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Madison's first deer

Al Jones Bag a Buck

Madison Banks killed her first deer this morning. He was chasing does and she dropped him with her shotgun. She has the fever now!!

Hunter's name: Timothy Banks
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 10/29/25
 8-point buck

The Witches Crawl 2025



It is a late October Oriental tradition and this year's is a bit more special in that it is occurring on Halloween evening itself...

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Be part of the fun! The Pamlico County Classic Seafood Stew Cook-Off is returning to the Silos in Oriental. This delicious event assists 1st Choice Pregnancy Resources of Pamlico in the provision of free pregnancy related services, support and resources to women and families in need throughout Pamlico County. Join us on November 15th at the Silos, 1111 Broad St Ext. Oriental. In addition to delicious seafood stews with hushpuppies, drinks, and dessert, we will have a bake sale, silent auction, oyster-shucking contest, and live music. It's a wonderful location and occasion to savor and favor!

Tickets are \$20 and available at the event or online at: <https://givebutter.com/pcseafoodstew>

seafood stew

Strategic Plan Presented to School Board

by: Hiram Lupton

To move forward, every organization needs a plan, and at a special called Pamlico County Board of Education meeting last Wednesday afternoon, the Pamlico County Schools' strategic plan was presented to the Board. "A plan should identify three things," stated Dr. Jeremy Johnson, Superintendent of Pamlico County Schools. "Where we were, where we are, and where we want to be." The School Board was first presented an overview of the Central Office's plan, which is set on a 5-year timeframe and in many ways mirrors the state's strategic plan. It is based on five pillars, each interwoven and supporting each other in the common goal of having the best school system possible. The five pillars; Academic achievement and readiness, Strengthening human capital, Family and community partnership, Safe and healthy students, and Strong systems, strong schools. Each pillar was presented in more detail by Central office staff members, Crystal Barnett, Dr. Ervin Patrick, Shawn Carawan, and Henry Rice. Each school was also tasked with pre-



The School Board hears the Strategic Plan of the Pamlico County Schools.



The five pillars of the Strategic Plan.

senting their own plans, which were presented by their respective principals and key staff members who helped formulate it. These focused on current testing results and how they compared to past performance as well as the state averages. They also established goals and identified ways to reach those goals. At the conclusion of the meeting, Board Chair John Prescott offered praise, encouragement, and a question, "what is needed to attain these goals?" The nearly unanimous response was that the biggest need was more staff positions. As one principal put it, state funding cuts in recent years have left staff in her school to constantly do more with less. That trend can't continue. Board Vice Chairman Jamie Gibbs stated that "we are here to support you and will do whatever we can to help you meet your goals." The Board voted unanimously to accept the Strategic Plan and move forward with it to the benefit of faculty, staff, and particularly the 1,124 students in the Pamlico County school system.

Ferry Division Gets \$7 million to Stay Afloat

by: Hiram Lupton

With extreme schedule cuts looming, the North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated \$7 million from the Highway fund to the North Carolina Department of Transportation - Ferry Division to maintain the current operating schedule. Although the Legislature has not yet passed a comprehensive budget for 2025-26, they have passed a series of Continuing Budget Operations Bills. This one, SB 449, was adopted on October 23 and among many other appropriations, gave the Ferry Division \$4 million to meet U.S. Coast Guard vessel dry dock requirements and \$3 million



The Ferry Salvo leaves on another run from Minnesott to Cherry Branch

for vessel maintenance and operations. The ferry division operates seven routes and is the second largest state-run ferry system in the United States. One of these routes crosses the Neuse River between Minnesott and Cherry Branch and is an important commuter connection for Pamlico County. It also transports students to and from Arapahoe Charter School. Of the 56 total crossings this route has daily, 24 would have been suspended in the proposed cost cutting measure. The funds allocated by SB 449 will keep the schedule at its current level.

Pamlico Racing Legend to be Inducted into NC Drag Racing Hall-of-Fame

by: Hiram Lupton

Mr. Garley Daniels knew early on that he wanted to race. "I first went to the dragstrip in the early 1960's. It looked like fun. I thought I'd like to try that." By 1964, he was on the track himself, driving a 1958 Chevrolet he built. "Newport had a dragstrip back then and we ran there and in Kinston and all around the area. I pulled the car to the track with a tow bar hooked up to my truck. That wasn't really the best way to do it, so I sold the car and bought a trailer. I then had to build another car to go on it." He was soon back on the track competing, but it was a balancing act back then. "I was working a full-time job as a mechanic at the school bus garage, in the National Guard, and drag racing too. It was a busy time, but I knew my priorities, and my full-time job came first. It was my living. The extra money I earned from drag racing helped out a lot though. You could do pretty good as long as your car didn't break. Sometimes we would race Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon. I was able to put aside enough money to build this house." However, sometimes sacrifices



Mr. Garley Daniels

he showed up at my house to buy my car. I told him I wanted \$2000 for it. With that and the \$500 first prize, we finished the house. I knew I could build another car." In 1973, He decided to go national, competing in the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Sportsman Class. "In my second race, which was in Englishtown, New Jersey, I came in second." He went on to win two World Championship in the Modified Class, in 1979 and 1988. Along the way, he also began building and supplying racing engines to other teams. He also worked closely with General Motors and Chevrolet on innovations and techniques in engine building he developed right in his own shop. ■Continued on Page A3

OFPMF Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

by: Hiram Lupton



OFPMF Chairwoman Majorie Dufek

When you have a hugely successful event, like the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival, it takes a literal army of volunteers giving of their time and talent to make it work. From planners, parking directors, transportation drivers, promotion, information booth workers, food and vendor coordination, stage set up, and so much more, it takes a team working together for success. Saturday morning, the OFPMF said thank you to those volunteers for a job well done with a delicious Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Brantley's Village Restaurant in Oriental. Planning is already underway for next year's Festival so mark your calendars for October 2 and 3, 2026. The OFPMF are always looking for new volunteers and if you'd like to help, contact them at info@olfrontporch.org.



Pamlico County America 250 Celebration

by: Hiram Lupton



Next year marks the 250th birthday of the United States of America and planning is underway to make it the biggest birthday celebration since the USA celebrated their 200th birthday in 1976. The planning for this is not only on the national level, but the state level as well and The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the statewide entity charged by Governor Cooper with the leadership of the commemoration for North Carolina, is connecting with each county in our state and making sure the celebration extends down to the county level as well. A committee has been formed and preliminary planning has started with ideas for programs and local events that will go on not just on July 4th, but encompass an entire year of celebrations. If you have ideas, or want to be a part of this great celebration, contact the committee chairperson Candy Bohmert at candybohmert@gmail.com. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 13.

