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Rescue Squad Presents to BOC

by: Hiram Lupton

It is that time of year again. Budget directors and managers are sharpening their pencils and wearing out the keys on their calculators while governing bodies listen to requests and debate as to how to pay for the essentials that their towns and counties need and want. It is also the time that departments and entities that depend on public dollars to function submit their budget requests and last Monday, the Pamlico County Rescue Squad made a presentation to the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners that highlighted how essential they are for the citizens of the County and what it will take in terms of money to give residents the service they need and expect. The presentation showed a variety of statistics on call volume, intervals, and frequency of calls and how over time they are steadily increasing. The presentation statistics also broke down calls by geography and frequency by time. Over the past eleven years, calls have increased an average of 5.6% per year. The squad receives on average 6.5 calls per day or about one every 3.7 hours. The average response time for calls currently is 12.22 minutes with the average distance traveled per call at just over 10 miles. The total dispatched calls in 2025 were 2,442 with 68.8% of those requiring transport. The biggest strain on services comes when multiple calls are received in a short time period, referred to as couplets. The second portion of the presentation centered on the needs of the department, in particular their budget request for a county contribution in the amount of \$1,850,000, up from last years allotment from the county of \$1,397,250. The requested amount will help the squad maintain current service levels and increase the availability of staff to accommodate the rise in service calls. It also keeps pace with the rise in equipment costs.



America 250 NC Book Club Meets in April: Stop by to Borrow a Copy of Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
Please note: Cold Mountain meeting will be April 29th, 2026 @ 6pm. Join us at 5:45pm if you are coming to the library in person!

As part of our ongoing celebration of America 250 NC, the Pamlico County Library is proud to feature and support the America 250 NC Virtual Book Club, a statewide initiative that brings readers together around North Carolina based historical fiction. This book club can be attended at the library or virtually!

Libraries Role in Supporting the Club:

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A welcoming meeting space at the library where patrons can gather to join the virtual discussions as a group
Virtual Link: <https://www.america250.nc.gov/book-club>

The 16th Annual Oriental Rotary Boat Show

by: Hiram Lupton

It was a gorgeous Pamlico County weekend and a great time to be out in a boat or to visit the Rotary Club of Oriental Boat Show. Hodges Street was full of all things nautical, from boats to boating supplies. Whatever sort of craft you could be interested in, it was there, from sailboats, power boats, or dinghies. The ever-popular nautical flea market was back and bigger than ever with plenty of deals to shop for. Proceeds from the 3-day event were going to a great cause, the Oriental Rotary Club Scholarships awarded each year to deserving Pamlico County students.



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Get Moved, Body & Soul, with Southern Hellcats & The Gospel Ensemble

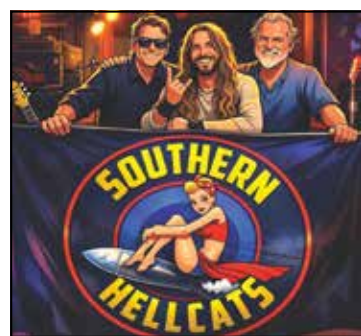
The Pamlico Arts Council's upcoming Gospel, Blues & Rockin' BBQ promises an afternoon and evening steeped in the rich traditions of American music. Set for May 16 at the Red Rooster Bar and Stage in Oriental, the FREE concert celebrates the roots and evolution of American music from gospel up through rock & roll. This week, PAC is shining a spotlight on two more of the five bands scheduled to perform.

For many in the local and regional music scene, The Southern Hellcats need little introduction. Known for their electrifying performances, the band delivers a dynamic blend music styles, focusing on rockabilly—a genre born from the fusion of country and rhythm and blues. Their sound is both nostalgic and fresh, with a repertoire that includes original songs as well as crowd-pleasing favorites. Their originals such as "I Love Good Girls, but Crazy Girls Love Me" and "Septic Tank Driver" have become fan favorites and are sure to get audiences moving. Despite their small size,

The Southern Hellcats produce a remarkably full sound, driven by high energy and undeniable stage presence. Their live shows are less a performance and more a full-on experience.

Also taking the stage is The Gospel Ensemble, a group that draws its strength from the collective voices of choir members representing various local churches. Their performances are rooted in the powerful traditions of gospel music, delivering messages of hope, faith, and unity. With rich harmonies and heartfelt delivery, The Gospel Ensemble reflects the deep cultural significance of gospel choirs in shaping America's musical heritage. Audience members can expect an uplifting performance that will have them on their feet and fully engaged.

With a lineup that bridges genres and generations, PAC's Gospel, Blues & Rockin' BBQ is shaping up to be a must-attend community event—one that invites everyone to come out, listen, and celebrate the sounds that helped define a nation.



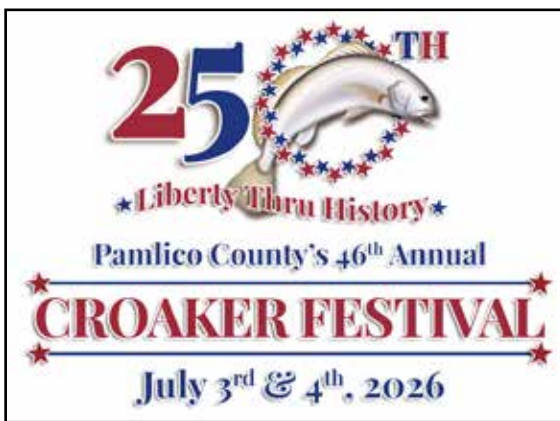
The Southern Hellcats (top photo) and The Gospel Ensemble are prepared to move you, body and soul!

Gatlin Creek Community Center Car Show

Saturday was a beautiful spring day, perfect for cranking up that classic hot rod, wiping off the pollen, and heading out to the 4th annual Classic Car and Truck Show presented by the Gatlin Creek Community Center of Arapahoe. There were roughly 50 vehicles at the event held at Pamlico Community College and there was something for everyone from muscle cars, classic pickup trucks, street rods, and modern sports cars.



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Croaker Festival Fireworks are on!

by: Hiram Lupton



Although there was a bit of consternation and hand wringing by Croaker Festival Director Candy Bohmert, she is pleased to report that as of last week, the 2026 Croaker Festival will once again have an awesome fireworks show. For a while it looked like Bohmert may have to rent a van and drive to South Carolina to purchase sparklers, cherry bombs, and roman candles from Three-Finger Bob's Discount Fireworks store and shoot them off herself, but much to her relief, that will not be necessary. "East Coast Pyrotechnics always comes through for us and last week we signed a contract for them to once again provide the Croaker Festival with another great July 4th fireworks display." A shortage of qualified fireworks technicians along with high demand for displays this year, the 250th anniversary of American independence, led to the possibility that Oriental would be shooting off duds. That will not be the case as the show will go on, this year on Friday night, the actual Fourth of July. As always, dollars are in short supply and donations or sponsorships to assist in paying for the fireworks are always welcome.

