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25 years of improving emergency services for southeast Pamlico County

For 25 years, the Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund has helped save lives in southeast Pamlico County, but this endowment created at the North Carolina Community Foundation has a tale born from tragedy.

In 1999, Jim Gray and his wife, Dorothy, were enjoying retirement living in Oriental. Everything changed Mother's Day weekend when they traveled to the Bahamas for their daughter's destination wedding.



Dorothy suffered a stroke. The closest hospital was on another island. She had to be transported by boat, but the more than 30-mile journey was too long. Dorothy did not survive.

"When my daughter expressed regret about planning her wedding in such an isolated place, I realized and I explained to her that it wouldn't have been any different had it happened in Oriental," Jim Gray remembered.

Dubbed "the sailboat capital of North Carolina," Oriental is a popular retirement town with an older population. But at the time, the closest ambulance was stationed more than 10 miles away, and a trip to the nearest hospital in New Bern could take as long as 45 minutes.

"I promised myself at that point that I would try to do something to improve the medical first response time (in southeast Pamlico County)," Gray said.

Gray decided to create an endowment. He contacted NCCF and started the Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund with \$5,000 donated by family and friends.

"Working with NCCF made the process of creating and growing an endowment and then awarding grants so easy," Gray said.

"If you had to do it all on your own, you would be so tangled up in paperwork," he said. "(NCCF) lets you concentrate on getting donations and directing the grants."

Gray formed a local advisory board. Its initial goal was to grow the endowment to fund an ambulance in Oriental. "As soon as we started having the meetings, we realized that there was a lot more to do than to provide the ambulance service," Gray said.

The board started giving annual grants to quicker emergency response time, including supporting:



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Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

by: Hiram Lupton



It would be safe to say that the third annual Polar Plunge for Pamlico County Special Olympics was the most "polar" in its history. A nice crowd gathered last Saturday at Bond Beach in Oriental for the event, some to participate, some to cheer on those who did, and all to celebrate and raise funds for the Pamlico County Special Olympics. Air temperatures were in the lower 40's, and water temps were in the mid 50's, but that didn't deter about a dozen hearty souls

to take the plunge. Their efforts, as well as those of many others who decided to stay warm and dry, raised nearly \$7,400 for this great cause. Chief among them were Mr. Chuck Gordon, who brought in over \$2,700, and Ms. Marguerite Garrett who raised \$2,000. The Special Olympics of Pamlico County would like to thank all those who plunged and contributed, as well as the sponsors of the event, the Neuse Sailing Association and Nautical CoOp of Oriental.

New Location Hope Clinic Prepares for Opening

by: Hiram Lupton



Dr. Chris Mullins, medical and board member of the Hope Clinic assembles furniture at the new location.



Reception and waiting area

Commissioners Honor Tim Buck

by: Hiram Lupton

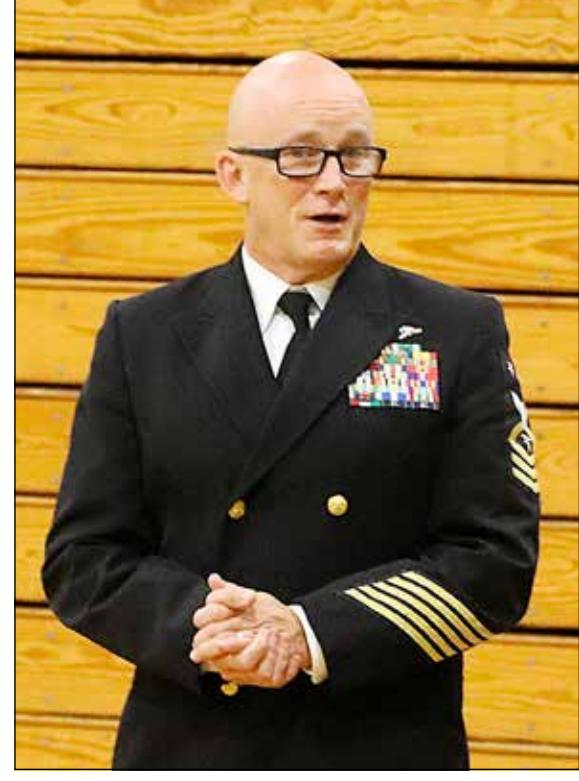


Tim Buck with his framed proclamation and recognition plaque

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met Monday evening in their rescheduled, regular meeting and the top item on the agenda was recognizing and honoring retiring County Manager Tim Buck. In a proclamation read aloud into the official record by Chairman Ed Riggs, Mr. Buck was recognized and thanked for his outstanding service to the citizens of Pamlico County. Mr. Buck is a native of Pamlico County and graduated from Pamlico County High School in 1984. He then attended and graduated from East Carolina University. He began his employment with Pamlico County Government in 1996, starting as office manager with the Pamlico County Water Department. This was the first of many jobs in various departments with the county including, 911 Coordinator, Fire Marshal, Jail and Dispatch Administrator and Tax Administrator. All these roles in County Government departments made him well prepared for his final promotion to the position of County Manager. He retires with over 29 years of service in County Government and his colleague, County Finance Director Bill Fentress, may have summed up Tim's service the best when he stated that, "Everything he did was with the benefit of the citizens of Pamlico County in mind." Among the many statements of appreciation expressed by Department Heads and Commissioners was a simple one made by Commissioner Doug Brinson when he said, "Tim, you have made the County proud." Buck was presented a framed copy of the proclamation as well as a plaque commemorating his service. So, what's next for Tim? "I'm really looking forward to retirement," said Buck. "My wife has a long honey-do list for me and I can't wait to get started on it." Buck's final day of work is January 30th when he will officially turn over the County Manager's position to Mark Brewington. Congratulations Tim on a job well done, and on entering the next phase of your life. Enjoy your much deserved retirement.

Master Chief Matthews Recognized

by: Hiram Lupton



When a school has outstanding students and great programs, there are usually some great faculty members behind them. Pamlico County High School has all of this and one of those great faculty members has been recognized for his outstanding work. Master Chief Dave Matthews has been honored by the Morehead-Cain Foundation as one of its Impact Educators for 2025. Master Chief Matthews is the Naval Science Instructor for Pamlico County High School and has been instrumental in making the school's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) one of the most outstanding in the state and region. The Impact Educator initiative, which was launched in 2023, celebrates K-12 educators worldwide who are shaping tomorrow's change-makers. The honorees are recognized by exceptional high school seniors for their positive influence on students' lives and leadership development. This year, the Morehead-Cain Foundation honored 457 educators from 40 states and 22 countries including 190 from North Carolina. "We are honored to celebrate this year's Impact Educators, all of whom inspire and empower the next generation of leaders," said Chris Bradford, president of Morehead-Cain. "Their commitment to young people paves the way for a brighter future, and we are deeply grateful for their investment." Elizabeth Harwick, Pamlico County Schools Public Information Officer, says Chief Matthews is well deserving of this honor. "Master Chief is a life changer. Whether a student needs a listening ear or some 'real talk' he's right there for them. I'm incredibly proud to have him as a teacher at Pamlico County High School." Congratulations Master Chief, the students of Pamlico County High School are fortunate to have you and our community is fortunate that you are shaping the next generation of strong confident leaders.

Mr. George Peacock Honored

by: Hiram Lupton



It was an afternoon of storytelling and laughter Sunday as the Pamlico County Historical Association honored Mr. George Peacock for his many years of service not only to the organization, but to the many students of Pamlico County that he taught and mentored in his years as a teacher. Mr. Merritt Watson hosted the program before a full house of colleagues, friends, and former students and at the conclusion, Mr. Peacock was presented with a plaque by Historical Association President Daniel Simpson, commemorating his service to the organization, which will hang at the Heritage Center.