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

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Busy Week at Pamlico Community College

Submitted by Pamlico Community College

Reaccreditation visit



Pamlico Community College hosted a survey team from the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) last week on campus. Team members met with instructors, administrators and students as they conducted a reaccreditation review of the college's Medical Assisting program. Pamlico is up for an eight-year renewal. During their visit, the reviewers gathered with college representatives for lunch at the Delamar Center. Pictured are, from left, MAERB representative Candace "Candy" Dailey of Crandon, Wis., MAERB representative Jennifer "Jen" Dietz of Cleveland, Ohio, Pamlico President Zac Schnell, Medical Assisting Program Director Tina Hardison, and Coordinator of Occupational Health Tina Ormond. Contributed photo

Education NC visits Pamlico



Pamlico Community College President Zac Schnell, left, greets Education NC (EdNC) Editor-in-Chief and founding CEO Mebane Rash outside the Brinson Building last Thursday. Rash visited the college to interview Schnell for an upcoming profile article and to tour PCC facilities in Grantsboro and Bayboro. While here, she also met with Pamlico instructors, staffers and students. For more about EdNC, please visit EdNC.org. Contributed photo

Gibbs travels to S.C. college



Pamlico Community College Vice President of Student Services Jamie D. Gibbs participated in a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) peer review for Denmark Technical College in Denmark, S.C., Oct. 13-16. A SACSCOC peer review is an important process in which higher education professionals from accredited institutions evaluate another college to ensure it meets

SACSCOC's rigorous standards, ultimately reaffirming the institution's accreditation status. This marked the second time Gibbs has been selected for this honor. Although the three-day review process is detailed and demanding, he describes it as a highly rewarding experience that reaffirms the value of continuous improvement and quality assurance in higher education while providing him with new ideas and best practices to bring back to Pamlico. Contributed photo



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- November 5th – Today is National Stress Awareness Day. It is also National Donut Day. Relieve your stress by eating a donut or 12.
- November 6th – Today is National Saxophone Day.
- November 7th – 1965, The Pillsbury Dough Boy first appeared in TV commercials.
- November 8th - Today is National STEM/STEAM Day.
- November 9th – 1965, The great northeast blackout occurred as several states were hit with power failures. Nine months later was the great northeast baby boom, as hospitals were overwhelmed with expectant mothers going into labor.
- November 10th – 1775, The Continental Marines were formed They are now known as the United States Marine Corps.
- November 11th – Happy Veterans Day to all those who served.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- November 5th – 1946, Singer/songwriter Ingram Conner III (Gram Parsons)
- November 6th – 1946, Actress Sally Field
- November 7th – 1918, Evangelist Billy Graham (in Charlotte, NC)
- November 7th – 1943, Singer/songwriter Roberta Joan Anderson (Joni Mitchell)
- November 8th – 1949, Singer/guitarist Bonnie Raitt
- November 10th – 1983, Singer Miranda Lambert
- November 10th - 1968, Comedian Tracy Morgan
- November 11th – 1962, Actress Demi Moore



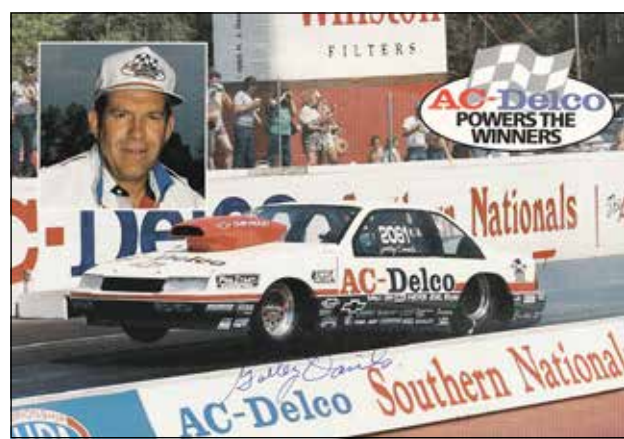
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Pamlico Racing Legend to be Inducted into NC Drag Racing Hall-of-Fame

“We had to build our new shop for all the engines we were building.” He also began to turn the racing over to his son, Randy, who became an accomplished driver in his own right. “For awhile we ran two cars, or shared driving responsibilities with one car, but I was starting to feel like it was time to turn it all over to Randy. After a race in Topeka, Kansas in the mid-90’s, I told Randy on the way home, it was all his now.” He considers building engines for Randy to compete with and win as one of his biggest accomplishments. Mr. Garley can now add another honor to his long list. It was announced last week that in February of next year he would be inducted into the North Carolina Drag Racing Hall-of-Fame. “I guess somebody still remembers me.” Always humble and reluctant to talk about himself, Mr. Garley said, “I am proud that we were able to build nationally competitive race cars right here in our little shop in Pamlico County.”



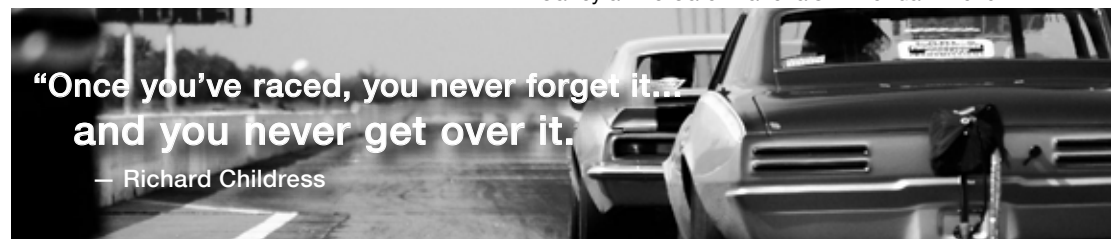
Where it all starts, the drag racing Christmas tree



Mr. Garley Daniels racing his AC Delco Sponsored Chevrolet Baretta



Mr. Garley at the Gator Nationals in Florida in 1979



COMMUNITY

Dixon Landing Open House

by: Hiram Lupton

Nestled on an expanse of wooded land overlooking Lower Goose Creek in Grantsboro lies one of Pamlico County’s best kept secrets. Dixon Landing RV Resort is located at 135 John Pollock Road and it the epitome of a relaxed campground with all the amenities you could ask for and plenty of room to enjoy the outdoors. On Saturday, they and the Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce hosted an Open House to invite everyone down to see what they had to offer. Along with live music, plenty of games for the kids and food, there was also a display of the latest camping vehicles from Riverside Camping Center along with the latest in trucks to pull those campers. There was also fishing demonstrations and tours of the campground featuring the awesome views of Lower Goose Creek. A beautiful place to kick back and enjoy life at your own pace.



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Food of the Month: Pancake Mix



PCFLO is selecting a Food of the Month for each month during 2025, and our selection for November is pancake mix. Help provide PCFLO clients with nutritious staples by bringing pancake mix to your church during any Sunday during the month. You can also bring pancake mix to the PCFLO collection box at the Food Pantry at 108 Straight Road in Oriental. Looking ahead to December, the Food of the Month will be macaroni and cheese mix. Thanks for your support!!

Concerned about your drinking?