Commercial Fishing Exhibit at the Library

by: Hiram Lupton

If you are in their neighborhood, stop by the Pamlico County Public Library and check out their great exhibit on commercial fishing in Pamlico County. The display has a variety of artifacts which are reflective of the heritage and economic importance of commercial fishing in our coastal communities. Also on display are a few books, some by local authors, that contain stories about commercial fishing in our area. The exhibit will be on display until the end of April.



LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

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Pamlico Community College

AI Fest preparations: Pamlico Community College employees spiffy up Grantsboro campus

Submitted by Pamlico Community College



Pamlico Community College staffers, from left, Rick Fasciano, Derek Godwin and Laura West work on the flower bed in front of the Brinson Building. Contributed photo



PCC Instructor Brandon Hill, left, digs a hole for an azalea as Security Officer Keith Brock looks on. Contributed photo



PCC Instructors Gregory Green, left, Maurice Smith, center, and Demetris Collins work on restriping the Delamar Center parking lot. Contributed photo



PCC President Zac Schnell does some pressure washing. Contributed photo



PCC Controller Susan McRoy spreads pine straw under a crape myrtle tree. Contributed photo

To get ready for this week's inaugural AI Fest, more than 20 Pamlico Community College faculty members and staffers took part in a Campus Beautification Day recently.

They did some planting, spread pine straw, painted stripes in the parking lot, pressure washed, and participated in other clean-up projects.

Participants enjoyed lunch together afterwards.

College officials are expecting dozens of visitors this week for AI Fest. For more information about the event, including a schedule of activities, please visit www.pccai-fest.com or contact Shellie Saxby at 252-249-1851, ext. 3025, or ssaxby@pamlicocc.edu.

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Helen, Oriental



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA on 0.72 acres 2 miles outside of town surrounded by farm fields and mature pecan, hardwood, and pine trees. Beautifully renovated coastal cottage offers peaceful country living. Recent renovations include a new kitchen with updated appliances, new flooring, updated bathrooms, new HVAC system.
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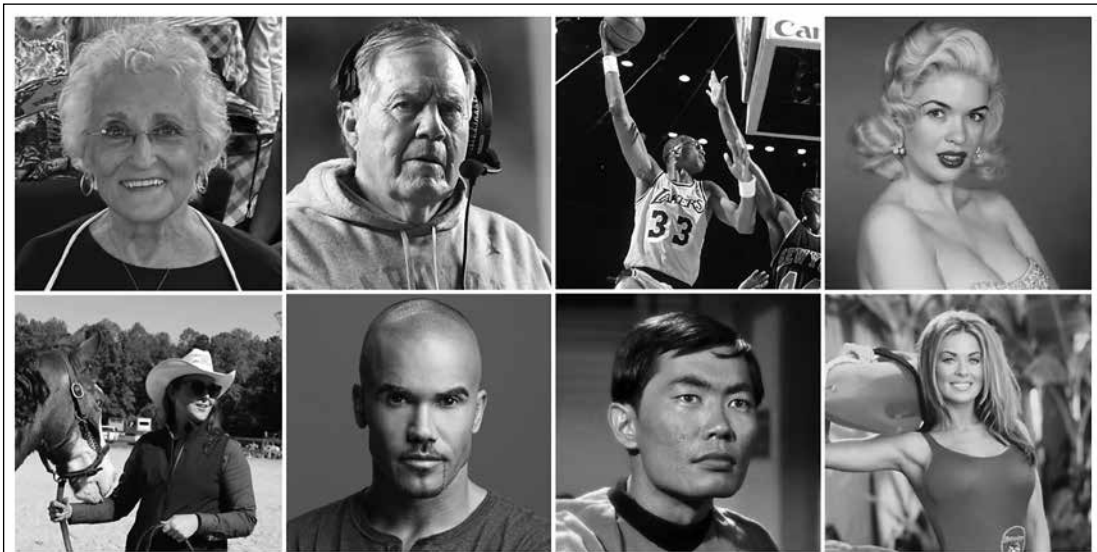
THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- April 15th – 1947, Jackie Robinson broke the Major League Baseball color barrier when he took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- April 16th – Today is National Librarian Day. Have a Great Day Sidney Phibbons.
- April 17th – Today is National Cheeseball Day. One of my favorite kind of balls.
- April 18th – Today is National Exercise Day. I'll try it just this one time.
- April 19th – Today is National Garlic Day. Keep them Vampires away.
- April 20th – Today is 420 Day. I thought weed appreciation day was earlier in the month.
- April 21st – Today is National Kindergarten Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 15th – 19??, Outstanding Pamlico Citizen Linda Marshall
- April 16th – 1952, Football Coach Bill Belichick
- April 16th – 1947, Basketball Hall-of-Famer Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul Jabbar)
- April 19th – 1933, Actress Vera Jayne Palmer (Jayne Mansfield)
- April 20th – 19??, President of the PC Horseman's Association Tiffany Bennett
- April 20th – 1970, Actor Shemar Moore
- April 20th – 1937, Actor George Takei
- April 20th – 1973, Actress Carmen Electra



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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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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

Eston "Sherrill" Styron



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Eston "Sherrill" Styron, who died peacefully at CarolinaEast Medical Center in New Bern, NC, on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the age of 83.

Born June 25, 1942, and raised with brothers C.H. and Clyde Styron in Hobucken, NC, Sherrill was a man of deep faith, unwavering character, and quiet strength. A loving husband, devoted father, and loyal brother and friend to many, he was also a respected businessman, accomplished outdoorsman, and a steadfast deacon at Oriental First Baptist Church. He served the town of Oriental faithfully for more than 20 years as both Mayor and Commissioner, leaving a lasting imprint on the community he loved. Above all, he was a visionary—a man whose life's work helped shape his town and made it a home for so many.

Raised with humble beginnings and a tireless work ethic, Sherrill began his career as a teacher in Bayboro while shrimping during the summers to provide for his young family. Through years of dedication and integrity, he earned the trust of Garland F. Fulcher and went on to lead Garland F. Fulcher Seafood for more than 40 years. Alongside his beloved wife, Phyllis, and their sons, Jeff and Mike, he built not only a successful business but a legacy of service to others.