Pamlico County Historical Association



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Old Man Winter Visits Pamlico County

by: Hiram Lupton

For the first time since probably 2018, Pamlico County experienced measurable frozen precipitation last week, effectively shutting down most of the County for several days. Snow began just after sunset on Tuesday and was still coming down in most areas at sunrise on Wednesday morning. Unverified snow totals ranged anywhere from 4 inches in the western

parts of the county to over 9 inches in Lowland at the northeast corner. With temperatures not getting above freezing until Friday afternoon and nighttime lows in the teens, the snow was here to stay for a while. All schools in Pamlico County including Pamlico Community College were closed for the remainder of the week as was all Pamlico County government offices.

By Friday, the major roadways, NC Hwy 55, 306, and 304 were mostly clear along with some of the more heavily travelled secondary roads, but many of the backroads still had substantial ice and required caution when transiting them. With temperatures finally staying above freezing on Saturday, the big melt off began with hopefully a return to normal this week.



Register for FREE now!



The "faces" of Facebook workshop

Sat., Feb. 8, 9am-2pm

Pamlico Small Business Center
701 N Main St, Bayboro, NC

Why pictures and videos on Facebook are essential for attracting views

How to take Facebook-ready photos and videos using only your Smartphone, including creating "reels."

How to edit, archive, and upload your photos and videos from your Smartphone to create eye-catching social media posts

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ORIENTAL – Spacious **3BR/2.5BA** home offers comfortable living. Open floor plan, ideal for family gatherings or entertaining on 3 acres. Whether you're looking for a peaceful retreat or a place to call home, this property offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as is.

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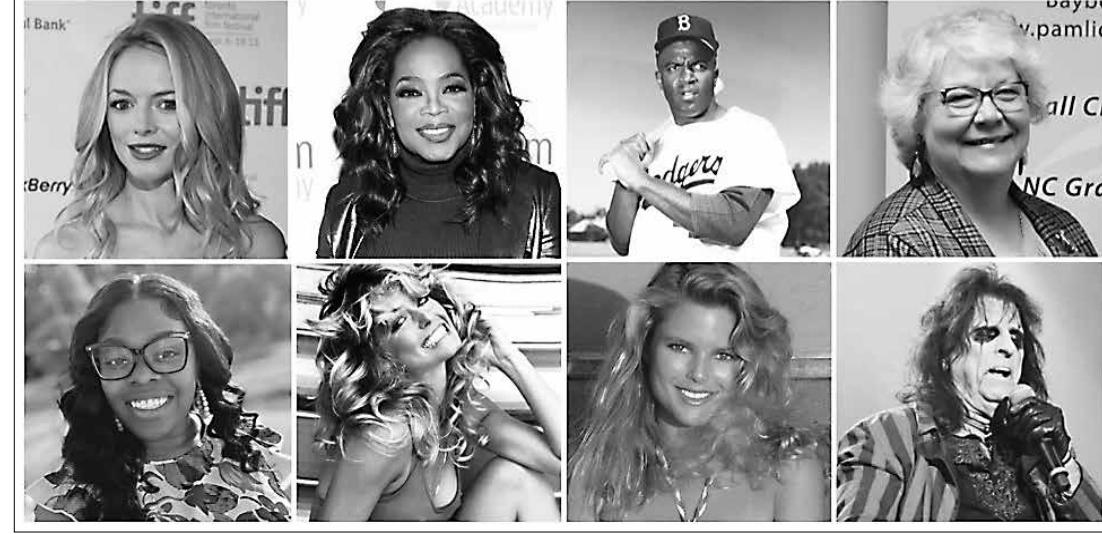
THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- January 29th - 'Today is National Corn Chip Day. Fritos anyone?
- January 30th - Today is National Hot Chocolate Day
- January 31st - Today is Inspire Your Heart with Art Day.
- February 1st - 2003, The Space Shuttle Columbia exploded while re-entering Earth's atmosphere, killing all 7 astronauts aboard.
- February 2nd - Today is Groundhog Day. Shadow or no shadow, that is the question.
- February 3rd - 1959, A plane crash near Clear Lake Iowa killed music stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P Richardson (The Big Bopper) and their pilot Roger Peterson.
- February 4th - Today is National Homemade Soup Day. If I open up a can of Campbell's Chunky Soup, in my house, and heat it up in my house, does that count.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 29th - 1970, Actress Heather Graham
 January 29th - 1954, Billionaire Oprah Winfrey
 January 31st - 1919, Baseball Hall-of-Famer Jackie Robinson
 January 31st - 19?? PCMS STEM Teacher Sheri Hale
 February 1st - 19?? PCMS Assistant Principal Zanquavia Minor
 February 2nd - 1947, Actress Farrah Fawcett
 February 2nd - 1954, Model Christie Brinkley
 February 4th - 1948, Singer Vincent Furnier (Alice Cooper)



Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center Community Sunday Dinner Sunday, Feb. 16

ARAPAHOE, NC - Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center will host a Sunday Dinner for the community on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Camp Don Lee dining hall. People who wish to attend are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance of the dinner to secure their seat. We have a limited number of tickets available in order to provide the best possible experience for those attending. We will keep the public informed if the event sells out. If not, walk up seating will be available on the day of the event.

Tickets are: \$18 in advance for adults, \$22 at the door; children 4-12 years of age, \$12; children under 4 no charge. Tickets may be purchased anytime on the website securely, <https://ncumcamps.myshopify.com/collections/camp-don-lee>

On the buffet menu: Savor entrée options like Prime Rib, Lime-Crusted Salmon, and Camp Don Lee's Famous Fried Chicken. Sides include Country Collards, Steamed Cabbage, Green Beans, Wild Rice, Moe's Mac & Cheese, Southern-Style Potato Salad, Sweet Potato Fluff, and a Salad Bar, a variety of desserts, tea and coffee.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy great food and warm fellowship at Camp Don Lee, 315 Camp Don Lee Road, Arapahoe. Call 252.249.1106 ext. 21 for questions.

2025 Chinese/Lunar/New Year The Year of the Snake

Dragon Dance 2 PM Saturday 1 February at the Oriental Waterfront on Hodges Street

Bring Pots and Pans to Bang on to make Noise
Kids, with their parents are welcome to march along with us



Throughout the day a number of local restaurants will be offering various Asian specialties to tempt your palates. The Toucan, Silos, Mighty Minnow (formerly known as Barcos), Brantley Village and even the Piglet (Piggly Wiggly) and perhaps others will give you something Asian to enjoy.

Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!

Come join others who have found a Solution!

Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898

Meetings in Pamlico County:

(If you think you may have a problem, you are welcome to attend)

Tuesday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church

600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)

Thursday *7:30pm** - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at

Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)

Friday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church,

600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).

Sunday *7pm - Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St.

Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)

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COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES



Beverly Linda Joyner Page (Linda), age 84, passed away peacefully in her home on January 23, 2025, after a yearlong battle with congestive heart failure.

Linda was born on

December 30, 1940, the oldest of four siblings. She graduated from Rose High School in 1959 and went on to King's Business College in Raleigh, NC, where she met the love of her life, Jimmy Page, and married him a mere four weeks after they met, on Dec. 5, 1959. In 1968 they settled into their little home on Ragan Road, where they have lived since. Linda was fierce, passionate, smart, and agile. She was a dancer as a girl, and loved to dress up in her dance costumes, hand sewn by her mother. She loved going to the mountains and hiking. Every summer she and "Papa Jim" loaded up at least 4 of the grandkids in their Suburban named "Big Herb" from the time they were 2-3 years old to when they were in middle school, and took them on camping trips to the mountains, where she cooked for everyone, got everyone bathed,

and made sure they were all safely tucked in for the night. She attended graduations and weddings and always was so proud of each one of them.

Linda also loved her precious little dog, Chloe, who was the reigning Princess of the house and provided great comfort to her over the past 8 years.