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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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A financial roadmap for veterans entering civilian life



Dan M. Roberts

The transition from military to civilian life brings countless adjustments. It also marks a good time to review how you're taking charge of your financial future. Veteran Saves Week is Nov. 4-7 and an opportunity to focus on building financial confidence and creating a solid foundation for your new chapter.

Now in its second year, Veteran Saves Week centers around one core message: No matter where you are on your financial journey, small steps can lead to lasting change. Here are a few tips to help:

Understand the financial shift. If you've recently re-entered civilian life, it's important to identify any gaps between your income and expenses. A key part of this gap often comes from the loss of military allowances, such as the Basic Allowance for Housing and Basic Allowance for Subsistence. You may also lose commissary and exchange privileges where groceries and goods were purchased tax-free.

Health benefits represent another shift. While you received health care through TRICARE on active duty, you might be eligible for TRICARE for Life and Veterans Administration benefits, but you may still need to supplement this coverage with a group health care plan from your employer or purchase it independently.

Build a budget. Getting a clear picture of your finances helps you make informed decisions. Look at your monthly income, expenses and savings to understand your starting point.

One strategy you may find useful is the 50/30/20 rule. With this, you divide your monthly take-home pay into three parts: 50% for needs like housing, utilities, food and insurance, 30% for wants and 20% for savings and debt repayment.

Take essential financial steps. Your monthly budget should include building an emergency fund, paying down high-rate debt and saving for retirement. It may help to use budgeting apps that categorize expenses and identify areas where you can cut back when necessary.

Building an emergency fund becomes even more critical during transition. Aim for three to six months of cash savings to provide a safety net for living expenses while you establish your civilian career.

Don't overlook the available retirement planning tools. Even if you will have a pension, you might consider putting money into an IRA, or a 401k if one is available to you through a new employer, or into stocks and bonds to keep building toward your long-term goals. It's also important to obtain a current Social Security statement since active-duty military pay FICA taxes.

Leverage available resources. There are transition support programs through the military and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which also offer debt relief programs and financial counseling services.

Consider connecting with a financial advisor who understands the unique challenges veterans face during and after transition. They can help you create a strategy that maximizes your benefits and helps position you for long-term success.

Move forward with confidence. As Veteran Saves Week reminds us, small steps lead to lasting change. Your service has prepared you to overcome challenges – financial planning is just another mission you're equipped to complete successfully.

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Skills for the Future



Kait Neeland
4-H Agent

Sometimes it feels like the changes come faster than I blink. As I work with youth I wonder how do we help them prepare for a world that is evolving so quickly, in ways that we haven't truly anticipated. From shifting policies to the onslaught of AI.

Between new emerging markets and the robotizing of old positions, there is a constant need for the acquisition of new hard skills. However, even life-long dedication to learning isn't enough to make one competitive in the labor market. According to the USAID Office of Education, workers also need to be fluent in several soft skills.

What are Soft Skills? For that matter what are Hard Skills? Hard Skills are the culmination of all formal education and technical training with an emphasis on STEM. Soft Skills however, are knowledge of and ability to utilize relation skills and emotional intelligence. All of these soft skills are integral to a person's ability to collaborate with coworkers and to provide superior understanding to clients. Many employers rate the importance of Soft Skills equal to a prospective employee's skill and training with Hard Skills. Soft Skills that were deemed especially important were high-order thinking skills (or critical thinking/analysis), self-control, social skills or emotional intelligence, and communication.

While all of these skills are important and valued across fields, communication was most often given extremely high importance. Employers found the ability for their

employees to clearly and concisely articulate information to both coworkers and clients, through written and oral means, integral to their institution's success. Further, effective communication often indicates good social and relation skills, increasing effectiveness in teamwork. Most employers actively seek employees who cannot only succeed in a team environment, but thrive in it.

Can these Soft Skills be acquired through traditional formal education? What else



can be done to expand our young peoples' Soft Skills? Soft Skills can be learned, to an extent, through school however, there can never be enough opportunities for teens and younger kids to practice communication and their social relation skills. 4-H is a great opportunity for youth to engage with one another while building their oral and written communication skills, from our traditional communication programs like 4-H Presentations, and ARIE (Application, Resume, Interview, & Essay) to our Hard Skill programs like It's Electric and Sew Much Fun.

All of our Upcoming Spring 4-H programs have an avenue for Soft Skill development. Our Sew Much Fun program

allows youth to combine hard skills of sewing and mathematics to creative expression. It's Electric allow youth to learn how to construct hard ware – like a mini tesla coil – with record keeping, and leadership. The Coastal Plains Chicken show allows youth to develop their oral communication skills by engaging with the judge, as well as personal responsibility.

We are so excited for our Up Coming Spring programs which will include It's Electric, Chopped! International, the Coastal Plains Chicken show, and some new programs like our Podcasting program. Registration for the 2026 Coastal Plain Chicken show has opened. Registrations must be turned into the Pamlico County Extension Office December 5th. If you would like more information about the 2026 4-H Coastal Plains Chicken Project or our upcoming programs please give us a call or check out our Pamlico 4-H page. You'll find all the details and registration info on our website: pamlico.ces.ncsu.edu. To complete your registration, you'll also need to enroll in 4-H Online it's required for all NC 4-H programs. Don't worry if you're new to the process, the link is on our website, and if you have any trouble at all, just give us a call. We're happy to walk you through it step-by-step! Want to stay in the loop about future programs and events? Be sure to sign up for our Pamlico 4-H email list so you never miss an update. If you have questions or just want to learn more about what 4-H has to offer here in Pamlico County, reach out to Kait Neeland at (252) 745-4121 or kait_neeland@ncsu.edu

Pamlico Christian Academy Moving Closer to Completion

by: Hiram Lupton



Exciting things are about to happen at Pamlico Christian Academy. If you have ridden by their new facility that is under construction on Lee Landing Road, you can see the progress that has been made since the clearing and site prep work began back in January. The finish line is in sight, and while it had been hoped to move into the new facility at the end of November and begin classes there after Thanksgiving, an official date to have students begin classes has now been set for January 5, 2026 when they return to school after Christmas break. "After meeting with our contractor this week, we learned that while the building will be mostly ready by then (November 21), some finishing work would still need to be completed. Upon further reflection we saw several positives associated with postponing the move." Said Head of School Earl Sadler, Jr. "This will give teachers ample time to move into their new classrooms, and allow training on some of the new systems we will have in

place such as smartboards, security systems, and procedures for drills. We will begin officially moving on December 16th through the 18th and finish up over our Christmas break. We hope that this will minimize the disruption to our learning process." He added, "We can still have our Lower School Christmas programs in the new chapel on 12/5 and 12/12 which will be very exciting for students and parents. We can allow parents to tour the classroom portion of the school. The weeks ahead are going to be exciting as well as challenge filled but I am confident we will make this transition smoothly with God getting all the credit!" This is Phase 1 of the project and these buildings will contain the PreK through 5th grade, chapel, cafeteria and administrative offices as well as a soccer field. A new year and a new school for 2026. Planning and fundraising continues for Phase 2, the 6th through 12th grade building and Phase 3, which will include the gymnasium.