Sherrill's love for "Carolina blue" was well known—from the waters of the Neuse to his unwavering support of the University of North Carolina. He and Phyllis were devoted Tar Heel fans, faithfully cheering from their

seats in the Dean Dome and giving generously to the university, including funding a full scholarship for the women's lacrosse program.

An avid hunter and gifted storyteller, Sherrill found great joy in the outdoors, with many cherished adventures in Alberta and across Africa. Yet his most treasured memories were those shared with others—especially his younger brother, Cecil Henry "C.H." Styron, his longtime friend and guide Robert, and his lifelong friend Frank Alcock.

Sherrill will be remembered most for his generous spirit, steadfast faith, and the way he cared for others. He gave freely of his time and resources, offering encouragement, opportunity, and kindness to all who crossed his path. His life was a quiet example of service, humility, and love.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Phyllis Darlene Harper Styron; sons, Jeffrey "Jeff" Allen Styron (Maria) and Michael "Mike" Glenn Styron (Chenoah); brothers, Cecil "C.H." Henry Styron (Jewel) and Clyde Allen Styron (Judy); five grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and dear friends.

Just as he built a home filled with love and hospitality in Oriental, his family finds comfort in knowing he is now at peace in his Heavenly home.

A visitation will be held Friday, April 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home in Grantsboro. A memorial service will follow on Saturday, April 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Oriental First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Fellowship Academy in the Oriental First Baptist Church at P.O. Box 122, Oriental, NC, 28571. Arrangements made by Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory, Alliance, NC.



State Employees' Credit Union Helps North Carolinians Build Financial Skills Through Free Education Events

– Over 134,500 impacted in 2025 through 1,550 financial education events held across the state –

RALEIGH, N.C. – In recognition of Financial Literacy Month in April, State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) is highlighting its free financial education programming offered through its network of 275 branches located in all 100 North Carolina counties.

In 2025, more than 134,500 North Carolinians, including 102,500 students, participated in one of 1,550 financial education events hosted by SECU.

The programs, offered year-round, are designed to help participants build practical financial knowledge and skills at every age – covering topics that range from budgeting, saving, and retirement planning – and can be customized for specific audiences and age groups.

"At SECU, we believe financial education is financial empowerment and we want to equip everyone with tools for success," said SECU President and CEO Leigh Brady. "By offering programs at no cost and tailoring them to the needs of organizations, schools, and community groups, we are helping individuals and families gain the confidence to make smart financial decisions at every stage of life."

SECU places a large focus on financial education for the state's youth, complementing its FAT CAT® Share Account for members 12 and under and Zard® accounts for teens 13 - 19. Offerings include:

FAT CAT Presentations that introduce elementary-age students to basic money concepts, with activities and workbooks to accompany lessons.

Reality of Money®, a very popular simulation that provides middle and high school students with a hands-on experience managing a household budget and making real-world financial decisions.

SECU also offers a variety of consumer financial education presentations for adult audiences, covering topics such as debt management, credit building, identity theft prevention, and retirement planning.

While special emphasis is placed on financial education during Financial Literacy Month in April, SECU's programs and workshops are available throughout the year. For more information or to request a presentation for a school or community group, visit ncsecu.org.



Students learn about money management through a real-world simulation at Reality of Money® events, hosted by SECU across the state.

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— George Carlin —

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Which retirement plan is right for your business?



Dan M. Roberts

If you're a local business owner, a workplace retirement plan can be a powerful tool – helping you manage taxes, strengthen employee retention and build personal financial security.

Many in your situation, however, assume retirement plans are complicated or only suitable for large companies. The reality is quite different. Today's retirement plan options encompass businesses of every size, from solo entrepreneurs to companies with dozens of employees.

The key is understanding which plans work best for different kinds of businesses:

Self-employed individuals or businesses without employees. Three commonly used retirement plans:

- *Simplified employee pension (SEP)* plans are relatively straightforward, low-maintenance, lower-cost and flexible on how much you contribute each year.
- *Owner-only 401(k)* plans are ideal if you're willing to accept additional cost and complexity in exchange for benefits like higher contribution limits and borrowing options.
- *Owner only defined benefit* plans work best for owners with high, steady income who want to maximize their retirement contributions and guaranteed retirement income. These plans come with required annual funding and greater administrative complexity.

Businesses with employees can also consider an SEP plan, although it only allows for employer contributions. Other plan options include:

- *The SIMPLE IRA* (savings incentive match plan for employees) can work well for companies with 100 or fewer employees seeking a low-maintenance option. Employer contributions are required, and it has lower

contribution limits compared to other plan types.

- *Traditional 401(k)* plans offer maximum flexibility by allowing both employee salary deferrals and employer contributions that can be adjusted based on business performance. These plans have added costs and administrative responsibilities.
- *Safe harbor 401(k)* plans are ideal if you want to maximize your own retirement contributions without complex testing requirements and you're willing to make required employer contributions.
- *A cash balance plan* is often paired with another plan type, such as a 401(k), to allow greater retirement savings. It works well when you have a smaller company with high-earning employees and consistent cash flow, and you're comfortable making required contributions.

Each plan type involves different eligibility requirements, establishment deadlines, contribution limits, complexity and costs. In determining a workplace retirement plan that's right for your business, you'll want to consider your number of employees, desired contribution levels, comfort with required employer contributions and willingness to handle administrative responsibilities. And, of course, the goals for your business and your own retirement are important criteria.

Fortunately, you don't have to navigate this decision alone. A financial advisor can help you evaluate the trade-offs among different plan types and select the option that best fits your situation. They can explain how various plans work and guide you through the setup process.

Starting a workplace retirement plan is an investment in your future, your business and your employees. With professional guidance, you can find a plan that helps everyone build financial security while positioning your business for continued success.

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Planting Season Has Arrived

Daniel Simpson, *County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent*



Planting Season Has Arrived

Spring has sprung, and for Pamlico County farmers that means its planting season. Pamlico County residents may have noticed the flurry of activity occurring in local fields in preparation for the coming season. This includes fertilizer and weed control applications, drainage management activities, and tillage operations. In this article I will provide a quick insight into current corn crop and discuss some of the unique challenges that growers face in 2026.

The days of horse drawn equipment are long past as modern agriculture has evolved to become more efficient. This efficiency is driven by low commodity prices, ever increasing input costs, and the need to produce more bushels of corn on fewer acres with fewer people, just to remain profitable. As a reminder to our readers, farming is a business, and unless farms remain profitable, they cannot continue to produce crops. To this end, many decisions about the current crop were made several months ago. This included selecting seed corn based upon yield performance, collecting soils samples and amending soil fertility to optimize growth, and simply deciding how many acres could be planted based upon price and cost projections that change daily.

above the soil within a 24-hour period. If cool temperatures prevail, germination is delayed and corn seed will struggle to arise uniformly. This inconsistency reduces corn yield by 8-10%, as the earliest plants to arise will out compete late comers.