Linda is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jim Page; her children, Tammy Barbour (George), Michael Page, Michelle Page, and Kay Cross (Don). Linda is also survived by her grandchildren Chris Barbour, David Barbour, James Barbour, Tyler Cross, Zach Cross, Jonathan Cross, Brooke Pennington, Jake Deaton, Maya Win, Kaitlyn Jenkins, and Meghan Pittman; and eight great-grandchildren, Jacob, Callie, Remy, Liam, Calvin, Ani, Brylee and Carter. In addition, Linda is also survived by her sister, Leslie Rainey (John); and her brother, Ken Joyner (Becky); and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Linda is predeceased by her parents, Beverly Tucker Joyner, and Lillie Pearl Hardee Joyner, as well as by her brother, Donald Reid Joyner. Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance, NC.



Nancy M. Miller, 83, of Oriental passed away Friday, January 24, 2025, at Bayview Nursing & Rehab Center. Originally from Canton, Ohio, Nancy is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She and her husband, Paul, moved from Ohio to Oriental in 1995 to get away from the snow and enjoy boating. Nancy was a member of the Oriental Women's Club and Oriental Gardens Club. She was also a member of "SCOO" the Sailing Club of Oriental and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She will be remembered for her love of her dogs, Ginger, Nette, and Pesty and her amazing cooking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Maya Myers.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of nearly 49 years this Valentine's Day, Paul Miller; son, Mitchel Miller (Trudy Martin); daughter, Kelly Miller; grandchildren, Jacob Paxton (Cori) and Megan Paxton Wuebker (Stephen); step-grandchildren, Heather Shaffer and Mitchell Carder, Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Reese and Ryan Paxton.

A visitation/viewing for family and friends will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance, NC.

Forest fire damage is on the rise

The devastating wildfires that broke out in various areas of Los Angeles in early 2025 prompted renewed curiosity about wildfires and led many to question if the frequency of the blazes was on the rise. A recent analysis conducted by the World Resources Institute found that the area burned by forest fires increased by roughly 5.4 percent per year between 2001 and 2023. The figures are telling, as the WRI noted in its report that fires now cause about six million more hectares of tree cover loss each year than they did around the turn



of the century. In addition, the analysis found that fires account for roughly one-third of all tree cover loss across the globe, though some countries are experiencing greater wildfire-related devastation than others. For example, the WRI noted in its report that extreme wildfires, such as those that affected Los Angeles in early 2025, accounted for 65 percent of fire-driven tree cover loss in Canada in 2023.

Horoscopes



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Express yourself with great confidence this week, Aries. You feel like you are in control and well organized. This is a recipe for success regarding the things you need to accomplish.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you have a clear mind this week to put plans in place. But you might need some inspiration to get started. Avoid procrastinating.



GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

There are many tasks that lie ahead this week, Gemini. It will be essential that you stay focused. One of the areas to consider is changing personal health for the better.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may find you're an asset and sought-after among friends and coworkers. Use social situations to your advantage to network even more



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Clear up some space at home so you can work more easily, Leo. Too much clutter in your home or work area can be a distraction. Disorganization can make tasks harder.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Practice being smooth and professional in your manner, Virgo. This will be the best way to get good results at work. Others may be impressed by how you handle yourself under pressure.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you might be very popular with superiors at work this week. Use this to your advantage to seek out a raise. Ask to head an important project.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you can do anything you set your mind to. Share your ideas with others and determine which concepts have merit. If nothing comes up, go back to the drawing board.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Others admire your ability to be a good friend, Sagittarius. This week you will showcase your compassion and humility in myriad ways. It might garner you extra attention.



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, happy news is coming your way this week. Share the good fortune with others in your life, either a spouse or a sibling. These people can use some sunshine as well.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, if at first you don't succeed, you may need to change your approach to things. Enlist the help of others to help turn your ideas into results.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Develop a better strategy for saving money, Pisces. You need some extra funds to pay for larger expenses, and clipping coupons alone might not be the answer.

CAPRICORN Traits & Overview

The last earth sign of the zodiac, Capricorns and their unique spirits are powerful, to say the least. I've worked with thousands of clients over my nearly-10 year-long career as a professional astrologer, and I

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PCHS Wrestling Earns Conference Championship

by: Hiram Lupton

4-Peat! The Conference Team Wrestling Champions Pamlico Hurricanes
Photo provided by Emily Harper

The Pamlico County High School wrestling teams seem to be peaking at the right time. Post season action has started and the young Hurricane squad competed in the Coastal Plains Conference Duals Championship Tournament at Pender County High School on January 18, and for the 4th consecutive year they

earned the title of conference champion by going 6-0 on the day. The Ladies team, although small in number, were to pull off a runner up finish. Next up for the grappling 'Canes, the conference individual championships to be held at Northside High School on Wednesday of this week.

PCHS Health Science Program Sponsors Blood Drive

by: Hiram Lupton

If you have been waiting for your opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, the Pamlico County High School Health Science Program is providing you with the chance. Giving Blood is giving the gift of life and on February 5th they are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive in the gym at the high school from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. That brief sting you may feel from the needle is more than made up for by

the good feeling you have of making a difference in someone's life. There is also the added bonus that anyone who donates will receive a \$15 e-gift card. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter PamlicoCoHS to schedule your appointment. You'll be glad you did. For more information, contact PCHS Health Science instructor Tammy Taylor via email at tammytaylor@pamlicoschools.org

OWC Student Art Festival

by: Hiram Lupton



The Grand Prize Winners



Mr. Pax Stadelman from Arapahoe Charter School proudly points out his 1st Place work of art.

The immense talent that is present in the schools of Pamlico County was on full display Sunday at the annual Oriental Woman's Club Student Art Festival. The walls of the OWC building were filled with impressive submissions of art from the Pamlico County Schools, Arapahoe Charter School, and Pamlico Christian Academy. This year, there was a special bonus added to the show as Ms. Dawn Wilson, music instructor at Pamlico County Primary School and Fred A. Anderson Elementary School, directed

some of her students in a Ukulele concert and a choral presentation. In what was certainly a difficult task, a panel of judges presented ribbons recognizing some of the most outstanding pieces submitted. They also picked five submissions as the best of the best, which were awarded grand prize status. They were; Wyatt Johnson, Pamlico County High School - Ceramic, Ripley Atkins, Pamlico County High School - Acrylic, Naudia Lewis, Pamlico County High School - Acrylic, Kaitlynn

Gaskins, Pamlico County High School - Photography, and Aurora Treese, Pamlico County Primary School - Paint Sticks. Congratulations to all the students for the fabulous pieces of art they created and to their art instructors for instilling in them a love of creating that art. A huge job well done to the ladies of the Oriental Woman's Club for putting on this great festival that showcases the enormous talent in our students as well as providing a great reception for those students and their families.



A Ukulele Concert from the Students of Ms. Dawn Wilson



Kiquandra Russell of Pamlico Primary School shows us her award-winning painting.

Churches of Pamlico

Photo by: Hiram Lupton



Alliance Methodist Church

The Old Theater in Oriental Presents Songs From The Road Band

March 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission

Discount to \$20 for Old Theater members, military families, and students.

Children under age 6 admitted free.

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

Returning to Oriental on March 2 is the Songs From The Road Band, an award-winning North Carolina based Bluegrass band with a live show that blends musical genres and appeals to all age groups of music. The band has been performing together for 18 years, releasing their first album in 2006. Their most recent single, Outside of Omaha, reached number one on the Bluegrass Today Grassicana Chart. Several of their songs have gone to the top of the Bluegrass charts. They have 6 studio albums available at all musical outlets



world music festivals, the Songs From The Road Band delivers. Band members are Mark Schimick (mandolin), Charles Humphrey III (bass), Sam Wharton (guitar), James Schlender (fiddle), and Gabe Epstein (banjo).

