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## Special Olympics Volunteers Needed for Special Olympics

Special Olympics Pamlico County will host its Spring Games on May 7 at the PCHS track/football field. Spring Games Opening Ceremony will take place at 9AM, followed by competition. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the events of the day, supporting the organization's mission of providing sports training and competition to children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Roughly 30 Special Olympics athletes from 5 schools and the community will compete in events such as standing long jump, running long jump, track and field events, softball throw and relay events.

For more information on volunteering or attending Spring Games, please contact Jessie Aldridge, Special Olympics Pamlico County Local Program Coordinator, at pamlico@sonc.net.

**About Special Olympics North Carolina**  
 Since 1968, the organization has used the transformative power of sports to improve the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Nearly 40,000 athletes in North Carolina inspire thousands of coaches, sports officials, local program committee members and event organizers involved in Special Olympics statewide. SONC offers year-round training and competition in 20 Olympic-type sports on local and state levels as well as health and wellness initiatives to improve the health status and increase access to community health resources for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Youth become agents of change through Unified Champion Schools, an education and sports-based program created by Special Olympics to build an inclusive environment among youth with and without intellectual disabilities as well as empower them to become youth leaders and create change in their community. Engage with us on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.

## New School Construction Enters Homestretch

by: Hiram Lupton



Interior of the new school



Lot grading behind the new school and the water tank needed for the new school's modern fire suppression system

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## Hurricane Softball

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## New York High School Students Visit Pamlico

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County welcomed some special visitors all the way from New York City last week. Ten students and two teachers/advisors from Elizabeth Irwin High School in Manhattan were in the County with more than sightseeing on their docket. The student group, all members of the high school's Junior class, were here to learn about aspects and challenges of rural health. Their visit, hosted by Imagine Pamlico, included stops at the Pamlico County Disaster Recovery Coalition, the Pamlico County Health Department, and Bayboro Pharmacy where they gathered valuable perspectives on rural health care.

Students from New York City's Elizabeth Irwin High School along with Imagine Pamlico's Bob Fuller.



## Broughton to Play at William Peace University

by: Hiram Lupton



Pamlico County High School baseball player Ayden Broughton made it official last Friday as he signed to continue his athletic and academic career at the next level. Broughton, who pitches and plays third base for the Hurricanes, will take his talent to William Peace University in Raleigh to play for the Chargers. Ayden was joined by his mother Cali, dad Christopher, and younger brother Liam, other family members, teammates, coaches and friends for the event held at Pamlico County High School. This summer you can also catch Ayden further sharpening his baseball skills playing in collegiate league baseball for the New Bern Southpaws. Congratulations Ayden!

## STEAM Night at the Pamlico County Public Library

by: Hiram Lupton

Last Thursday was a big evening at the Pamlico County Public Library as they presented their first Curiosity in Motion: Family STEAM Night. STEAM stands for Science Technology Engineering Art Math and there was ample amounts of all of that with the primary subject of something that is all around us, water. The North Carolina Aquarium was on hand with education and experiments in water testing. There was fun art from Broad Strokes Gallery, a Craft Station, Bridge building which incorporated engineering, and fun math with the Girls Who Code Club. All this plus the Funnels of Love food truck to keep you fed. A great evening of fun learning about an essential of life, water. If you haven't checked out your Pamlico County Public Library, stop by sometime, you'll be glad you did.



## NJROTC Recognition, Promotion, and Change in Command Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton



- Senior Cadets

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## Library Has New Sign

by: Hiram Lupton

Thanks to a very generous, anonymous donor, there is something brand new at the Pamlico County Public Library, an electronic sign.

## Library Job Fair

by: Hiram Lupton

If you are looking for employment whether it be full-time or part-time, a new career or a retirement gig, the Pamlico County Public Library was the place to be last Wednesday as they hosted a job fair. Nearly twenty-five different businesses and groups were set up seeking the right person to meet their needs, including many potential employers from right here in Pamlico County. The NC Works mobile employment center was also there with job listings from all over the state. If part of your employment plan is starting your own business, you were covered too. Katie Shorter from Pamlico Community College's Small Business Center was there to show you all they had to offer. A great day to find a job and get to work.



HELLO  
May

### LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, May 2nd **63°Hi** Cloudy with periods of rain

Sunday, May 3rd **67°Hi** Partly cloudy skies

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## SECU scholarships

Four Pamlico Community College students were honored recently by State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) and PCC leaders for receiving \$5,000 SECU People Helping People Scholarships in 2024 and 2025. One of the 2025 recipients, Tara Nunn, was not able to attend. Pictured, from left on the front row, are 2024 recipient Savannah Torres, 2025 recipient Megan Troutner, Vice President of the SECU Grantsboro branch Margaret Alphin, and 2024 recipient Ashli Bryant. On the back row are, from left, PCC Director of Admissions/Recruiter Shellie Saxby, PCC Vice President of Financial Services Lee Tillman, PCC Vice President of Student Services Jamie D. Gibbs, PCC President Zac Schnell, and PCC Vice President of Instructional Services Neil Callahan. Contributed photo

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**Linda Hoff**  
Broker

*Here's what one of Linda's customers had to say...*

I just wanted to give a shout out to Mariner Realty and your staff, especially Linda Hoff, on the sale of our home in Oriental. Linda was great and always followed up on information as it became available. I wouldn't have made it through the process without her. Thanks again, we will be back; we love this town!

