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Division of Marine Fisheries urges fishermen to complete license/permit renewals early

MOREHEAD CITY - The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries will begin renewing commercial fishing, seafood dealer and for-hire licenses and permits on April 15, and the Division is asking fishermen go ahead and get this business done in April or May.

Those who renew in these months may find reduced wait times, as opposed to those who wait until late June.

Another way to avoid long lines is to renew by mail or drop-box or schedule an appointment for April or May. Those with appointments will be given priority over walk-ins.

The Division is mailing renewal packets to license and permit holders who renewed their license by mail last year. The packets include an application and a self-addressed, postage paid envelope.

License holders who did not receive a packet may request to receive one next year when they renew their license in person.

Those who have questions or wish to make an appointment should call their local license office at the number listed below or email License@deq.nc.gov. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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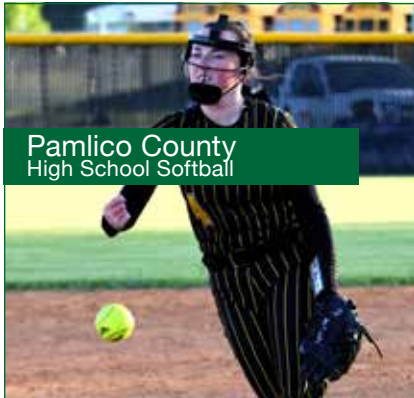
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Washington, NC 27889
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2025 commercial fishing, seafood dealer and for-hire licenses and permits expire on June 30. The 2026 licenses and permits will become effective on July 1.

The deadline is not the same for Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses, which expire based on the date of purchase. Recreational fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased or renewed online at <https://www.ncwildlife.gov> by calling N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission at 1-888-248-6834 during office hours or at a many outdoor shops (find a license agent in your area).



PCA Groundbreaking

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico Christian Academy (PCA) took the next step into the future last Wednesday as they held a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of their new facility on Lee Landing Road in Reelsboro. As the Head of School, Earl Sadler, Jr. stated in his address to the gathered crowd, "this is a testament to God's provision and the faithful support of the community." PCA was founded in 2004 and as it has grown, so has the goal of having a campus of their own. Sadler thanked many of those who have lent their support to this purpose over the years including numerous area churches, financial donors, faculty, administrators, and past and current members of the PCA Board of Directors. It was those past and present board members who had the honor of turning over the first shovel fulls of dirt. The ceremony also took the time to honor and remember

a gentleman who worked tirelessly in support of PCA from the very beginning, Richard Hudson. Two of Richard's children, his son Trey, an alumnus of PCA, and his daughter Lillie, a current student at PCA, buried a remembrance box full of scriptures and prayers in his honor. The construction about to commence is phase one of the project and includes the Lower School, Administration Building, and Chapel. In his closing remarks, Sadler reminded everyone that this is only the beginning and donations are still needed for the next phase of the project which will focus on the Upper School. "With God's help, we will build a facility where our children will grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally. We thank those who have contributed to this and invite you all to partner with us to bring this vision to life."



Past and present Board Members ceremonially shovel some dirt.



Head of School Earl Sadler, Jr. (L) and Board Member Jon Altman (R)



Supporters of PCA gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony



Special Music provided by Keri DeLisle, Christie Hudson, and Dan Daugherty



Trey and Lillie Hudson

Pamlico County Health Department Receives Honors

by: Hiram Lupton

At the recent 2025 Community Raleigh on April 1st and 2nd, the received not one but 2 outstanding reports. Pamlico County Health Department Director of Nursing accepted the awards, one for the 2021-Plan (CHIP) and the other for the (CHA). These two documents work professionals serving Pamlico County care and services for those residents all our citizens. These reports are contractors contracted by larger health departments partnering with other healthcare entities, but due to economic limitations, Pamlico County's reports were formulated and generated in-house. "It was a lot of work and definitely a learning process," said Hardison, "In the end, I think we had a better quality and more meaningful product because we understood the needs of our residents better than someone brought in from the outside. I have to admit that much of the time it felt like we were changing tires on a moving car, but with teamwork we got it done." In her presentation of the CHA award, Dr. Kathy Dail, the Director of Healthy North Carolina 2030 and the Senior Clinical Analyst at the NC Division of Public Health remarked that the Pamlico County CHA was the best she had read in her 20 years of experience in reading these reports. Hardison, who was a guest speaker at the conference, stated that everyone on the committee that developed the CHA played a vital role as well as their partners from Duke University Global Health Institute, Duke University School of Nursing, Duke University Nursing, Department of Public Health at East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, and community volunteers. "The student interns and professors that helped us with research, data collection and analysis, and community outreach were invaluable."



Lynn Hardison holds a pair of awards presented to the Pamlico County Health Department.

Health Assessment Institute held in Pamlico County Health Departmenting recognitions for a pair of Director Melanie Dixon and Health Lynn Hardison were on hand to 24 Community Health Improvement 2024 Community Health Assessment hand in hand to guide health professionals to provide the best possible and to meet the healthcare needs of often generated by outside consultants

Successful Girls on the Run Season



Girls on the Run of Pamlico County recently completed yet another successful season. Over the past months these 3rd, 4th and 5th graders learned about their own individual strengths. They also gained tools to effectively and positively interact with peers. The girls also proved that, although young, they can contribute to their community.



Highlights of the spring season included the traditional 5K Fun Run at the Pamlico County High School track where approximately 60 family members, friends, and volunteers helped them celebrate their completion of this after school program. Another highlight was creating dozens of beautifully designed greeting cards for the disabled veterans in the county. Larry Summers, a representative veteran, was presented with the cards and will share them with his fellow vets. Mr. Summers talked with the girls about U.S. veterans and their sacrifice.

To view these and other special moments of Girls on the Run, you are invited to "follow" us on Facebook- Girls on the Run Pamlico.



Bridge Construction Complete, Neuse Road Back Open

by: Hiram Lupton

Neuse Road (SR 1005), a portion of which has been closed since last fall for bridge replacement construction over Beard Creek, reopened to traffic late last Thursday afternoon. Next up on the NCDOT bridge construction schedule for Pamlico County is the small bridge on NC Hwy 55 over Trent Creek which lies between Trent Road and Spruill Road. NCDOT schedules often change due to funding availability and politics, but the Trent Creek replacement is not scheduled for construction until 2027.



WEEKEND WEATHER



Saturday, April 19th **83°Hi** Partly Cloudy throughout the day



Sunday, April 20th **80°Hi** Partly Cloudy throughout the day



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Pamlico Community College hosts STEM event for Martin County eighth-graders

By Sandy Wall

About 20 students from Riverside Middle School in Martin County got a hands-on introduction to STEM-related careers during a visit to Pamlico Community College April 8.

The eighth-graders took part in the college's STEM Seekers event, which gave them a glimpse of careers in allied health, electrical systems technology, math and welding.

Instructors arranged fun, hands-on activities to demonstrate STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – concepts for the students, who were divided into four small groups for their visit.

The event was made possible by a \$1,500 grant from the Greenville-based STEM East Network. That organization helped arrange a similar STEM-focused event for high school students at PCC last November. It also awarded the college a grant for a middle school day camp last June.

“What an awesome day on campus,” said Instructor Derek Godwin, who helped organize the event. “We loved having students explore hands-on activities, meet inspiring instructors, and discover real-world opportunities in STEM. Huge thanks to STEM East for their support in making this event a success!”

Lunch was provided Tuesday for participants, and each student got to take home a gift bag.

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



Pamlico Community College Math Instructor Meredith Glover, standing, outlines how math is used in everyday work. She then led each group in a catapult-building activity. Contributed photo



The eighth-graders work on small electrical circuits in the college's Electrical Systems Technology lab. Contributed photo



PCC student Connor Daniels, left, watches as some of the visiting eighth-graders try a welding simulator. Contributed photo



The allied health room featured a phlebotomy activity. Contributed photo



A Riverside Middle School teacher, standing, watches as students build their miniature catapults. Contributed photo



The Pamlico Soil and Water Conservation District would like to invite everyone to congratulate our 2025 environmental education winners and finalists!

On March 18, 2025, Pamlico had one middle school team compete at the 2025 NC Coastal Envirothon. The “Mariners” from Pamlico Christian Academy are made up of team members Mary Rose, Ryder Hoenig, Emmitt Nelson, Alexis Lilly, Ava Nolin, and Emma Mills. Team advisor is Dr. Donna Connell and co-advisor is Randy Nelson. The “Mariners” outscored the 10 competing teams in Area 6, winning first place in the area, third place overall in the eastern region, and qualified to compete at the NC State Envirothon. Congratulations to our winners and let's support them as they continue to work hard to prepare for the state competition on May 2-3 at Cedarock Park in Alamance County!