The band captivates audiences with accomplished picking, harmony singing, and Grammy award winning songwriting. The band has always been willing to take risks while staying true to its bluegrass roots. From traditional bluegrass events to jam band concerts and from performing arts centers to

theatre, the band has performed across the country and abroad.

Tickets are available now at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern or online at www.oldtheater.org. The Box Office opens one hour before the show but don't wait until the last minute to buy tickets. We expect this show to sell out. The newly renovated Old Theater will provide the comfort you deserve and the wine, soft drinks, and water you desire by donation.

The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization bringing entertainment to Oriental and Pamlico County as well as surrounding areas, located at 609 Broad Street in Oriental, NC. Phone is 252-249-0477.



PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO 15TH STREET BETWEEN U.S. 17 BUSINESS AND U.S. 264 WASHINGTON, BEAUFORT COUNTY

STIP NO: U-5860



WASHINGTON - The N.C. Department of Transportation will host a public meeting to provide information on the proposed improvements to 15th Street between U.S. 17 Business (Carolina Avenue) and U.S. 264 (Pactolus Highway) in Washington, Beaufort County.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025

6 to 8 p.m.

Washington 15th Street Church of God
336 E. 15th Street
Washington, NC

To reduce congestion during peak hours, improve safety and provide a complete street for all users, the project proposes to provide four 11-foot travel lanes a 17.5-foot-wide concrete median, curb and gutter, a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side, and a 10-foot multi-use path on the south side of 15th Street.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal, open house-style setting to answer questions and gather public input regarding the proposed projects. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Citizens may attend at any time between 6 and 8 p.m. There will be no formal presentation. Project maps and other information can be found on the project website: <https://publicinput.com/15th-street-improvements>

For more information the NCDOT Project Manager Allison Thorburn by email: ext-aemcauliffe@ncdot.gov, phone 984-302-3434 or mail at the address below.

By Mail: Allison Thorburn
NCDOT Highway Division 2
1037 W.H. Smith Boulevard
Greenville, NC 27834

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Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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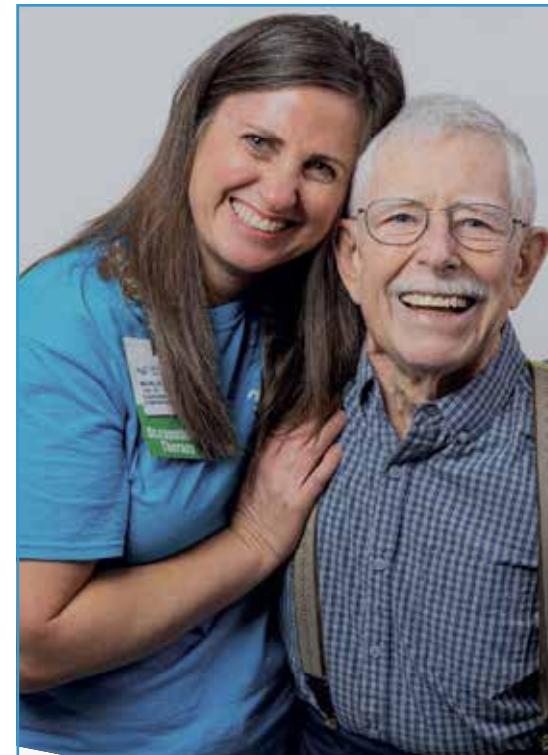


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NORTH CAROLINIANS IMPACTED BY DEMENTIA URGED TO ATTEND ALZHEIMER'S ADVOCACY DAY ON FEBRUARY 11

ADVOCATES FOR ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS WILL ADDRESS THE NEED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIZATION



FEBRUARY 11 | RALEIGH, NC

RALEIGH, N.C. – Jan. 9, 2025 – The Alzheimer's Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter and Alzheimer's Association - Western Carolina Chapter are calling on North Carolinians to turn the State Capitol purple for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on Tuesday, February 11. The date marks the 2025 North Carolina Alzheimer's Advocacy Day when advocates from around the state will convene in Raleigh to support the fight against Alzheimer's.

The event – which takes place from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. beginning at the First Baptist Church of Raleigh (99 North Salisbury Street) – will be an opportunity for the public and those affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia to bring awareness to the importance of Alzheimer's policy priorities and help move legislators to action on policies that will improve the lives of North Carolina families impacted by the growing burden of Alzheimer's. Attendees will learn about the legislative process; meet face-to-face with elected officials; share their personal story with key decision makers; and bring awareness to the importance of the Alzheimer's Association's public policy priorities.

The costs of Alzheimer's in North Carolina are unsustainable. Dementia caregivers bear nearly twice the average out-of-pocket costs of non-dementia caregivers, having to cover medical care, personal care and household expenses for the person with dementia. In 2024, the total national cost of caring for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementia was projected to reach \$360 billion.

"Alzheimer's disease is one of the most critical public health issues in America. This is why we unrelentingly advocate for public policies that increase quality of life and support for all those affected," said Christine John-Fuller, executive director, Alzheimer's Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter. "Representation from our communities across North Carolina is paramount. That's why we urge as many people as possible to join us for our North Carolina Alzheimer's Advocacy Day. By working together, we make a big impact."

Attendees will hear an overview of the public health crisis of Alzheimer's in North Carolina, explaining why more support is needed. They will also learn more about North Carolina's first and only dementia-specific state respite care plan, Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty), including its current funding limits and why a funding increase has become necessary. Advocates will be speaking to elected officials and their designated representatives regarding a few key areas:

- Increased funding to Project C.A.R.E.
- Improved early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's by ensuring access to biomarker testing.

There is no charge to participate, but registration is required by February 3. No prior experience required, but attendees will be asked to participate in a training call prior to the event. Sign up at tinyurl.com/2025NCALZAdvocacyDay or by calling 800-272-3900.

- Additional Facts and Figures: (alz.org/facts)

- An estimated 6.9 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia, including 210,000 in North Carolina.
- Nationally, there are more than 11 million caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. In North Carolina, 373,000 caregivers provide a total of 723 million hours of unpaid care, valued at a total of \$10.9 billion.
- About 1 in 9 people age 65 and older has Alzheimer's.
- Nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's are women.
- Older non-Hispanic Blacks and Hispanic Americans are disproportionately more likely than older whites to have Alzheimer's or other dementias.

About the Alzheimer's Association:

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia*.

About the Alzheimer's Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter:

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter provides patient and family services, information and referral, education, and advocacy in 51 eastern North Carolina counties. It offers opportunities to get involved and to make a difference, in addition to a variety of services including: a 24/7 Helpline, support groups, educational programs and care consultations. For more information about Alzheimer's disease, or the Alzheimer's Association - Eastern North Carolina Chapter, visit alz.org/nc or call 800-272-3900. For the latest news and updates, follow us on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram.



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Waters Close to Commercial and Recreational Spotted Seatout Harvest

MOREHEAD CITY – The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries will close coastal and joint waters in North Carolina to both commercial and recreational spotted seatout harvest effective at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 due to widespread cold stun events.

Cold stuns are natural events that occur when there is a sudden drop in water temperature or prolonged periods of cold weather that makes the fish sluggish. Many fish will die from the cold. Others fall prey to birds and other predators. Studies suggest that cold stun events can have a significant impact on spotted seatout populations.

The division has confirmed significant spotted seatout cold stun events or water temperatures as recorded by the division's water temperature monitoring program have exceeded temperature triggers in seven water bodies from the Little Alligator River to the Morehead City area. The division is still receiving and verifying more cold stun reports and collecting associated environmental data. These efforts will continue regardless of the closure so the division can capture the magnitude of the cold stun event to evaluate management in order to protect the stock.

