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All-Way Stop on November 4

by: Hiram Lupton

As we reported several weeks ago, the North Carolina Department of Transportation plans to make the Neuse Road (SR-1005) intersection with Lee Landing Road (SR-1103) in Reelsboro an all way stop. We now know when. According to electronic warning signs placed last week by the NCDOT, the all-way stop at the intersection will become effective on November 4. If you frequently travel this route, be aware, this could take some getting used to.

Calling all Bluegrass Fans!

The 2025 Grammy-nominated bluegrass band Authentic Unlimited is coming to Oriental! Comprised of multi-talented, seasoned musicians, including former members of the legendary band Doyle Lawson & Quick-silver, Authentic Unlimited blends traditional bluegrass with a fresh, modern edge to create rich harmonies, skillful instrumentation and a sound that is both timeless and innovative. Join us on Saturday, November 15, at 7:30 pm when Authentic Unlimited takes the stage at the Old Theater, presented by the Pamlico Musical Society. The group will also conduct an "Informance" -- music, stories, Q&A -- free and open to the public earlier the same day at 11 am followed by a reception, hosted by Prime Time, at the Oriental

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PAMLICO COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Thursday, October 23, 3rd graders had the opportunity to visit Rivertown Players Theater in downtown New Bern to enjoy seeing the play, Diary of a Wimpy Kid. The weeks prior to the performance, each class enjoyed listening to the book through whole class read aloud. Seeing this book come to life was a wonderful experience. Following the play, they had a picnic lunch at Fort Totten Park where the big hit was the merry-go-round.

Oriental Town Commissioner Candidates' Forum

by: Hiram Lupton

Moderator Zac Schnell introduces the candidates for Town Commissioner

Municipal election day, November 4th, is fast approaching, and last Thursday evening the candidates for the Oriental Town Commission gathered at The Old Theater for a question-and-answer session. Nine of the eleven candidates were on stage facing a packed, standing room only crowd of Oriental voters. Two candidates, Allen Price and Bob Maxbauer, were not in attendance. Incumbent Mayor Sally Belangia, who is running unopposed for reelection, was also absent. The Town Board is made up of five commissioners and regardless of who is elected on November 5th, the Board will look much different, with three of the five occupants of those seats not seeking reelection. Price and Bonnie Crosse are on the ballot as incumbents. For the past two years, town board meetings have grown increasingly contentious, with debate among commissioners sometimes becoming uncivil and increasingly mean-spirited, as the Board seemingly divided itself into factions. Much of this seemed to stem just as much from a clash of personalities as it did from differing opinions on the issues. Leading up to the upcoming election, the combativeness has continued, often playing out on social media and in letters to the weekly newspaper and was facilitated by supporters and detractors of the various candidates. All this led up to this year's candidate forum and if the crowd came hoping to see raised voices, finger pointing, and accusations by any of the candidates against one another, they may have gone away disappointed as all the candidates were on their best behavior. The moderator, Pamlico Community College President Zac Schnell, posed questions to the group with each getting the opportunity to respond. One overriding theme emerged as all the candidates spoke of ending the divisiveness of the board and that the board needs to work together with complete transparency. Greg Bohmert stated that "we need to put principals before personalities." Having respect for each other was stressed by Mary Ellen Ham. Paul Jordan stated that finding commonality was of upmost importance. Don McGuire said that in his conversations with residents the number one issue he found was having a Board

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Grantsbrook Community Day

by: Hiram Lupton

It was a beautiful day in the county Saturday afternoon and it was a good day to stop by the Grantsbrook Nursing and Rehab Community Day. There was plenty of food and fun along with information vendors. Since it is that time of year, there was also a trunk or treat for the kids.

17th Annual Chili Cookoff a Success

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Pamlico Proud New Attorneys from Pamlico County

by: Hiram Lupton

(L to R) Wesley Charles-Craft, Laura Lugo Charles-Craft, and Judge Paul Delamar III

Pamlico County has a reason to be proud as two great young people who grew up in the County have officially taken the oath, becoming full-fledged attorneys at law. Along with that, they also happen to be a married couple. Laura Lugo grew up in Arapahoe, attended Arapahoe Charter School and graduated from Pamlico County High School in 2017. Wesley Charles-Craft is from Bayboro and is also an alumnus of PCHS, graduating in 2018. Although acquainted, they weren't a couple in high school, that would come during the next step in their educational journey, undergraduate school, Laura at North Carolina State, where she graduated with a both a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Spanish Language & Literature, and Wesley at East Carolina where he finished with a B.A. in History. Law degrees were not their intention at the beginning. Laura was interested medicine and while Wesley had an interest in law, it was not until after his freshman year that he decided it was the right route for him. After undergraduate work, they both

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Fire Safety with the NBFD's Clown Troupe

by: Hiram Lupton

Fire Safety is no laughing matter, but depending on your audience, a little clowning around is the best way to get a message across. It is Fire Safety month, and last Thursday, the New Bern Fire Department's Clown Troupe visited Pamlico County Primary School to share a little laughter, a little fun, and a whole lot of fire safety education. There was also a special guest brought along for the program, Smokey the Bear. The Troupe has also paid visits this month to Pamlico Christian Academy and Arapahoe Charter School. The program centers on fire safety in the home and included how to get out of a burning house, what to do, and what not to do if there is a kitchen fire, smoke detectors, calling 911, and of course, stop drop and roll if you are on fire. It was all presented in a fun way to help kids learn and remember. A big thank you to the Clown Troupe for their visit and to Pamlico County Fire Marshall Chris Murray for arranging the event.

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Busy day: Pamlico Community College hosts four-year institutions, STEM activities

Submitted by Pamlico Community College

High school students from across Pamlico County gathered at the Delamar Center Oct. 21 to explore academic programs and opportunities offered by colleges and universities throughout North Carolina and beyond.

Forty-one institutions participated in the College and University Fair, which lasted about two hours.

Students from Pamlico County High School, Arapahoe Charter School and Pamlico Christian Academy – most of them juniors and seniors – met with counselors and recruiters to ask questions and gather information about admissions, financial aid and campus life.

Later that same day, about 40 students from Pamlico County High School visited the college for an inside look at some of its STEM-focused programs.

Instructors organized hands-on activities, giving the students a chance to explore potential areas of interest and discover what they might enjoy studying in the future.



Juniors and seniors from Pamlico County High School arrive for the Oct. 21 event. Students from Pamlico Christian Academy and Arapahoe Charter School had arrived earlier. Contributed photo



Two representatives from Appalachian State University, left, speak with prospective students. Contributed photo



N.C. State University's table was a popular stop at the Oct. 21 event. Contributed photo



Electrical Systems Technology Instructor Larry Monk, standing at right, shows students how to assemble a circuit kit. Contributed photo



A representative from Western Carolina University, left, answers questions from two Pamlico Christian Academy students. Contributed photo



Cosmetology Instructor Elethia Woodham, left, is impressed by how well a Pamlico County High School student trims the hair on a mannequin. Contributed photo



PCC Welding student Thomas Jones, left, shares a laugh with a Pamlico County High School student who was trying out a welding simulator. Contributed photo

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Agent of the Week

Linda Hoff
Broker

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We are writing to say how pleased we are with the realty service of Linda Hoff in the sale of our slip outside Oriental, NC. She was very helpful in reaching out to us, explaining the process clearly and making the sale as quick and professional as possible. We are very pleased that she was able to sell our slip quickly and for the asking price.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- October 29th – Today is National Cat Day.
- October 30th – Today is National Candy Corn Day. Since its corn, does it count as a vegetable?
- October 31st – Boo!
- November 1st – Today is National Deep Fried Clams Day.
- November 2nd – Time to fall back. I need to remember to set an alarm for 2 AM so my wife can get up and reset all our clocks.
- November 3rd – Today is National Sandwich Day. I like a good sandwich, especially when someone else makes it for me.
- November 4th – Today is Election Day. If you live in an incorporated town, get out and vote for your favorite candidate, or against your least favorite, depending on how you look at it.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- October 29th – 1971, Actress Winona Horowitz (Winona Ryder)
- October 31st – 1860, Founder of Girl Scouts USA Juliette Gordon Low
- October 31st – 19??, Pamlico Partnership for Children Director Susan Bridgeman
- November 1st – 19?? Distinguished Pamlico County citizen John Barlow
- November 2nd – 1734, Frontiersman Danial Boone
- November 3rd – 1921, Actor Charles Buchinsky (Charles Bronson)
- November 3rd – 19??, Middle School football coach Jack Taylor, Jr.
- November 4th – 1937, Actress Loretta Swit



When I was a kid, I was always drawing things. I'd get butcher paper or grocery bags and draw on them. –Charles Bronson

OBITUARIES



Paul Caraway Brady, 96, of Pamlico, NC died peacefully on October 26, 2025, at his home on Broad Creek with his family by his side.