Honoring All Who Served

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Hurricanes Compete at State Cross Country Championships

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School cross country runners have had an outstanding year, improving nearly every meet, and their season culminated last Friday as both the boys and girls squads travelled to Kernersville, NC for the State Championships. To get there, Pamlico first had to have top 6 team finishes at the Eastern Regionals, held the previous Saturday in Rocky Mount. The girls team, paced by Ruby Rohrman in 17th, and Jessica Pichardo-Madrid in 18th, finished fifth overall in the regional and earned their spot at the state championship. The boys team had two runners in the top 10; Riley Treacy in 4th and Edgar Muro in 9th. As a team, the boys squad finished second overall to Lejeune and would once again be headed to Kernersville. "Last year we (the boys team) were third in the region, this year second," said Coach Paul Delamar III. "We're on the right trajectory." The State Championships are a huge event, with nearly 150 runners in the boys draw and just over 140 in the girls. The top Pamlico male runner, Riley Treacy barely missed being named all-state as he finished 11th. The top female runner for the Hurricanes was Jessica Pichardo-Madrid who finished in 84th. Teamwise, the Pamlico boys checked in at 11th while the Hurricane ladies finished 16th.



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The Witches Crawl 2025

by: Hiram Lupton

*Raven hair and ruby lips
 Sparks fly from her fingertips
 Echoed voices in the night
 She's a restless spirit on an endless flight
 Woo hoo witchy woman,
 See how high she flies
 Woo hoo witchy woman
 She got the moon in her eye*



It is a late October Oriental tradition and this year's is a bit more special in that it is occurring on Halloween evening itself. We are of course talking about the annual gathering of the Silverbrook Witches, the coven with a cause. These enchantresses will put a spell on you no doubt, but it is of the good variety as they once again cooked up a witches brew of fun and frolic. It all started eight years ago with an idea to raise money for a charitable cause by doing a restaurant/pub crawl around Oriental, with participants dressed as witches. The highlight of the event has now become the witches dance, a choreographed routine performed at the corner of 1st Avenue and King Streets that includes additional "little witches" joining in. They have raised thousands of dollars for worthy charities and organizations and this year the recipient was The Pamlico Partnership for Children. There was even a pair of Partnership members who became honorary witches for the evening.



Help Feed the Hungry during Thanksgiving

Pamlico County Fishes and Loaves Outreach (PCFLO) is holding its annual community-wide Fall Food Drive on Sunday, Nov. 16. With the November cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), PCFLO is seeing an increased number of clients – even as its federal funding also has been reduced.



PCFLO's sponsoring churches throughout Pamlico County will be collecting non-perishable food donations on Nov. 16, and donations also can be taken to the collection bin at the PCFLO building at 108 Straight Road, Oriental. Food items that are in high demand include peanut butter, canned meat and vegetables, instant potatoes, canned soup, non-sugary cereal, pasta and pasta sauce. You may also consider donating traditional Thanksgiving items such as boxed stuffing mix, cornbread mix, canned yams, green beans or cranberries, and turkey gravy. However, any non-perishable food donation is welcomed!

During November, PCFLO tries to provide all its clients with a Thanksgiving turkey, as well as the side dishes, with its annual Turkey Roundup. Donations of \$20 provide a turkey to one family. You can drop off donations at the pantry, or mail a check to PCFLO, P.O. Box 771, Oriental, NC 28571. Please note that it is for the Turkey Roundup in the memo line.

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File No.: 25E001187-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to LYNNE DYKINS ADMINISTRATOR on or before January 20, 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 22ND OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF GLYN DYKINS
C/O LYNNE DYKINS
1407 TOSTO CIRCLE
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

Publish OCTOBER 22 and 29 and NOVEMBER 5 and 12, 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

INCIDENTS

- Oct. 8, NC Hwy 306 S., Grantsboro, order for arrest child support
- Oct. 9, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, dispatch injured wildlife (deer)
- Oct. 9, NC Hwy 55, Oriental, larceny of property or goods value > \$1,000
- Oct. 10, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, larceny or property or goods <= \$1,000, misdemeanor conspiracy
- Oct. 10, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, disorderly conduct
- Oct. 10, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest hit/run leave scene property damage, order for arrest fail to report accident, order for arrest fictitious/altared title/registration card/tag, order for arrest operate a motor vehicle with no insurance, order for arrest driving while license revoked impaired revoked, order for arrest fail to stop - stop sign/flash red light
- Oct. 10, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
- Oct. 10, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest
- Oct. 11, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, flee/elude arrest w/MV, possess methamphetamine, possession of Schedule II controlled substance - felony, possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana, resist/delay/obstruct public officer, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, aid and abet driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
- Oct. 11, Main St., Bayboro, resist/delay/obstruct public officer
- Oct. 11, NC Hwy 55, Bayboro, larceny of motor vehicle, operate motor vehicle while fleeing/attempt to elude law enforcement (F)
- Oct. 12, NC Hwy 55, Bayboro, disturbance/trespass complaint
- Oct. 13, Scott Town Rd., New Bern, simple assault
- Oct. 14, Scott Town Rd., Grantsboro, violation of court order
- Oct. 14, Covington Court, New Bern, computer trespass (F)
- Oct. 14, Main St., Bayboro, simple assault
- Oct. 15, Morning Glory Dr., Arapahoe, fraud
- Oct. 15, Rebecca Rd., Grantsboro, fraud
- Oct. 15, North St., Bayboro, scam
- Oct. 15, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, abandoned property
- Oct. 16, Halls Creek Rd., New Bern, unauthorized use of motor vehicle/car without consent of owner
- Oct. 16, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, second degree trespass
- Oct. 17, Sawyer Rd., Alliance, resist/delay/obstruct public officer
- Oct. 18, Kelly Rd., New Bern, communicating threats
- Oct. 18, Wichita Village Lane, Bayboro, unauthorized use of motor vehicle/car without consent of owner
- Oct. 18, Main St., Bayboro, larceny of firearm