Envirothon is the most widely recognized hands-on environmental education program in the nation. Middle and high school students immerse themselves in a year-long learning process that combines in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences facilitated by resource professionals such as soil scientists, foresters, and wildlife specialists. This intense training culminates in a competition where teams are tested in five subject areas: Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and a current environmental issue.

Switching gears from a team competition to showcase individual entries, the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation 2025 Environmental Education Contest theme was “Wetlands



Winners for Envirothon and Environmental Education Themed Contests!

Are Wonderful!”. Students were encouraged to learn about wetlands; their important role in our ecosystem and society; problems this vital resource is facing; and solutions being done to conserve it. The Area 6 Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts held their annual Spring Meeting on March 25, 2025, in Leland, NC. Our District winners went on to compete against entries from twelve competing counties at the Area meeting and Pamlico came away with placing in two competitions!

For the Essay Contest, Raylon Cahoon, 6th grade, and Braydon Lane, 8th grade, both from Pamlico County Middle School, won second place for their relative grades! Wyatt Geary, 6th grade from Pamlico County Middle School, presented his speech in the Public Speaking Contest and won first place! He will be moving on to compete at the state competition on April 25, 2025, in Raleigh, NC.

Congratulations to all our students for challenging themselves to study environmental related materials and prepare to compete in these highly competitive contests. Great job to their advisors for working with these students and encouraging them in studying something that will help them be better stewards of our natural resources for generations to come.

For more information on how to participate in local, regional, and state envirothons and our other education contests, please visit <http://www.ncenvirothon.org> or contact the Pamlico Soil and Water Conservation District at (252) 745-5064 x3.



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Agent of the Week
Susan Adams
Broker/Veteran
Here's what one of Susan's customers had to say...

I just wanted to give realtor Susan Adams the recognition she deserves for representing my brother and me during the sale of our late mother's home. Susan was incredibly attentive and helpful during the entire process. She was patient and optimistic, even when I wasn't! She was extremely knowledgeable of local real estate trends and because of this, was able to get the house closed at full price within just a few months of listing. The house wasn't in the best of shape and I really thought we'd be carrying it through the winter. I've bought and sold real estate before and I would 100% sign with Susan again. I've never had a realtor go above and beyond the way she did for us and it's hard to put into words how much I truly appreciate it.

Elizabeth, Oriental



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- April 16th – Today is National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day. They seem to be ok to wear to Wal-Mart, so why not?
- April 17th – Today is National Cheeseball Day. One of my favorite balls.
- April 18th – Today is National Exercise Day. I think I will exercise my right to say no to this idea.
- April 19th – Today is National Hanging Out Day. I got way too much hanging out so when is National Tuck It Back In Day?
- April 20th – Happy Easter! Our Saviour has risen!
- April 21st – Today is National Chocolate-Covered Cashews Day.
- April 22nd – Today is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 16th – 1939, Singer Mary Isobell Catherine O’Brien (Dusty Springfield)
- April 16th – 1947, Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- April 19th – 1933, Actress Vera Jayne Palmer (Jayne Mansfield)
- April 20th – 1970, Actor Shemar Moore
- April 20th – 1972, Actress Tara Lee Patrick (Carmen Electra)
- April 22nd – 1936, Actor Jack Nicholson
- April 22nd – 1957, N. C. State Women’s Basketball Coach Wes Moore
- April 23rd – 1936, Roy Orbison



NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE FOR REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BAY RIVER METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025, has been rescheduled and will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District located at 101 N. Fourth Street, Bayboro NC.

Light-colored pickup sought in fatal pedestrian hit-and-run in Havelock

by News 12 Staff
Tue, April 15th 2025 at 10:30 AM

The Havelock Police Department is searching for a light-colored pickup truck that was involved in a fatal hit-and-run in the early hours of Sunday morning, April 13.

Ronald Pearson, 57, of Pamlico County, was fatally struck as the truck left the area of Willow Oaks Estates (formerly known as Jacksons Mobile Home Park), per officials.



The truck turned right on the Hwy 70 service road before striking Pearson and immediately fled the scene, traveling east on the Hwy 70 service road, according to authorities. The suspect continued onto Hwy 70 traveling east.

“We feel confident that someone living in or visiting Willow Oaks Estates has information about this incident. Our investigation will continue until those responsible for the death of Mr. Pearson are brought to justice. If you have any information about this incident, please contact our office.” Chief Mike Broadwell

If you have any information regarding the investigation, please contact Captain Joshua Casassa at 252-447-3212 or those wishing to remain anonymous, can do so by going to <https://www.havelocknc.us/FormCenter/Police-Department-5/Anonymous-Crime-Tips-49>.

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

Mrs. Sandra McRay Foreman-Rice, age 81, a resident of Lowland, NC died Tuesday April 8, 2025, at her home.

A graveside funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday April 12, 2025, at Lowland Community Cemetery, officiated by Elder Gene Lupton. The family will receive friends at the home.

Mrs. Sandra was born in Pamlico County on December 24, 1943, daughter of the late Elder Jesse Arnold Foreman and the late Cleora Elizabeth Ireland. She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Pamlico High School and continued her education at the former Roanoke Christian College. On January 1, 1997, she married Freddie Rayvon Rice who survives. Mrs. Sandra was the secretary-treasurer of R.E. Mayo & Company, Inc., in Hobucken until her retirement in 2010. She was a member of the New Bern VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She loved riding her jet ski, sewing clothing, quilting, and was an avid softball player. Surviving along with her husband: Freddie, of the home are her children: Marianne Banks-Rice and her husband Hertford of

Hobucken and Len Banks of Lowland; stepson: Keith Rice and his wife Lisa of Fayetteville; stepdaughter: Jennifer R. Godley and her husband Craig of Washington; sisters: Linda Marion Lupton and her husband Gene of Lowland and Patsy Elaine Irsik and her husband Dean of Elizabeth City; granddaughters: Melissa McRae Rice and Treasure Len Banks; eleven nieces and nephews and thirty two great nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sandra was predeceased, along with her parents by a son: Jesse Carroll Banks; sister: Beverly F. Brouard; and a nephew: Kevin Neal Foreman.

Flowers are welcome and appreciated and the family kindly asks for any memorial contributions to be made to the Lowland Community Cemetery. Checks may be made to and mailed to Gene Lupton, 4034 Lowland Road, Lowland, NC 28552. Online condolences may be offered to the family by visiting www.paulfuneralhme.com Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington is honored to serve Mrs. Sandra’s family.

Jackson Howard Smithwick December 21, 1938-April 13, 2025



Born in Arapahoe, NC on December 21, 1938, to Eva Smithwick and Howard Smithwick; son, Kyle Smithwick; sisters, Alice Judkins and Faye Smithwick; and brothers, Henry Smithwick and Joe Smithwick.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sylvia E. Smithwick; daughters, Jennifer Smithwick Hunt and spouse, Dennis Hunt, of Indianapolis, IN and Tracy Smithwick Savage and spouse, Stephen Savage, and their son, Caleb Savage; and three grandchildren.

He was a dedicated husband, father and friend who was loved by so many. He will be greatly missed but we find comfort knowing he is with his Lord where we will see him again.

A funeral service to honor Jack’s life will be held at 2pm on Friday, April 18th at New Bethlehem FWB Church with the Reverend Ashley Trogden officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the church sanctuary. As an expression of sympathy memorial contributions can be made to Colonial Capital Humane Society, 1860 Old Airport Road, New Bern, NC 28562. Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home and Crematory, Alliance, NC.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eva Smithwick and Howard Smithwick; son, Kyle Smithwick; sisters, Alice Judkins and Faye Smithwick; and brothers, Henry Smithwick and Joe Smithwick.

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Tea has been enjoyed as a beverage for thousands of years and has featured prominently in many cultures during that time. The cultural practice of drinking tea is believed to have originated in ancient China. Although there are many different types of tea, the World Tea Council says black tea is the most consumed tea across the globe, comprising around 75 percent of total tea consumption. The most popular type of black tea is Assam tea, which is grown in India. The second-most widely consumed tea is green tea, which accounts for approximately 20 percent of total tea consumption.

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won’t be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you are drawn to creative projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

ARIES Traits & Overview

Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, ruled by the planet Mars, and ruling the First House. It is a male sign. Aries symbolizes action and daring.

Fire signs possess huge amounts of energy that let them go about their tasks with fierce intensity, passion, and creativity. Besides the four elements (Water, Fire, Earth, and Air), the twelve signs of the Zodiac have qualities. There are three qualities in astrology: Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable. Aries is a Cardinal sign.

Cardinal signs are the initiators. They are the pioneers and the project starters, the ones to get things moving. Cardinal energy represents beginnings, inspiration, and action. Aries marks the start of Spring, Libra marks the start of Fall, Capricorn marks the beginning of Winter, and Cancer marks the beginning of Summer.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Five moves for young investors



Dan M. Roberts

If you're just beginning your career, what are your financial priorities?