Paul was the son of John and Susan Brady and grew up in the small town of Pamlico. At that time, Pamlico was a bustling town that supported two stores, had two saw mills, and most folks made their living from the water. He often recounted his life on the water, including his work on shrimp trawlers, as early as 12 years of age. He excelled as a student at Oriental School, graduating as valedictorian in 1947. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1949 during the Korean War. After undergoing training, he was stationed in Germany and was assigned to the 12 Radio Squadron Mobile, a communication module monitoring Russian messages, where he remained until his discharge in 1953. Following his service in the Air Force, he enrolled in the School of Engineering at N.C. State University. He married his wife while still in college, and completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Option, in 1958. He accepted a position with the Convair Division of General Dynamics Corporation in 1958 as a design engineer. He worked there briefly before he and his wife realized they wanted to relocate to be close to their family, so he accepted a position as an Aerospace Engineer at MCAS Cherry Point in 1959. He remained there until his retirement in 1987 as Director of the AV-8B Engineering and Logistics Division. For 10 years following his retirement from MCAS Cherry Point, he was intermittently employed as a part-time Senior Engineer with Support Systems Associates Incorporated, Chrysler Technologies Airborne Systems Incorporated, and Computer Systems Development Corporation.

Paul was a member of Pamlico Methodist Church, where he served as an active member on the Board until his health declined. From 1968-2000, when he moved to Bayboro to be closer to the public schools, he attended Bayboro United Methodist Church. He developed lifelong friendships in both communities.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 60 years, Dora Simpson Brady, and his five siblings, Marguerite Woodson, Lucille Lupton, Ralph Brady, John D. Brady, Jr., and Fred Brady.

He is survived by his children, Paula Phillips (Michael), Timothy Brady, and Sara Fraboni (Frank); grandchildren, Michael Phillips, Jr. (Rhiannon), Caroline Phillips, Frankie Fraboni (Jennifer), Katie Fraboni, Maggie Hunt (Tyler), and Joey Fraboni (Ashley); and great grandchildren, Penelope, Izzy, Casey, and Vincent Fraboni, and Brady Hunt. Also surviving are two special nephews, Mike (Lydia) and Wayne (Michelle) Brady, who held a special place in his heart.

A funeral service to honor Paul's life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 1st at Pamlico Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike Roach officiating. Interment, with military honors, will follow immediately at Paul Cemetery, Silver Hill.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Paul is well remembered by others as a man of great faith with a deep love and dedication to his family and friends. He loved living on the water and enjoyed boating and fishing. Paul leaves behind a legacy of love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his family and the Pamlico Community. His leadership and love will forever be an inspiration for all who knew him.

Gifts and memorials can be made in his honor to Hospice of Pamlico County, PO Box 6, Bayboro, NC 28515 or Pamlico Methodist Church, 4288 Orchard Creek Rd., Oriental, NC 28571.

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COMMUNITY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello, Oriental,
I recently had the most enjoyable conversation with Commissioner Candidate Mary Ellen Ham. She is the only candidate who truly understands the Oriental that so many speak of preserving—because she has lived it her entire life. We talked about how Oriental once was, and how it can be again.
Large budget increases, more town employees, and a two-person police force—along with slogans like “value spending” and “Robert’s Rules”—as promoted by some recent resident candidates, will not get us there. With few exceptions, most of them could count the number of town meetings they've attended on one hand. And again, with few exceptions, they’ve done little to improve, maintain, or support this town through their own time and effort.
We do not need candidates bringing their recent past ways to an Oriental they barely know. Don't think for a moment that Mary Ellen doesn't understand the need for smart growth, careful maintenance, and responsible spending—she spoke thoughtfully and clearly about those very issues. She's sharp as a whip. And while you may not always see it, Mary Ellen is out there quietly helping and supporting neighbors in their times of need.
If you want to preserve what makes Oriental special, limit big spending, and promote wise, informed growth rooted in a true understanding of our town's past and promise, your thoughtful, Oriental experienced choices for Commissioner are:

Greg Bohmert
Mary Ellen Ham
Bonnie Crosser
Allen Price

Together, they represent well over 125 years of dedication to Oriental. Choose experience.

Butch Rasmussen
Oriental Resident

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to ask two questions concerning the election of our Town Commissioners. When did the dysfunction and toxic environment evolve in our town government? Things were running smoothly under the management of Diane Miller for many years. Grants were provided, town work was executed with loyal employees, and as much as the town could afford, new developments in Parks and Recreation and other areas were made. All was moving along smoothly. Suddenly, many employees who had been loyal, hardworking, skilled in their jobs, and a real asset to the town left. They left to live with relatives, as they could not afford to buy a new house while still owning one in Oriental. They left to try to find new jobs, and when they did, it was entry-level jobs with low pay. When did this happen? Was it at the start of the term of the newest commissioners?

Second question: Now that we outsource a lot of our work (having fewer employees), will the meter readers, lawn mowers, and other outsourced workers come to our aid during a disaster such as we had after Florence? Will they stay overnight in the Town Hall because their house was wrecked and work extra long days to restore our town? Will they be a team with our regular employees to do whatever it takes to restore any disaster that might befall Oriental?

And lastly, that famous \$234,000 that was “saved” during the term of the last commissioners. Several savings included those individual contractors (no need to pay salaries or benefits), but those fees have gone up. Savings by cutting down mosquito control by 69% and drainage maintenance by 49% — how's that working for you? Included in that figure is a FEMA reimbursement which simply repaid the town for storm expenses already spent. And lastly, removing merit compensation and Christmas bonuses for employees. Good choices for keeping loyal employees? And by the way, we may lose our Town Manager if another toxic set of commissioners is elected for her to deal with.

I know many of you are firmly entrenched with your choice for commissioners, but perhaps a little thought and consideration of these questions are worth merit in your thinking.

Thank you, Carol Small

What is the difference between the federal deficit and the federal debt? The deficit is the amount that the government spends in one year that is more than the revenue generated in that year. Last year the federal deficit was 1.775 TRILLION dollars!

The federal debt is the total of all the deficits year after year. For example if a family with an income of \$100,000 per year uses credit cards to spend \$125,000 in one year their deficit is \$25,000. After the first year their debt is \$25,000. If this happens for five years their deficit is \$25,000 each year but their total debt is \$125,000.

It is easy to run into financial trouble by running a deficit. The federal government has run a deficit for 24 straight years! Trouble ahead!

Bill Deighton
Arapahoe

A Wonderful Candidate's Forum... With Great online Reporting with Audio!

I found Thursday evening's Candidate Forum to be a wonderful event. I was excited to get to know my fellow candidates better, and to discover the topics uppermost on the minds of my fellow citizens of Oriental.

I was greatly relieved to hear all the candidates pledge to end the personal attacks so aptly named “Character Assassination” during the forum. These have distracted the board and caused frustration among many citizens as well.

I was excited by the many comments/ideas encouraging greater resident awareness, transparency, and hopefully, greater participation in the various town board functions. This would include the yearly budgeting process, and the auxiliary boards incorporating workshops that seek greater public input.

