alliance, gas, \$50; Brian & Pamela Johnson, Arapahoe, electrical, \$100.82</p> <p>June 16, Shane Harris, Merritt, electrical, \$200; Linda Milligan, Oriental, gas, \$50; Sarah Clark, Bayboro, demo, \$0; Erma Jones, Bayboro, fire, \$100</p> <p>June 17, Bobby Cahoon, Bayboro, CAMA, \$220.36; Treweek Construction, Oriental, new, \$2,001.64; Jane Haley, Arapahoe, electrical, \$50</p> <p>June 18, Brandon Bennett, Minnesott Beach, plumbing, \$50; Holly Russell, Oriental, mechanical, \$100, Carolina Quick Care, Grantsboro, sign, \$400; Leigh Ann Woodall, Arapahoe, pool, \$150; Dixon Landing RV, Grantsboro, electrical, \$400; David & Donna Knisely, Oriental, electrical, \$100; Blake William, New Bern, building, \$139.60</p> <p>June 19, Richard Acosta, Oriental, gas, \$50; Steve White, Lowland, trades, \$150</p>
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



The paper is delivered hot off the press on Wednesdays, and this week when you get the paper I will be celebrating my birthday. Joannis and Walt visited us in Pamlico on Saturday to help me celebrate early. As we get older, we seem to celebrate our birthdays on more days than one, sometime a whole month.

The DOT has now scraped the dirt off the roadsides in the Pamlico Community. It first gave me hope that maybe they were going to pave Trent Road. Alas, they are also doing this in other places, so I guess all they are doing is lowering the road shoulders.

A week ago, I had a friend clean out all the debris from the ditches on the farm along Straight Road. It looked nice for about one day. Then thoughtless people threw bottles and cans into the ditches where Roy mows. I understand that occasionally something might fly out of the back of a pickup truck, but this is mostly intentional littering. If you are worried about trash in your vehicle, keep a trash bag in your car or truck and then empty it into the proper receptacle at home or where you get gas. I am no longer able to pick up your trash and would appreciate it if you would help keep North Carolina “clean and green.”

Sunday morning there was an emu sighting at Concord Church on Florence Road. It apparently knew it should be in church to worship and fellowship with other Christians.

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



Last week was a very busy one for me. Russ, my son went on a much needed vacation with Jeanna to North Myrtle Beach, but they could not spend much time on the beach because of the hot temperatures. Thank goodness it has been cool for the past two days. I even turned off the air in the living room. Last week I kept Russ’s dog Colonel Sanders, fed Noah’s bunny named Dexter,(the prettiest bunny I have ever seen), and looked after Jeanna’s parakeet so it was a very busy time for me, since I usually just look after myself! Today was a good day at church. If I counted correctly there were 18 in the service today. Alex Adam’s brother was visiting and Paul Triulisia attended. Jen Nixon was visiting at her mother’s home with her son and husband. Her son is a real fisherman

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening—wherever this finds you, I hope your week is unfolding with grace.

The heat has finally eased its grip, and the air feels kinder, cooler—like nature is taking a deep breath. Sunday morning, I slipped out early—blessed by my wife (the married folks will understand)—and stepped into what I can only describe as one of the most stunning mornings I’ve seen in a long while.

Now, when I say early, I mean early. Somewhere around 4 a.m., which I know sounds a bit unhinged to some—but for me, it’s magic. There’s something about those quiet hours when the world is still stretching its limbs. And let’s be honest, as a man getting on in years, my body wakes me up whether I want it to or not. Might as well use the time for something soul-stirring, right?

Usually, I head to Styrontown Beach to catch the sunrise—something about that spot always calls to me. But this past Sunday, I had an errand in New Bern, so I brought the camera along. I wandered through downtown, capturing night scenes while the town was still tucked in and dreaming. No crowds, no interruptions—just me, my lens, and the city lights.

Eventually, I found myself near the old Sudan Temple, sitting by the water. It was still and sacred—just the hush of the morning broken by the sound of ospreys on the hunt, the occasional dog walker, and a few early joggers. Then came the moment.

God began brushing the sky with light.



but did not have too much luck. There isn’t much news from our area because folks have been staying close to home because of the heat. I went to the dentist on Friday and Josh showed me pictures of the progress on the new Christian School that is being built. Harry and Noah, my two grandsons have another full week as Counselors at Camp Seagull. The campers this year have had a hot week! I am still trying to work out my retirement from the Pamlico Chorale. It has been such a joy to work with so many wonderful singers and to perform for such receptive audiences.

YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. BUT IF YOU WORK IT RIGHT, ONCE IS ENOUGH!

It started subtly, then unfolded into a masterpiece. Clouds dressed in shades of violet and lavender gave way to sunbeams streaked with gold, crimson, and flame-orange. It was breathtaking—one of those sunrises that stops you, that makes you feel small and blessed all at once. I took plenty of photos, of course, though I’m not sure any of them truly captured it. Some things are meant to be felt more than seen.

That time alone in the quiet is sacred for me—a kind of Sabbath stillness. A time of reflection, a time to breathe. It’s where I sit with an old Friend, the kind who doesn’t need small talk. We simply are together, watching the world wake up. In those moments, I’m reminded of how much beauty still surrounds us every single day—if we only look for it.

The noise of the world—especially the news—tries to convince us otherwise. Doom, drama, disaster. But I’ve learned to tune it out. Since doing so, I’ve noticed more birdsong, more kindness, more light. It’s one of the things I appreciate most about The Pamlico News—a space where goodness gets its turn in the spotlight.

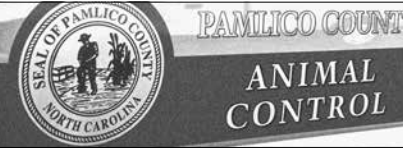
This week in Grantsboro is a little on the quiet side, which might just be the universe nudging you to slow down. Maybe stop by and visit someone you haven’t seen in a while—or simply sit in a rocking chair, sip something warm, and let the world spin gently around you.

And this week’s photo? A proud and weathered beauty from the shrimping fleet in Oriental. A vessel full of stories, waiting for her next voyage.

Until next time, friends—stay well, seek peace, and look toward the light.

Commissioners Discuss the Future of Animal Control in County

by: Hiram Lupton



For the second straight meeting, Animal Control and how it will look in the future, was a prominent discussion topic at the Monday meeting of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners. The need for this discussion has become apparent due to the continued absence of Animal Control Officer Berkley Hill while he recovers from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. While it is hoped that Officer Hill will be able to resume his duties in the near future, what to do in the meantime, and also the long term, has led to the discussion. County Manager Mark Brewington was instructed by the Board two weeks ago to post a job vacancy and begin taking applications to add another full-time animal control officer and as of Monday’s meeting there had been “about 15 applications” submitted. The question remains as to just what the department will look like and what their duties will be in the future. Brewington told the Commissioners that it is time to decide if the County would be “all in” on animal control, or do the bare minimum required by the state, which is basically rabies and dangerous dog enforcement. There is no State requirement that a county must have a dedicated animal control officer or department. The minimum duties required can be performed by law enforcement or the county’s health department. To that end, Brewington presented the Commissioners with two options to consider. Option “A”, the all in option, would seek adding 2 additional animal control officers, 1 full-time and 1 part-time. It would also include the construction of a temporary holding shelter for animals that meets state requirements and the purchase of an additional vehicle and necessary equipment for another officer. All of this comes at a cost. The current budget for animal control is in the \$150,000

neighborhood. That figure would rise to \$425,000 or more if option “A” is pursued. Option “B” would be the bare minimum option. Expenditures and personnel would remain the same, but service would be scaled back to what was originally intended for animal control in the county. “Officer Hill has done a great job and has always gone above and beyond what was required for his position,” said Brewington. “How much he did has become obvious during his absence. He put in more time and effort that any one officer should be expected to do.” The biggest question, as it always seems to be, is how to pay for option “A” if that is chosen. That has led the Commissioners to seek input from local municipalities, first with an informational meeting with town officials, and now in an official letter to town boards to include the issue of animal control in their next monthly meeting. Brewington stated that roughly 60% to 80% of all calls that relate to animal control come from incorporated areas and that technically, “Towns have the ability to tax and spend just like we do,” stated Commissioner Doug Brinson, implying that towns may have to begin an animal control program of their own. County animal control is not obligated to respond to these calls and enforce a town’s animal ordinances. “We need to hear from our towns on this subject,” said Board Chairman Edward Riggs. Brewington added that municipalities would need to understand that there is a cost associated with this, either from contributions from them or in the form of a tax increase at the county level. “For us (the County) to have animal control throughout the county, there would also need to be a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the county and each town, strictly defining what the duties of animal control would be. Chairman Riggs urged the Board to wait two weeks to hear back from town boards on this issue before making any decisions on the path the County would choose for Animal Control.