Under the N.C. Spotted Seatout Fishery Management Plan adaptive management, if a significant cold stun event occurs, the Division of Marine Fisheries will close all spotted seatout harvests until the spring.

The intent of the closure is to allow the surviving fish a chance to spawn before harvest reopens. Peak spawning occurs from May through June.

The spotted seatout season will remain closed until June 15 or the date adopted in Amendment 1 to the Spotted Seatout Fishery Management Plan at the February Marine Fisheries Commission business meeting, when it will reopen by proclamation.

Commercial seafood dealers have until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 to sell, offer for sale, transport or otherwise dispose of any unfrozen spotted seatout that remain in their possession from prior to the closure.



For more specifics on the closure in coastal waters, see FF-11-2025.

The public should continue to report any cold stun events they see in Coastal and Joint waters. Cold stun events can be reported at any time to the N.C. Marine Patrol at 252-

515-5507 or during regular business hours to the Division of Marine Fisheries spotted

seatout biologist Lucas Pensinger at 252-515-5638 or Lucas.Pensinger@deq.nc.gov. When reporting a cold stun event, please provide the specific location, date, and time the cold stun was observed, along with your contact information.

For More Information Contact: Patricia Smith Phone: 252-515-5500

Cold Weather Boating Requires Caution, Preparation

Source: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs



WASHINGTON – While many boaters in colder parts of the country have winterized their boats or put them into storage until spring, many still use their vessels for hunting, fishing or transportation. Unfortunately, the risk of a deadly accident is increased with cold weather. Extra caution and preparation should be taken before heading out on the water in winter.

The importance of wearing a life jacket becomes even more critical when the danger for hypothermia is added to other concerns. Sudden immersion in cold water can have severe physiological consequences, including cardiac arrest, quick loss of body heat (the body loses heat 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air) and involuntary inhalation of water (gasping) that results in drowning. Wearing a life jacket can keep the boaters head above water, keep the person warm, and provide a chance for rescue.

Wearing the right clothing also contributes to more enjoyable and safer cold weather boating. Consider layering clothing, and including a wet suit or dry suit, to help ward off hypothermia.

Here are some additional tips for safe winter boating:

- Assess the risks – think what can go wrong and be fully equipped and prepared.
- Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, location, and who to call if you fail to return as scheduled.
- Carry a VHF radio and an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), signal flares and other means to draw attention to your location.
- Be aware of and prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and incapacitating effects of cold water – dress to get wet and carry a change of clothing in a waterproof container.
- Be aware of activity around your vessel and potential for fast-changing weather.
- Boat safe and sober – save the alcohol for when you've safely returned.
- Be sure your vessel is in good operating condition and has the necessary safety equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- Refresh your seamanship skills – take a boating safety course offered by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla.

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Town of Vandemere

This is to notify all persons that Mr. Tom McCrudden has requested a Special Use Permit from the Town of Vandemere to establish an aquaculture shellfish hatchery and/or restaurant in the B-1 district, 37 South First Street, Vandemere, North Carolina, parcel J032-97. A Board of Adjustment has been established and a quasi-judicial hearing has been set for Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 pm at the Vandemere Town Hall located at 1042 Pennsylvania Avenue, Vandemere. Persons for or against the request are hereby notified to appear and they will be heard.

Notice to Creditors
North Carolina,
Pamlico County

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Carl Vincent Williamson, deceased, of Bayboro, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before April 8, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

Cindi M. Quay, Administrator of the Estate of Carl Vincent Williamson
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
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PUBLICATION DATES:
1/8/2025; 1/15/2025; 1/22/2025;
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
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OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORSAND DEBTORS OF
BRENT DAILY STOWE
File No.: 24 E 231

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to GLENN E. STOWE, ADMINISTRATOR on or before APRIL 8, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

This 8TH DAY OF JANUARY
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF

CAROL E. HERMAN

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Carol E. Herman, late of Oriental, Pamlico County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4626 10th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 3713-6127 on or before the 16th day of April, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
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OF JEFFERY ISAAC WATKIN
File No.: 24 E 245

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MARTINE G. WATKIN, EXECUTOR on or before APRIL 8, 2025, at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named EXECUTOR.

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REPORTS

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Oct. 25, Tract One South Lake PCA 69-6 & PCA 104-10; Tract Two 46.47 AC PCA 69-6 from South Lake Property Owners' Association, Inc., South Lake Homeowners' Association, Inc., Southlake Property Owners' Association, Inc., South Lake Property Owners Association to South Lake Propertowners' Association, Inc., \$0

Oct. 25, 6.924 AC Tract Two N/S NCSR 1108 PCA 121-1 from Brad Price, Teresa Price, Teresa E. Price to Brad Noland Price, II, Sara Rose Price, \$0

Oct. 25, 2.1905 AC Tract (Portion of Lot 1) PCB 11-20 from Karrus Ventures, LLC to Nature's Run Homeowners Association, Inc., \$0

Oct. 28, PIN E091-52 & E091-63; Parcel One Metes & BOunds MB 3/22; Parcel Two Metes & BOunds MB 3/22 & Map in DB 366/417; Pleasant Acres from Pamela Mills Hoke, John W. Hoke to Marvin C. Mills, \$0

Oct. 28, PIN E091-52 & E091-63; Parcel One Metes & Bounds MB 3/22; Parcel Two Metes & Bounds MB 3/22 & Map in DB 366/417; Pleasant Acres from Marvin C. Mills, Pamela Mills Hoke/AIF to Taldmadge Darrell Frye, Angela Lamar Frye, \$1,085

Oct. 29, Brown Creek Lot: 21 Phase Two & Three; PCA 123-1 & 2, Brown Creek Lot: 22 Phase Two & Three; PCA 123-2, Brown Creek Boat Slip 4 PCA 122-10 PIN K07-18-21 from Timothy Newhouse, Carla Melissa Miller to Timothy Newhouse, Carla Melissa Miller, \$0

Oct. 29, 75E59; 7.90 AC MB 8/23; Portion Lincoln Tract from William C. Fentress, Susan C. Fentress to Jay J. Schreiber, Shari L. Schreiber, \$190

Oct. 29, Oriental West Unit: 9 Building B CB 1/33 & CB 1/59, Oriental West Boat Slip 14 from Tanja Anselm Cook/TR, Rolf E. Anselm Revocable Living Trust, Rolf E. Anselm to Matthew B. McIntrye, Carol L. McIntrye, \$690

Oct. 29, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 149 Phase I PCA 172-2 from Streamline Developers, LLC to William C. Fentress, Susan C. Fentress, \$1,038

Oct. 30, 1 Tract E/S Oakey Woods Rd (Goose Creek Rd); Map DB 232/452 from James R. Nipper to Benjamin M. Barnes, \$0

Oct. 30, Arlington Place Lot: 24 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from James Minto, Kathryn Minto, Kristin Minto, Kristin Billieux, Matthew Billieux, Todd Crutchfield, Jennifer Crutchfield, Jennifer Minto, Matt Billieux, KA Billieux to Roger L. Barnes, \$0

Oct. 30, Neuse River Heights Lot: 110 from Rita A. Dumont, Anthony G. Noel/AIF to Emily Noelle Fritz, Tanner Len Lilly, \$530

Oct. 31, PIN K051-46' 0.15 AC Western Edge of Rice Ave from Jerome Kite, Edna Kite to Woody A. Sutton, Jr., Melissa H. Sutton, \$60

Nov. 1, Wind Mill Pointe Lot: 31 Phase I PCA 144-4 from Rizwan Hassan Sheikh, Lenora Lorraine Copper to Marc Stephen Aronin, Lisa Greason Aronin, \$340