When corn plants reach the V-7 stage (plant has 7 leaves), the number of kernel rows around the cob become set. Any significant stress at this period (wet, dry, fertility) can decrease the number of kernels rows, which can have a large impact on yield potential. Around this V-7 stage, growers will begin to apply additional nitrogen fertilizer and provide additional weed control. This may sound simple, but this may be the last opportunity growers have to affect yield. Nitrogen fertilizer is essential to optimal growth and yield potential. However, if heavy rains occur early in the growing season, large amounts of nitrogen that was applied before planting, and nitrogen naturally available within the soil, could be lost to leaching and denitrification (microbes release nitrogen into the atmosphere when soil oxygen is low). If growers do not account for these potential losses, corn plants will run out of nitrogen later in the season resulting in reduction in yield. Similarly, weeds compete for water, sunlight, and nutrients and must be controlled to produce a profitable yield. If weeds out compete young corn plants early in the season, as much as 50% of the yield potential can be lost and never recovered.

Unique to 2026, is the current shortage of nitrogen and its increasing price. As the conflict in the Persian Gulf creates a choke hold on supply chains, growers are uncertain if current available nitrogen stocks will be sufficient to finish this year's crop.

Once plants reach the VT tassel stage (tassels are male flowers at the top of corn plants), corn plants are sufficiently tall to shade out most weed competition. Plant height

also limits most field activity as ground equipment can no longer transverse the crop without damage. From this point forward, the corn crop is subject to mother nature and farmers can only hope that their preparations early in the season will support a robust plant that can endure environmental stress until harvest. However, once harvest arrives farmers must still compete with hurricanes, as they rush to harvest corn before storms degrade grain quality or reduce yield from wind damage and flooding.

Unfortunately, the past two years have seen high temperatures and drought conditions persist through tasseling and silking, resulting in lower-than-average yields. While the current long-range forecast calls for warmer than average temperatures and higher than average rainfall, there is always uncertainty as to when these conditions will arrive and how much stress it will place upon the crop.

From this brief article, I hope readers understand that successful corn production in Pamlico County is about overcoming challenges, whether financial or climatic. Please recognize that 2026 will be a challenging year for growers, and optimism needs to be encouraged.

For more information on corn production or other crops in Pamlico County, you can contact Daniel Simpson, Agricultural Extension Agent, at 252-745-4121 or Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.



Once planting has begun, corn seed is placed into the ground to a depth of about 2 inches. From this moment onward, mother nature dictates how the season unfolds. For optimal germination to occur, corn seeds need adequate moisture and the accumulation of a specific number of hours of warm temperatures above 50 degrees. With sufficient temperatures, most of the seeds planted will germinate within 5-7 days after planting and rise uniformly

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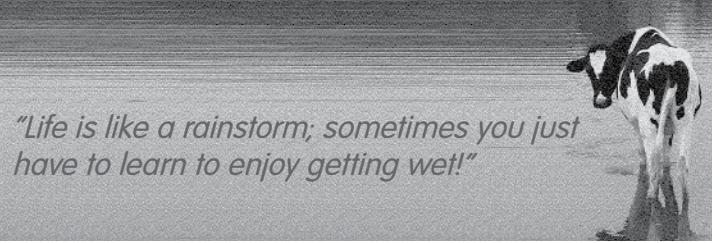
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Spring Rabies Clinic

by: Hiram Lupton

Last Saturday was National Love Your Pet Day and quite a few folks showed some love to their pets by heading out to the Pamlico County Health Department – Animal Services’ Spring Rabies Clinic held behind the courthouse in Bayboro. Berkley Hill, Animal Services officer, reported that 101 rabies vaccinations were administered and 26 animals received microchips. Special thanks to Dr Sherri Hicks of Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital for administering vaccines.



Berkley Hill inserts a microchip



Dr. Sherri Hicks gives a rabies vaccine



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Heritage Homes Tour: Homes That Witnessed the Birth of America Unique Homes, Music, & More! May 1-2

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The 2026 self-guided tour includes very exceptional homes in the Downtown and Riverside Historic Districts, ranging from glorious to cozy, and everything in between. These are family homes with rich stories that illustrate New Bern's amazing history. Add creative floral arrangements, live music, gardens in bloom, artists at work, historical churches and you'll enjoy a very special day.

New Bern Historical Society's Executive Director, Anthony Giardino explains, "Our annual Homes Tour dates back to 1967, and we are proud to continue this tradition each year. Come see these beautiful homes and learn more about New Bern's rich history – your support allows us to continue our great mission!"

In addition to remarkable homes, you'll enjoy the melodies of 12 local musicians. Your day will be full! Your map, which is your ticket, will guide you to all these delights. You can find a map of all the sites and a list of all the musicians at <https://newbernhistorical.org/homes-tour/>

Tickets, good for both days, are available at www.NewBernHistorical.org/tickets, by calling 252-638-8558, or by visiting the New Bern Historical Society at 511 Broad St. in New Bern. Tickets are also available at Mitchell Hardware, 215 Craven Street; Harris Teeter, 3565 MLK Blvd.; and Harris Teeter, Carolina Colours. Tickets are \$22 for adults through April 30. Beginning May 1 adults are \$24. Active-duty military and family members, students under 23, and Historical Society members are \$18. Groups of more than 10 are \$18 each.

Thanks go to Title Sponsor for the 2026 Heritage Homes Tour, the Neuse River Region Association of Realtors; Media Sponsors WCTI News Channel 12, Fox Eastern Carolina and Public Radio East; and all the many sponsors, volunteers, musicians and homeowners who make this event possible.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.



The Coor Gaston House built in 1774 and the Brinson Fulshire House built in 1756 are 2 of the 10 homes on this year's tour. Photos from previous Heritage Homes Tours



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Gatlin Creek Community Center Car Show



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- Johnny Cash, "One Piece at a Time"
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Lonely old barn – Near Arapahoe

Photo by: Hiram Lupton

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Surviving seasonal allergies

Rising temperatures and the reemergence of wildlife make spring a popular time of year. But the blooming flowers and blossoming trees of spring may not be a wonder to behold for seasonal allergy sufferers. Trees, flowers and grasses are ripe with pollen this time of year, which can produce a bevy of symptoms for people with seasonal allergies.



The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America says more than 106 million people in the United States have allergies and/or asthma. Coping with allergies often comes down to a multi-pronged approach that may involve medication and lifestyle changes.