- Oct. 18, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, cruelty to animals (M)
- Oct. 19, Broad St., Oriental, communicating threats
- Oct. 19, Moores Swamp Rd., New Bern, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence
- Oct. 20, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, financial card fraud - felony
- Oct. 20, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, citizen assist
- Oct. 21, Kennels Beach Rd., Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
- Oct. 21, Cross Rd., Grantsboro, injury to real property
- Oct. 22, 6006 Harbour Way, Oriental, destruction/damage/vandalism of property
- Oct. 22, Bay River Shores Rd. S., Merritt, financial card fraud - felony
- Oct. 23, NC Hwy 55, Alliance, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
- Oct. 23, Hale Rd., New Bern, warrant for arrest second degree trespass, resist/delay/obstruct public officer, simple possession of Schedule III controlled substance
- Oct. 24, Main St., Bayboro, spotlight deer/night deer hunt
- Oct. 24, Sawyer Rd., Bayboro, scam
- Oct. 25, Blackhorse Run S., New Bern, break or enter building (misdemeanor)
- Oct. 26, N. Third St., Bayboro, assault individual with disability
- Oct. 26, Halls Creek Rd., New Bern, civil issue
- Oct. 26, Leaf Lane, New Bern, willful interference with a fireman, simple assault, resist/delay/obstruct public officer
- Oct. 27, Broad St., Ext., Oriental, littering not > 15 lbs.
- Oct. 27, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, larceny of property or goods <= \$1,000
- Oct. 27, Main St., Bayboro, disorderly conduct
- Oct. 28, NC Hwy 55, Merritt, trespass of real property
- Oct. 29, N. Third St., Bayboro, possess controlled substance prison/jail premises, simple possession of Schedule III controlled substance
- Oct. 29, Leaf Lane, New Bern, injury to personal property
- Oct. 29, Alfred Rd., Bayboro, injury to real property
- Oct. 29, Scott Town Rd., New Bern, missing person

INSPECTIONS

- Sept. 12, Dennis Hancock, New Bern, deck, \$76.88; Dennis Hancock, New Bern, pavilion, \$85.84; Sam Pike, Vandemere, building, \$389
- Sept. 15, David Karbowsky, Grantsboro, garage, \$338; Lawana Sampson, Alliance, gas, \$50; Jeff Bryne, Merritt, t pole, \$100; Veronica McKay, Oriental, building, \$50
- Sept. 16, Tru-Co General Contractors, New Bern, mechanical, \$100; Rebecca

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JAMES RUDOLPH WOOD
File No.: 25E001178-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to MELISSA W. MERCER, EXECUTOR 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-name Executor.

This 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

ESTATE OF JAMES RUDOLPH WOOD
C/O MELISSA W. WOOD
167 MATTHEWS RD
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Publish OCTOBER 29, November 5, 12 and 19th, 2025

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
1931 S. GOOSE CREEK RD
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

Publish OCTOBER 29 and NOVEMBER 5, 12 AND 19, 2025.

- Oct. 3, Dustin English, Minnesott Beach, mechanical, \$100; Patricia/Scott Hadley, Oriental, gas, \$50; Dragon's Island Marina, Oriental, gas, \$50
- Oct. 6, Jack Finch, Grantsboro, singlewide set up, \$235; Hope Clinic, Bayboro, mechanical, \$100; Gregory/Janet Smith, Oriental, reno, \$200; Knisely/Sublette, Oriental, mechanical/electrical/insulation, \$494.64; Harvan, Oriental, electrical, \$50; Buddy Burke, Oriental, singlewide, \$235; Matthew Toler, Alliance, mechanical, \$100
- Oct. 7, Gary Noble, Oriental, CAMA, \$102; Cynthia Kopper, Grantsboro, doublewide, \$260; William Horton, Merritt, shed, \$96.08
- Oct. 8, Arthur Armand, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Jeffery & Kaitlin Rouse, Merritt, T-pole, \$100; William C. Bunting, Oriental, addition, \$261.80
- Oct. 9, Sam Pike, Vandemere, CAMA, \$319.30; David/Judith Blythe, Merritt, building, \$308.40; Phil Godwin/Republic Media, Alliance, sign, \$150
- Oct. 10, Anthony Morehead, Arapahoe, residential, \$2,473.98; Alice Petree, Oriental, gas, \$50
- Oct. 13, Jamie Brinson, New Bern, reno, \$554
- Oct. 14, Steven Dumbauld, Oriental, CAMA, \$105.04; Chris Siren, Oriental, mechanical, \$50; Larry & Sandra Hunnings, New Bern, mechanical, \$100; Anita Willis, Grantsboro, ramp, \$0; G. Cox, Reelsboro, ramp, \$0; WT Godette, Arapahoe, electrical, \$50
- Oct. 15, Dawn Sloon, Merritt, electrical, \$50
- Oct. 16, Dylan Sublette, Oriental, garage, \$359.20; David Stewart, Minnesott Beach, generator, \$100; Lynne Fountain, Oriental, gas, \$50; Glen Hopkins, Grantsboro, gas, \$50; Pecan Grove, Oriental, CAMA, \$154; Martha Dixon, Bayboro, fire, \$50
- Oct. 17, Derek Hennessey, Grantsboro, electrical, \$100; James Ingram, Merritt, new, \$1,670.04
- Oct. 20, Pete Newman, Oriental, mechanical, \$200; Bruce Cheney, New Bern, electrical, \$150; Joshua Hillsendager, Oriental, solar, \$98; David Link, Oriental, mechanical, \$100
- Oct. 21, Ann & Lynn Ensley, Vandemere, electrical, \$150; Allen Ayscue, Oriental, electrical, \$373.36; Coastal Community Action, Grantsboro, fire alarm, \$100; Jeff Benson, Minnesott Beach, new; Arthur Armond, Oriental, gas, \$50; Bay River Capital, Vandemere, CAMA, \$2,206.80
- Oct. 22, Linda Marshall, Alliance, shed, \$550; Oriental Marina, Oriental, electrical, \$100
- Oct. 23, Karen Winkelvass, New Bern, ramp, \$0; Dave Stewart, Minnesott Beach, gas, \$50; Charles Gryb II, Oriental, gas, \$50; Charles Gryb II, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Jeffrey Pearce, Oriental, reno/alteration, \$256
- Oct. 24, Kevin McGarrigle, Oriental, electric, \$50; Michael & Ann Kane, Oriental, gas, \$50; William Deighton, Arapahoe, gas, \$50; Brandon Tripp, Bayboro, plumbing, \$50

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening.
I hope this finds you all doing well. The cold front has moved in and given us some nice weather — and a little rain — lately. This past weekend was full of great events.

On Halloween night, my beautiful wife and I went out to watch the Witches Crawl. It was such a good performance and for a great cause. We loved seeing all the kids and parents out going door to door, looking for a treat. It's so nice to see families doing things together.

I remember as a kid going trick-or-treating and riding around in the car from house to house. We had to do that in Arapahoe because the yards were so big! I remember going over to Minnesott too — that's where the good stuff was at. These days, I think Oriental might hold that title.

This coming week is **Veterans Day**, a day near and dear to my heart. I myself am a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army from 1990 to 1994. I was an artilleryman, mostly with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment — otherwise known as The Blackhorse. I was stationed in Fulda, Germany, and absolutely loved my time there. I even considered staying in Germany after I got out. It's a place full of rich history and culture.

I served during Desert Storm in Doha, Kuwait, right on the Mediterranean Sea. I saw more than I care to remember — the devastation to a community and country, the oil fires, and the smell of death. Those are things that stay with you forever.

Veterans Day is November 11. If you see or know a veteran, take a moment to thank them for their service



Photo: Veterans Day Pow Wow, last year.

and for the sacrifices they've made. Many of us carry those memories our entire lives.