Pam, VA



**NEW BERN** – Fairwinds 2BR/2BA Condo in Fairfield Harbor. Open floor plan, screened deck and open deck, roof replaced last year. Community boat dock, pool, golf course, and restaurant. **OFFERED AT \$202,000**



**GRANTSBORO** – Unrestricted 1.57 acre mini-farm, 1,792 hsf, 3BR/2.5BA with heated and cooled 2-car garage, detached workshop, detached poultry barn w/outside fencing & a carriage barn. **OFFERED AT \$279,500**



**ARAPAHOE** – Unobstructed lakeview and golf course frontage, 3BR/2BA not in a flood zone, no HOA dues. Lifetime metal roof w/ gutters & leaf guards, Anderson double-hung windows & patio door. One-car finished garage w/ attached golf cart garage. Detached workshop and detached storage building. **OFFERED AT \$345,000**



**NEW BERN** – Handicapped-accessible, waterfront 2BR/2BA fully-furnished condo in Oriental Harbor Place. Community pool, air-conditioned commercial elevator. **OFFERED AT \$349,500**



**ORIENTAL** – Spacious 3BR/2BA on 1.62 acres in Sail/Loft community. **OFFERED AT \$445,000**



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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- April 29th – Today is National Zipper Day.
- April 30th – 1803, The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France. It was roughly 530 million acres for \$15 million.
- May 1st – 1952, Production of Mr. Potato Head began
- May 2nd – Today is World Naked Gardening Day. Be careful trimming that bush and cutting those twigs. Briars and thorns can make for a prickly situation.
- May 3rd – 1802, Washington DC was incorporated as a city.
- May 4th – Today is Star Wars Day. May the force be with you.
- May 5th – Today is Cinco de Mayo. It is also Taco Tuesday. Guess what I'm eating.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 29th – 1933, Willie Nelson
- April 29th – 1951, NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt
- April 30th – 19??, Outstanding Pamlico Citizen Cynthia Delamar
- May 3rd – 1933, The Godfather of Soul, James Brown
- May 3rd – 1975, Actress Christina Hendricks
- May 4th – 1989, Masters Golf Champion Rory McIlroy
- May 5th – 1942, Singer Tammy Wynette
- May 5th – 1988, Singer Adele Adkins



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,  
On May 1st the North Carolina Association of Educators is organizing a mass rally in Raleigh to support its “ Kids Over Corporations” campaign. They’re calling for better funded schools, and a halt to upcoming corporate tax cuts in North Carolina that could further reduce school funding.

Last week, the school boards for Chatham County Schools, Guilford County Schools and Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools voted to change their calendars to make it a teacher work-day or annual leave day. The school boards cited a large number of requests from educators for a personal day – so many requests that it would have been difficult to fill classes with substitute teachers.

The lack of a state budget has meant no teacher pay raises or new school funding this year, said NCAE's Vice President Bryan Proffitt. A 2025 report from the Education Law Center ranked NC dead last in the country for school funding effort. That metric takes into account how well a state funds its public education relative to that state's overall wealth. One shameful indication is that North Carolina ranks 43rd in teacher salary.

The rally on May 1st coincides with the May Day Strong actions that are taking place across the nation. Workers, students and families will rally, march and take action to demand a nation that puts workers over billionaires, with many people refusing business as usual through No School, No Work, No Shopping.

In Pamlico County we will be showing our support for teachers and workers at the Workers over Billionaires Rally on Friday, May 1st, from 3 to 5 PM at the corner of Hwy 55 and 306. Please join us, Pamlico Partners For Democracy and Pamlico Progressives Indivisible, Kathryn Garcia - Arapahoe

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– Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

## Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!

Come join others who have found a Solution!

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

**Meetings in Pamlico County:**

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

**Tuesday 8pm** - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)

**Thursday \*7:30pm\*\*** - Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)

**Friday 8pm** - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).

**Sunday \*7pm** – Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)

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# COMMUNITY

## Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, Correspondent



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Today I'm coming to you asking for help, if You've Got a Picture... I'd Love to See It

There's a version of Grantsboro that doesn't exist the way it used to. Not because it disappeared all at once... but because time has a way of quietly moving things along. One change here, one closing there, and before long what used to be everyday life becomes something we only remember if we remember it at all.

I've been thinking about that a lot lately. Not just the buildings, but the people. The places that used to stay busy. The ones that meant something to someone, even if they don't look like much now. The kind of places you don't always think to take a picture of while they're still here. It didn't seem important at the time. Until it is. Working on a recent project here in town, I was reminded just how much history doesn't live in books or records, it lives in people. In stories told across a table. In names that get brought up in conversation. And in photographs tucked away in drawers, albums, and old boxes that haven't been opened in years.