You might have student loans to deal with. And you may even be thinking about saving for a down payment on a house. These are certainly significant issues, and yet, you shouldn't ignore your long-term goals, such as retirement — which is why you may want to get started as an investor.

And as you invest, consider these suggestions:

1. *Take advantage of your opportunities.* Even while addressing your other concerns, such as loan payments, you may well have space in your life to invest — if you take advantage of the opportunities presented to you. For example, if you work for a business that offers a 401(k) or other retirement plan, try to put in as much as you can afford, or at least enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And you may find that contributing to a traditional 401(k) or similar plan is more affordable than you think, as your contributions may be deductible, lowering your taxable income.

2. *Think long-term.* Some people make the mistake of seeking short-term gains by trying to "time" the market — that is, they try to "buy low and sell high." While this is a great strategy in theory, it's almost impossible to follow, as no one can really predict market highs and lows. The most successful investors follow a long-term strategy and don't jump in and out of the market.

3. *Know your risk tolerance.* Your investment choices should be based partially on your risk tolerance. Typically, the more investment risk you take on, the greater the potential reward, but it works the other way, too — riskier investments can result in greater losses, at least in the short term. You need to find a risk level with which you are comfortable. Also, your risk tolerance can change over time — when you get close to retirement, for instance, you might want to

invest more conservatively than you did when you still had decades ahead of you in the working world.

4. *Diversify your investments.* The financial markets affect different investments in different ways, which means that, at any given time, some investments will perform better than others. But if you only owned one type of investment or asset class, your portfolio could suffer if a market downturn had a particularly strong effect on that investment or asset. By spreading your investment dollars among a range of investments, you'll have more opportunities for success, and you can help reduce the effects of market volatility on your holdings. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

5. *Prepare for the unexpected.* You don't always know when you'll face a large expense, such as a medical bill or a major home repair. If you're not prepared, you could be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your 401(k), to pay for these costs. To help avoid this problem, you may want to take steps such as keeping a cushion of cash in your portfolio and building an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account.

By putting these moves to work, you can help yourself make progress on an investment journey that could last a lifetime.

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Pamlico County

Spring Large Patch Disease

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Back in November I reminded readers to scout their yards for the presence of Large Patch disease. As soil temperatures were beginning to decline, the fungi *Rhizoctonia solani* was becoming active and affecting numerous lawns across Pamlico County. Now that our warm season grasses (centipede, Bermuda, zoysia, St. Augustine) have begun to green back up, you may notice circular dead areas in your lawn that were affected by this disease. Let us discuss what we can do to help alleviate this condition.

Current symptoms you will see this spring include circular dead patches of turf that do not greenup with the rest of your lawn. Individual grass blades within margins of patches may be bright yellow or reddish with some green leaf tissue remaining. Give one of these blades a tug, and if the blade slips easily from the sheath, you probably have large patch.

Large patch disease is favored by cool temperatures and wet conditions. Areas in your yard that are prone to hold or channel water will usually be infected first; however, the disease can occur almost anywhere when conditions are favorable. You can make the disease worse by over fertilizing with nitrogen and with early or late season nitrogen applications in spring and fall. In general, nitrogen should not be applied to warm-season grasses within six weeks before dormancy in the fall or within three weeks after green-up begins in the spring.

A well-timed fungicide application in the fall, before the disease becomes active, provides the best control. Timing of these applications should coincide with soil temperature. When soil temperatures dip to 80 degrees Fahrenheit for 4-5 days, an application of a fungicide to centipedegrass and St. Augustinegrass, especially to those areas of previous infection, will help decrease disease development. Spring applications of fungicide are less effective, as rising soil temperatures above 70 degrees will cause the fungus to go dormant. Spot applications of spring time fungicides can be applied to the margins of dead patches. This may help prevent further infection as temperatures continue to fluctu-

ate. Common turf fungicides from Bayer, Fertilome, Spectracide, and Scotts, have active ingredients (propiconazole, myclobutanil, azoxystrobin) that should provide adequate control. Refer to the label for specific directions on rate and turf type. For more information on available control options, visit the N.C. State Extension TurfFiles website at <https://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/diseases-in-turf/large-patch-in-turf/>.

Dead areas created by this disease can be encouraged to fill back in by the rhizomes and stolons (runners) as warm spring weather arrives. Proper fertility and weed management will help to encourage regrowth. Do not apply a preemergence weed control product to these areas, as many of our preemergence products inhibit root growth. New runners trying to grow back into these areas will have a difficult time rooting through these herbicide applications. Most grasses can fill back into damaged areas during one growing season. To encourage spread, continue to mow and provide irrigation to keep soil moist. Applying nitrogen fertilizer at a rate of 0.25 pound per 1000 square feet when temperatures are consistently above 70 degrees and grass has greenup for several weeks can help expedite new growth. Wide spread applications of fungicides are generally not needed and can be quite costly. Just be familiar with the symptoms of this disease and keep an eye out for progression. If you have questions about this disease or other turf related issues, please feel free to contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.



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Tickets, good for both days, are available at www.NewBernHistorical.org/tickets, by calling 252-638-8558, or by visiting the New Bern Historical Society at 511 Broad St. in New Bern. Tickets are also available at Mitchell Hardware, 215 Craven Street; Harris Teeter, 3565 MLK Blvd.; and Harris Teeter, Carolina Colours. Tickets are \$20 for adults through May 1. Beginning May 2 adults are \$23. Active-duty military and family members, students under 23, and Historical Society members are \$16. Groups of more than 10 are also \$16 each.



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Hurricane Track Athletes Peaking as Season Winds Down

by: Hiram Lupton

High school track and field season is starting to wind down and it is a point in the season where athletes are not so much competing against opposing schools as they are with themselves, to better their times, sharpen their competitive skills, and prepare for conference, regional, and state championships. One goal is to achieve the minimum standard set in order to qualify to compete at the regionals. Many Pamlico County High School athletes are meeting or nearing those standards and setting school records in doing so. The women's 4X400 relay team recently set a school record at 4:25. That record had stood since 2006. The same team has qualified for the 4X100 relay. Members of this relay squad have also qualified in multiple individual events including Sydney Whitley-Reese in the 100 and 200-meter dash, Bella-Ann Schulz in the 400-meters. Shaiera Jones leads the conference in the long jump (16' 9.5") and Nya Clark is the conference leader in the 300-meter hurdles. In the field events, Aniyah King has qualified in both the shot put



The school record holding 4X400 relay team. (L to R) Bella-Ann Schulz, Sydney Whitley-Reese, Shaiera Jones, Nya Clark

and discus events. Several other athletes are close to meeting the minimum times/distances. On the men's side of things, Landon Yeates and Koby Lane are doing well in the hurdles and Lane is excelling in the high jump. Coach Keith Reese also singled out Jacob Bennett for his hard work and attitude. The freshman competes in the 100-meter, 200-meter, the 4X100 relay, and the 4X400 relay. In distance running, Pamlico also has a new school record holder in the 3200-meter run. Edgar Muro, who has been described as dedication personified by his coaches, already set the school record a couple of weeks back at 10:40, and last week he lowered it even further with a 10:38.5. Muro is poised to etch his name as one of the great distance runners in school history before he is done. These are just a few of the Hurricane athletes who are working hard, bettering their times, and competing for their school. There are only a couple of more regular season meets scheduled and the conference championships will be at Northside on May 1.



School record holder in the 3200-meter run, Edgar Muro



Shot putter and discus thrower Aniyah King



Runner Jacob Bennett



Hurdlers Landon Yeates (L) and Koby Lane (R)

The first All-Star game in Major League Baseball was played on July 6, 1933. The game was an effort to make professional baseball more popular, and it remains a beloved event on the MLB calendar today. According to History.com, attendance at professional baseball games fell 40 percent between 1930 and 1933. That decline likely had little to do with the game of baseball and much to do with the Great Depression, which ultimately proved to be the longest depression of the twentieth century. The Great Depression began in 1929 and lasted a decade, and the fallout from the depression was felt in every corner and industry, including professional baseball. Many once-ardent baseball fans, who helped to establish record attendance in the 1920s, could no longer afford tickets during the Great Depression. Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, was tasked with devising a sporting event that could be held in conjunction with the 1933 World's Fair. Ward ultimately proposed a game featuring baseball's biggest stars, and fans were even encouraged to vote for who would play in the game. Several eventual Hall of Famers, including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmy Foxx, were voted into the game, which was played at Comiskey Park in Chicago. Nearly 48,000 fans attended the game, which ended with a 4-2 American League victory. Baseball owners and executives took note, and the game has been played nearly every year since 1933, with only war and a global pandemic preventing the league from hosting its annual Midsummer Classic.