Nov. 1, WC Yacht Club 1/82 Und Int Exhibit A in DB 262/835, WC Yacht Club 1/82 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 47-9 & PCA 130-5, Whittaker Creek Yacht Club Boat Slip W-8 PCA 103-5 from Leslie Bauman to Richard Few Mason, Jr., Elizabeth Ann Mason, \$50

Nov. 4, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A in DB 334/140, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA

Nov. 6, Point Marina 1/32 Und Int Common Area PCA 158-19, Point Marina Boat Slip 31 PCA 158-19, Point Marina Membership in Point Marina Owners Association, Inc. from Teresa Machle to Atlas Land Holdings, LLC, \$50

Nov. 6, Parcal A Map Attached from Angela Sanchez, Angela M. Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez, Vickie M. Rowe, Randy Rowe, Thomas Craig Martin, Melissa Martin, Philip W. Martin, Jr. to Angela Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez

Nov. 6, PIN J032-146, J06-4, G03-26, G03-23, K08-21, K08-22,

K07-2, K08-47, J082-75; Multiple Parcels See Instrument from Shirley Tingle, Shirley L. Tingle, William Grubb, William Forrest Tingle, Jo Jarvis Tingle to Broad Creek Land Company, LLC, \$0

Nov. 6, Pecan Grove Marina 1/178 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5 & PCA 118-4, Pecan Grove Marina Boat Slip 99 PCA 118-4 from Richard Trumper, Diane Trumper to Island Fox Properties, LLC, \$0

Nov. 6, Multiple Tracts W/S Bay City Rd (SR 1002) from Kelly Ballance, Connie Ballance, Jr. to David Brigman, Susan Brigman, \$0

Nov. 6, Mill Creek Lot: 354 Arlington Place Phase II PCA 164-2 from Kathi A. Riegler to Kathi A. Riegler, April Riegler, \$0

Nov. 7, PIN L09-31 & L09-38; 15.823 AC PCA 139-3; One Tract on lower Broad Creek Metes & Bounds MB 5/46 from Judith B. Blythe to Judith B. Blythe/TR, Judith B. Blythe Revocable Trust, Judith B. Blythe, \$0

Nov. 7, 0.36 AC Tract One, 0.50 AC Tract Two, & 0.38 AC Tract Three PCB 16-14 from JR Enterprises II, LLC to JR Enterprises II, LLC, \$0

Nov. 7, Quitclaim Deed; One Lot Metes & Bounds from Laura B. Canterbury, Laura B. Canterbury to Benjamin M. Barnes, \$0

Nov. 7, NC Hwy 306 Grantsboro Metes & Bounds from Myron C. Banks, Nancy H. Banks to Terry Wayne Harris, Jr., \$0

Nov. 7, NC Hwy 306 Grantsboro Metes & Bounds from Terry Wayne Harris, Jr., Andrea Harris to Myron C. Banks, \$0

Nov. 7, Cutter Bay Lot: 46 6.21 AC PCB 16-2 PIN H042-70-46 from Cutter Bay LLC to William Shirl Gager, Robin Renee Drake, \$800

Nov. 8, Teachs Cove Lot: 20 MB 5/69, Teachs Cove Lot: 21 MB 5/69 from Vincent Patrick Conley, III, Rosemary Helen Fiona Conley to Kevin C. Osborn, Sheri J. Osborn, \$1,540

Nov. 8, PIN I042-136-3; 2.43 AC lot 3 PCA 143-2 from Douglas Lee Sawyer, John Ann Sawyer to Douglas Marcus Sawyer, \$0

Nov. 8, Tract C, Tract A, & Tract D PCB 16-19 from Celia Waterman, Timothy Caswell, Timothy F. Caswell, Melissa Caswell to Timothy Caswell, Melissa Caswell, \$0

Nov. 8, Tract B & Tract E PCB 16-19 from Celia Waterman, Timothy F. Caswell, Timothy Caswell, Melissa Caswell to Celia Waterman, \$0

Nov. 8, 1.13 AC W/S NC Hwy 306 from Philip M. Robinson, Jr., Brandy Robinson, Jeanette S. Howard to Curtis G. Salter, \$0

"I hate it when I think I'm buying organic vegetables but when I get home, I discover they're just regular donuts." —Unknown

AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



Pamlico Methodist Church work on the expansion of their parking lot needs to be corrected from my statement last week. The foundation for the pavement has been poured. It will have to be above 50 degrees in temperature before the actual pavement can be poured. I am excited for them, because this means my original home church is thriving. Pamlico Methodist Church is also working on a new directory since so many new families are attending on a regular basis.

Due to the deep snow in Pamlico, I did not get out of the house last week. I have not had a chance to visit Ms. Mary Mattocks and take her a housewarming gift. The construction beside the church has shown some improvement with what appears to be a load of dirt on the recently poured concrete under the pilings.

Pamlico's wintry mix of freezing rain, sleet, and snow has taken a toll on Trent Road. I am not sure if it is because of repeated freezing and melting or because of DOT equipment scraping the road to keep it drivable, but what passed for pavement has even more and deeper potholes than before.

On Sunday, James Edwards and Roger Stewart with the Pamlico Gideons International shared their ministry with Stonewall Methodist Church. Since the weather warmed up all other activities have resumed including Crochet class at 9:30 am on Tuesdays. Bible Study at Stonewall Methodist Church continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This study is for everyone, not just church members. Bible

Study is followed by choir practice at 7:30 pm, and the choir will soon begin rehearsals for the Easter cantata. We would love to have others join us for the cantata even if they don't worship with us on Sunday morning. Our cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, the Reverend John Farmer and I officiated at the funeral of Gary Harrison, a former owner of the Oriental Hardware store. Mr. Harrison bought the store from Dick Walker in the 80's, so it was no surprise that many residents of Oriental attended the funeral.

Celebrating birthdays in January are Nan Gilbert, Becky Sadler (1/30), and Shari Roberts Hale (1/31).

Those celebrating birthdays in February include Ruth Rogers & Mary Willis (2/3), Tony Cowden (2/4), Aiden Smith (2/6), Mattie Cuthrell (2/11), Jean Braswell (2/12), Mildred Harrison, Chris Fulcher & John Farmer (2/14), Willie Banks & Doug Carey (2/15), Sheryl Kaye Sanders, Esther Jane Lupton, & Sharon Rowe (2/20), Tillie Roberts (2/24), Elizabeth Cuthrell (2/25), Lupe Bennett (2/28), and Bless Her Heart, Penny Ford will not get a year older since her birthday is February 29th. Karen and John Deaton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 13. Remember February 14 is Valentine's Day, so tell someone you love them and remember, "Jesus Loves You."

Have a blessed week. Depressed? Take Spiritual Vitamin D. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." (James 4:8)

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, Correspondent



What a beautiful week God gave us last week with the lovely white snow that lasted for almost three days! I loved it mainly for the children who rarely get to see snow here. I think it was 1989 when we had the last big snow and we had started to Bob and Mary Byrnes for Thanksgiving turkey, and we had to back the truck up because you could not see the road! Fortunately for us, we had a turkey also. The school kids had a long weekend from classes or maybe they had to go online for classes. Two good neighbors Alex and Lu cleared the roads and folks porches and steps. What a great neighborhood we live in! Today at Bethel we broke our record for attendance. There were sixteen adults and four young people

at the service. Lunch of two big pots of chili with the trimmings after the service. I did not get to stay, but it looked awfully good. Garry Harrison sang with the Chorale in the past but today was his Memorial Service at the Funeral Home. He had health problems that caused him to have to drop out of the Chorale. Marsha Palpham is going to have her second surgery this week and we wish her the best. Bible Study at Bethel Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — THANKS TO OUR PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY FOR VISITING NORTH CAROLINA, CALIFORNIA, AND LAS VEGAS LAST WEEK. WHAT ENERGY THIS MAN HAS!