Exciting stuff, but how to do it, perplexed me until I saw the way Town Dock's online coverage of the forum broke things down into simple bitesize pieces... Listing the questions separately with the audio response for ONLY that question. Brilliant! I was able to focus on the questions that were of interest or the answer(s) and get a 100% accurate replay of exactly what happened, what was said, by whom, in an instant. I did not have to read/listen to the entire event OR rely on Hearsay!!

I personally would love to see our town board meetings recorded in such a fashion, broken down by agenda items, including public comments, and placed on a Reorganized Town Website, enabling those who could not attend in person, to become better and more accurately informed and hopefully, more involved.

The only disappointment I experienced this week was at Saturday's Candidate Meet & Greet held at the O.W.C. I was shocked to find out it was a Partisan Event (adj: prejudiced in favor of a particular cause), in a non-partisan election. It was a meet and greet for ONLY those six candidates. Apparently, Oriental now has Political Action Committees of some sort that sponsor and organize such events. Who knew?

I offer my sincere apologies to anyone I may have offended, for showing up with my name tag on. After I removed it, I was allowed to stay, as a citizen of Oriental, and again got to know my fellow candidate and my neighbors' concerns better as I listened.

As I was leaving, I picked up informational handouts on the table by the door and was deeply disappointed to discover these flyers were yet another attempt at Character Assassination by Out Going Commissioner Breena Litzenberger. Oddly enough, at the end of her manifesto of hurt feelings and somewhat inaccurate Financial Remembrances, she wholeheartedly endorsed the six candidates who openly condemned Character Assassinations and promised in the future not to do what Litzenberger just did.

You cannot make this stuff up!! For some, fears and unpleasant feeling will forever cause them to put their Personalities ahead of Principles that guide a healthy and harmonious society, which has individual differences, and outlooks, but a greater allegiance to the Whole.

Candidate Gregory Bohmert 10.26.2025

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Calling all Bluegrass Fans!

United Methodist Church, 404 Freemason Street. Come on out and meet the artists!

Having earned global recognition with multiple International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards, IBMA and Dove Awards nominations, and most recently their first Grammy nomination as a group, the band's passion, talent and dedication to their craft are widely celebrated in the bluegrass community. Their heartfelt lyrics and soulful melodies resonate with audiences, offering an authentic musical experience that speaks to both old and new generations of bluegrass fans. With the release of their latest album So Much for Forever and Gospel Sessions Vol.2, Authentic Unlimited continues to leave a lasting impact on the bluegrass scene.

Tickets to the concert are \$30 and are available in Oriental at Nautical Wheelers, 411 Broad Street, in

New Bern at Nautical Wheelers, 202A Craven Street, and online at pamlicomusic.org.

For helping to make this concert possible, the Pamlico Musical Society wishes to thank our season sponsor: Beth Frazer Real Estate & Rentals; business sponsors: Pamlico Family Eye Care; and individual sponsors: Leslie & Jim Kellenberger.

Celebrating 28 years of presenting great music for our community, the Pamlico Musical Society is a non-profit organization bringing quality musical entertainment, enrichment, and education to Pamlico County. We welcome your support! To learn more about the benefits of joining our group, including advance ticket sales and artist receptions, call 252-617-2125 or visit www.pamlicomusic.org, and like us on Facebook @pamlicomusic.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Open enrollment: What to know before you enroll



Dan M. Roberts

For many people, fall brings an important opportunity: open enrollment. While it may not sound as exciting as planning for the holidays, taking a careful look at your workplace benefits now could save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars next year.

Open enrollment is the period when you will choose your medical and other workplace benefits for the year ahead. Most employers hold it in the fall, with elections taking effect in January. Once the window closes, you usually can't make changes unless you experience a major life event like marriage, divorce, the birth of a child or when a dependent has become an emancipated adult.

While it may be easy to simply renew last year's choices, that could be a costly mistake. Your employer's plans, providers or costs may have changed. It's also possible your own circumstances are different than they were a year ago — for example, if you had a baby, got married or expect new medical needs. Taking a fresh look helps ensure your benefits match your life today.

Here are a few tips for navigating open enrollment.

Compare health plans carefully. Employers often offer more than one health, dental or vision option. Look at differences in provider networks, prescription coverage and premiums. If you and your spouse both have coverage options, compare plans across employers. Just be mindful that some companies charge a fee if you enroll a partner who has their own workplace coverage. Many plans offer wellness discounts on monthly premiums based on your personal health condition.

Check your life insurance. Many employers provide a base level of life insurance, with the option to buy more. If your family has grown or your financial responsibilities have increased, now is the time to make sure you have enough coverage to protect your loved ones.

Consider disability coverage. A short-term disability plan can help cover income gaps for up to 12 months during recovery from surgery, illness or childbirth. Long-term disability insurance offers protection if you're unable to work again for an extended period up to age 65. Ideally, coverage should replace up to 60% of your pre-tax income.

Understand supplemental options. Some employers also offer accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance. While it can provide peace of mind, remember that it's not a substitute for life or disability insurance, since it only covers specific accidents.

Take advantage of tax-friendly accounts. Flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs) let you use pre-tax dollars for eligible medical expenses. If you have young children or other dependents, ask whether your employer offers a dependent care FSA to help offset care costs. Note that these are use-it-or-lose-it, so contribute only what you expect to spend every year. HSAs, available with high-deductible health plans, are more flexible, since unused funds roll over from year to year and can even serve as long-term savings.

Review your retirement savings. While your retirement plan usually isn't part of open enrollment, this is a good time to revisit it. Make sure you're contributing enough to earn your employer's match. Small increases can make a big difference over time.

Open enrollment may not be the most thrilling item on your fall to-do list, but it could be one of the most important. Taking a little time now to review your employee group benefits could give you greater financial security and extra savings throughout the year.

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Pamlico County

Aphids in home gardens

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Aphids are tiny insects that often go unnoticed in the home garden. They are very common and are present almost year long. However, on occasions where populations build up quickly, aphids can cause damage to plants that may require gardeners to take control measures. To better help understand what aphids are, the damage they create, and how to manage them, please read this Extension note

that was created by our Pamlico Master Gardener volunteer Lori Gaskins.

Description: Aphids are insects that have many plant hosts. Most aphids are less than 1/8 inch long and commonly light green or yellow, but they also may be white, black, red, brown, or grey. They may be winged or wingless. The most common ones in home gardens are the green peach aphid (*Myzus persicae*), the oleander or milkweed aphid (*Aphis nerii*), and the melon or cotton aphid (*Aphis gossypii*).

Damage: There are many different species of aphids affecting many different species of plants. Vegetable garden host examples include peppers, tomatoes, leafy greens, cabbage, kale, and basil plants. Aphids can usually be found on the undersides of leaves or on the plant stems. Most of the time, they cause no problems for the plant and can largely be ignored by the gardener. But they do have sucking mouthparts that pierce the plant, sometimes causing deformities in leaves. If signs of damage are seen, it is usually in the form of curled, yellow or deformed leaves, or poor plant growth. Aphids can transmit plant viruses that may be of concern, and their feces, called honeydew, can be a growth medium for black sooty mold.

Biology: Aphids have a complex life cycle producing offspring both sexually and asexually. They can cycle through many generations per season and they mature quickly, so populations can increase rapidly. In fact, in hot weather, it may only take a week or two for a new generation to be produced. In the fall, males and females mate to produce eggs. These eggs can overwinter on plants, hatching the following spring. These newly hatched eggs may be females, who again can reproduce without male fertilization.

Gardeners may see, feel, or smell honeydew on aphid infested plants. Honeydew is the shiny, sticky, sweet smelling feces of the aphids which results from them eating the plant's sap. Honeydew accumulates on plant parts and can attract other insects. In fact, some ants may tend to aphids and protect them from predators. In return, aphids provide the ants with honeydew as a food source.

Control methods: It may not be necessary for the plant's health to treat an aphid infestation. If treatment or control is deemed necessary, consider an integrated management scheme using the recommendations listed below. Be aware that aphids can be difficult

to control due to their fast reproductive rates and the fact that they are often found in the unfurled leaves of plants and are therefore protected from many treatments.