Senior Track and Field Athletes Honored

by: Hiram Lupton

Before last Thursday's home track and field meet, Senior members of the team and their families were recognized and honored. (Photo by Kim Potter)





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Lady ‘Canes Split with East Carteret

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County High School Softball squared off with East Carteret last week for a pair of games with first place in the conference on the line. Originally scheduled for Tuesday, the first game of the week in Bayboro was rescheduled for Wednesday due to a soaked field. Pamlico struck in their half of the first inning when Peyton Robinson drove home Hailey Shamblin with the game’s first run, but after that Pamlico seemed to threaten all evening, but could not come up with that big hit to ignite a big inning. They were also plagued with outs on the basepaths, with runners on several occasions getting doubled up on first base after some great catches by East Carteret. Real rally killers. The Mariners tied things up in the third with a run and took the lead with three in the fourth. Pamlico would answer back in the bottom half of the inning. The big blow came on Kylee Morris’ blast over the left field fence. Kyliah Barber also reached home with her speed, coming to the plate on a short, passed ball that got away from the Mariner Catcher. With the score sitting at 4-4, East Carteret scored twice in the sixth to take the lead and Pamlico couldn’t mount a comeback, falling 6-4. Shamblin, Barber, and Payton Force each had a pair of hits for Pamlico in the loss.

These two teams were right back at it the next night in a game that was moved up a day rather than postponed to avoid expected bad weather. Pamlico was looking for some payback and they got it in the form of a 14-4 rout on East Carteret’s home field. Pamlico pounded out 19 hits with Shamblin and Force accounting for 4 hits each on the night and Senior Taylor McHenry adding 3 hits of her own including a pair of doubles while driving in 3 runs. The win puts Pamlico in sole possession of first place in the Coastal Plains Conference with a 7-1 record, just ahead of East Carteret’s 6-2 mark. This week Pamlico will only take the field once leading up to Easter break. On Thursday Bear Grass Charter visits Pamlico for a big non-conference matchup.



Kylee Morris powers a big Home Run over the left field fence



Pamlico pitcher Avery Cain

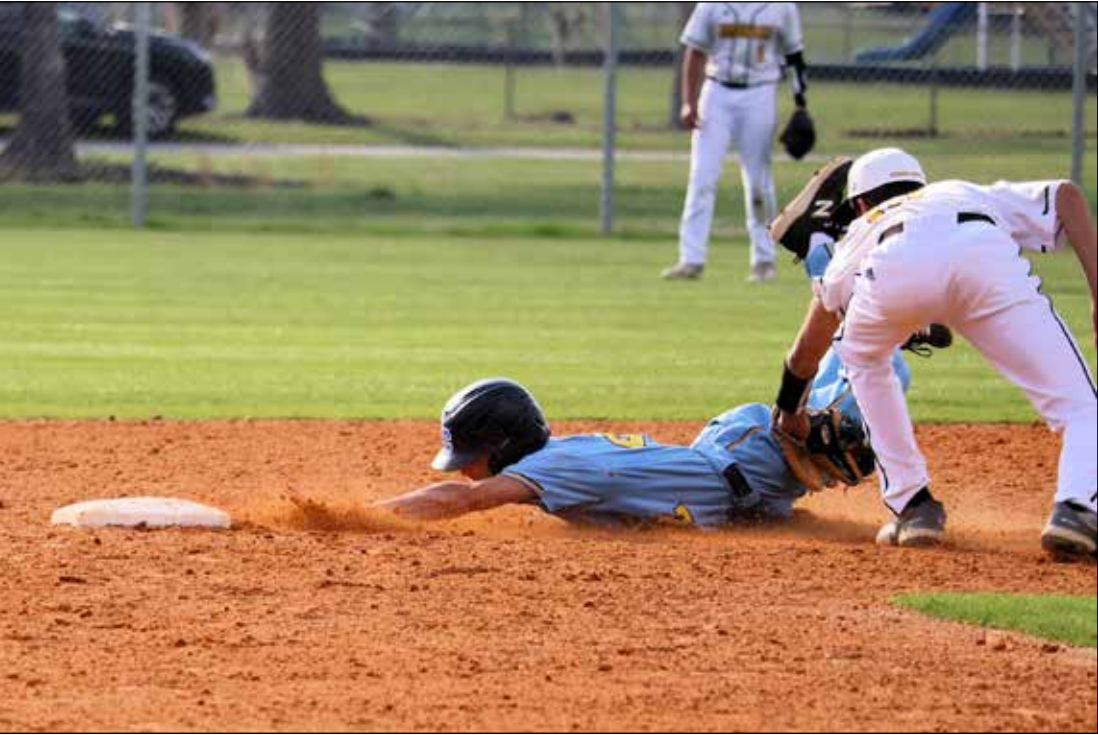
Mariners Take Two from Pamlico

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico and East Carteret hooked up for a pair of games last week which would go a long way in determining how the top of the standings in the Coastal Plains Conference would look. The Mariners were undefeated (6-0) not just in conference play but overall for the season (16-0). Pamlico was just behind them in the conference race with a 5-1 record. Tuesday saw the two teams matchup in Bayboro for what would be a pitchers duel for the first few innings as Pamlico’s Ross McLamb took on East Carteret’s Tanner Wade. The Hurricanes had their best chance of the day when they loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning but failed to get anyone home. The Mariners finally broke through in the fourth inning plating a run and then added 2 more in the fifth. For the game neither squad generated much offense with East Carteret only recording 6 hits while Pamlico managed just 4. The Mariners however were aided by 7 Hurricane errors. East Carteret added a final run in the seventh to wrap up the 4-0 win. Thursday the two teams went head-to-head again, this time in Beaufort. The story was much the same, strong pitching and anemic offense. Pamlico’s Cam Daniels connected for 2 of Pamlico’s 3 hits and scored their only run. East Carteret didn’t fare much better against Pamlico starter Michael Hodge, getting only 4 hits, but they turned those into 3 runs to get the sweep for the week by a score of 3-1. The two wins lock up the conference championship for the Mariners. Pamlico sits in second place with a 5-3 mark. The Hurricanes step out of conference for their two games this week as they travel to Havelock on Monday and host Bear Grass Charter School on Thursday.



Brady Caccavaro



Pamlico’s Cam Daniels applies the tag to stop a theft of second base



The drivers have one foot on the brake, one on the clutch and one on the throttle.
—Bob Varsha

Churches of Pamlico

Photo by: Hiram Lupton




Vandemere Independent Baptist Church

PCHD Rabies Clinic

Saturday morning was a great opportunity to get your animal vaccinated as the Pamlico County Health Department partnered with Dr. Jason Rose of the Coastal Pet Clinic to offer this service for your pet. The event was held at the Pamlico County Courthouse with vaccines administered at a cost of just \$10 per animal. Microchipping was also available for another \$10. Pamlico County Animal Control Officer Berkley Hill reported that 110 animals received the vaccine Saturday and 25 pets were microchipped.

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Oriental Boat Show

by: Hiram Lupton

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that pollen season is getting longer and increasing in intensity. Shifts in precipitation patterns, more frost-free days, warmer seasonal air temperatures, and greater amounts of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, each of which are side effects of climate change, have led to higher concentrations of pollen in the air and longer pollen seasons. Data from the USA National Phenology Network, which provides data on the timing of seasonal events in plants and animals to ensure the well-being of humans, ecosystems and natural resources, indicates total pollen counts increased by as much as 21 percent between 1990 and 2018. Such data may come as no surprise to people with asthma and seasonal allergies who have noticed the side effects of such conditions tend to start earlier than in the past and extend for longer periods of time than in previous years.

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What to do about wellness after 50

Reaching one's fiftieth birthday in optimal health is an accomplishment to be proud of. The hard work required to be healthy in midlife includes adhering to a nutritious diet and exercising regularly. Once individuals cross the threshold and enter their 50s, they can look to some additional strategies to maintain their physical and mental well-being for decades to come.