That's the part I don't want to lose. Because once those stories go, once those pictures fade or get tossed aside, that piece of Grantsboro goes with them. And there's no getting it back. So this isn't really an article as much as it is a simple question.

If you've got an old photograph of Grantsboro, whether it's a business, a building, a family gathering, or just something from everyday life, I'd love to see it. If you've got a story tied to this town, even if it feels small or incomplete, I'd love to hear that too. It doesn't have to be perfect. It doesn't have to be labeled or dated just right. Half the value is in what you remember about it.

My goal isn't to take anything away from you. It's to help preserve it. To document it in a way that lets it be seen, remembered, and maybe even passed down a little further than it might have otherwise. Whether that ends up as a photograph, a printed piece, or something more down the road, the intention stays the same, to make sure it doesn't just disappear quietly.

Small towns like ours aren't built on landmarks alone. They're built on people, on moments, on places that mattered in ways you can't always explain unless you were there. And more often than not, those are the things that never make the postcard. But they're the ones that matter most.

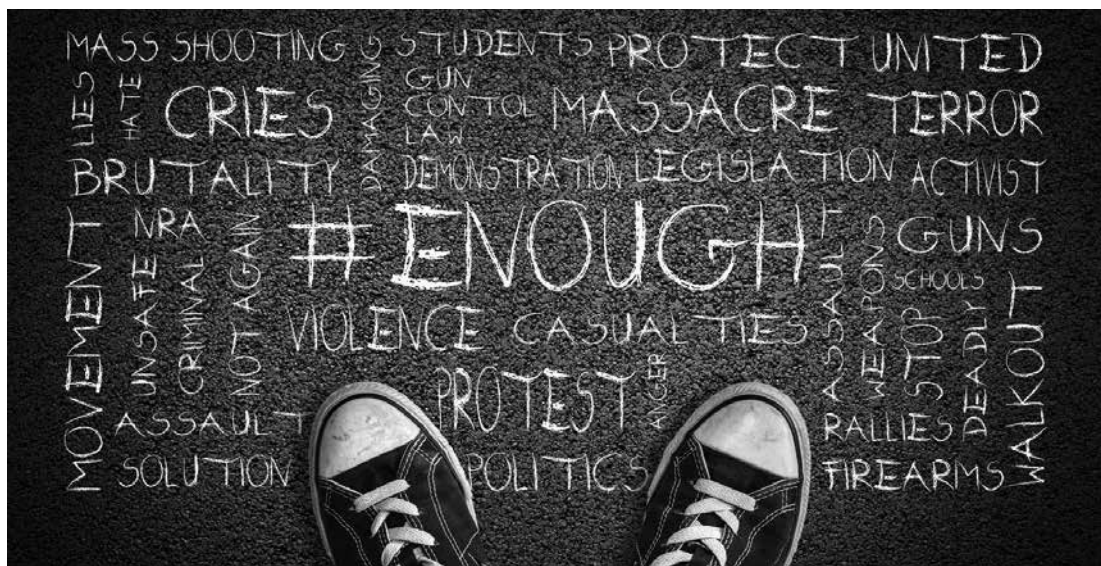
So if you've got something, an old picture, a memory, a name tied to a place, don't let it sit unseen. I'd love to help give it a little more life.

Because once it's gone...it's gone. Send anything to..

Jeff Roberts  
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## Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a growing concern in some areas of North America. According to Statistics Canada, in 2021 there were 127,082 victims of police-reported family violence (violence committed by a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or extended family member), a rate of 336 victims per 100,000 population. Data indicates this was the fifth consecutive year that domestic violence incidents rose in Canada. In addition, 114,132 individuals age 12 years and older were victims of intimate partner violence (violence committed by a current and former legally married spouse, common-law partner, dating partner, or other intimate partner). The National Domestic Violence Hotline indicates an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. That adds up to more than 12 million male and female victims in a single year. One in four women and one in seven men age 18 and older in the United States have been victims of domestic abuse in their lifetimes.



## Horoscopes



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, there's a secret that you have been holding on to and you are ready to let it go. It won't weigh you down anymore and you can finally focus fully on the future instead of the past.



**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, certain ground is tough for people to travel, but you have conviction and grit to get things done. You have a history of thriving when faced with adversity, and that's an asset.



**GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, keep an eye open for a challenge. When you are given an opportunity that will require for fullest and best effort, embrace it as an opportunity to fulfill your potential.



**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, keeping things pleasant and lighthearted is a talent of yours, but this week you might need to take a new approach. Work with others and listen to suggestions.



**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, you often are the life of the party, always ready to find something to do and be with other people. This week you might need to slow down and enjoy some alone time.



**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, you could be especially energized this week and feel the need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.



**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
The news that comes your way isn't what you had hoped, Libra. Roll with the punches and embrace the challenge. Soon there will be blue skies again and everything will settle.