The Mayo Clinic says that oral antihistamines (particularly non-drowsy, second-generation options) combined with nasal steroid sprays can reduce inflammation and congestion and alleviate sneezing, itchy noses and eyes. Decongestants can offer temporary relief of nasal congestion, while saline nasal sprays and rinses can help wash out pollen and mucus.

Individuals can modify their activities by avoiding the outdoors when allergens are very high. When coming in from outdoors, remove clothing and launder it right away to keep allergens from transferring to furniture and bedding. When pollen counts are high, windows and doors should remain shut and HVAC systems should be run with a fresh filter to help mitigate any allergens already in the air. Allergy sufferers also can look into a HEPA room air filter to clear indoor air even more.

Should over-the-counter options and lifestyle changes prove ineffective, seek medical advice. This is especially true if allergies cause intense sinus pressure, difficulty breathing or wheezing. Long-term or prescription treatments like immunotherapy could be the next step to find relief. TF265850

Health & Wellness



Small Choices Today Can Help Save Lives Tomorrow

Lavender is more than a calming color. Each April, it serves as the visual symbol of National Cancer Prevention Month, a reminder that awareness, education, and prevention can make a measurable difference in cancer outcomes. The lavender ribbon represents hope, resilience, and the growing understanding that many cancers are not inevitable. In fact, research consistently shows that up to half of cancer cases may be preventable through lifestyle changes, early detection, and access to preventive care.

Second-Leading Killer in U.S.

Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Understanding where the burden is greatest helps focus prevention efforts.

The top 10 cancers in the United States by estimated new cases include:

1. Breast
2. Prostate
3. Lung and bronchus
4. Colorectal
5. Melanoma of the skin
6. Bladder
7. Kidney (renal cell and pelvis)
8. Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
9. Endometrial
10. Pancreatic

When looking at cancer-related deaths, lung cancer remains the leading cause, followed by colorectal, pancreatic, breast, and prostate cancers. While survival rates have improved for many cancer types, these numbers underscore the importance of prevention and early diagnosis.

The top 10 cancer types account for more than 1.5 million estimated new cases yearly and cause over 380,000 deaths. All cancer deaths in the U.S. top 613,000, the second-leading cause of death behind heart disease.

Prevention Starts with Understanding

Many of these cancers share common risk factors, which is why National Cancer Prevention Month focuses heavily on education and behavior change. Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of cancer, linked not only to lung cancer but also to cancers of the mouth, throat, bladder, pancreas, and more. Diet, physical inactivity, excess alcohol consumption, and prolonged sun exposure also contribute significantly to cancer risk. Prevention efforts emphasize balanced, plant-forward diets, regular physical activity, limiting alcohol, protecting skin from UV exposure, and maintaining a healthy weight.

Screenings Can Catch Issues Early

Screenings and vaccinations are equally critical. Early detection through mammograms, colonoscopies, cervical cancer screening, and lung cancer screening for high-risk individuals can identify cancer

before symptoms appear, when treatment is often more effective.

The prospect of visiting a hospital or surgery center, cost and privacy concerns, and physical discomfort during the preparation or procedure can all be potential drawbacks. However, any concern is worth knowing that you are cancer-free or have caught it early, when treatments are more likely to be successful.

Vaccines for human papillomavirus (HPV) and hepatitis B prevent infections that can lead to cervical, liver, and other cancers, making them powerful tools in long-term prevention strategies.

Underserved Communities Face Additional Challenges

Preventing cancer isn't a primary concern for those who struggle to put food on the table, access a job or keep the utilities paid. Language barriers and cultural differences can also be issues. For those facing social and economic barriers that make prevention more difficult, trusted community resources can help bridge the gap.

Services such as 211 connect people to local assistance for food, housing, transportation, utility support and health services, while platforms like Findhelp allow users to search by ZIP code for free or low-cost resources tailored to their needs. Federal resources include Medicare and Medicaid for eligible individuals, SNAP benefits (food stamps), and WIC for pregnant/postpartum people and young children. Public health agencies and community-based organizations often partner to address nonclinical factors that influence cancer risk, such as access to nutritious food and reliable transportation for screenings. Don't overlook local transit agencies and health systems/clinics that may have programs for high-need people.

Proper Nutrition Can Reduce Risk

Nutrition is another growing focus in cancer prevention education. Many organizations and healthcare systems now share short educational videos on platforms like YouTube that highlight the role of whole foods, fiber-rich diets, and reduced consumption of processed foods in lowering cancer risk. For those who have been diagnosed with cancer, nutrition during cancer treatment can be a critical factor in successful treatment.

Prevention Starts with Empowerment

National Cancer Prevention Month invites everyone to participate. Wearing lavender, sharing credible information, scheduling recommended screenings, and supporting healthier habits at home and at work are simple but meaningful steps.

Prevention is not about eliminating risk entirely, but about empowering individuals and communities with knowledge and access that can reduce cancer cases and save lives.

The more a person's skin burns...

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, skin damage builds up over time, beginning with a person's very first sunburn. The more a person's skin burns, the greater his or her risk for skin cancer becomes. The SCF notes that the same ultraviolet (UV) rays that damage skin alter a tumor-suppressing gene. That alteration gives injured cells a smaller window to repair before a tumor becomes cancerous. Five or more sunburns in a lifetime doubles a person's risk for melanoma, which can be deadly. That cumulative effect underscores the need to emphasize skin protection methods, such as wearing sunscreen and avoiding exposure to the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.





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File No.: 25E001080-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to HOPE BRYANT, ADMINISTRATOR on or before JUNE 23, 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 25th OF MARCH 2026

ESTATE OF TRELIS BRYANT MOORE
C/O HOPE BRYANT
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Publish MARCH 25 AND APRIL 1, 8 AND 15, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Daniel Spruill Robinston aka Daniel Spruill Robinston, Sr., deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., File No.: 26E000046 are notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before June 25, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This 25th day of March 2026.

Daniel Spruill Robinston, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Daniel Spruill Robinston aka Daniel Spruill Robinston, Sr., deceased
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1) March 25, 2026
2) April 1, 2026
3) April 8, 2026
4) April 15, 2026

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF TIM D. WALL

File No.: 26E000043-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ANGELA W. BOATWRIGHT, EXECUTOR on or before JUNE 30, 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 EXECUTOR.