- Get a pet. Many people 50 and older qualify as “empty nesters,” a term applied to adults whose children have grown up and moved out of their homes. Some empty nesters experience a phenomenon known as “empty nest syndrome,” which the Mayo Clinic notes can be marked by feelings of sadness or loss. Pets can help people over 50 with no children at home overcome feelings linked to empty nest syndrome. In 2018, the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging found that 86 percent of pet owners felt their pets make them feel loved while 73 percent said their pets provided a sense of purpose. Pets also can ensure individuals over 50 stay physically active and provide opportunities to connect with other people.
- Prioritize learning. Whether it's taking music lessons, going back to school or mastering a new hobby, learning has a profound effect on aging brains. For example, a 2013 study published in the journal Psychological Science found that memory function is improved by engagement in demanding everyday tasks. That study reported that people who learned new skills experienced greater memory improvement than people who only socialized or participated in activities that were not as cognitively engaging.
- Make an effort to improve balance. Various factors contribute to a decline in balance as adults age. For example, a decline in muscle mass that begins when people are in their 30s is a normal part of aging. Over time, that natural decline affects strength and agility. Balance exercises can be a valuable component of a fitness regimen that help individuals reduce their risk for falling as they advance through their 50s and into their 60s and 70s. That's a significant benefit, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one out of every three adults age 65 and older experiences a fall each year, and as many as 30 percent of those falls lead to serious injury.
- Embrace your inner socialite. Socialization is important for people of all ages, including individuals 50 and over. A 2017 study from researchers at Michigan State found that valuing friendships was a strong predictor of health and happiness among older adults. Opportunities to socialize with friends may increase as people navigate their 50s and children move out or become more independent. Individuals can take advantage of opportunities to socialize whenever possible.

Various strategies can help people maintain mental and physical wellness as they make their way through their 50s and beyond.

How time outdoors can benefit mental health

Nature beckons billions of people to get outside every day. Natural settings are not called “the great outdoors” for nothing, and nature enthusiasts may insist there's nothing better than a day in the elements. Such a sentiment may be more accurate than the most ardent outdoorsman realizes. In fact, the American Psychological Association notes that extensive research supports the notion that nature provides myriad physical and psychological benefits.

- Nature can help with attention. A 2019 study published in the journal Current Directions in Psychological Science found that exposure to natural environments improves working memory, cognitive flexibility and attentional control. On the flip side, the study found that exposure to urban environments can be linked to attention deficits. Such findings echo conclusions from an experimental study conducted in 2015 by researchers in Australia. That study engaged students in a dull task to compromise their attention. Midway through the task, which involved pressing a computer key when certain numbers flashed on a screen, some students were asked to look out at a flowering green while others were directed to gaze at a concrete rooftop. Students who looked at the green made notably fewer mistakes with the computer screen task than those who looked at the concrete rooftop.
- Nature can increase happiness. Some findings suggest time spent in nature also can lead to increases in happiness. A 2019 study published in the journal Science Advances found that contact with nature is associated with increases in happiness and subjective well-being. The researchers also found that contact with nature is associated with an increased sense of meaning and purpose in life.
- Time outdoors may lower children's risk for mental health disorders later in life. Researchers in Denmark used satellite data to assess more than 900,000 individuals born between 1985 and 2003. The researchers discovered that children who lived in neighborhoods with more green space had a lower risk of various psychiatric disorders later in life. Risk for depression, mood disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders, and substance use disorder were found to be lower among children who grew up with greater access to green space than children who had the lowest levels of green space exposure.

Few things might be more welcoming than the great outdoors, particularly when the weather is warm. Taking advantage of access to nature can pay some surprising dividends that even the most seasoned outdoorsman might not be aware of.

COASTAL LIVING

A Sneak Peak at the New Pamlico County Public Library

by: Hiram Lupton

There are still a few small details that remain, but the construction of Pamlico County's new public Library is virtually complete. The new 10,000 square foot facility was built around a portion of the old Hardees Restaurant building that has been completely remodeled and enlarged into a modern library that will serve Pamlico County residents for future generations. While books are still the centerpiece of today's modern library, it has become so much more. "Our new library has meeting rooms, an exhibit area, computer stations, and a versatile auditorium area that can seat 100 people depending on our needs," says Library Branch Manager Sidney Phibbons. "While still providing the essentials you expect from a traditional library, we will be very much a community center for Pamlico County." One of the highlights of the new library is the Joe and Henri McClees Children's Library Room. "I'm so thrilled with the way this room turned out," said Phibbons. While construction is nearly over, the final phase before opening the new library still has to take place. We will call that "The Big Move." The old library location is now closed while staff meticulously sort, scan and pack up books in preparation. "It is a time-consuming process says Phibbons, but a necessary one and one that will save time later. We have and will continue to serve the citizens of Pamlico County throughout the moving process. By sorting

and cataloging, we know right where every book is located and can find and pull it for our clients if they wish to check it out. We are continuing to provide services at the Hollowell Library Annex located at Heartworks. Once the books are moved, the time required to reshelve them in the correct location will be much less due to the time we are taking now." She also had high praise for the library staff involved in the move. "Everyone from our permanent staff to temporary assistants and volunteers are working hard either at the Hollowell Annex or at the old library location to make sure the move goes smoothly and that we have as little disruption in our services as possible. They are doing a great job." When everything is boxed and the final go ahead to move is given, an outside contractor will handle breaking down of the shelving and the moving and reassembly at the new location. Phibbons is then hoping for an army of volunteers to assist staff in moving the volumes of books to the new location. "We are aiming for a 'soft' opening in May followed by a formal ribbon cutting and Grand Opening Ceremony in early June, says Phibbons. "The day many of us have waited for is so close now, I can't hardly wait. None of this would be possible without the continued support of our patrons, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners, and of course our biggest supporter, The Friends of the Pamlico County Library."



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How to edge a lawn

Edging a lawn is a springtime rite of passage for many homeowners. When winter has come and gone, many lawns are left in need of some serious maintenance, including edging. Well-defined edges around the yard make the yard look more organized and better maintained. And edging is relatively easy, especially for those homeowners with a smaller yard. Edging can be time-consuming for those with more property, but when done properly, edging is definitely worth the effort.

Remove debris from the areas you plan to edge. Before you even begin to edge, be sure to remove any debris from those areas that need edging. Debris, including rocks, twigs or the kids' toys, left lying around can be kicked up when you're edging, potentially causing injury to you or someone standing nearby.

Purchase safety goggles. Even if you have removed all visible debris, there still may be some items hidden in the grass. These items can be kicked up and hit you in the eye, so purchase some safety goggles and be sure to wear them whenever you're edging. As an added precaution, keep kids and others away from any areas you're edging so they aren't injured by any unseen debris that gets kicked up while you're working.

Check your tools. Edging can be done by using a gas-powered edger or a string trimmer. Before you begin to edge, inspect these tools to ensure they're capable of handling the task at hand. Inspect the blades on a gas-powered edger to make sure they haven't dulled since their most recent use. If they are dull, sharpen them before you start to edge. When using a string trimmer, make sure you have enough string on hand to complete the project. String trimmers use a particular kind of string, so visit your local lawn care or hardware store if you don't feel like you have enough.

Position your edger properly. Once you have given your tools the green light, it's time to start edging. When you begin, make sure the edger is between the sidewalk or driveway and the edge of the lawn, placing the wheel of the edger on the sidewalk or driveway and then pushing and pulling the edger until you have created a clear edge. If you have never edged before, you may want to practice on smaller, more isolated areas until you become comfortable operating the edger.

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Cindi M. Quay, Administrator
of the Estate of Harry Keith Bennett

c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
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PUBLICATION DATES:
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ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Linda Sue Whitley (aka Sue Whitley), deceased of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before July 10th, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 9th day of April, 2025. Stephen A. Dunn, Executor,

c/o Andrew W. Blair, Adams, Howell, Sizemore & Adams, P.A., 1600 Glenwood Ave., Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27608.

The Pamlico News: April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF WILLIAM BRADFORD SIMEON File No.: 25E001072-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ANNA SIMEON, ADMINISTRATOR CTA on or before JULY 9, 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.

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Publish APRIL 16, 23, 30, AND MAY 7, 2025.

REPORTS

INCIDENTS

April 3, NC Hwy 304, Vandemere, communicating threats
April 4, Lynchs Beach Loop Rd./ Matthews Rd, Bayboro, fugitive warrant
April 4, NC Hwy 304 N., Vandemere, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
April 4, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, identity theft, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
April 5, Wiggins Point Rd., Oriental, all other offenses/medical
April 5, Phillips Dr., Arapahoe, injury to real property
April 5, Lee Landing Rd., New Bern, suspicious activity
April 7, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest simple assault
April 7, Fairview Ct., Bayboro, simple assault
April 7, Main St., Bayboro, communicating threats
April 8, Horne Rd., Lowland, death investigation
April 9, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, injury to personal property