**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, you will meet up with someone you haven't seen in a while and it will be like no time has passed whatsoever. Be prepared for a coincidental situation to bring you together.



**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
The universe will put you in touch with someone who is reputable and diligent, Sagittarius. This way you can both tackle what you need to get done reap the rewards of your hard work.



**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, a little competition never hurt anyone. Embrace an upcoming chance to see how you stack up. Give your best effort, as always.



**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
This is a good week to play things safe and keep your cards close to the vest, Aquarius. Consider each situation carefully before engaging.



**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, you are a sociable person and ready and willing to chat up others. This week you might not be up for any social interaction and prefer a few days of solitary time spent.

## TAURUS Traits & Overview

Taurus, the second sign of the zodiac and the ruler of the second house, is all about reward. Unlike the Aries love of the game, the typical Taurus personality loves the rewards of the game. Think physical pleasures and material goods, for those born under this sign revel in delicious excess. This zodiac sign is also tactile, enjoying a tender, even sensual, touch.

Taurus zodiac sign adores comfort and likes being surrounded by pleasing, soothing things. Along these lines, they also favor a good meal and a fine wine. The good life in all its guises, whether it's the arts or art of their own making (yes, these folks are artistic as well), is heaven on Earth to the Taurus-born.

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# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## Emergency funds offer breathing room when it matters



Dan M. Roberts

Everyone needs an emergency fund. Financial experts recommend it, and we've all experienced surprise expenses: a costly car repair, a broken water heater or unexpected medical bills. Despite our best intentions, building a financial cushion can feel impossible. After rent or mortgage, groceries, utilities and everyday expenses, it seems there's nothing left to save.

If this sounds familiar, you're not alone. Many Americans struggle to maintain emergency savings. But building those savings doesn't necessarily require massive lifestyle changes or windfalls. With a strategic approach and realistic milestones, you can create the financial safety net you need.

Start small and build momentum. Traditional advice suggests saving three to six months of total expenses. It's excellent goal but can feel overwhelming when you're starting from zero.

Instead, begin with a more achievable target, such as \$500 or a full month's worth of expenses. The key is to get started and contribute consistently.

Even a few hundred dollars can provide meaningful protection and help you avoid relying on credit cards or high-interest loans. This initial milestone can cover many medium-sized emergencies. Once you reach the first milestone, work toward one and a half to two months of expenses, then the full three to six months.

Find money you didn't know you had. Building your emergency fund doesn't always require cutting expenses. If you're employed, set up automatic transfers from your paycheck into a separate savings account. Cancel subscriptions you rarely use, shop around for better insurance rates and take advantage of

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sales whenever you can.

Consider saving windfalls like tax refunds, work bonuses or birthday money. If your budgeted expenses come in lower than expected — perhaps your health care costs or home maintenance needs were less than anticipated this month — save the difference in your emergency fund.

Have a dedicated account for your fund. Keep your emergency savings in a separate account from your regular checking, so you're less tempted to use the money for non-emergencies. Choose an account that's easily accessible and without penalties and, while you shouldn't invest emergency money in stocks or bonds, look for an account that earns interest.

Balance competing priorities. Building an emergency fund is important, but it shouldn't come at the expense of other crucial financial goals. If you're carrying high-interest debt or missing out on your employer's retirement contribution matches, address those priorities first, while still building your emergency savings.

Ultimately, you'll want to balance your emergency fund with other goals. To determine an emergency savings target, consider your personal risk for unexpected expenses, your job security and family circumstances. You may need three to six months' worth of savings, or possibly some other amount. If this step feels overwhelming, ask a financial advisor to help you come up with a suitable plan.

The path to financial security requires progress rather than perfection. Begin where you are, use what you have and take one small step at a time. That first \$500 might feel modest, but it represents the freedom to handle whatever life throws your way.

### NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

## Cucumbers: A Refreshing Treat from the Garden

*(Taken from article written by Sam Marshall at <https://extensiongardener.ces.ncsu.edu/news/cucumbers-a-refreshing-treat-from-the-garden/>)*

Cucumbers are among the easiest and most delicious additions to the vegetable garden. Once the heat of summer rolls around, my refrigerator is well-stocked with cold cucumbers. Great in a salad, on a sandwich, or for making homemade pickles, cucumbers are a true pleasure in a summer garden.

### Getting started

As a warm-season plant, cucumbers ideally are planted when soil temperatures reach 75-85 . To determine when is the appropriate time to plant cucumbers in your area, refer to the Planting Calendars for Annual Vegetables, Fruits, and Herbs for western, central, or eastern North Carolina, respectively found at <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/garden-calendars/>. Cucumbers are sensitive to cold temperatures and can be killed with only a light frost. If you plant earlier than recommended, make sure that you have some way of protecting plants from freezing nighttime temperatures. Because of their fast growth rate and early fruit set, cucumber plants can be suitable for a fall garden as well.