1. Cultural control - Resist overfertilization with nitrogen as this promotes leafy growth which is the preferred food source of aphids. Use reflective mulch or an aluminum item like a pie pan around the base of plants, as these interfere with the insect's ability to find the host plant. Anti-aphid mesh netting can also be used. Companion planting with flowers may also help to attract natural enemies (example: yellow flowers attract lady beetles).
2. Mechanical control - Dislodge aphids with a forceful water spray, physically rub them off leaves, or prune and destroy affected plant material.
3. Biological control - Lady beetles (*Coccinellidae* family), green lacewing larvae (*Chrysoperia rufilabris*), parasitic wasps (*Aphidius* species), flower flies (Family: *Syrphidae*) all may decrease aphid populations. Attracting these insects to the garden or purchasing these insects to release into the garden are also options.
4. Chemical control - If all other controls fail and treatment is warranted, insecticides may be considered. Topical insecticides such as insecticidal soap or horticultural oil, pyrethrins, or insect growth regulator azadirachtin should be sprayed directly on the aphids. Systemic insecticides, such as imidacloprid or dinotefuran, should be applied to the plant roots.

For more information on controlling aphids, please contact the Pamlico County Extension office at 252-745-4121 or Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

Recommendations for the use of agricultural chemicals are included in this publication as a convenience to the reader. The use of brand names and any mention or listing of commercial products or services does not imply endorsement by NC State University or N.C. A&T State University, nor discrimination against similar products or services not mentioned. Individuals who use agricultural chemicals are responsible for ensuring that the intended use complies with current regulations and conforms to the product label. Be sure to obtain current information about usage regulations and examine a current product label before applying any chemical. For assistance, contact your local N.C. Cooperative Extension County center.

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SPORTS

Pamlico Collars the Devil Pups

by: Hiram Lupton

It was Thursday night lights for Pamlico County High School football last week as a shortage of game officials necessitated a schedule shift by one day for the Hurricanes as they hosted the Lejeune Devil Pups on Senior night. Pamlico reeled off several big plays to take control early and it was a pair of seniors who had big nights. Kamden Keys with 117 yards rushing and Treyvon Munford who had 135, keyed a dominant Hurricane rushing attack which moved the ball at will against the Pups. It seemed that the only thing stopping Pamlico Thursday was Pamlico itself as several turnovers stopped Hurricane drives. Lejeune's only score of the first half came after an interception set them up in good field position for a score and an early 7-0 lead. It didn't last long as Keys took the ensuing kickoff 75 yards to the endzone. Add in a 2-point conversion by Jacob Bennett and Pamlico had an 8-7 lead, one they held on to the rest of the night. The second quarter belonged to Pamlico as both Keys and Munford reeled off big scoring runs as Pamlico took control. Munford, who was nursing an injured ankle, broke through the middle and sprinted 86-yards for his score. Keyes had touchdown runs of 33 and 8 yards. Add in a 16-yard scoring run by freshman quarterback Noah Gibbs, which came as time expired to end the half, and Pamlico had the game well in control at the break with a 34-7 lead. In the third period, the Hurricane big play machine picked up where it left off, as Jacob Bennett took a handoff and sprinted down the right sideline for a 74-yard touchdown. Baird Audilet added the +2 and Pamlico led 42-7. Lejeune added a pair of scores but the hole was too deep for the Pups to dig out of with a final score of 42-19. It was a team win for Pamlico as the offense scored while the defense kept the pressure on the Lejeune quarterback all evening. The Hurricanes close out their regular season schedule this Friday with a Halloween visit to East Carteret who will be looking to give the 'Canes a trick rather than a treat.



AJ Farley (#12) and Latrell Beasley (#51) team up on a Quarterback sack



Senior lineman Syler Hall (#75)

Hurricanes' Season Ends at Eno River

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Volleyball team took to the road last Tuesday evening for a nice long bus trip to Hillsborough for a second-round state playoff matchup with Eno River Academy. These two teams proved to be very evenly matched, much like you would think a #8 (Eno River) and a number #9 (Pamlico) would be. Both teams had their share of great plays, and also mistakes in the first 2 sets, with neither squad getting on a substantial roll to put distance between themselves and their opponent. In the end however, Eno River proved to be just a tiny bit better than the Hurricanes as the Bobcats scratched out a 3-1 (25-21, 25-21, 17-25, 25-11) win, eliminating Pamlico from State Championship contention. It is always disappointing to take a loss to end a season, but this Hurricane team has much to be proud of, especially the seniors. Four straight Coastal Plains Conference championships is a great accomplishment and one that no one can take away from you.



Dakota Schmidt (#7) battles at the net



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Goose Creek Island Fall Festival

by: Hiram Lupton



The nip in the air and the shortening of daylight can mean only one thing, Fall is here which means it is time for community fall events. Pamlico County has many of these and the Goose Creek Island Fall Festival, held at the Goose Creek Island Community Center, is one of the best. The Island has been known for years of having great events from homecomings, theater productions and haunted houses and last Saturday's fall festival ranks right up there. The main event was a walk through the Haunted Bayou, and it would surely get young and old alike in the mood for the ghostly season of Halloween, but there was much more. There were games for young and old, and delicious food including shrimp burgers cooked up by the one and only Little Shirley and loads of homemade sweet treats. Just a reminder, tickets are now on sale for Goose Creek Island's next big event, Breakfast with Santa, to be held on December 6. This event has grown in popularity since it began several years ago and now attracts visitors from all over the area. You get to walk through the amazing Christmas Village, make Christmas crafts, decorate cookies and spend some time with Santa himself. You also get to enjoy a great breakfast. Just search "Goose Creek Island Breakfast with Santa" for details and to purchase tickets.



Arapahoe Charter School Fall Festival

by: Hiram Lupton



Fall is here and that means it is festival time and Arapahoe Charter School held their annual event last Saturday at the school. The event was packed with so many things to do for all ages you could spend the whole day there. From some early Christmas shopping with vendors, to picking up some great information on activities, businesses, and events in our county, there was something interesting for just about anybody. There were some great activities for the kids including games, face painting and a petting zoo. There was also a dunk tank, where you could give some of your favorite ACS folks a cool bath. If you got hungry, there was no need to leave, there were plenty of food trucks on site to satisfy anyone. A great way to spend a beautiful Saturday.



Completing the Financial Picture

This information is meant to help residents see the bigger picture – to understand what truly went into the reduction in expenditures in the Manager's Report for Fiscal Year 2024 in comparison to FY 2023 and to draw their own conclusions about whether it reflects savings, cost deferments, or even cost increases. Transparency gives everyone the chance to see the whole picture more clearly.

"Saving the Town \$234,000" A closer look:

- The largest chunk of this \$234,000 came from Public Works, where the town had a loss by resignation of two full time employees which accounts for \$114,920 of this total number.
- The town has contracted out services like mowing and meter reading — which cost money, not save it. Contracting fees increased from 2023 to 2024
- Comparing a full-time Public Works team (who handled many town responsibilities) to a contractor (who performs one single task) is not an equal comparison and not an efficiency.
- To reduce spending, the town also cut mosquito control by 69% and drainage maintenance by 49%
- This number also includes a FEMA reimbursement, which simply repaid the town for storm expenses already spent — that's not savings, it's repayment.
- A reduction in Administrative cost came from the boards decision to remove merit compensation in 2024

"Discovery of Dormant Account holding \$168,000" A closer Look:

- Our town previously kept our water fund separate from our general fund. This was originally our water fund.
- The Town Manager has reported on this fund in her monthly manager's reports
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- \$196,889 increase in our Fund Balance (Auditor's Report, FY ending June 30, 2025), shifting us from years of deficits to solid financial stability. Expense reductions included outsourcing mowing and meter reading.
- \$5.4 million in direct state funding secured for the water infrastructure refit — a transformative investment for Oriental's future. As Chairperson of the Water Advisory Board, I'm leading this project to rehabilitate the Water Plant, repair water lines and valves, and build a new Booster Station on White Farm Road to improve pressure for Dolphin Point residents.