PROPERTY TRANSFERS


March 27, Riverdale Lot: 5 NW/S Lee Landing RD (SR 1103) MB 6/30 from Stafon Stokes/TR, Taunya Stokes/TR, Roosevelt Stokes, Jr. and Queen E. Stokes Trust, Roosevelt Stokes, Jr., Queen E. Stokes to Nicklaus Bolduc, \$72
March 27, Arlington Place Lot: 244 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Johnny F. Layden to Bay River Capital, LLC, \$96
March 27, 1.00 AC PCB 19-1; 22E66 from Ronald Craig Andrews to David Tennant Dodge, Jr., Susan Kingree Dodge, \$70
March 27, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 53 Phase 1 PCA 172-13 from Burton Farm Development Company, LLC, Boddie-Noell Enterprises, Inc. to Susan Kingree Dodge, David Tennant Dodge, Jr., \$90
March 27, Deed of Correction DB 738/464; PINS H091-229 & H091-226; Two Tracts see instrument; Life Estate from Ernest A. Shelton, Ernest Shelton, Melvinia Shelton, Lynette Shelton/Alf to Lynette Shelton, \$0
March 28, 1.00 AC McCotter Rd & NC Hwy 55 from Gregory Lipkins, Gregory L. Lipkins, Tracey Lipkins to JLO Enterprises, Inc., \$240
March 28, Deer Run Estates Lot: 1 Section 1 PCA 98-3 from Michael Farry, Jr., Amanda Jones to Alvin Lee McSwain, Sandra Massey McSwain, \$910
March 28, Lake Minnesott Estates Lot: 4 Section II MB 5/15 PIN: F092-2-4; Quitclaim Deed from Nelson Fernandez, Marisol A. Fernandez, Patricia Arango, Maria Julia Dunand to Nelson Fernandez, Marisol A. Fernandez, Patricia Arango, Ana Arango Gonzalez, \$0
March 28, Caraway Cove Lot: 46 PCA 164-11 from Terri Osburne, Dale Servetnick to Terry Bentz, Linda Bentz, \$80
March 28, Quitclaim Deed; ¼ AC S/S NC Hwy 304 Mesic from Matilda B. Jones to Dalton R. Jones, \$0
March 28, Cutter Bay 4.52 AC Cutter bay Marina PCB 13-9 from Cutter Bay LLC to Cutter Bay LLC, \$0
March 28, Cutter Bay Lot: 28 4.06 AC PCB 13-9 PIN H042-70-28 from Cutter Bay LLC to Chuck Chulyoung Cho, \$700
March 28, Cutter Bay Lot: 79 3.02 AC PCB 15-15, Cutter Bay Lot: 79A Septic Offsite PCB 13-9 PIN: H042-70-79 from Cutter Bay LLC to John C. Bordeaux, Jr., Billie M. Bordeaux, \$260
March 28, Cutter Bay Lot: 90 3.77 AC, PCB 15-17 PIN H042-70-79 from Cutter Bay LLC to Cutter Bay Partners, LLC, \$240
March 28, Cutter Bay Lot: 95 3.17 AC PCB 16-18 PIN H042-70-95 from Cutter Bay LLC to Cutter Bay Partners, LLC, \$200
March 28, Dawson Creek Lot: 15 1.96 AC PCA 193-1 PIN: H094-1-15 from Andrew Heath, Andrew B. Heath to Andrew Heath/TR, Andrew Heath, Andrew Heath Revocable Trust, \$0
March 28, PIN: M032-18; One Tract W/S Main Rd; Hobucken from Martha Jordan to James John Ford, Jennifer L. Ford, \$40
March 31, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A DB 334/140, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17, Pecan Grove Marina Phase 4 Boat Slip 234 PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17 from Scott M. McKay, Melissa B. McKay, Melissa McKay to RMS McKay & Co., LLC, \$0
March 31, 0.14 AC TTract Lots 154 & 155; Map in DB 484/72 from Phyllis Spencer, Stacey Drake, Jarian Drake to Chelsea Smith, \$0

March 31, Duck Creek Estates Lot: 2 PCA 122-4 from Thomas J. Hall, Jr., Ashley L. Hall to Ashley Nicole Perry, \$60
March 31, Quitclaim Deed; PIN D10-2 map attached from Margaret Boyd-Chapel, Margaret Boyd Chapel, Amos J. Samuel, Jennifer Jordan Samuel to Amos James Samuel, Jennifer Jordan Samuel, \$0
April 1, Duck Creek Estates Lot: 2 PCA 122-4, Deed of Correction DB 738/736 from Thomas J. Hall, Jr., Ashley L. Hall to Ashley Nicole Perry, \$0
April 1, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A in DB 334/140, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17, Pecan Grove Marina Boat Slip 263 PCA 173-10 from Stephen Baybutt, Colleen Baybutt to Robert J. Celestino, \$51
April 1, 1.92 AC West of Keel Rd (SR 1348) from Sandra C. Kopek, Sandra Kopek to Rusty W. Daniels, Kimberly A. Daniels, \$0
April 1, 9.75 AC PCB 19-2 from Cayton Development, LLC to John R. Norton, \$182
April 2, Windward Estate Lot: 7 PCA 103-9 from Streamline Developers, LLC to Thomas Spragg, Karen Spragg, \$870
April 3, Cutter Bay Lot: 96, 3.15 AC PCB 16-18, PIN H042-70-96 from Cutter Bay LLC to Keith E. Alexander/TR, Anna D. Alexander/TR, Alexander Family Living Trust, \$240
April 3, Arnolds Mobile Home Park Lot: 14, MB 7/64, Arnolds Mobile Home Park Lot: 15, MB 7/64 12E149 from Ashley B. Leaming to Austin W. Pence, \$80
April 4, 25,101 Sq Ft Map Attached from Stanley R. Young, Rebecca G. Young to David W. Albertson, Deanna W. Albertson, \$460
April 4, 11.25 AC Off NC Hwy 304; Approx. 14.09 AC off Oyster Creek Rd; 4 tracts PCA 193-7 from Goose Creek Lodge LLC to Albermarle Properties, LLC, \$1,400
April 4, 16.50 AC on Horne Rd; NE/S James Creek Rd (Oyster Creek Rd or Horn RD) SR 1234 from Mt. Airy Tract 2, LLC to Albermarle Properties, LLC, \$520
April 4, One Tract S/S NC Hwy 55 (Main St); Map in DB 369/525 from Carla I. Spencer to Bay River Capital, LLC, \$490

April 4, Shingle Brook Lot: 35 Phase 3 PCA 109-87 from Easy Day Rei, LLC to Alexia B. Stanley, \$430
April 7, Garland F Fulcher Lot: 3 MB 6/5 from Kim Lynn Yearick, Laurie Ann Yearick to Kim Lynn Yearick/TR, Laurie Ann Yearick/TR, Yearick Family Living Trust, \$0
April 7, Corrected Non-Warranty Deed; One Tract NC Hwy 55 from Jerry Allen Casey, Sr., Cathy Potter Casey to Jerry Allen Casey, Sr., \$0
April 8, Tract One PCB 18-9 & 13.410 AC Tract A PCA 72-1; Und Int from Carol Grace Holton, Carol G. Holton to James Dennin Lunaas, \$0
April 8, Tract One PCB 18-9 & 13.401 AC Tract A PCA 72-1; Interest from Carol Grace Holton, Carol G. Holton to James Dennin Lunaas, Carol Grace Holton, \$0
April 8, Tract Two PCB 18-9 & 5.736 AC NCSR 1126 (Dunnsboro Rd); Und Int from Carol Grace Holton, Carol G. Holton to Megan Randall Lunaas, \$0
April 8, Tract Two PCB 18-9 & 5.736 AC NCSR 1126 (Dunnsboro Rd) from Carol Grace Holton, Carol G. Holton to Megan Randall Lunaas, Carol Grace Holton, \$0
April 8, Timber Deed; PIN K031-3-4; 7.9 AC Map Attached from Iris L. Hudson, Zelda H. Best to Buck Timber Company, \$12
April 8, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 3 Addition IV MB 8/19 from Otis D. Bennett to John Wesley Stone, Nicolle Jean Stone, \$60
April 8, 1 AC Neuse Village RD & Dawson's Creek Rd from Thomas A. Corwin to Justin H. Lee, \$300
April 8, Arlington Place Lot: 130 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Marshel Doyle Humphries, Susan M. Humphries to John J. Owens/TR, John J. Owens, Sherry B. Owens/TR, Sherry B. Owens, John J. Owens and Sherry B. Owens Trust, \$184
April 9, 3.16 AC Tract B PCB 18-18 from Dennis W. Brinson, Cynthia B. Brinson to Jamie Brinson, \$0
April 9, 9/10 AC E/S Point Road Arapahoe from Jody W. Henries to John Michael Angelo, Brandy P. Angelo, \$10
April 9, Cutter Bay Lot: 3 3.70 AC PCB 13-9 PIN H042-70-3 from Cutter Bay LLC to Kevin Michael Alexander, \$290

AROUND THE COUNTY

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*

 Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope that you all have had a great week and if not tomorrow is always a new day! There has been quite a bit going on around town this past week. The Christian Academy had their ground breaking ceremony. It looks like it will be a great facility. With brother Earl Sadler at the helm it will surely continue to do great things.

The fields around the county are looking good, you can already see crops breaking through the ground and soaking up the morning sun. I have seen activity of moving into the new library has started and it should be opening soon. Another opening happening soon if it hasn't already by the time you read this, is the bridge on Neuse Rd. I am sure the state is doing all it can to get it open.