One of the biggest considerations for cucumbers is space. As a vine, cucumbers take up a lot of space so ensure plants are spaced at least 8-10 inches apart. If you grow in limited space, cucumber plants can be trained to grow along a trellis or fence to prevent them from invading other areas of your garden. An ideal trellis is a minimum of 5-6 feet tall, with a top and bottom wire and a piece of twine or plastic tied between the two wires. This will provide a structure on which the cucumbers can grow. You want to ensure that your top wire is tight, as vines and fruits can become quite heavy when plants reach maturity.

Access to water is key! Because of shallow roots, cucumbers are susceptible to even slight drought conditions, more so than some other summer vegetables. Water soil evenly and to a depth of at least 6 inches. Watering cucumbers is even more critical during fruit set and development, so make sure your plants are not drying out during this time. Cucumbers typically reach maturity around 50-70 days depending on the variety and should be harvested when they are about two-three inches in length. If you wait too long, cucumbers will become oversized, turn yellow, and will have a bitter flavor. Instead of pulling directly from the vine, I cut fruits away from the plant with a sharp knife or pruning shears. Cucumbers are heavy producers, so the more you harvest, the more cucumbers you will have throughout the season.

### What varieties are available?

There are many varieties of cucumbers from which you can choose, and choosing the right one depends on how you use them. If you like fresh/slicing cucumbers, 'General Lee' is a variety with tough flesh and excellent disease resistance and matures in about 66 days. Another variety is 'Sweet Slice', a heavy producer with excellent disease resistance and a super sweet flavor. This variety is also 'burpless' and is a little more compact than 'General Lee.' 'Olympian' matures in about 55 days, and has good flavor and broad resistance to some foliar and root diseases.

If you prefer to pickle your cucumbers, choose varieties like 'Fancipak', 'Calypso', and 'Carolina'. The latter variety, 'Carolina' is a good producer with excellent disease resistance. There are many more interesting varieties, so have fun when selecting what you want to grow. There are some interesting varieties out there like 'Striped Armenian', 'Salt and Pepper', and 'Lemon' that would be interesting (and tasty additions) to the garden.



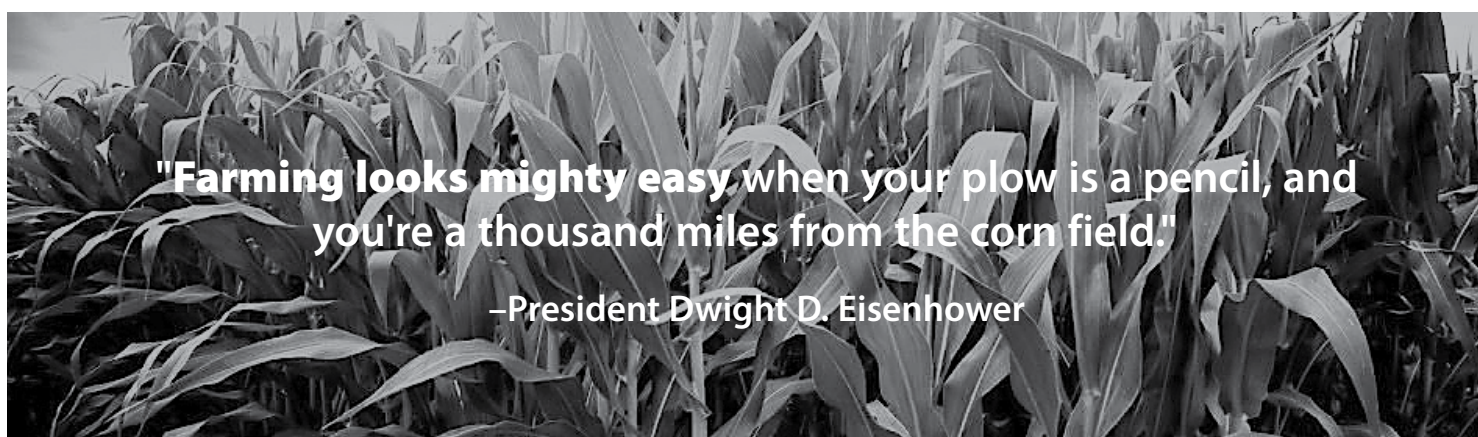
For limited space, bush or dwarf type cucumbers that produce compact vines are also available. Recommended varieties include 'NC-Danbury', NC-74, M 21, 'NC-Dixon', and 'Bush Whopper II'.

### Cucumber Problems

Misshapen fruit is a common occurrence with cucumbers and is often attributed to poor pollination or low fertility. A soil test can help in making necessary adjustments and planting pollinator friendly plants around your garden will draw in beneficial insects.

Diseases are probably the most common issue for cucumbers. Choose disease-resistant varieties and mitigate excessive leaf wetness. Growing cucumbers vertically will reduce some foliar disease issues. Additional disease information can be found at <https://plantpathology.ces.ncsu.edu/pp-vegetables/pp-vegetables-cucurbits/>. Cucumber beetles, squash vine borers, aphids, and mites can be pests of cucumbers. Early detection is critical to successfully manage pests. If you apply pesticides, NEVER apply when plants are in flower. Insects exposed to sub-lethal doses of insecticides can disrupt pollinator services in your garden. Additional insect pest information can be found at <https://entomology.ces.ncsu.edu/cucurbit-insect-management-in-north-carolina/>.