I'll leave you with a quote from one of the most beautiful speeches ever written — *Saint Crispin's Day* by William Shakespeare:

“From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remember'd;
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother...”

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*

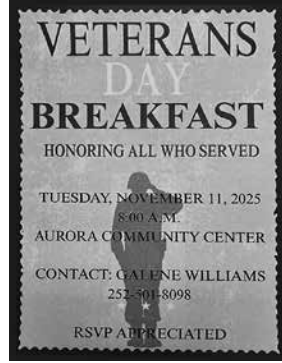


Sailboat traffic has been robust with a count of three this last month; one a catamaran anchoring overnight. Probably snowbirds going back and forth on the Inland.

The ducks are definitely back. I haven't seen any armadas on the water yet but am seeing little bundles of them flying by. They are most likely Scaups or Ruddy. A pair of Grebes have set up visiting near the dock. I think the Hummingbirds are gone with a lone one now and again. One day there was a Brown Pelican fishing on the creek.

The Salt Myrtle is in full bloom and their floating seeds are everywhere.

The sun was so bright the other morning that I thought there was a huge regatta on the river when it was the morning light hitting the structures on the north side.



I visited Old Sandhills again and my treasures included fresh local sourdough bread, apple pie rolls, pecans, cabbage and hoop cheese. I froze some of the bread and will use it in my future dressing for Thanksgiving. Mom always made white bread dressing. It was very simple: moist white bread, celery, onion, pecans and drippings.

As you read this Aurora will have a new mayor and changes to the commissioners. A lot of folks are excited about this as the mood is to get things going.

My Photo of the Week is of the upcoming Veterans Breakfast. Without the Snowden Students' participation we were worried the tradition would die.

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Greetings from Vandemere!
The rain cleared just in time for a weekend filled with fun, community spirit, and special memories here in Vandemere! Our annual Trunk or Treat brought families together for an evening of creativity, laughter, and plenty of candy. The turnout was fantastic — at least 13 decorated trunks were ready to hand out treats to the young ones. I am so grateful to everyone who decorated their vehicles, wore costumes, and helped make the event safe and enjoyable for all. We deeply appreciate our local volunteers for their continued support in making this growing tradition a success. Around 75 children joined the festivities this year — and I hope to see us reach 100 next year!

Despite a little rain, our Waterfront Park also hosted a beautiful wedding ceremony. Congratulations to the happy couple, Layla



and Cody Wood, and thank you for choosing Vandemere for your celebration!

It's always wonderful to see our park filled with life, joy, and community events. We look forward to many more gatherings that bring neighbors and visitors together right here in Vandemere. See what Vandemere is all about at www.vandemerenc.com.

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



A pretty quiet week in Whortonsville this week. We did get a little bit of water in our yards from the hurricane that went across Jamaica and Cuba. We really have been lucky that we have not had a major one to come in for a while. Last Sunday was a glorious day when all the Silverthorne relatives were here. This Sunday we had 17 for the service. We were delighted to have Judy, the lady that works part-time at the Dollar General in Oriental to join us for the service. I blamed it on

the time change that caused me to leave out one of the Hymns this morning because I did not change my clocks on Saturday night. Matt Scott came by my house on Saturday night with a load of children on a hayride for Halloween. I did not know we had that many children in our area. There has been a lot going on in the month of October and I am sure there will be a lot in November.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—YOU NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH YOU HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR UNTIL YOU HAVE TO PAY TAXES ON IT!

Town of Vandemere – Request for Quote (RFQ) Project: Construction of ADA-Compliant Fishing Pier Bid Opening Date: November 5, 2025 Bid Closing Date: November 17, 2025

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Town of Vandemere
Attn: Mayor Sandra Snipes
P.O. Box 338
Vandemere, NC 28587

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– Geoffrey Chaucer



LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Applications for Rider Rate Adjustments and Public Hearings

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

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.

SPORTS

Hurricanes Drop Final Regular Season Contest

by: Hiram Lupton



The Pamlico County High School football team travelled down east Halloween night to battle East Carteret and were hoping to give the Mariners a trick rather than a treat. Although penetrating several times deep into Mariner territory, once all the way to the East Carteret 2-yard line, the Hurricane candy bag came up empty as they fell, 35-0. Pamlico ends their regular season with a 2-8 overall mark and a 2-3 record in the conference. Pamlico now moves on to the state playoffs where they will face a familiar foe in fellow Coast Plains Conference member Southside. Pamlico drew a #19 seed while the Seahawks are sitting at #14 and will host the Hurricanes this Friday (November 7) in a first round matchup with the winner moving on to the second round.



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Scholastic sports winter schedule



Sports are an important part of children's lives. The President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition Science Board says participating in sports is associated with lower rates of anxiety and depression, lower amounts of stress, higher self-esteem and confidence, and reduced risk of suicide, among other health benefits. Being part of a team and enjoying social interaction has its own perks as well. All are good reasons to join youth sports.

The winter scholastic sports schedule offers a number of possibilities. The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association indicates that these sports are often offered in the winter. Various states as well as provinces and schools may offer different sports for the winter season.

- **Basketball:** Both boys and girls basketball is offered in the winter. Skills on the court are tested as teams face one another.
- **Bowling:** Schools may have bowling teams that compete in the winter season. Bowling might be an athletic activity that appeals to many as, although teams compete, it's about improving personal skill for top scores.
- **Swimming/diving:** Even though winter may not seem like the season for swimming, this is when many scholastic organizations schedule swimming for young athletes. Swimming is an activity that works the entire body, and diving tests specific form and skills.
- **Ice hockey:** The action on the ice heats up even though the temperature is cold. Ice hockey is a fitting sport for the winter season.
- **Indoor track & field:** Thanks to indoor tracks, track and field competitors can enjoy the sport even when it is cold outside. Track athletes participate in various events, increasing the chances that athletes with various interests will find something for them.
- **Wrestling:** Competition on the wrestling mat occurs during the winter season.
- **Fencing:** Fencing has been practiced for centuries and sword fighting with foil, epee or sabre may be used depending on the program.
- **Competitive spirit:** While the sport of cheerleading tends to be year-round, competitive spirit cheerleading takes place in some areas in the winter.

Students have many options when it comes to winter sports. Now is the time to get involved, but student athletes should know that tryouts or submission of athletic exam paperwork may be done in the fall.