Looking Ahead:

- Road Repairs and Paving: Establish a Restricted Reserve Account for Roads, dedicating 50% of our annual Fund Balance increase to long-term maintenance and improvements.
- Underutilized Town Assets: Advance the Recreation Park vision — developing the baseball field, adding a pavilion and pickleball courts, and hosting public workshops to shape the best design for Oriental.

I'm proud to be an active, accessible member of our community. I continue to go door-to-door, listening to your concerns and ideas — because the best way to lead is to listen. You've found me to be direct, responsive, and deeply invested in our shared future. I also celebrate our town spirit as the Croaker Festival Kid's Park Manager for the past four years.

I'd be honored to continue serving as your Commissioner and Financial Liaison. On November 4th — let's keep Oriental moving forward, together.

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File No.: 25E001170-680

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This 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF ROSA WILLIAMS BRAME
C/O HALEY ARNOLD OR DAISY ARNOLD
621 HYMAN RD
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immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 22ND OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF GLYN DYKINS
C/O LYNNE DYKINS
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File No.: 25E001172-680

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This 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. SCHMITT
C/O MICHEL P. BENNETT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID WARD CREECH

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tions having claims against DAVID WARD CREECH, deceased, of Pamlico County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to MARGARET ANN PRYOR, Executor, c/o J. Christopher Dunn, Creech, Dunn & Perry, P.A., 3600 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 230, Raleigh, NC 27612, on or before January 12, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor. This the 8th day of October, 2025.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of BARBARA KRAMER STROBL, Deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before January 29, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 29th day of October, 2025.

CHRISTINE FLYNN CLARK
Executor
c/o GREGORY T. PEACOCK
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
1001 College Court (28562)
Post Office Box 867
New Bern, NC 28563-0867

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JAMES RUDOLPH WOOD
File No.: 25E001178-680

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NC0088323: Grantsboro WTP
Pamlico County applied to renew NPDES permit NC0088323 for the Grantsboro WTP (NC Hwy 306 South) in Pamlico County. This facility discharges to an unnamed tributary to Beard Creek in the Neuse River Basin. Currently, Total Copper and Total Chloride are water quality limited. This discharge may affect future wasteload allocations in this portion Beard Creek.

NC0088331: Kershaw WTP
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NC0088340: Mill Pond WTP
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NC0088358: Vandemere WWTP
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This 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF JAMES RUDOLPH WOOD
C/O MELISSA W. WOOD
167 MATTHEWS RD
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RANDY LOYD SIMPSON
File No.: 25E001159-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to SAMUEL SIMPSON ADMINISTRATOR on or before January 27, 2026 at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 29TH OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF RANDY LOYD SIMPSON
C/O SAMUEL SIMPSON
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Oct. 4, Kelly Rd., New Bern, assault with a deadly weapon, simple assault
Oct. 5, Hardison Dr., Arapahoe, injury to real property, breaking and entering
Oct. 5, Neuse Rd., Grantsboro, family offenses nonviolent
Oct. 6, Neuse Rd., New Bern, driving while impaired
Oct. 6, Leaf Lane, New Bern, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
Oct. 6, Scott Town Rd., Grantsboro, order for arrest child support
Oct. 7, Vandemere Rd., Bayboro, attempted break or enter building (misdemeanor)
Oct. 7, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, juvenile complaint
Oct. 7, Florence St., New Bern, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
Oct. 7, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest misuse of 911 system
Oct. 7, Neals Creek Rd., Bayboro, assault on government official or employee, disorderly conduct
Oct. 8, Creek Place Rd., Arapahoe, identity theft
Oct. 8, Alfred Rd., Bayboro, trespass
Oct. 8, South St., Bayboro, domestic violence protective order service/surrender firearms and ammunition

AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



Today was Sunday and it was a great day at Bethel F.W.Baptist Church as the door opened and many of the Silverthornes filed in from Virginia and all around the country. They visit at the end of October every year remembering how their ancestors were a big part in making Bethel such a wonderful church. We had a delicious lunch after the church service. Matt Scott was the chef of the day cooking up the best brisket and the ladies had the table laden with all kinds of cakes, cookies, and candy. Jo Helen is the only one of J.C. and Jo Hazel's children that is still living, but two of the grandchildren were there, Matt and Lauren. Matt opened the service and his twins took up the offering. Since I have been at the church for over fifty years playing for the service I know all the families from the past. Kathleen Slade decided that I should start

playing and let her retire so I did because she was such a dear soul that you did whatever she wanted you to do. There were more than forty people at the service and for lunch. We hope to see them all again next year. My grandson Harry will be leaving for Raleigh tomorrow to work at a YMCA there. He has been a counselor at Camp Seagull for three years and wants to work in the area of Parks and Recreation. Kevin Bryan is back from China and will be in the air again soon. Joe and Colleen are back home and waiting for their new boat. The weather has been so great with a little cooling off except in the middle of the day. We are still trying to stay ahead of the squirrels and the crows who are stealing our pecans.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—WHEN YOU TEACH YOUR SON, YOU TEACH YOUR SON'S SON!

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening — wherever this finds you, I hope it finds you well. It's been a beautiful stretch around Grantsboro. The mornings have turned crisp, the kind that make you pull your jacket a little tighter but smile just the same. I love that first chill when I step out the door — a quiet reminder that the seasons are shifting and that fall has truly settled in. By midday, the air warms up just enough to make you want to linger outside a little longer, soaking in the sun.

This week brings a little extra energy around the county — Halloween week is upon us. That means ghouls, goblins, and all manner of spooky mischief, so be sure to keep an eye out for the extra activity as you're driving through town. Down in Moore's Swamp, the Haunted Trail is in full swing, and if you haven't been yet, you're missing something special. It's more than just a good scare — it's a true community effort to support The Horses of Pamlico mission. These folks pour their hearts into caring for animals that need a little extra love, and it shows. Even if haunted trails aren't your thing, consider supporting their cause — a small gesture goes a long way. And speaking of frights, the Trail of Terror is lighting up Bayboro with screams and laughter alike, all in support of our local fire department. If you've driven through in the evenings, you've probably seen the lights and heard a few shouts echoing through the night. It's a good scare for a great reason — and that's the kind of fun I can get behind. Over in Oriental, the annual Witches Crawl takes flight Thursday and Friday. Our local "witches" will be making their rounds, broomsticks and all, collecting donations for Pamlico Partnership for Children. I highly recommend giving generously — you never know what kind of spells might be cast otherwise! And this year, a new bit of magic has been added to the mix: the first-ever Witches Row, where the "witches of the harbor" will take to the water, paddling through the harbor in all their spooky glory. Every dollar raised goes toward helping local children, so it's all in good fun and for a great cause.

On a more personal note — please keep Stacy Rice in your prayers. She's walking through the quiet part of grief after losing her mother, Anita Fusari Willis. Those moments, when the house gets still and everyone's gone home, can be the hardest. If you see Stacy, offer a smile or a kind word. It matters more than most of us realize. As for me, it's been a busy but rewarding week. I finally took a step that's been on my heart for a while — I made my photography official and formed Mill Creek Photography, LLC. It feels good to take that leap and do things the right way. I've always loved capturing the beauty of this place we call home — the light, the faces, the stories. Recently, I had the chance to photograph our local Babe Ruth team, offering affordable team and individual packages. I decided to keep it local from start to finish, printing and packaging everything myself. It's been a lot of work, but the kind that fills your cup.



I was also invited to speak with a wonderful group of ladies at Oriental United Methodist Church who've started a nature group that explores the connection between spirituality, community, and the natural world. I'll admit, I was nervous stepping out of my comfort zone, but it turned out to be something special. I look forward to sitting with them again soon. As we head into Halloween week, I hope you all have a frightful but fun few days — full of laughter, community, and maybe just a little candy too. Until next time, I look forward to sitting down with you again, right here on this porch we share each week. Join us for Halloween, Friday October 31, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the BEST CANDY in Pamlico County at the Vandemere Waterfront Park Trunk or Treat. Listen to great music while you get the treats. A great time for the entire family; please no pets. Volunteers are always welcome — just call us at 252-745-5480 for more information. Let's show up for our community's kids and have some spooky fun together! Keeping what matters most at the forefront. Check out all that's happening at www.vandemer-enc.com.