For more information on vegetable gardening, explore the NC Extension Gardener Handbook at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook> or contact Daniel Simpson at 252-745-4121 or [Daniel\\_simpson@ncsu.edu](mailto:Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu).



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## Middle School Athletics Track & Field

The Pamlico County Middle School Hurricanes hosted a conference Track and Field meet last Thursday with Grover C. Fields Middle School and West Craven Middle School as guests. Both the Hurricane girls and boys finished second in team results.



## Hurricane Baseball Pamlico Goes 3-0 for Week

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School baseball team had a busy, and successful, week. On Tuesday, conference rival Jones Senior came for a visit and both squads played well. Pamlico scored a first inning run and that was it until the fifth inning when they tacked on another run, and the sixth, when they added three more to seal up the 5-0 shutout win. Jeremiah Mitchell was on the mound for the Hurricanes, and he really didn't need anymore than that first inning run. The Junior was masterful, allowing only two hits and striking out thirteen. Pamlico wasn't exactly lighting it up at the plate, but they did enough with the big hit being an RBI triple off the bat of Ross McLamb. The next evening Pamlico welcomed Washington to Bayboro and once again it was Hurricane pitching that dominated. Ross McLamb was on the mound, and the Senior not only threw a shutout, he spun a no-hitter on Washington. Pamlico erupted for eight runs in the fourth inning and tacked on two more in the fifth to get the 10-0 mercy rule win. At the plate, McLamb had a 2-2-2 night. He had two hits (both doubles), drove in two runs, and scored twice himself. On Friday, the Hurricanes hit the road and travelled to Jones for a return match. Let's just say this one was all Hurricanes. After not scoring for the first two innings, The Pamlico offense erupted, scoring ten runs in the third, seven in the fourth, and eleven in the fifth for a 28-8 beat down of the Trojans. Multiple Hurricanes had a multi-hit night with Reid Carey and Brady Caccavaro each having four hits and six RBI's. Jeremiah Mitchell cracked a home run, drove in four, and scored four times himself. Ross McLamb scored five runs and Ayden Broughton scored four. It was the type of night where Coach Chris Davis probably wished he could bottle up some of that offense and uncork it in a future game. This week is the final of the regular season and Pamlico will be busy with three games on the schedule. They host Martin County on Monday, Lejeune on Tuesday, and then travel to Lejeune on Thursday to finish up the regular season.

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## Hurricane Softball

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School softball squad got off to a rough start last week but finished strong going into the final week of the regular season. On Monday, they hosted the New Bern Bears and while Pamlico kept things close and threatened late in the game, the Bears prevailed in a 3-0 win. It was right back on the field for the Hurricanes on Tuesday as conference rival Jones Senior visited Pamlico. Kylee Morris was in the circle for Pamlico and went the distance for the Hurricanes, giving up only a pair of runs while striking out five Trojans. The game was tight early on until Pamlico broke things open in their half of the fourth inning, scoring three runs to take a 5-1 lead. The big hit was Allie Daniels' double, driving in two runs. They later tacked on three more runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach and seal up an 8-2 Hurricane win. In addition to Daniels, the Pamlico offense was led by Melody Armstrong with a pair of singles while Payton Force cracked out a double and Avery Cain smashed a triple. Friday was rematch time as Pamlico hit the road to Trenton to give Jones Senior a shot at redemption. This one was all Pamlico, as the Hurricanes put runs on the board in every inning except the fourth. The big blow of the night was Payton Force's big, over-the-fence home run in the second inning to give the 'Canes a 6-0 lead. That was one of three hits for Force on the night, while driving in three runs. She wasn't the only Hurricane with a good night at the plate. Kylee Morris had three hits, while Avery Cain and Melody Armstrong added a pair. Sarah Scott kept getting on base for Pamlico, once with a hit, once by reaching on an error, and once with a hit by pitch. She scored all three times. Avery Cain was in the circle for Pamlico, giving up only a single run in a 13-1 win. This week Pamlico plays three more games to finish out the regular season. Lejeune visits on Tuesday (Senior night), West Carteret comes to Bayboro on Wednesday, and Pamlico closes out it's regular season on Thursday at Lejeune.