Last weekend we had the 2nd annual car show at the college as well as the in water boat show in Oriental. I will tell you how that was next week as at the time I am writing this it hasn't happened yet! I know I am looking forward to seeing all the beautiful cars and trucks. The ball fields in the county have definitely been busy lately. Pamlico Babe Ruth has been keeping the ball field busy. If you happen to be out there and take any pictures make sure to share them on the Pamlico Babe Ruth page.

This coming weekend is Easter, what a glorious time of the year. Written in Red has made it's return this year, that program is such a blessing to this community. If you have never been you need to plan to attend the next time it is offered. I have compiled a list of churches having Sunrise Services, now its not a complete list but its something.

Growing up as a kid I always used to love sunrise service. Back then we went to Camp Seagull I believe it was, I would always attend with my grandma, Nellie Roberts. All these years later I can still imagine the warmth of the sun coming up and warming my face. The sunrise service always seems to be such an uplifting service.


Here is the list of services in the area:



This weeks photo “Look up, He has Risen”

Camp Don Lee 6am light refreshments following
Oriental Lou Mac Park 6am
Green Hill MB Church 6am
Camp Vandemere 5:45
Alliance Methodist Church 7am breakfast following
Trent FWB 7am
Stonewall Methodist Church 6:45 breakfast following
Pamlico Methodist 7 am breakfast following
New Bethlehem OFWB 7 am breakfast following

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*

 The big news in Pamlico is that Roy and I have a new great grandson, Noah Rodgers was born on April 11, 2025. When driving on Trent Road, I saw a couple of young mothers walking with children. It was so cute; the children froze in various poses. They had been taught that if a car was going by they were to freeze off of the road. It was a game for them, but it was their mothers way of keeping them safe.

It was a blessing to attend the Thursday night performance of Written in Red at Reelsboro Methodist Church. It was first performed in 2001 with the last performance prior to this one in 2018 before Covid-19. This year was dedicated to the performers who have already gone to their eternal home. Fifteen churches of various denominations were represented by members of the drama this year. It is awesome to live in Pamlico County where so many different faiths can worship and serve the Lord together in love.

Bayboro Missionary Baptist Church hosted the County-wide Lenten service on Wednesdays during Lent. There was worship service each week with a different pastor from different denominations starting at noon followed by a fellowship meal after the service. The Reverend Scott Fitzgerald, Bayboro Missionary

Baptist Church Pastor will preach the final service..


Stonewall Methodist Choir performed their Easter Cantata, “Lamb of God” on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. There were four different congregations represented in their choir as well. If you missed the wonderful performance, it can be viewed on the Stonewall Methodist Church Facebook page.

This is Holy Week and Stonewall Methodist will have a Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm. They will also celebrate Easter Sonrise at 6:30 am in the Stonewall Campground and return to the fellowship hall for breakfast. There will be no Sunday school, but they will have worship service at 11:00 am. Pamlico Methodist Church has their Sonrise service at 7:00 am.

Celebrating birthdays in April include JoAnn Kelleher (4/16), Maria Machle (4/17), Chris Machle (4/18), Shannon Ellenberg (4/22), April Dawn Edwards (423), Serenity Henries (4/24), Justin Rodgers (4/28), Amy Smith (4/29) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30). Celebrating their anniversary in April are Tillie & Zeffie Roberts (4/14).

Have a blessed week. Nervous? Take Spiritual Vitamin N. “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Hebrews 13:5)


Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*

 Last week I did not send any news so I will update this week. Driving up Hwy 55 this time of year you are caught by the beauty of the azaleas of every color in yards along the way They are especially beautiful this year because there is such a variety of different colors, white, orange, rose color, red, and pink. The biggest problem with azaleas is their blooms don't last very long. Last week five of Fran Law's sisters and a brother-in-law visited and attended Bethel for morning service. On Palm Sunday Elizabeth, Mattie and I sang in the Cantata "Lamb of God" at Stonewall Methodist Church under the direction of Dixie Gatlin. It was the first time I have tried to sing in a long time. Very

moving as we approach Easter Sunday. Colleen returned from Charleston and it looks like they may have sold their big sailboat and hopefully they will be back in Whortonsville very soon. The boat show was today in Oriental. Spoke to someone who was there and they said the weather was so cool that the show was not as good this year as it was last year. Two of my friends are home from the hospital so I ask prayers for Bob Benton and Louise Lee.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—CHRISTIANITY HAS DIED MANY TIMES AND RISEN AGAIN, FOR IT HAS A GOD WHO KNOWS THE WAY OUT OF THE GRAVE. (G.K. CHESTERTON)

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*

 The Partnership for Aurora Richland Township Progress (PARTP) has been very busy making positive changes. They purchased a new building for storing the Christmas decorations, have been investigating the renewed restoration efforts for the History Museum, purchased a cell phone signal booster for the Community Center and are working to designate downtown a historic district.

The Industrial Park now has a contractor on board and we should be seeing some action pretty soon.

The Aurora library participates in NC Reads. You can find out more about this interesting program at <https://nchumanities.org/programs/north-carolina-reads/>

The Mullet are starting to jump. Crabbers are beginning to cruise by with their loads of pots to deploy. Turtles are starting to cross the roads and Spiders are making appearances. I have one on the porch that seems to be very prosperous.

The birds are waking up way before dawn now. The first to sing are Cardinals and Chickadees. First Hummingbirds showed up almost to the exact day as last year.



My Photo of the Week is of one of my new Dove friends.

Arbor Day Declared in Oriental

At their March 11 meeting, the Oriental Town Commissioners proclaimed April 26, 2025 to be Arbor Day in Oriental. On that day, the Oriental Tree Board will conduct an Arbor Day tree planting celebration and pruning demonstration at the corner of Broad & Silverbrook, at 10:00am.

The NC Forest Service and the National Arbor Day Foundation have granted Oriental the designation of TreeCityUSA for the 30th year, and will present a flag and certificate to the Oriental Tree Board at the tree planting. The NC Forest Service is planning to bring tree saplings to the presentation for interested attendees.

Thirty years of anything is a really big deal! This honor recognizes the Herculean efforts of many remarkable residents of this small town. Come show your support for this important town program and help us celebrate our 30-year TreeCity USA anniversary and the Town of Oriental's 125th anniversary.

The Oriental Tree Board is an all-volunteer extension of the Town administration, charged with the planning, planting and maintenance of trees on Town property and right of ways. We



can always use able-bodied adjunct volunteers to help with these activities. We work most Tuesdays from 9:00am or 10:00am, until noon, depending on season. If you are interested in helping, contact the Town Hall to find out where we are working that day. Bring loppers, work gloves and a smile.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the library.

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I am an actress born in Texas on April 17, 1972. I spent much of my childhood practicing ballet after an initial lesson at age 3. I've appeared in many TV shows and in a string of romantic comedies. Most people know me as a CIA secret agent as well as a sai-wielding assassin.

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Arapahoe Charter School proposes for Federal funding for the 2025-2026 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 1-8, 2025, in the office of Jennifer Cook, EC Coordinator, located at 9005 NC Hwy 306 S. Arapahoe, NC 28510.

Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District F.O.G. Program (Fats, Oil, and Grease)

Sewer back-ups and overflows are frequently caused by improper materials such as fats, oils and grease being placed into the sewer system by customers. Since fats, oils and grease are lighter than water, they tend to accumulate at the top and sides of sewer pipes and can build up until a blockage happens. If a blockage does occur, the sewer will back up or overflow.

DO NOT:

- Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain
- Use toilets as a wastebasket
- Use the sewer system as a means to dispose of food and scraps

DO:

- Collect grease in a container to dispose of it in the garbage
- Place food scraps in waste containers or start a compost pile
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom for disposable diapers and personal hygiene products

Eric Harper – Superintendent/BRMSD Collection System (ORC) Operator Responsible Charge

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Beginning Wednesday May 1st 2025 through Friday, May 28, 2025 The Town Of Oriental Water Department will NOT be using ammonia as part of the disinfection process in its drinking water. The change is required to by the federal and state regulations governing the Town's water system.

Using ammonia in the treatment process helps reduce the amount of Trihalomethanes, a disinfection by-product that is formed when water is disinfected with chlorine. The one-month return to chlorine-only disinfecting is not expected to cause significant increase in Trihalomethanes.

The Town of Oriental will also conduct flushing of the distribution system in order to expedite this event. Customers should be aware that there may be a slight discoloration and/or slight chlorine odor of their drinking water.

Please plan to take the steps necessary to ensure that our month-long change to chlorine only disinfection during this period does not detrimentally affect your use of the water we provide. We regret any inconvenience or problem this may cause.