This 1ST OF APRIL 2026

ESTATE OF TIM D. WALL
C/O ANGELA W. BOATWRIGHT
415 STOKLEY COURT
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Publish APRIL 1, 8,15 AND 22, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY

The undersigned, Laura Alison Miller Stanbrough, having qualified on March 17, 2026, as Administratrix of the Estate of Gary Nelson Stanbrough, late of Pamlico County, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of White & Allen, P.A., 901 College Court, New Bern, North Carolina 28562, on or before July 1, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to Laura Alison Miller Stanbrough, Administratrix, in care of White & Allen, P.A., 901 College Court, New Bern, North Carolina 28562.

This the 1st day of April, 2026.

Laura Alison Miller Stanbrough, Administratrix, of the Estate of Gary Nelson Stanbrough
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901 College Court
New Bern, North Carolina 28562

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ALTON BRADFORD HOLMES
File No.: 26E000005-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JOANN HOLMES, EXECUTOR on

or before JULY 7, 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 EXECUTOR.

This 8TH OF APRIL 2026

ESTATE OF ALTON BRADFORD HOLMES
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF CLIFTON EARL GASKILL
File No.: 26E000067-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to CLIFTON EARL GASKILL, JR., EXECUTOR on or before JULY 14, 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 EXECUTOR.

This 15TH OF APRIL 2026

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Publish APRIL 15, 22, 29 AND MAY 6, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF FOREST HOWARD WILLIAMS, JR
File No.: 26E000065-680

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This 15TH OF APRIL 2026

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File No.: 26E000064-680

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ESTATE OF MARJORIE ANNE LIMBURNER
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GERARD CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE
File No.: 26E000069-680

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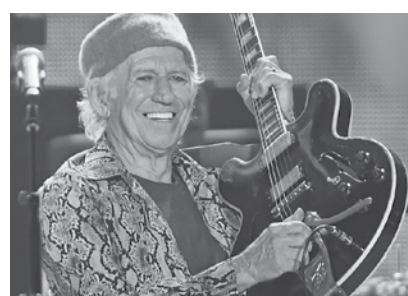
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Everyone talks about rock these days; the problem is they forget about the roll.
– Keith Richards

AROUND THE COUNTY

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



The Last of Its Kind

There are places that don't announce themselves as important. They don't sit behind glass or carry plaques. They just exist—day after day—doing what they've always done, until one day they don't.

Kretchel's Feed Mill in Grantsboro is one of those places.

For years it stood as more than just a business. It was a stop along the road where conversations happened without hurry. Where work was understood without needing explanation. Where the rhythm of the day felt tied to something older than most of us can remember.

You could walk in and feel it.

Not just the age of the wood or the dust that settles where it always has, but something quieter—something steady. The kind of place where time didn't seem to move quite as fast, even as everything around it did.

Men like Mr. O.A. Kretchel and Edward didn't need to explain any of that. They simply lived it. Day in and day out, keeping things moving in a way that didn't call attention to itself, but mattered more than most realized.

In a world that's constantly being replaced, places like this don't disappear all at once. They fade slowly, often without notice, until someone stops long enough to realize what's being lost.

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend time there—not as a customer, but as someone trying to understand it before it's gone. To walk through each building, to listen, and to document what remains.

Not just the structures, but the feeling of them.

Because when a place like this closes, it's not just a set of doors that shut. It's a piece of the community's memory that becomes harder to reach.

We don't always recognize those moments while we're in them. It's only later, when something is gone, that we start to understand what it meant.

That's what led me to create something from that time, not to recreate it, because that's not possible, but to preserve a small part of it as it was. That effort took the form of a handmade book, built from the photographs and the stories gathered along the way, meant to be held onto by those closest to it.

There are people in this county who remember when businesses like this weren't rare. When they were part of everyday life. When knowing the person behind the counter mattered as much as what you came in to buy.

Kretchel's Mill is a reminder of that time.

And as it prepares to close, it becomes something else as well, a marker. Not just of what once was, but of how quickly those things can slip away if we don't pay attention.

We can't hold onto everything. Change is part of it, whether we like it or not.

But we can choose to notice.

We can choose to remember.

And sometimes, if we're willing, we can choose to preserve just enough of it so that it isn't completely lost.



Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



Ever since Easter the farmers have been harrowing the ground in preparation for planting their crops. The sea gulls love it. They follow the tractors in much the same way as they follow the ferry, looking for a tasty treat. In the fields, it is probably worms but following the ferry they might have a seafood dinner or bread that is fed them by travelers riding the ferry. They are always a wonderful sight to see regardless of where they flock.

Spring has sprung. Flowers, trees, and the grass are all blooming and everywhere things are beginning to show green. Of course, it also means mowing lawns and weed eating. It seems we are past the days of heavy pollen and that is a blessing to those with allergies. We planted one tomato plant the day after Easter, because my mother always said, don't plant your garden until after Easter. She was one of the best farmers I ever knew, of course, she had my daddy, a tractor mechanic, to keep our old Farmall Cub running.

The weather is supposed to be hot and dry this week, so now I am concerned that this next week of dry weather and hot days will not be good for new plants.

As you know this edition of the Pamlico News will go out on April 15. That is tax day, and I cut it close this year, got mine done this past Saturday.

Pamlico Christian Academy is planning to read the entire Bible out loud during the week of April 20-25.

PCA respectfully invites you to participate in a special week of Bible reading as we seek to read all 1,189 chapters of Scripture aloud from April 20-25, concluding with the final chapters on April 25.

This project reflects our conviction that the Word of God is the foundation of all learning. We believe this week of reading will serve three important purposes:

To honor God's Word as central to all we do at PCA.

To unite the body of Christ across our community in a shared spiritual effort.

To prepare our hearts for the dedication of our new campus phase as we build upon the foundation of Scripture.

Following the example of Ezra in Nehemiah 8, we pray that this reading of Scripture will lead to worship, conviction, and joy as God's people hear and respond to His Word.

Reading will take place throughout our campus, with the primary location in the PCA chapel. Guests are welcome to come during the afternoon hours after school, check in at the front desk, and receive directions to their assigned reading location. Groups are also welcome to come and participate together, and we would be glad to accommodate church groups, small groups, classes, or ministry teams throughout the week. If you or members of your church would like to participate, please register here: PCA Bible Read Thru SignUp Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A-4FAAAB2AA3FEC43-63464268-pcabible>

We would be honored by your partnership in this endeavor and grateful for your prayers and participation.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Tommy Lupton (4/13), Zeffie Roberts (4/14), JoAnn Kelleher (4/16), Maria Machle (4/17), Chris Machle (4/18), Shannon Ellenberg (4/22), April Dawn Edwards (4/23), Serenity Henries (4/24), Justin Rodgers (4/28), Amy Smith (4/29) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30). Celebrating their anniversary in April are Tillie & Zeffie Roberts (4/14).