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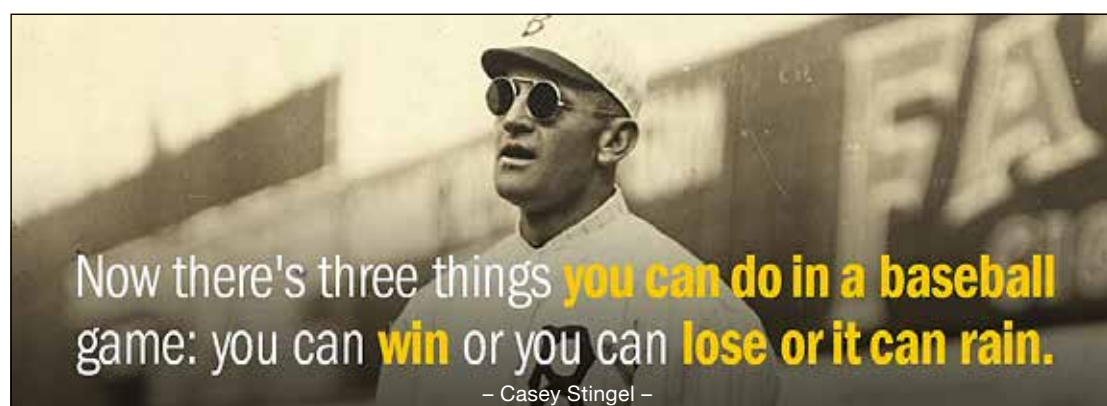


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## NJROTC Recognition, Promotion, and Change in Command Ceremony

Photo by: Hiram Lupton

Last Thursday evening was a great time of reflection and recognition as well as setting a course for the upcoming year as the Pamlico County High School NJROTC held their annual Recognition, Promotion and Change of Command Ceremony to wrap up the 2025-26 academic year. The Pamlico NJROTC program is highly acclaimed not only regionally but nationally and have once again earned a Distinguished Unit Award. Whether it is the academic team, the drill team, the orienteering team or any one of the other competitive skills that the NJROTC participates in, they always rank at or near the top, all while competing against schools much larger than themselves. It is not at competitions where the unit truly shines, it is in the volunteer community service they take part in. Whether it is helping at local festivals, performing roadside cleanup, distributing holiday food packages, assisting with Special Olympics and Family Fun Day, or any number of other ways



The Cadets of Pamlico County High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

they serve their school and community, the NJROTC is there. In the last year the Cadets have collectively performed over 4,300 volunteer hours for their community and school. They are there, working hard. Thursday was a time to celebrate and recognize the collective and individual achievements of the unit, all done humbly and in an orderly proficient military manner. It was also a time for promotion and the change in unit Cadet command. Finally, Senior members of the unit were recognized, and each were presented an American flag that was carried aboard a KC-130J tanker aircraft which flew over Pamlico County High School on April 18th on a refueling training mission which took it off the coast of North Carolina in support of Second Marine Aircraft Wing. Congratulations to all the Cadets on a fantastic year and to their instructors, Captain Jesse Rodriguez USMC-Ret and Master Chief Petty Officer Dave Mathews USN-Ret on a job well done.



Distinguished members of the outgoing Cadet leadership team (L to R): Commanding Officer C/LCDR Moriah Phillips, LT Jacob Sawyer, LT Lily McGowan, SCPO Isiah Rodriguez, LCDR Brinley Altman.



The new Cadet Commanding Officer of PCHS NJROTC, LCDR Kaitlynn Mizelle

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Breakfast in the pasture – Near South Goose Creek

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The National Center for Statistics and Analysis says there were approximately 16,200 automotive accidents per day in the United States in 2022, the most recent year for data. This number has steadily risen over the last decade and may be attributable to a number of factors, including increased vehicle usage. Diamond and Diamond Lawyers in Canada says approximately four Canadians die and 175 are injured in impairment-related crashes every day. Though accidents occur every day, drivers can take steps to reduce their risk of being involved in one.

**Stick to the speed limit**

Speed limits are posted on roadways for a reason. Exceeding speed limits significantly increases the risk of getting into an accident, and many accidents are directly related to speeding. Slowing down can make roadways safer.

**Eliminate distractions**

Smartphones, GPS devices, passengers, pets in the car, or anything that causes a person to take his or her eyes off of the road, even for mere seconds, can increase the risk of being in an auto accident. Accident Care and Treatment Center, Inc. says distracted driving is the primary cause of car accidents each year. Smartphones are a modern distraction, and keeping phones turned off and out of reach can keep drivers safer.

**Change your perception**

It is important to think of a car or truck as what it truly is: 3,000 pounds or more of fast-moving metal that can cause a lot of damage. Those who do not drive responsibly, or feel they are invincible behind the wheel, could be on a crash course for an auto accident. Treating a vehicle with respect is a must.

**Leave a space cushion**

Tailgating and aggressive driving maneuvers that do not leave an adequate distance between vehicles can compound the problem of accidents. Travelers insurance company urges drivers to stay at least three seconds behind the vehicle ahead of them, and longer for those driving heavier vehicles. The timing also should be extended when weather conditions are bad. A significant cushion enables drivers to stop safely or maneuver around to avoid an accident.

**Improve visibility**

A cracked or dirty windshield or dim headlights can diminish visibility. Being able to see and be seen when on the road is a major contributor to accident risk reduction.