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Matt Wareham Sworn in as District Attorney

Shortly after taking the oath of office, Wareham told his colleagues, “I’m excited to continue to serve this amazing community and committed to always uphold the Constitution while being firm but fair.” Wareham was appointed by Governor Josh Stein following the retirement of longtime District Attorney Scott Thomas, who distinguished himself with 26 years of elected service, over two decades of which were in the District Attorney’s Office. Wareham thanked Thomas for his guidance and support saying, “Scott has set a high bar for ethics and efficiency but I feel confident my background and dedication to our community will enable those standards to be maintained.”

Wareham has been a career prosecutor for over a decade and has served in the Craven County District Attorney’s Office since 2017. In that capacity, Wareham has successfully prosecuted criminal defendants through jury verdict for crimes ranging from First Degree Murder to Habitual Felon Offenders. In addition, Wareham often worked with area Task Force Officers and the United States Attorney’s Office, Eastern District, to identify violent offenders in the community for targeted federal prosecution at the federal level, as well as, prosecuting the majority of the Murder Cases in Craven and Pamlico Counties.

Wareham graduated from White Oak High School in Jacksonville before earning a degree from East Carolina University, while playing for the Pirates football team on the offensive line. He went on to get his law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law and passed the bar in 2014.

Matt lives in Trent Woods with his wife Corinne and their two young sons, Matthew Stephen and Nicholas Rogan.

A public ceremony will be held Friday, August 8th at 2PM at the Craven County Courthouse.

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Happy 100th Birthday Miss Emma Bacote

by: Hiram Lupton

It isn’t everyday that someone celebrates 100 years of being on this earth, but last Saturday that is exactly what Bayboro resident Emma Curtis Bacote did. Nearly 150 friends and family of Miss Emma gathered at The Flame events center in New Bern to honor her on her special day in an event planned and given to her by her many nieces and nephews. Miss Emma was born on August 3rd, 1925 in Pamlico County where she grew up. She graduated from Pamlico Training School as a member of the class of 1941. Life, marriage and career took her away from Pamlico County where she worked in New York City in the world of finance, but in the early 1990’s she returned to eastern North Carolina, first living in New Bern then back to her beloved Pamlico County where she now resides. You know you are a special lady to get this kind of a turnout to help you celebrate. Happy Birthday Miss Emma, and may you be blessed with many more.



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Brantley’s Restaurant
Thursday’s – August 7, 14, 21, 28
8:30 am
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Prayer Shawl
Thursday’s – August 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 am
Oriental United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall
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Disaster Preparedness Expo

When: August 13, 2025

Where: Pamlico Senior Center

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm



Guest Speakers

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Chris Murray, Pamlico County Emergency Management
Debbie Green, Department of Social Services
Violet Ollison, Senior Services Director
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Learning the art of negotiation can benefit anyone, but it’s particularly effective for people well who are always interested in finding a bargain. Not everyone is born with negotiating skills, but they can learn them.

- Ask for what you want. Be assertive and know what you want from a situation. This can help you have the upper hand.
- Gather information. Do your homework by gaining all pertinent information before beginning a negotiation. You can only come up with the right price or the right tactic after gathering all of the pieces of the puzzle.
- Don’t rush things. It’s tempting to want to rush through negotiations because of fear that things will not go your way. But remain patient so that you don’t make mistakes or short yourself in the deal.
- Make the first offer. Making the first offer helps you seize control of the bargaining



table, and research has shown that a lower cost is the end result when a buyer sets the price.

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Wednesday – August 13

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Library Wraps Up Summer Reading Program with Magic Show

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County Public Library wrapped up another great summer reading program last Thursday with the awesome magic of Dana Hill. His show theme, Artful Illusions, fit right in with this summer's reading program title, Color Our World. Over 50 attended the magic show which featured humor, audience participation, and of course the great magic of Mr. Hill. The end of the summer reading program doesn't mean the end of the great programs offered at the Pamlico County Public Library. There is always something fun happening there and to keep informed of what is going on, check out their website at www.pamlico.mycprl.org or follow them on Facebook.