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Greetings from Vandemere! It was a great weekend once again. Feels like fall is trying to break through and we are ready for the milder weather. This past Saturday we had a blast celebrating Halloween festivities in New Bern. The Town's ambiance was fun for all ages, like a Hall-mark movie! Living in Vandemere is a treat cause we are so close to a variety of fun towns; including our own of course! Join us for Halloween, Friday October 31, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the BEST CANDY in Pamlico County at the Vandemere Waterfront Park Trunk or Treat. Listen to great music while you get the treats. A great time for the entire family; please no pets. Volunteers are always welcome — just call us at 252-745-5480 for more information. Let's show up for our community's kids and have some spooky fun together!

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Applications for Rider Rate Adjustments and Public Hearings

Docket No. E-22 Sub 753	<i>Application for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates and Charges and Revise the Fuel Factor</i>
Docket No. E-22 Sub 754	<i>Application for Approval of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider</i>
Docket No. E-22 Sub 755	<i>Application for Approval of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider</i>
Docket No. E-22 Sub 756	<i>Application for Approval of Updated Coal Combustion Residuals Rider</i>

Why am I receiving this notice?

On August 14, 2025, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (Dominion), filed applications with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to approve updates to the rider rates charged to customers. Rider rates are reviewed and updated each year by the Commission to ensure only reasonable and necessary costs are recovered. These costs include:

- 1) Fuel and fuel-related expenses (including the cost of fuel used to generate electricity, transporting that fuel, and chemicals used to reduce or treat emissions) and the cost of purchased power.
- 2) Expenses for new demand-side management and energy efficiency (DSM/EE) measures and programs, including capital costs, administrative costs, implementation costs, incentive payments to program participants, operating costs, and incentives for utilities to adopt and implement new DSM/EE programs.
- 3) Compliance with North Carolina's Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (CEPS), which requires electric public utilities to meet a portion of its North Carolina retail sales through the generation or purchase of clean energy or energy efficiency measures.
- 4) Compliance with state and federal environmental requirements for managing coal combustion residuals (CCR), commonly known as coal ash.

Below is a summary of the proposed rider rate changes that would result from these applications. These rider rates, if approved, will be applicable for the billing period of February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027. Dominion must prove to the Commission that the requested rider rates are reasonable and prudent.

Rider	Residential	SGS & Public Authority	LGS	NS	6VP	Outdoor Lighting	Traffic
Fuel (per kWh)	\$0.006804	\$0.003940	\$0.003567	\$0.002441	\$0.002494	\$0.005913	-\$0.001066
DSM/EE (per kWh)	\$0.001527	\$0.000760	\$0.000797	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

CEPS (per month)	\$0.58	\$3.21	\$21.47	\$21.47	\$21.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
CCR (per kWh)	\$0.001039	\$0.001037	\$0.001035	\$0.000998	\$0.001013	\$0.001039	\$0.001039

For residential customers, compared to the rider rates currently in place for the billing period of February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, Dominion's request, if approved, would result in an increase or (decrease) of \$0.0014166 for Fuel (per kWh); \$(0.000056) for DSM/EE (per kWh); \$0.99 for CEPS (per month); and (\$0.0000651) for CCR (per kWh). For a residential consumer using 1,000 kWh per month, the monthly bill increase would be \$12.48, or 10.2% including all rider rates and base rates.

What are electric rider rates?

A typical residential bill is comprised of four components, several of which include riders:

- **The Electric Charge** covers the cost of generating electricity, moving it through transmission lines and substations, and delivering it to your home. It also includes some fuel-related costs. Collectively, these are known as base rates. Dominion's proposed changes to the DSM/EE and CCR riders will also be reflected in the Electric Charge.
- **The Fuel Charge** includes any fuel costs not already covered in the Electric Charge. Dominion's proposed changes to the Fuel rider will be reflected in this charge.
- **The Renewable Portfolio Standards Charge** supports clean energy programs in compliance with CEPS requirements. Dominion's proposed changes to the CEPS rider will be reflected in this charge.
- **The State Sales Tax** of 7% applied to your Electric Charges.

The Electric, Fuel, and State Sales Tax charges are calculated based on how much electricity you use, measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh, (and, in some cases, the rate at which you use electricity, measured in kilowatts or kW), while the Renewable Portfolio Standards Charge is charged the same amount to every customer depending on the customer's class (residential, commercial, or industrial). To learn more about each of these components, visit dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/rates-and-tariffs/rates-101.

When will my rates change?

Your rates will not change immediately. The Commission has scheduled the requests for rider rate changes for investigation and hearing. The Commission should make its final determination as to Dominion's requested rider rates by January 14, 2026, and the approved new rider rates should go into effect on or around February 1, 2026. You will receive another notice when the final rider rates are set indicating when the new rider rates will go into effect.

How can I participate?

Your input on Dominion's requests can help the Commission make an informed decision. You may (but are not required to) participate in several ways, including:

Option A: You can file a written consumer statement of position in the respective dockets by visiting ncuc.gov/contactus.html. The docket number(s) must be included and are listed at the top of this notice.

Option B: You can testify at the public hearing. Your testimony will become part of the evidence the Commission considers in making its decision. For helpful tips on how to give public witness testimony, visit ncuc.gov/documents/ncucbrochure.pdf. A public hearing will take place at the following location:

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina

Please note that, at the public hearing, the Commissioners cannot answer questions. However, representatives from Dominion and from the Public Staff (the consumer advocate) will be available to answer questions before and after the hearing, and the Public Staff can answer questions before the hearing about how to testify.

In addition, the Commission will hold hearings solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses in these proceedings in the same room immediately after the Public Hearing has ended. If you're interested in watching the expert witness hearing, you can observe in person or you can watch it on the Commission's YouTube channel, which can be located at youtube.com/@NCUtilitiesCommission. Please note that, if there are no complaints or contested issues between the parties, the expert witness hearing may be cancelled.

Who can I talk to about this application?

The Public Staff represents customers in proceedings before the Commission. The Public Staff has a team of engineers, accountants, economists, and lawyers reviewing Dominion's requests and is scheduled to file its testimony or affidavit outlining its recommendations on October 22, 2025. You can contact the Public Staff at info@psncuc.gov or by mail at 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4300.

If you would like to speak to a representative of Dominion, you can do so at 1-866-DOM-HELP or 1-866-4357 or at <http://www.dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/customer-support>

Where can I find more information?

Dominion's applications were filed pursuant to the following legal authorities:

Proceeding	North Carolina General Statute	Commission Rule or Order
E-22 Sub 753 (Fuel)	Chapter 62, Section 133.2	R8-55
E-22 Sub 754 (DSM/EE)	Chapter 62, Section 133.9	R8-69
E-22 Sub 755 (CEPS)	Chapter 62, Section 133.8	R8-67
E-22 Sub 756 (CCR)	Chapter 62, Section 130	R1-5 and the Commission's January 14, 2025 Order issued in Docket No. E-22 Sub 694

You can find the materials filed by Dominion and other parties and orders issued by the Commission in this proceeding by typing the respective docket number (located at the top of this notice) into the Docket Number entry at the following website: starw1.ncuc.gov/NCUC/page/Dockets/portal.aspx.

You can find out more about the Public Staff at publicstaff.nc.gov.

You can find out more about Dominion at dominionenergy.com/north-carolina.