Alice Petree, a dedicated advocate for financial literacy and community empowerment, delivered an enlightening presentation at the Rotary Club

meeting last night. Petree, a coordinator with the New Bern Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, shared insights into the organization's mission, impact, and opportunities for community involvement.

The New Bern VITA program provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. Supported by IRS-trained volunteers, the initiative ensures that community members can navigate the often-complex tax filing process without incurring additional costs. Petree emphasized that the program not only helps individuals maximize refunds and claim credits they may otherwise miss, such as the Earned Income

Tax Credit (EITC), but also promotes financial stability within the community.

During her presentation, Petree recounted inspiring success stories of how the VITA program has changed lives, including assisting senior citizens on fixed incomes and helping families allocate refunds toward essential needs. She also highlighted the ripple effect of these efforts, as families are empowered to reinvest in the local economy.

Petree concluded by encouraging Rotary Club members to spread the word about VITA services and consider volunteering. "It's the most rewarding volunteer work I've ever done," she said.

The Rotary Club expressed gratitude for Petree's work and the impact of the VITA program, affirming their commitment to supporting initiatives that uplifts Pamlico County.

If you're interested in learning more, please visit www.OrientalRotary.org or email us at orientalrotaryclub@gmail.com.

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, Correspondent



Building a snowman, making snow cream, and working off the calories was in order this past week in Vandemere! The snow fall was recorded to be about 4 to 6 inches. It was a great time to stay home, relax, enjoy the scenery, and stay warm. We did not get to stay home too long

as Ann Simeon started a workout class at town hall. These classes are free and open to the public. They are held Mondays at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 4 PM at the Vandemere Town Hall. Come join us. Lots of great things are coming about in Vandemere so come visit in person or via our website www.vandemerenc.com.



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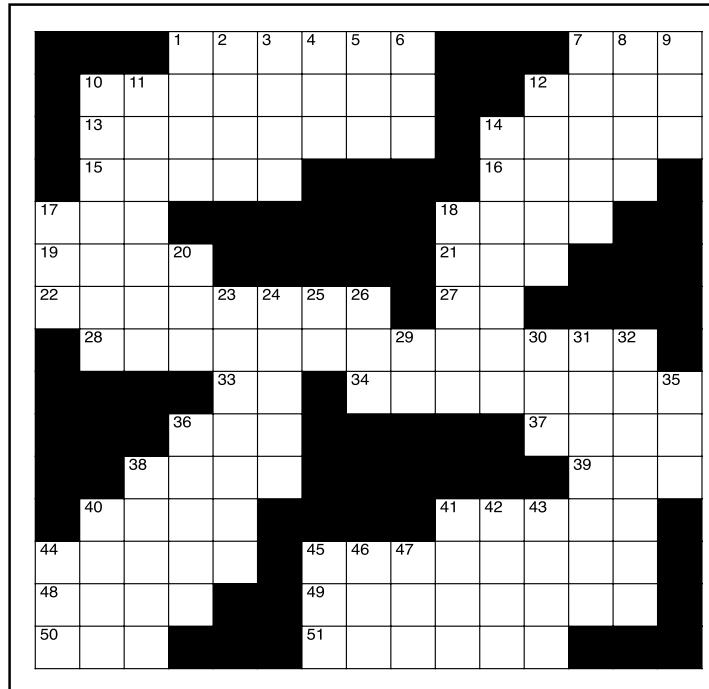
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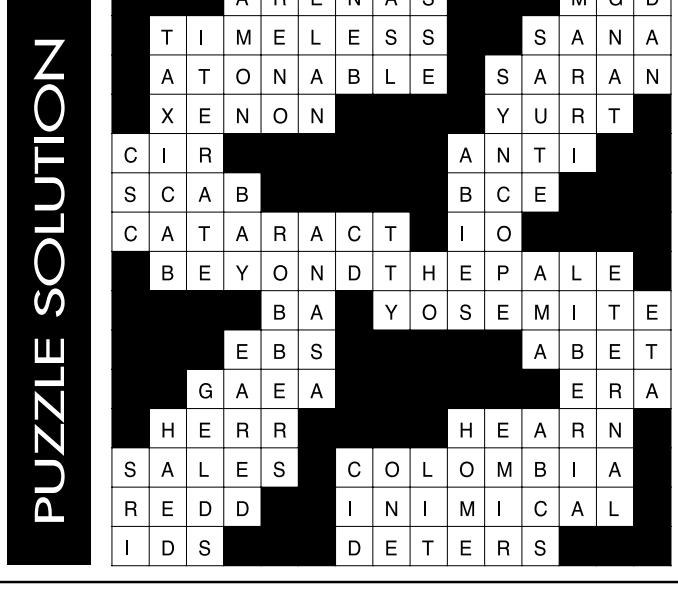
CLUES ACROSS

1. Where entertainers perform	34. American national park
7. Miller beer variety	36. One point south of due east
10. Ageless	37. Assist in a crime
12. River in SE Europe	38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
13. Able to be repaired	39. A major division of geological time
14. Type of wrap	40. German courtesy title
15. Atomic #54	41. English family dating back to Norman times
16. Type of tent	44. Discounts
17. U.S. Treasury position	45. South American nation
18. Opposed to	48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
19. Protective covering	49. Hostile
21. Bridge building degree	50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
22. Clouding of the lens	51. Discourages from doing
27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus	
28. Unacceptable	
33. Marsha Palpham	
36. Garry Harrison	
37. When you hope to get somewhere	
39. Santa says it three times	
40. Used to have (Scottish)	
41. Where you live	
42. Muslim ruler title	
43. Basics	
44. Type of drug (abbr.)	
45. Spanish soldier	
46. It precedes two	
47. Illuminated	

CLUES DOWN

1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians	23. Criminals who steal
2. Nevada city	24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
3. Energy, style and enthusiasm	25. Music product
4. Bird's beak	26. "Talk to you"
5. Language	29. Santa says it three times
6. Midway between south and southeast	30. Doctors' group
7. Punjab village	31. Africn nation
8. Small biting flies	32. Ageless
9. Sportscaster Patrick	35. When you hope to get somewhere
10. A way to get around	36. Worn
11. Repeat	38. Deprives of vigor
12. A way to cook with fat	40. Used to have (Scottish)
14. Temporary loss of consciousness	41. Where you live
17. Reciprocal of a sine	42. Muslim ruler title
18. Fir tree genus	43. Basics
20. "Transformers" director Michael	44. Type of drug (abbr.)
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PUZZLE SOLUTION



GUESS WHO?

I am a performer born in Indiana on January 29, 1982. I got my start doing local theater while in school. Eventually, I moved to Los Angeles to pursue a musical career. I was an "American Idol" runner-up, and released an album in 2009.

Answer: Adam Lambert

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to slow cooking.

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Answer: Simmer

Life is hard. It's even harder when you're stupid.

-John Wayne

Tips to foster positive attitudes in kids



Great parents provide children with tools to help them grow and develop into successful adults. These tools often include healthy meals on the table, opportunities to hang out and socialize with friends, a good education, a feeling of safety and security, and much more. Yet some parents may overlook another key resource that could lead to a happier and more successful life: positivity.

According to Informed

Families/The Florida Family Partnership, a positive attitude is an important attribute for children to develop and maintain. A positive mindset can help kids feel more confident and capable. A positive attitude also may assist kids when they're faced with adversity and stressful situations. Some people are naturally glass-half-full types, while others may need a little reassurance to embrace a positive attitude. A positive attitude is marked by optimism, enthusiasm and a sense of possibility.

A child does not need to brim with positivity all of the time. Sadness, shame and guilt can help individuals process difficult times and show they are human. A pressure to think positively all of the time and be constantly cheerful can turn happiness into a burden, according to Danish psychologist and researcher Svend Brinkmann. Rather, parents can teach kids to accept all emotions and process them in healthy ways while encouraging positive thinking. Here are some ideas for get started.