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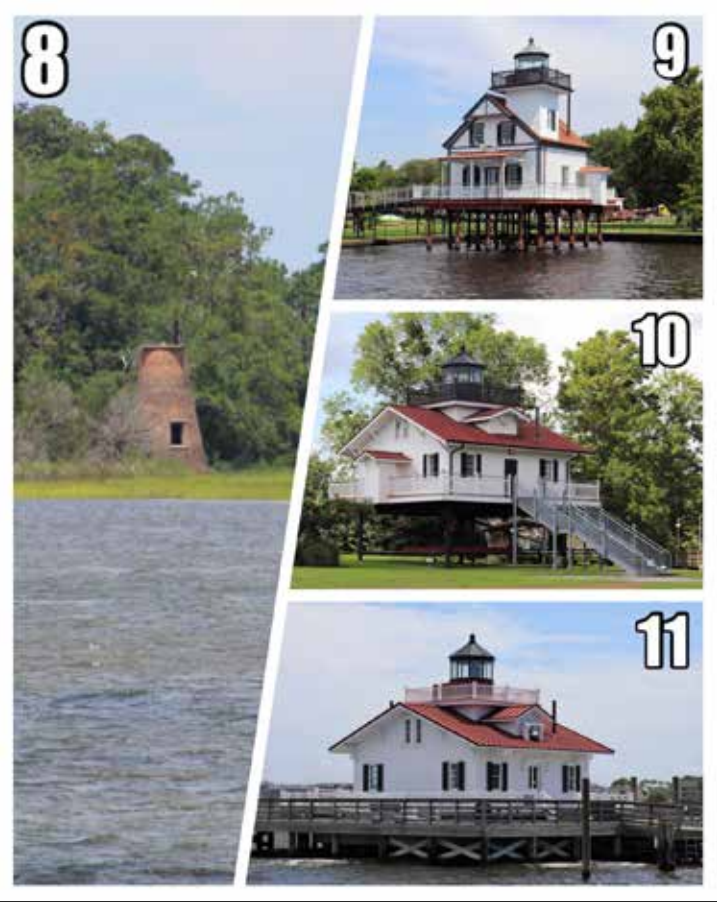
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National Lighthouse Day

by: Hiram Lupton



1-Currituck Beach Lighthouse
2-Bodie Island Lighthouse
3-Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
4-Ocracoke Lighthouse
5-Cape Lookout Lighthouse
6-Bald Head Island Lighthouse
7-Oak Island Lighthouse



8-Price's Creek Lighthouse (along the Cape Fear River north of Southport)
9-Roanoke River Lighthouse (relocated to Edenton)
10-Roanoke River Lighthouse *replica (Plymouth)
11-Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse *replica (Manteo)

On August 7,1789, the United States Congress approved an act for the “establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers.” In 1989, Congress designated August 7th as National Lighthouse Day to commemorate that act and recognize the importance and history of these beacons of maritime navigation. Although North Carolina ranks well behind Michigan (over 120) in number of lighthouses, it has some of the most iconic beacons. There are currently eleven lighthouses still standing in our state, although two of these are constructed replicas. The most widely known of NC’s lighthouses are the seven towers along our immediate coast line, but are also four other lighthouses located a bit inland. Here is a little NC lighthouse trivia for you:

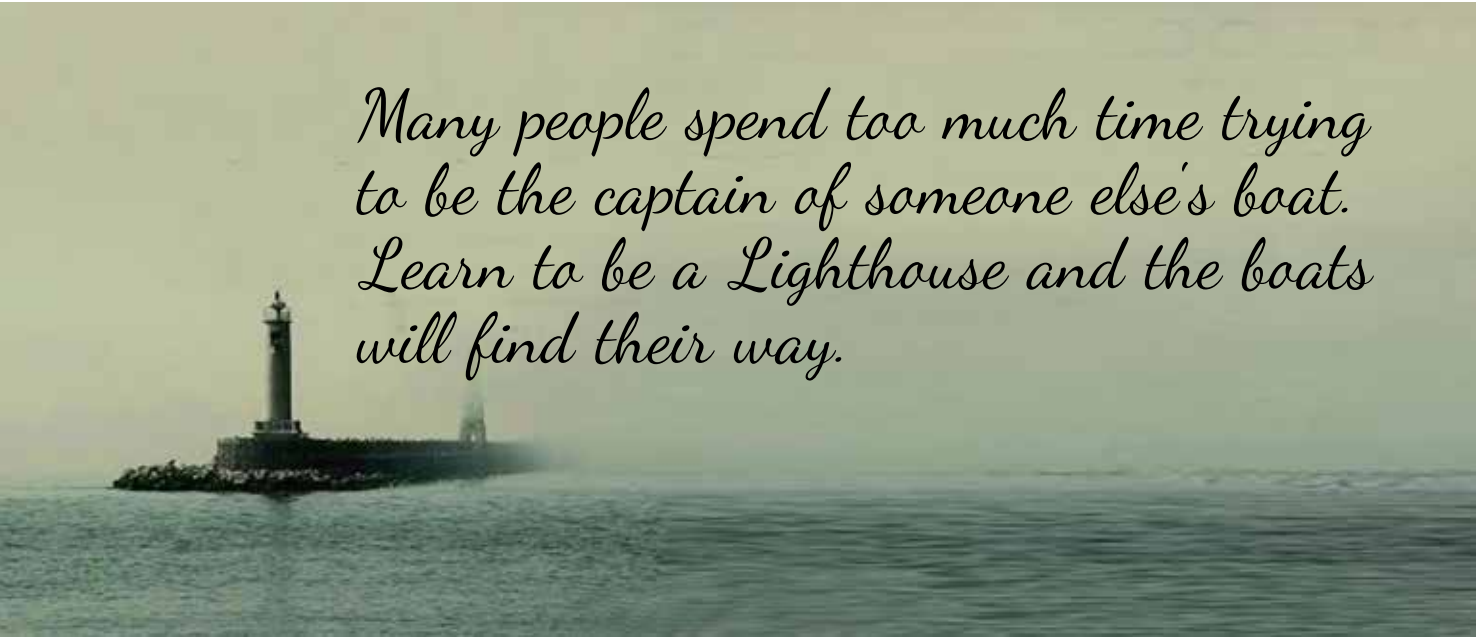
- The tallest NC lighthouse is Cape Hatteras at 208’. It is also the tallest in the U. S.
- The oldest NC lighthouse is Bald Head Island Light (1817)
- The newest non-replica NC lighthouse is Oak Island Light (1958)
- All the coastal lighthouses are painted in a unique pattern as an aid to navigation. The exception is the Currituck Light which is natural unpainted brick.
- The black diamonds on Cape Lookout Lighthouse face due north and due south.
- Pamlico County once had it’s own lighthouse. It was a brick structure located at Pamlico Point and marked the entrance to Pamlico River. It was active from 1828 until 1887. It was lost due to erosion.
- There used to be many of what were called “Screw pile lighthouses” at key points in Pamlico Sound. They have all been replaced by automated beacon lights.



Screw pile lighthouse once located at the mouth of the Neuse River



Surveyor's Drawing of the Pamlico Point Lighthouse



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Bite back at mosquitoes in the yard

Mosquitoes are winged pests no one wants to have around, except for bats and other animals that eat them for dinner. The World Mosquito Program says mosquitoes can spread a number of nasty diseases, including malaria, dengue, West Nile virus, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika. Pet owners likely are aware that mosquito bites can transmit diseases like heartworm.

Vector Disease Control International says mosquitoes are some of the most adaptable and successful insects on Earth. Although male mosquitoes only live for six or seven days as adults, females with an adequate food supply can live up to five months or longer. Adult female mosquitoes lay an average of 50 to 200 eggs at one time, ensuring the population continues to thrive. Unless people take adequate precautions, mosquitoes can be anything from a nuisance to a real danger. Controlling mosquitoes around the home helps improve health and comfort. These strategies can help.

Eliminate standing water
Mosquitoes require stagnant water sources in order to reproduce. Regularly emptying, scrubbing and turning over items that can hold water can help control populations. This includes flower pots, tires, bird baths, and any other vessels that can hold water. For those with ponds or water features on their properties, circulating the water with a fountain or pump can prevent mosquito breeding. Introducing fish that eat mosquito larvae also can help.

Sow the right plants
Mass Audubon says certain scented plants help to repel mosquitoes. Incorporating them around outdoor living areas can keep mosquitoes at bay. Such plants include lemon balm, eucalyptus, marigold, garlic, sage, lemon verbena, scented geranium, catmint nepeta, lemongrass, and others.



Tidy the yard
Mosquitoes love to hide in tall grass and debris. Mowing the lawn and addressing weeds or other natural litter can help deter mosquitoes from hanging around.

Replace outdoor lights
Opt for yellow-colored lights outdoors, which are less likely to attract mosquitoes and other flying insects.

Turn on a fan
When entertaining outdoors, use a box fan to blow toward people, which will make it harder for mosquitoes to fly and land on people since they tend to be weak flyers.

Professional mosquito control services
Sometimes it may be necessary to call in the professionals to treat yards to control mosquitoes, particularly at homes that abut streams or other natural areas where a large number of mosquitoes can be found. Treatment solutions often include products that are both safe for people and their pets. Season-long applications will help tame the number of mosquitoes throughout the duration of the warm weather. Mosquitoes are a part of warm weather, but they don't have to compromise the comfort of outdoor living spaces.

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