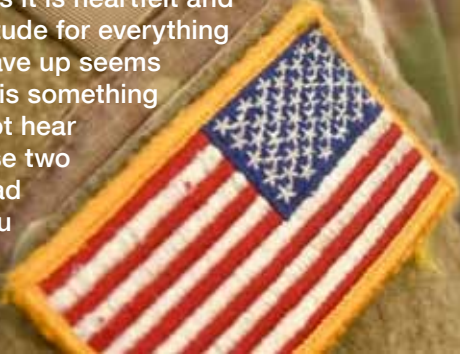
Veterans Recognitions

Pamlico County likes to recognize our Veterans and thank them for their service. On Veterans Day evening, November 11, and the days leading up to it, the Pamlico County Courthouse will be displaying exterior green lights to honor our Veterans. There are several other ways that Veterans are being recognized. Here are a few that we have so far:

- November 7th – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Veterans Appreciation Day at the Pamlico County Register of Deeds office in the Pamlico County Courthouse. Light refreshments and a free gift.
- November 8th – 8:00 AM -Veterans Breakfast – Free for Goose Creek Island Veterans and their spouses. Anyone else can eat for \$10. At the Goose Creek Island Fire Station.
- November 8th – 10:00 AM to Noon – Veterans Drive Through Luncheon – Fred A. Anderson Elementary School Parking Lot.
- November 10th – Noon – Veterans Luncheon at the Pamlico County Senior Center, 800 Main Street, Alliance NC.
- November 11th – 7:00 PM – Veterans Dinner at the Pamlico County Shrine Club, 2421 NC Hwy 306 South, Grantsboro, NC. All Veterans are welcome.

Say Thank You and Mean It

One of the easiest ways to support veterans is a simple thank you, as long as it is heartfelt and sincere. A simple act of gratitude for everything that the veteran faced and gave up seems like such a small thing, but it is something that American veterans do not hear as often as they should. These two words can brighten even a bad day for a veteran because you acknowledge their service.



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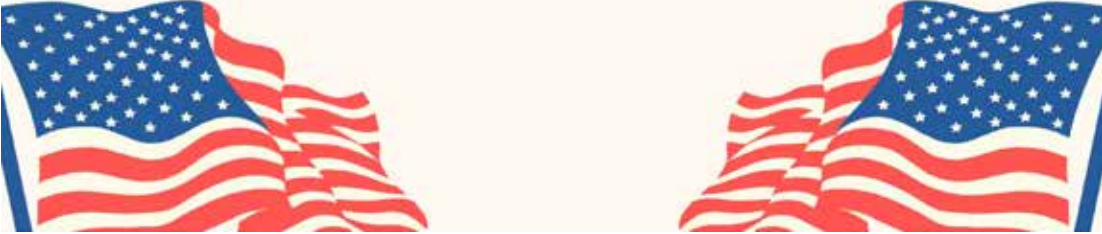
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Drive Through Luncheon - Gift Bags - Raffle



VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 8TH 10AM - 12PM

Fred Anderson Elementary School Parking Lot
515 Anderson Dr. Bayboro, NC 28515



PCHA Schooling Show

by: Hiram Lupton

Saturday was a bit chilly to start but it turned into a beautiful day and it was a particularly good day to be on a horse at the fall Pamlico County Horseman’s Association Schooling Show. A schooling show is a judged equine event where riders and their mounts often present skills they have learned through lesson repetition. It is a fun way to show off riding skills and familiarity with their mount. Another part of the fall show that is purely fun is the Halloween costume contest where riders dress themselves and their horses in creative ways. I would have hated to judge this contest, everyone who entered showed some great creativity. This was PCHA’s final schooling show of the season, but they have one more event lined up, their final gaming show of the year, which is scheduled for November 15.



The Wizard



The Fairy Princess and her Unicorn



Betty, Wilma, and Fred – The Flintstones



The Apple Tree and the Worm

I have seen things so beautiful they have brought tears to my eyes. Yet none of them can match the gracefulness and beauty of a horse running free.
–Unknown

New Attorneys from Pamlico County

Mancinas while Wesley's are Brian Charles-Craft (father), Jennifer Rice (mother), Henry Rice, III (step-father), and Summer Charles-Craft (step-mother). "We're incredibly grateful for the support we've had along the way from our families and friends. We could not have done it without all of them." Great things and people come from Pamlico County and these two fine young people are a great example.



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Ms. King's Kindergarten class showcased their creativity by carving an amazing pumpkin.



Wind & Weather



Mrs. Broughton's 2nd grade class had a wonderful time learning about weather! After exploring the patterns of weather and the factors that affect it, students put their knowledge into action by creating their own wind vanes. They loved testing them out and discovering how wind direction helps us understand changing weather conditions!

Fire Safety Day was a big hit at our school!

The clowns from the New Bern Fire Department put on an engaging and educational demonstration, teaching students all about fire safety and prevention. From stop, drop, and roll to knowing when to call for help, our students learned important lessons while having lots of laughs along the way!



Students in Mrs. Thomas's class got their hands messy and their minds curious as they explored every part of the pumpkin - inside and out!

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Story Time with Mrs. Fran



Kindergarteners had the BEST time at the brand-new County Public Library! They got a special tour and a cozy storytime with Mrs. Fran, the amazing children's librarian. Thank you, Mrs. Fran, for sparking big imaginations in our tiniest readers!

Fun Friday Clubs Are Here at Pamlico County Primary!



We're excited to kick off Fun Friday, a new way for our students to explore their interests, build new skills, and make friends across grades! Each Friday, students will rotate through engaging club activities — from Legos and Dance Club to Gardening and Seasonal Club. These clubs give our 1-3 students hands-on learning experiences that spark creativity, teamwork, and joy. Whether they're building, reading, coding, or crafting, there's something for everyone!

Pamlico County Primary School Career Night



Our students had an amazing time exploring all the possible careers in our community! From firefighters and nurses to teachers, mechanics, and business owners — they got a hands-on look at the many exciting paths they can take in the future. Thank you to all the community members who came out to share their time, talents, and experiences with our students. You've inspired our young learners to dream big and work hard!

2ND GRADE VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
NOVEMBER 6 AT 6PM
IN THE GYM

ALL ARE INVITED TO HONOR OUR VETERANS!

The 2nd grade students will present a Veterans Day Program on November 6 at 6pm in the gym. Everyone in the community is invited to attend the performance which will include playing instruments, singing, and presentation of hand written letters to all Veterans in attendance. If you are a Veteran (or know of one) and would like to include information for our slide-show, please email Dawn Wilson, music teacher at dawnwilson@pamlicoschools.org. Please include name and branch of service. Photos are also encouraged!

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17th Annual Chili Cookoff a Success

By Mary Taylor

The annual fundraiser to benefit The Old Theater in Oriental was held on Saturday, October 25. The weather was perfect with sunny skies and warm temperatures. The crowd was lively as they enjoyed tasting small cups of chili served by twelve chefs competing for the Grand Chili Champ trophy. Distinguished guests are invited to judge the competition blindly and are given samples of chili identified only by a letter, thus they never know which chef's chili they are judging. The tasters choose the People's Choice and Spirit Awards by submitting a ballot. The chef who gets the most overall points wins Grad Chili Champ and the winner this year is Gretchen's Bistro with Chefs Brian Yager and Brendan Almy. Congratulations to all the winners!

Judges:

Donnie Cox, Chief Meteorologist at News Channel 12
Brantley Norman, Jr., Brantley's Village Restaurant
Dr. Sherri Hicks, Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital

Judges' Award:

1st Place – Gretchen's Bistro, Chefs Brian Yager and Brendan Almy
2nd Place – Chef Larry Summers with Pamlico Disabled American Veterans
3rd Place – Toucan Grill & Fresh Bar, Chefs from the Grill

People's Choice:

1st Place – Gretchen's Bistro, Chefs Brian Yager and Brendan Almy
2nd Place – Chef Larry Summers with Pamlico Disabled American Veterans
3rd Place – Mariposa Bakery & Wine Bar, Chef Moe Jones

Spirit Award:

1st Place – St. Thomas Episcopal, Chef Jackie
2nd Place – Mariposa Bakery & Wine Bar, Chef Moe Jones
3rd Place – Marine Corps League, Oriental Dragon Detachment, Chef Sonia Macsay