Have a blessed week. Knowledgeable? Take Spiritual Vitamin K. "Know this that the Lord is God, it is He that made us and not we ourselves." (Psalms 100:3)

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Bee Diary:

The primary hive is fully staged for its new residents. Inside, I've created a diverse start for the colony, featuring a frame of honey for instant energy alongside drawn comb for immediate egg laying and food storage, a dedicated drone frame to satisfy their spring reproductive drive, and waxed foundations frames for expansion. To ensure I'm ready to monitor their progress, the temperature/humidity sensor and cellular hub have been providing uninterrupted data for over a week.

A Chuck-will's-widow is back calling in the dark nearby. A Mockingbird sang its heart out one night next to the neighbor's streetlight. They'll do that on full moons also. The raccoons are still about wreaking havoc on neighborhood trash cans.

It's been a spectacular year for the Azaleas. I hate that their season is so short. It appears that the butterflies are more numerous and early this year. Hummingbirds showed up exactly three days earlier than last year and I'm up to two so far.

Tony Fair is now a full time independent appliance repair resource. He's worked successfully on my washer and refrigerator. Give him a call at 652-631-0430.

There's going to be a delicious chicken dinner fundraiser sponsored by The Aurora Women's Club on May 2. It begins at

noon until sold out (\$10 a plate) at The Fresh Anointing Worship Center on Hwy 33.

Aurora Yard of the Month will begin May 1. Hoped to do it earlier but a bad back got in the way.



My Photo of the Week is of a secretive Pine Warbler making a rare appearance at the feeder. Normally I hear them up in the pines.

Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



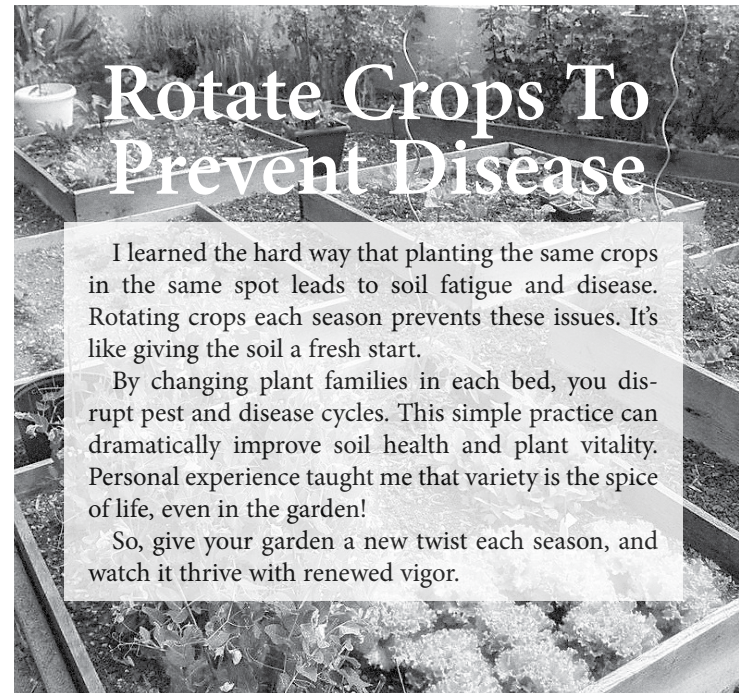
Greetings from Vandemere!

It's been a quieter week in Town, but sometimes those are the best ones. We've been treated to beautiful weather, perfect for enjoying everything Vandemere has to offer. The water has been especially lively, with kayaks, sailboats, and motorboats all taking advantage of the sunshine.

Gardens are continuing to grow as residents take full advantage of the season, planting and tending to what will soon be a summer harvest.

It's always great to see our community embracing the outdoors and the simple joys that make Vandemere so special.

We hope everyone continues to enjoy this stretch of great weather and finds time to get outside, whether on the water or in the garden. Check out and see what Vandemere is all about at www.vandemerenc.com.



Rotate Crops To Prevent Disease

I learned the hard way that planting the same crops in the same spot leads to soil fatigue and disease. Rotating crops each season prevents these issues. It's like giving the soil a fresh start.

By changing plant families in each bed, you disrupt pest and disease cycles. This simple practice can dramatically improve soil health and plant vitality. Personal experience taught me that variety is the spice of life, even in the garden!

So, give your garden a new twist each season, and watch it thrive with renewed vigor.

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Town of Vandemere, NC

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Vandemere will hold a Public Hearing on May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall to receive public comment on the proposed adoption of Chapter 6 – Property Maintenance and Environmental Health of the Town's General Code of Ordinances.

The proposed Chapter includes regulations related to minimum housing standards, non-residential building standards, property maintenance, pest and rodent control, sanitation, illegal dumping, junked and abandoned vehicles and boats, and the condemnation and removal of abandoned and dilapidated dwellings.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at Town Hall during regular business hours and online at www.vandemerenc.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE


TEMPORARY CHANGE OF WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

From April 15, 2026, through June 1, 2026, the Pamlico County Water Department will change its drinking water disinfectant from chloramines to chlorine. The purpose of this change, which occurs annually, is to help ensure a high level of disinfection in our community's network of water mains.