- Help others. Helping others through volunteerism can help children learn to associate doing positive things with feeling good about oneself. It is hard for children to be in a bad mood when they see the smiles on the faces of people on the receiving end of their compassion and support.

- Be a good role model. Children learn many behaviors from watching and listening to their parents. Children who see Mom and Dad bouncing back from setbacks and exhibiting a willingness to give things another try are more likely to do the same.

- Brainstorm other options. Children tend to see things in black and white. The adults in their lives can help them see ways around obstacles rather than just throwing in the towel. One option is to set small goals that are achievable so they can celebrate small successes rather than aiming entirely for the end goal.

- Surround oneself with positive messaging. Listening to music, reading books or watching movies with positive messages can reinforce positive affirmations and thoughts. It's easier to maintain a positive attitude when that's all you know.

- Practice affirmations as a family. Life throws challenges at everyone, but some supportive words along the way can make all the difference. Big Life Journal, which offers tools for parents, teachers and counselors to help kids grow up confident, says affirmations like "I am enough" or "I am kind" can change attitudes. And everyone should remember failing is not always a negative. Failure can be the first step toward learning an important lesson.

Fostering a positive mindset in children may take a little time, but it can be achieved and ultimately pay numerous dividends.

Study tips for high school students



High school is an important period in students' academic careers. High school curriculum tends to be more demanding than pre-secondary education. In addition, at this point in their academic careers, high school students may begin to ponder their future endeavors, including higher education. High school curriculum aims to prepare students for their future, which is why coursework tends to be more specialized, challenging and complex.

It's not uncommon for students to experience some difficulty as they adjust to the demands of high school curriculum. With that in mind, high school students can consider these study tips as they confront the rigors of academia.

- Schedule study time. An analysis from the U.S. Census Bureau found that children are engaging in more extracurricular activities than they did decades ago. Though research has found that participation in extracurricular activities among adolescents are associated with a range of positive outcomes, including higher academic performance, it's important that students make time for academics in their daily schedules. Much like sports practices or drama club rehearsals are scheduled, study time can be included in students' daily schedules. Students can block off a set amount of time on their schedules each day for studying and commit to it just like they would for extracurricular practices or rehearsals.

- Designate a study space. During the COVID-19 pandemic, administrators at the University of Michigan created a web-based space reservation system to help students secure spaces to study in the face of social distancing limitations. Those efforts underscore the value of designated study spaces, and high school students and their families can create such areas in their homes. A quiet, distraction-free space can facilitate learning and help students excel in the classroom.

- Take notes and summarize while studying. High school courses are more complex and it's easy to get lost in that depth when studying subjects like English or history that feature a lot of reading. Students adjusting to this may find it hard to remember important details when they're reading more in a typical study session than they're accustomed to. Taking lots of notes and summarizing text while reading, such as at the end of each chapter, can help students recall the key points of reading assignments.

- Organize study groups. A weekly study group can help students gain a greater understanding of coursework and their own perspectives. Different perspectives can help students see materials through a new lens. One student may hit a snag on a particular point, and another may illuminate the issue and make it easier to understand, and vice versa. Sharing perspectives with other students also can help students sharpen their own ideas as they seek to explain themselves during conversations with classmates.

High school curriculum is more rigorous than pre-secondary courses of study. Some simple study tips can help high school students adjust to this more demanding academic environment.

Did you know?



Scholastic sports can teach student-athletes valuable lessons they take with them for a lifetime, all the while engaging them in the thrill of competition. High school student-athletes may aspire to continue their playing careers in college, but data from the National Collegiate Athletic Association indicates only a small fraction of young people will get that chance. The NCAA reports that roughly eight million students currently participate in high school sports in the United States, while less

than half a million athletes compete at the collegiate level. Football is among the most popular sports at both the high school and college level. Though more than one million student-athletes compete in high school football, data from the NCAA 2018-19 Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report indicates that just a little more than 73,000 played college football during that school year.

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The Red Cross marks more than 2,000 lives saved, nearly 3 million free smoke alarms installed through Home Fire Campaign

The American Red Cross celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Raleigh, NC January 23, 2025 – This Community Risk Reduction Week (January 20-26), the American Red Cross of North Carolina encourages everyone to follow important steps to prevent home fires. Over the past decade, The Red Cross Home Fire Campaign has saved more than 2,000 lives, installed nearly 3 million smoke alarms, made over 1.2 million households safer and served over 3.1 million people through in-home visits.

"Since launching the Home Fire Campaign in 2014, we've helped save more than 2,000 lives across the country by installing free smoke alarms and helping families create escape plans," said Rebecca Pittman, Regional Disaster Office. "This Community Risk Reduction Week, help protect your family by testing your smoke alarms and practicing your two-minute escape plan with everyone in your household."

As the Red Cross has adapted our mission over the years to meet the needs of communities and to help prevent deaths and injuries from home fires, our work remains critically important as home fires remain the most frequent disaster nationwide. This critical work is made possible through our volunteers and partners, who have helped us to install more than 2.6 million free smoke alarms and make more than 1 million households safer nationwide.

Through targeted outreach, we're working with community partners to connect with families and educate kids about home fire safety. Home fires claim seven lives every day in the U.S., but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half. Sound the Alarm events are part of our national Home Fire Campaign, which has saved at least 2,246 lives and installed more than 2.6 million free smoke alarms across the country.

SOUND THE ALARM

By visiting our Home Fire Campaign site at <https://www.redcross.org/local/north-carolina/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign.html> you can sign up to receive a free smoke alarm, volunteer at one of our Sound The Alarm events across the state, or even help fund an event and help families prepare for, respond and recover from a home fire.

Visit [redcross.org/fire](https://www.redcross.org/fire) for more information, including a home fire escape plan to create and practice with your household. You can also download our free Emergency app (search "American Red Cross" in app stores).

HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN SAVE LIVES

Since October 2014, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, working with community partners, has saved at least 2,266 lives by educating families about fire safety, helping them create escape plans and installing free smoke alarms in high-risk areas across the country. To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit [redcross.org/homefires](https://www.redcross.org/homefires).

About the American Red Cross:

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Jazz Up Your Valentine's Day with the Karla Harris Quartet

Captivating audiences for more than three decades, jazz vocalist Karla Harris "takes the stage by storm and doesn't let go till it's all over" says one fan! "Rich, full-bodied and with a slight buttery finish, Karla Harris has mad skills – a vocal artist with impeccable phrasing" says another. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day with the one you love than with the Karla Harris Quartet when they take the stage with "Love in the Key of Swing" at the Old Theater on Friday, February 14, at 7:30 pm, presented by the Pamlico Musical Society!

Karla's art lies not only in expansive vocals but also in tapping into the emotion of a tune and delivering it fully. Bringing dynamic diversity and sophisticated nuance to the music, she remains respectful of a song's roots. Her love for singing started first with a love for words and the power of their expression. As a young girl growing up in the suburbs west of St. Louis, she often spent time writing little stories and performing at family gatherings. In college, Karla began singing with the venerable St. Louis band, Gateway Jazz Ensemble, which featured beloved jazz vocalist Jeanne Trevor, an early mentor. Soon she began working with other top groups in her hometown and then as lead vocalist in internationally acclaimed combos. Her music credits are vast, with stints at many of the nation's premier jazz festivals, the Kennedy Center's Arts Across America series, a distinguished 2022 South Arts Jazz Road grant – even a TED Talk. Karla is now based in Atlanta, where she lives with her family and one sassy poodle.

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 sponsors: Beth Frazer Real Estate & Rentals and Village Realty; business sponsors: First Citizens Bank; and individual sponsors: Leslie & Jim Kellenberger and Kathy & Ray Ruppert. We are also grateful for a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

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