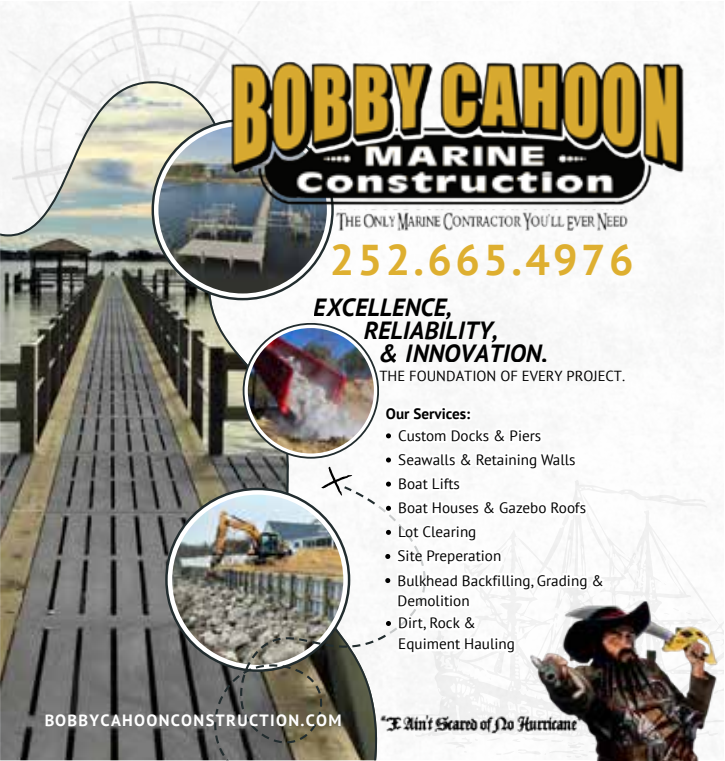
More Participating Chefs:

Inland Waterway Provision Company, Chef Donna Armento
Chef Bridget Young
Chef Darci McAlliser & Friends
Double Trouble, Chef Edith Mason
Chef Gail Dengler
Brant Island Strings Chefs Rick and Ginny Vogt

The Old Theater would like to thank the community as a whole and specifically Tom McIlhenny of the Oriental Marina & Inn for hosting the Chili Cookoff, the Rotary Club for supplying tables and chairs, and the theater's season sponsors Beth Frazer Real Estate & Rentals, Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital and Village Mini Storage in Oriental. Kyle Stevenson at Stevenson Management Group was this year's sponsor of the Chili Cookoff. Many thanks to all our supporters!

The real heroes of the day were the volunteers who made it all happen, including the chefs and their teams. We have a large volunteer base at The Old Theater, and the most dedicated volunteers of all are the Board of Directors who own and manage the theater. This group produces the Chili Cookoff every year with the help of community volunteers. A loud shout out to all the bakers who donated baked goods for the Bake Sale. Thank you All!

Anyone can enter next year's Chili Cookoff including restaurant chefs, cooks who are sponsored by a business or organization, and individuals who have a favorite chili recipe to share. There is no fee to enter, and the only requirement is to provide at least five gallons of chili. If you would like to be a chef next year, contact DragonChiliTeam@oldtheater.org. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to the theater, or you would like to become a member of The Old Theater or donate to this 501(c)(3) organization, visit the website at www.oldtheater.org. <?>



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October is Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month – Are You Ready to Help Save a Life?

Red Cross urges people to learn CPR and AED skills



American Red Cross

CHARLOTTE, N.C. OCTOBER, 24, 2025 — October is Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month, designed to inform the public about warning signs, risk factors, and what to do in a cardiac emergency. During this month, the American Red Cross encourages everyone to enroll in a CPR and AED course so they can learn how to help save a life when someone goes into cardiac arrest and minutes matter.

Each year, more than 350,000 people experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the U.S. and about 90% of them die. Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating normally because of abnormal electrical activity. Every second counts, so it's important for people to be trained in knowing how to perform CPR and use an AED. Immediate CPR delivered by a bystander can double or even triple a person's chance of survival. More than 70% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in the home.

Visit redcross.org/takeaclass to sign up for online, blended learning or in-person training classes today.

"Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time without warning," said Kelly Flynn, Regional Communications Director, American Red Cross North Carolina Region. "It's important to be ready to take action whether that's calling 911, starting chest compressions or using an AED. Red Cross training can give you the skills and confidence to act in an emergency."

On October 16th, the Red Cross and other organizations celebrated the World Restart a Heart initiative with events all around the world taking place on or around that date. This global initiative is designed to increase awareness about the importance of knowing what to do in an emergency and learning Hands-Only CPR in hopes of saving lives by increasing the rate of bystanders getting involved and giving CPR to someone who needs it.

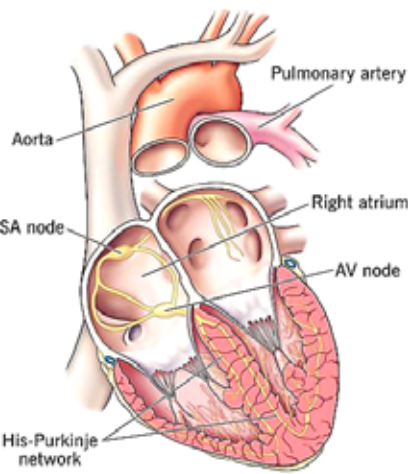
Last year, more than 6.6 million people turned to the Red Cross for First Aid, CPR and AED and other lifesaving training. Training helps provide the confidence and skills to act when moments matter. Download the free Red Cross First Aid app and activate the First Aid Skill for Alexa-enabled devices for instant access to guidance on what to do during an emergency.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or follow us on social media.

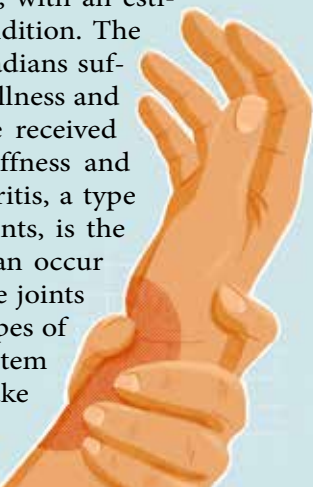
SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST?

What to do While the Ambulance Is Still on its way



- Circulation**
Restore Blood Circulation with Chest Compressions
- Airway**
Restore Blood Circulation with Chest Compressions
- Breathing**
Breathe for the person

ARTHRITIS is a common condition that affects millions of people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly one in five adults in the United States is affected by arthritis, with an estimated 54.5 million adults reporting they have the condition. The Arthritis Society Canada has similar findings for Canadians suffering from arthritis. Again, one in five adults has the illness and about six million people in the country already have received an arthritis diagnosis. Arthritis causes joint pain, stiffness and inflammation. The Cleveland Clinic reports osteoarthritis, a type of arthritis that is caused by wear and tear on the joints, is the most common type of the condition. Osteoarthritis can occur naturally as a person ages due to a lifetime of using the joints and wearing down their cartilage cushioning. Other types of arthritis occur from illness (gout) or the immune system can cause arthritis when it damages the joints by mistake (rheumatoid arthritis).



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Oriental Town Commissioner Candidates’ Forum



Greg Bohmert, Iris Cooper, and Bonnie Crosser



Paul Fairbank, Mary Ellen Ham, and Paul Jordan



Don McGuire, Chris Moffat, and Lou Ostendorff

that works with each other and has respect for one another and have zero-character assassination. Chris Moffatt stated that an outgrowth of dysfunction is distrust and that we need to talk with each other not talk at each other. Lou Ostendorff urged whatever candidates are elected to bring a harmonizing influence to the Board. Plenty of other issues were discussed such as roads, the police force, and the town budget and many of the candidates found themselves in agreement on these issues. The civility among the candidates was refreshing, it remains to be seen if that harmony can be put into practice once the new Board is elected and seated. All of the candidates recorded answers can be found at towndock.net. Special thanks to Town Dock who teamed with The Pamlico News to sponsor this event, The Old Theater for hosting, and to Zac Schnell for doing an excellent job in moderating.

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Save the Date for the 14th Annual Great Oyster Revival and Chili Cookoff on the Pamlico Community College campus, Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Ready to play again?
The 25th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, at Minnesott!