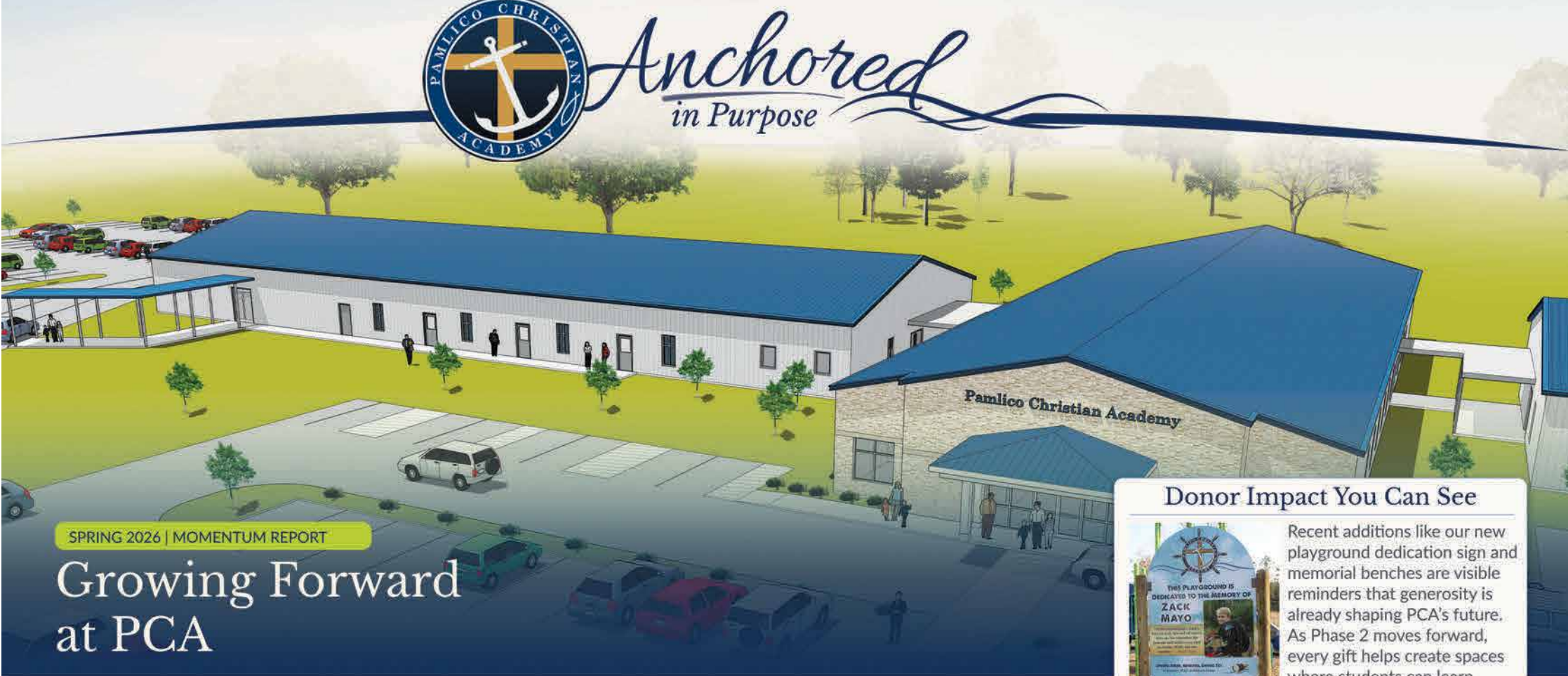
In an effort to maintain compliance with the disinfection by-product requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) the Pamlico County Water System utilizes chloramination at its water treatment facilities. Chloramination is the controlled application of ammonia to chlorination, which does not react with naturally occurring organic material in the source water to form disinfection by-products currently regulated by the SDWA.

Water systems that utilize chloramination must periodically return to the free chlorine process. This change provides additional assurance that the proper disinfection of water in the system is maintained.

Most customers probably will not detect the difference; however, those with a keen sense of taste or smell may detect a slight chlorine odor in the water during this period. This would be due to the presence of residual chlorine rather than odorless residual chloramines.



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Recent additions like our new playground dedication sign and memorial benches are visible reminders that generosity is already shaping PCA's future. As Phase 2 moves forward, every gift helps create spaces where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

A Season of Growth Across Campus





Spring Sports in Motion

Girls softball, boys volleyball, golf, and shooting team are all in season. With golf and shooting newly added to the lineup, PCA continues widening the path for students to grow in skill, discipline, teamwork, and confidence.




Academic Excellence on Display


Science Fair winners shined across both Upper and Lower School and PCA's Envirothon teams are moving on to the state competition later this month. From research to presentation, students continue to lead with curiosity, preparation, and focus.



Community Connection

Daddy Daughter was a joyful success, Grandparents Breakfast wrapped up as a cherished Lower School tradition, ServeENC is underway, and the new Mother & Son event creates another meaningful invitation for families and neighbors to connect with PCA.

Community Event



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A mother and son relationship is one of life's sweetest gifts, and this special community event is designed to celebrate it. Our Mother & Son evening offers a chance to slow down, share a meal, enjoy fun activities, and create memories together in a meaningful way. It is more than just an event on the calendar – it is an opportunity to be present, to laugh, to play, and to enjoy this season of life while it is here. Whether your son is little or growing up faster than you would like, time spent together is always worth making. We look forward to welcoming families from our community for a night that celebrates connection, joy, and the value of simply being together.

Phase 2 Needs Bold Partners



Major giving, naming, and partnership opportunities are available.

A Campus Vision

Building the Future of PCA - Together. Phase by Phase.

As student opportunity grows, so does the need for space, momentum, and long-term support. Phase 2 is the next step in building a campus designed to serve students well for years to come.

For corporate donors, philanthropic partners, and community investors, this is an opportunity to invest in visible momentum and help build what comes next for PCA students and families.

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- Expand educational opportunity in our community
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What consumers can do to support local farmers

A strong agricultural sector is vital to a healthy economy. Turbulence has affected local and national economies in recent years, and the global economy has endured its own ups and downs during that span.

Though there's no one-size-fits-all solution to economic struggles, consumers can make a difference by supporting local agricultural producers. A 2022 report from researchers at Maryville University indicated roughly 10 percent of workers across the United States were employed in the agricultural sector, which the report also noted contributes \$7 trillion annually to the national economy. Job creation and economic output are two major reasons to support local farmers, and consumers can do that in various ways.

- Shop local. The shop local movement can make a notable impact on local economies, and it affects more businesses than brick-and-mortar stores on Main Street. Locally owned restaurants and grocers often source their foods from local farmers, so patronizing such businesses supports those who set up shop on Main Street as well as the farmers who stock their shelves and pantries.

- Purchase seasonal foods. The organization Green America, which offers advice on how environmental sustainability produces stronger economies, notes that purchasing seasonal foods is a great way to support local farmers. Farmers grow seasonal foods throughout the year to take advantage of natural conditions. Consumers who alter their purchasing habits with the seasons by buying foods that are in-season are likely supporting local agricultural producers. Read product labels to determine where foods are coming from. Non-seasonal foods are likely imported from far away, which has a detrimental impact on the environment and local economies.

- Buy directly from local farms. Most consumers purchase their food from grocery stores near their homes, but it might be possible to purchase directly from local farmers. Farmers may utilize e-commerce tools to sell directly to local residents, and might even offer delivery services that are more convenient than driving to the nearest chain grocery store.

- Act as an advocate for local producers. Consumers have considerable power, and that power can be exercised in numerous ways. Supporting restaurants that source foods from local farmers is one way consumers can exercise their power. But consumers also can advocate for local farmers by supporting legislation and candidates that prioritize building and supporting a strong local agricultural sector. Consumers also can advocate for local farmers by sharing their experiences via social media, word-of-mouth recommendations or writing positive reviews through aggregators like Google Reviews.

A thriving agricultural sector benefits local economies, and consumers can do much to support the farmers who operate in their towns.



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