Food fit for fans

Whether they're tailgating outside a favorite team's stadium or hosting a game watch at home, football fans know food is a big part of the game day experience. Certain foods, like chicken wings and nachos, are synonymous with game day buffets, but fans can cook anything they like for the big game. Those who want something a little more hearty than finger foods can try their hands at this recipe for "Barbecued Chicken Breast With Grilled Corn and Tomatoes" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Barbecued Chicken Breast With Grilled Corn and Tomatoes Makes 4 servings

- 3 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Kosher or sea salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin
- 4 boneless chicken breast halves
- 4 ears fresh corn, husks removed
- 2 tomatoes, thickly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil



1. In a small glass bowl, combine the first eight ingredients to create the marinade.
2. Place the chicken and the marinade in a one gallon plastic storage bag. Squeeze bag to coat the chicken. Seal and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or up to 24 hours.
3. Grill chicken over indirect medium heat for about 8 to 10 minutes on each side, or until a meat thermometer inserted into the center of the breast registers 170 F.
4. About 10 minutes before the chicken is ready, brush corn and tomatoes with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Watching carefully, grill for about 5 to 8 minutes until done. Cooking time will depend on grill temperature.

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NOTICE OF ORDER ADOPTING UNIFORM SCHEDULES OF VALUES, STANDARDS, AND RULES

Notice is hereby given that, at its regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 2025 the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pamlico, North Carolina (the "Board") adopted, by order, uniform schedules of values, standards, and rules (the "schedules") to be used in appraising real property for property tax purposes as of January 1, 2026.

A complete copy of the schedules is available for public examination at the office of the Pamlico County Tax Administrator, 202 Main Street, First Floor, Bayboro, NC 28515. A complete copy of the schedules is also available online at the Pamlico County website, www.pamlicocounty.org, under the "2026 Schedules of Values" portion of the Tax Administration section.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-317, "a property owner who asserts that the schedules, standards, and rules are invalid may except to the order and appeal therefrom to the Property Tax Commission within 30 days of the date when the notice of the order adopting the schedules, standards, and rules was first published." This notice was first published on November 3, 2025.

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COASTAL LIVING

Oriental Fall Festival

by: Hiram Lupton



Jill and Shane Harris



The petting zoo was a big hit with the kids



It was a beautiful Saturday in Pamlico County and a beautiful day for the Oriental Fall Festival at Oriental Recreation Park. There were plenty of activities for young and old alike from games, a wonderful petting zoo, a dragon tooth dig, dog adoptions, and much

more. There was also plenty of food from Roadside Dogs as well as homemade baked goods available along with some great music including Jill and Shane Harris. Another great event from Oriental Parks and Recreation.

The Old Theater Presents NC Country Artist Bryan Mayer

Best Male Country Artist of the Year
November 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm
Tickets: \$25 (\$20 for OT members, military, and students with ID) available at Nautical Wheelers in Oriental and New Bern or online at www.oldtheater.org

North Carolina native Bryan Mayer returns to The Old Theater in Oriental for an afternoon of pure country delight. With his towering height of 6'8" and powerful voice, Bryan continues to make a strong impact on the Country music scene with his unique style of performing. The singer/songwriter has had several songs hit the national charts such as "This is Me" and "Lil' Bit Naughty." Bryan has won the coveted CMA Best Male Country Artist of the Year. He has since recorded his original songs and videos in Nashville, his latest being "Leaving Town" and has opened for national Country headliners like Trace Adkins, Joe Nichols, and Tracy Lawrence. His shows include an abundance of original songs as well as covers from the likes of Brooks and Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Zac Brown Band, and Whalen Jennings. Being a Southern man from Oak Island, NC, Bryan identifies with the bonfires, days on the river, and the simple Country life. His strong voice and authentic style entice you to want to hear more. He has been compared to the likes of James Taylor and Jimmy Buffet. If you enjoy country music, you'll love Bryan Mayer. Here is a link to view his video:



<https://youtu.be/7T7xSkj4tcw?si=K4AUKV9E0ps9-Bo7>

Tickets may also be available at the Box Office on the day of the performance but don't count on it. Bryan is a crowd pleaser! For additional information call 252-249-0477 or visit the theater's website at www.oldtheater.org.

Box Office opens one hour before the performance; doors open 30 minutes before the show. Wine and soft drinks will be available by donation.

The Old Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a venue for performing arts in Oriental and Pamlico County, located at 609 Broad Street in Oriental, NC.

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Health & Wellness



Curtis Media Group Hosts Inaugural Radiothon To Benefit CarolinaEast Foundation Call-in Donations Matched by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina on November 21

(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Health System announces that Curtis Media Group will host its inaugural CarolinaEast Foundation Radiothon presented by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBS) on Friday, November 21 on 103.3 FM. Funds raised will benefit local patient assistance, the SECU Cancer Center at CarolinaEast Medical Center, healthcare education, and patient-facing projects within CarolinaEast Health System.

The radiothon will feature inspiring interviews from patients, staff, volunteers, and hospital leaders that will tell the story of the CarolinaEast Foundation and its impact on the local healthcare community. BCBS has generously offered to match incoming donations during the radiothon.

"We are beyond excited for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina's sponsorship to raise much needed funds for our healthcare community," said Jared Brinkley, Executive Director of the CarolinaEast Foundation. "Their commitment will affect thousands in our area that the Foundation supports each year. We look forward to sharing with the listening audience how the Foundation supports our community and how others can get involved."

Listeners can tune in to Magic 103.3 FM from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 21st to enjoy nine hours of music and inspiring stories. Anyone moved to call in during the event will be assisted in making a tax-deductible donation, which will in turn be matched by BCBS. "The CarolinaEast Foundation serves a critical role in advancing the health and well-being of our community," said Joe Peters, Vice President of Curtis Media Group. "The upcoming radiothon on Magic 103.3 FM will reach audiences across Eastern North Carolina, ensuring widespread awareness of the Foundation's mission. The Curtis Media Group is honored to support this important initiative and looks forward to establishing it as a valued annual tradition."

In 2025, the CarolinaEast Foundation has served 950 local patients through their patient assistance program, awarded 15 nursing scholarships and 22 community non-profit grants. 100% of the Foundation's overhead is covered by CarolinaEast Health System so that every dollar raised fully supports the Foundation's mission. To support this vital cause, call 252-633-8247 or visit www.carolinaeastfoundation.com.

About CarolinaEast Health System

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

Primary Care Provider Now at PCHD

by: Hiram Lupton



Nancie Deckard
MS, MSN, FNP-BC, CCRA

The Pamlico County Health Department is pleased to announce that they now have a primary health care provider on staff full time. Nancie Deckard, MS, MSN, FNP-BC, CCRA, has been employed as a contract Advanced Practice Provider with PCHD since her graduation from the Duke University School of Nursing MSN Family Nurse Practitioner program in 2023 with a Veterans Health Care Specialty concentration, so she may be a familiar face to many. Nancie has 21+ years as a Registered Nurse, receiving her BSN from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2001, and 15+ years with the Duke Clinical Research Institute as a Clinical Trials Manager in the DCRI Trials and Networks Group, and a published author in the peer-reviewed Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open. She is the recipient of the 2023 Bonnie Jones Friedman Humanitarian Award and the 2023 Institute for Education Excellence Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students. In addition to Primary Care, PCHD also offers many other services including Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), Family planning, Adult Health, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, veterans health, student participation physicals, and Coast Guard physicals. They also have what has become a very popular Telehealth program. For more information on what the Pamlico County Health Department can offer for you give them a call at 252-745-5111. They are now accepting primary care clients Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. The PCHD would like to remind everyone that they are here to serve all residents of Pamlico County and help them live healthier lives.