Please visit our website, WWW.TOWNOFORIENTAL.COM for more information. If you have any questions or concerns please contact The Town of Oriental, 252-249-0555.

Do you know who Frank Epperson is?
If not, ask a Kindergartener!



Kindergarten students read about Eleven-year-old Frank Epperson who invented the very first ice pop in the San Francisco Bay Area way back in 1905. That's right, popsicles were invented by a kid! After a long day of play, Frank went inside, but left his cup of soda with the stirring stick still in it out on his porch. Left out overnight, the soda froze like an icicle. Curious, Frank gave the frozen soda a try and popsicles were created! After reading and learning about "Frank's Pops" students made and enjoyed their own ice pops!

Book Fair!



The PCPS Spring Book Fair's success was unprecedented as record earnings were received. Students, parents, and the out-pouring community really supported the fair to its fullest. Profits made will enhance the media program with new books, curriculum supplies and special event activities. Mrs. Kim Prescott, media coordinator, would personally like to thank everyone for setting the bar higher than ever imaginable! KEEP ON READING!



Pamlico County Primary School 2nd graders took a special trip to The Old Theater in Oriental to experience the magic of live theater! Thanks to the efforts of Children's Theater Workshop and incredible community support, students enjoyed performances by Bright Star Touring Theatre. We are incredibly grateful to the Children's Theater Workshop and The Old Theater for making this opportunity possible. Experiences like these bring learning to life and inspire a love for the arts. We hope to see some of our students take the stage at the Summer Theater Workshop in July! (Registration opens in early May at www.childrenstheateronc.com.)

How to Catch a Leprechaun



A few first graders made Leprechaun traps with their families after reading the book How to Catch a Leprechaun by Adam Wallace.

Cuba and North Korea are the only countries in the world where you cannot buy or sell Coca-Cola.

PAMLICO COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Big things are happening in Ms. Sales's Class!



At the end of March, these incredible students wowed us all with their spring performance of The Very Hungry Caterpillar—a heart-warming celebration of growth, creativity, and courage. And the excitement doesn't stop there... they've also launched a brand new weekly news production to keep our school community informed and inspired! We are so proud of their hard work, talents, and the joy they bring to Pamlico Primary School!

Celebrate Music in Our Schools



On Tues March 25 1st Graders presented a musical 'formance' for families. Many students provided instrumental accompaniment to several Pete the Cat books while some students acted out the parts of characters. They all demonstrated their music reading and performance skills while performing on a variety of pitched and unpitched instruments to accompany several nursery rhymes as well. Even some parents had an opportunity to come up and be a part of the program and play instruments! (I attached 6 photos, choose your favorites)

To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month in March, Ms. Wilson took a survey of staff members' favorite Disney songs. For the last 2 weeks, students listened to and voted on their favorites as a March Madness Music Bracket. The Final Four songs were: I Just Can't Wait to be King from Lion King, Part of Your World from The Little Mermaid, We Don't Talk about Bruno for Encanto, and Life is a Highway from Cars. The Final winner? Life is a Highway! (if you want a photo of the wall with the final winner, I do have that...)

On Thursday, March 27 students were treated to a West African Dancer and drummers sponsored by the Atlantic Dance Theater from Craven County. Souleymane Sana, an international artist from Mali with New Bern ties, had all of the students on their feet smiling and dancing with his infectious energy.

pet the cows



First graders took a field trip to ! Not only did students get to learn about and pet the cows, they also toured the dairy facility and sampled ice cream from the creamery

Autism Awareness



On April 2nd, The PUPS hosted members of the Pamlico County Support Group of the Autism Society of NC. They read "The Happy Flappy Child" by Cassandra Whitaker to each of our PK-1st students to raise awareness and promote acceptance and understanding of students with Autism. Students also wore blue to school to raise awareness for Autism and will be signing a kindness pledge. Acceptance and inclusion are so important at PCPS!



The wind in action!



Our first graders are studying a unit on wind. Today they constructed pinwheels and took them outside to see the wind in action!



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PAWS Dog Parade

by: Hiram Lupton

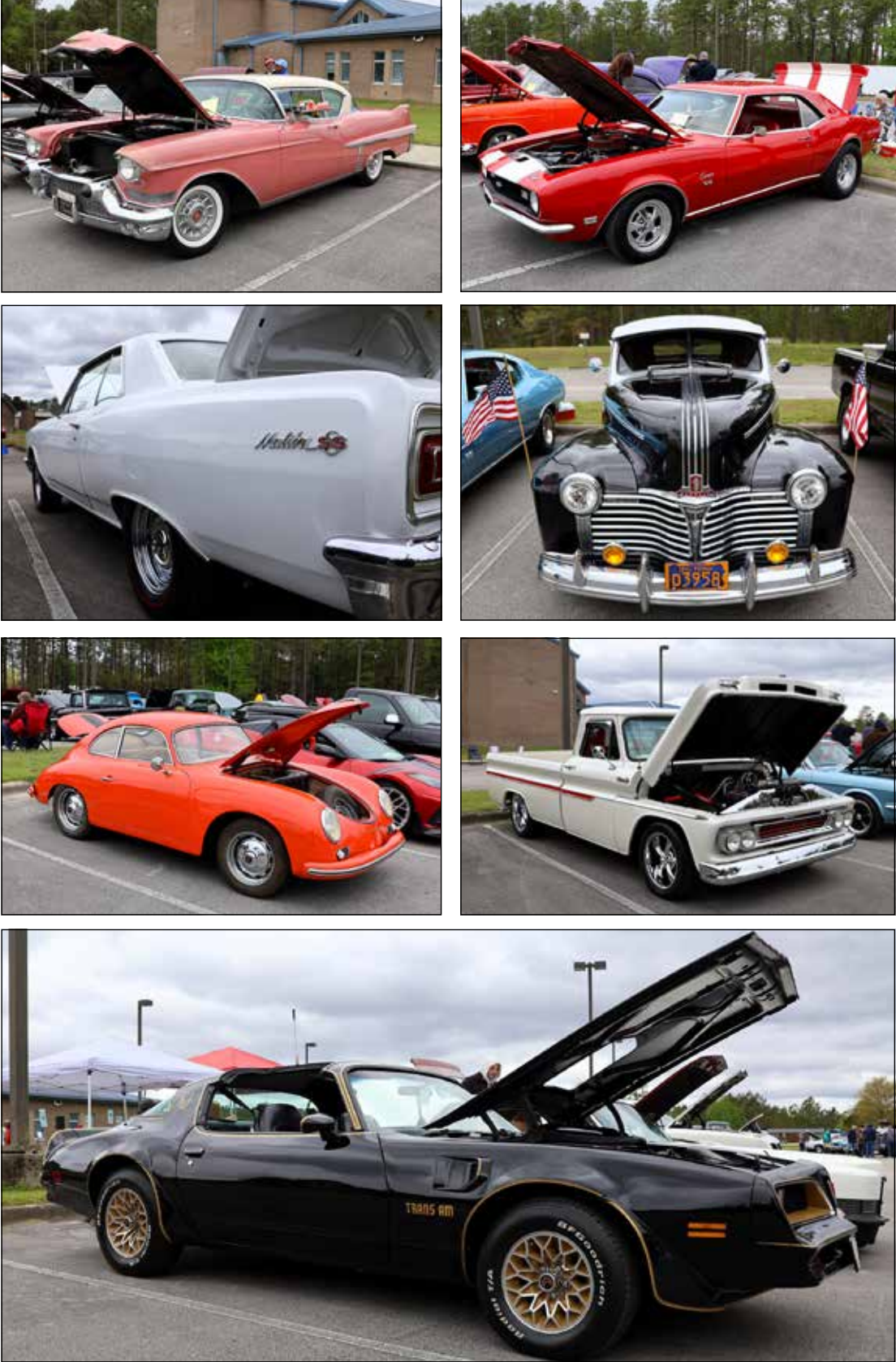
The residents of Oriental love their dogs, maybe even more than they love their boats. That love was on full display Saturday at the 18th annual Pamlico Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) Dog Parade. The Parade originated at Lou Mac Park and entrants were encouraged to dress up in costumes for the event. The Pamlico Community Band was on hand to provide music to sooth the savage beast before the parade and Rev. Bruce was there to give a blessing of the pets for those who wanted one. All of this was to help raise money for PAWS and the outstanding work they do. If you'd like more information on how to support this great group and support their mission, check out their website at www.pamlicopaws.net



Arapahoe Community Car Show

by: Hiram Lupton

If beautiful bodies that get your engine revving turn you on, Pamlico Community College was the place to be last Saturday at the 3rd annual Arapahoe Community Car Show. With over 50 cars in attendance, there was a little bit of something for everyone, from vintage to modern, customs and originals, domestic and imports. All proceeds from the event went to benefit the Arapahoe community including the Gatlin Creek Community Center and area churches.



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