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Journey Out of Africa with The Old Theater's 2nd Sunday Cinema Series

Oriental, NC — October 28, 2025 — November 9, The Old Theater invites movie lovers to escape to another world—lush, sweeping, and unforgettable. As part of its monthly 2nd Sunday Cinema series, the theater will screen the Academy Award-winning classic Out of Africa on Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 p.m.



Admission is free, with a suggested \$10 donation to support The Old Theater's ongoing mission of bringing quality films and live performances to the heart of Oriental. Free popcorn and beverages by donation.

Based on the memoir by Karen Blixen, Out of Africa (1985) stars Meryl Streep and Robert Redford in a visually stunning love story set against the backdrop of colonial Kenya. With its sweeping cinematography, unforgettable score, and poignant performances, the film captures the beauty, heartbreak, and adventure of a life fully lived.

Come early, settle in, and let the big screen carry you away to a time and place where love, courage, and wild horizons meet. For more, visit www.oldtheater.org or call 252-249-0477.

Event Details

What: 2nd Sunday Cinema – Out of Africa

When: Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: The Old Theater, 609 Broad Street, Oriental, NC

Admission: Free, with suggested \$10 donation

2nd Sunday Cinemas are sponsored by TownDock.net



PRIME TIME NOVEMBER

Breakfast with Friends

Brantley's Restaurant
Thursday's – November 6, 13, 20
8:30 am

Please join the group at Brantley's (Center Room) for breakfast. The breakfast will continue every Thursday at 8:30. (Except for when they are closed). Come as you are able. Breakfast is on your own. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl

Thursday's – November 6, 13, 20
10:00 am
Oriental United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall
Crochet, knit shawls or lap robes to share with those that are in need of comfort and support. Please call Leigh Price for details. 919.219.2446.

Creative Card Making Class

Wednesday - November 12
Oriental United Methodist Church - Advanced
Registration, cost is \$25/month

Game Day

Wednesday - November 12
2-4pm
Oriental United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Join us for an afternoon of fun filled board games, cards and fellowship! All skill levels are welcome!

Digital Skills Session - Smartphones Intermediate - Rescheduled

Monday, November 17
10am to noon at Oriental United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Learn how to improve your Smartphone skills. This course will help you navigate your smartphone, download apps and various communication tools. This is the 3rd session in a 5 part series.

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Oriental United Methodist Church
Friday - November 14
10am - 1pm
Join us for a simple cooking session, mild exercise and meaningful connections! All are invited! Hands on culinary lessons for healthy eating, mild exercises to stay active and build new friendships.

Prime Time's mission is to provide services and activities promoting the well-being for the 50 plus community in Oriental and Pamlico County. Prime Time brings together many resources helping area residents sustain an independent and enriched quality of life. All are welcome! Have a suggestion for a program or day trip, please contact Debora Steenson @ 252.675.0909 or email director@primetimepamlico.org

OBITUARIES

George Dixon Baxter, Jr., 64, of Oriental passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the Gardens of Pamlico.

George was a man who loved life's simple joys – spending time with his family, casting a line while fishing, collecting coins and comic books, and enjoying a good round of golf. He was a member of Bayboro Baptist Church and a familiar face to many, having worked with Trent Olds-Cadillac in New Bern for 24 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Dixon Baxter, Sr. and mother, Carolyn Ann Spain Baxter, and brother, William R. Baxter.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory the mother of his children, Cara Baxter; son, George D. Baxter, III; daughters, Ann Marie Baxter Conner and husband, David, and Brandy Lynn Baxter and partner, Joe Jones; his cherished grandchildren, Jordyn and Lucus Baxter; and sister, Carol Ann Baxter Miller and husband, Chris.

A Celebration of George's life will be announced at a later date for family and friends to gather and honor his memory.



In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Pamlico, PO Box 6, Bayboro, NC 28515, in appreciation of the compassionate care they provided.

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

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, Correspondent



One of my favorite pastors, Reverend Penny \$ Farmer, needs everyone's prayers. She is in Grantsbrook and is accepting visitors. Please remember her in your prayers. Also remember her husband, the Reverend John Farmer in prayer. While I am on the subject of prayer, please pray for the families of Paul Brady and Willard David Varley, Jr. Both men transitioned to their heavenly home on October 26, 2025.

Stonewall Methodist Church and Alliance United Methodist Church had their Fall Bazaar on November 1, 2025. For many years both churches have supported each other in their endeavors to raise money for their mission projects throughout the year. Stonewall and Alliance had breakfast and lunch foods plus many baked goods to choose from. The Alliance women had Christmas ornaments and jams and preserves to satisfy every taste. The Stonewall women feature many crocheted items (especially scrubbies), Rada cutlery, and a large selection of white elephant yard sale items. It was a time of fellowship and fun as well as a good fund raiser for mission projects throughout the year. The Ina Gaskins Circle is selling note cards with a color picture of the church on them. They come in packs of 7 for \$5.00.

Asa and Dixie Gatlin, Bonnie Kedjerski, JoAnn Kelleher, and Pastor Betty J. Rodgers attended the Global Methodist Church Convocation at First Methodist in Washington. These laity represented the county well. Stonewall Methodist Church will hold its annual charge conference on Thursday night this week. Several members will attend the

evangelistic training at Wesley Covenant GMC in Greenville on Saturday.

On November 2, 2025, Stonewall Methodist celebrated All Saints Day. They honored Gail Heath, Fred Kedjerski, and Willard David Varley, Jr. This is a time to remember all the Saints of the church who have heard those words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. (Matthew 25:21)."

The Stonewall choir is preparing for their Christmas cantata Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to join us even if you are not a member. All practices and performances are NOT during Sunday morning worship times, so we are blessed to have brothers and sisters from other churches join us.

Celebrating birthdays in November are Marie Spain (11/1), Glenda Benton, Judy Hudgins and Ray Lewis (11/4), Brett Hinson and James Lupton (11/5), Hayley Deaton (11/6), Morghan Rayne Zimmer (11/7), Bill Sage (11/8), Chasidy Gwaltney Voliva (11/10), Paisley Tillman and Carol Heath West (11/14), Steve Smith and Tammy Spain (11/16), Brenda Spain (11/17), Michael Rowe (11/18), Fred Read (11/22), Kevin Rodgers (11/23), Bryan Spain (11/26), Tucker Carey, Kari Hudgins and Jerry Harper (11/28), and Thelmond Cooper (11/29). Barbara and Lester Carey will celebrate 63 years of marriage on November 4. John and Penny \$ Farmer will celebrate 39 years of marriage on November 16. Walt and Joannis Rodgers Summerlin will celebrate their third anniversary on November 18.

Have a blessed week. Only one way? Take Spiritual Vitamin O. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." (John 14:6)

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