**Brush up on skills**

Newly minted licensed drivers and older drivers may need a driving skills refresher course. Oftentimes learning how to avoid accidents comes down to experience and defensive driving techniques. Those who feel they may need a little extra practice can enroll in a course. An additional upside is that such a course also can help reduce insurance premiums.

**Know your limitations**

Geico notes the risk of a fatal crash is three times higher at night than in the day for every mile driven. Although it may not be possible to avoid nighttime driving entirely, limiting it, particularly for those who have challenges seeing at night or in dim conditions, can help reduce accident risk. The same can be said for staying off of roads in inclement weather.

**Don't drive impaired**

Driving while under the influence of drugs (both illegal and prescription), alcohol and/or other substances greatly increases accident risk. Various strategies can help drivers reduce their risk of being involved in auto accidents.

## Did you know?



Distracted driving is a major threat on the roadways. Anything that takes drivers' attention away from the road can be considered a distraction, and that includes phones, food, passengers, and even vehicle features like a GPS system. However, distracted driving is preventable. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says nine people in the United States are killed every day in crashes

that involve a distracted driver. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted driving claimed the lives of 3,308 people in 2022. In addition, data from Transport Canada's National Collision Database indicates distracted driving contributed to an estimated 22.5 percent of fatal collisions and 25.5 percent of serious injury collisions in 2021. These distracted driving numbers reflect a growing trend of distracted driving-related incidents.

# COASTAL LIVING

## PC SCHOOLS SKILLS USA

Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick, Pamlico County Schools

Pamlico County High School took 25 students to SkillsUSA North Carolina's annual State Leadership & Skills Conference April 15-17, 2026 at the Greensboro Coliseum and the Koury Convention Center. Of those 25 students, the following earned medals in their respective competitions: Angel Garner, Mia Littleton, Dawson Force, Kamryn Eastwood, Aniyah King, Tre'Mhiya Arrington, Joseph Grose 2nd for Opening and Closing Ceremony Team; Laura Aguilera 2nd for Prepared Speech; Wyatt Johnson 4th for Photography; Cassidy Blough 4th for Pin Design; Mia Angelo 5th for Pin Design; Caroline Angelo 2nd for T-Shirt Design.

Pamlico County Middle School took 20 students and 18 of them earned medals with Wyatt Geary earning 1st place in Extemporaneous Speaking and a trip to the National Conference in Atlanta on June 1-5! Other champions include: Bailey Benton 3rd for Auto Tool ID; Mady Deaton 4th for Creed; Abby Hook 3rd for Creed; Antonio Carmon 3rd for Job Skills Demonstration A; Mya Hopkins 2nd for Job Skills Demonstration Open; Ciarrah Carawan 2nd for Pin Design; Zayah Minor 4th for Pin Design; Hayley Cauley 3rd in Pledge; Mia Armstrong, Morgan Blaebaum, Allison Buck 4th for Promotional Bulletin Board; Levi McCullough 4th for Skills Project Showcase; Dixon Strickland 3rd for T-Shirt Design; Chase Carey 4th for Prepared Poster; Samyarah Barber-Barrett, Tenley Boone, Kayton Forbes 2nd for Team Engineering. Wyatt Geary, seventh grader at PCMS, has also earned the privilege of being the next SkillsUSA North Carolina Middle School Ambassador for the 2026-2027 school year, succeeding Ciarrah Carawan, the 2025-2026 Middle School Ambassador.



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## New School Construction Enters Homestretch

by: Hiram Lupton

"I get by here nearly everyday, and nearly everyday I see something new that has been completed," says Executive Director of Operations and Administrative Services Henry Rice, Pamlico County Schools point man for the construction of the new Pamlico County High School. "We're in the homestretch now." Since the project began with the first ceremonial shovel full of dirt being thrown in September of 2024 until now, a new school has emerged and with each passing day, it grows closer to completion. Crews are busy inside with painting and preparation for installing the flooring. A lot has been accomplished, and there is still a lot to do, but school officials have been assured that students will be in classrooms when summer break is over and they return for the 2026-27 school year on August 24th. One of the next big hurdles in construction will be the installation of the septic tank. "That should happen any day now" says Rice. "Then we can turn on the water." Another milestone to cross that has become a bit of a hiccup is the installation of the elevator. "There was some miscommunication between our contractor, Metcon, and the elevator manufacturer. It will cause a delay in obtaining our certificate of occupancy from May 31st until about June 30th but that will still give us enough time to get moved in before the start of school. Metcon is hoping to be able to obtain a Stocking Permit which will allow us to begin moving items from the old building to a holding

area within the new building to alleviate the inconvenience of moving things twice." It is hoped that moving will start early in June. Moving out is critical for the beginning of the final phase of the project, demolition of the old school. "As soon as we are out of the old building, construction barriers will be moved from the current active job site that is our new school, to surround our old school for demolition," says Pamlico County School Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Johnson. "They will start from the front of the new school and work their way towards the highway. Everything will be gone except the cafeteria and the auditorium. The cafeteria will be repurposed, with part of it to be used by our culinary arts classes and part of it by our NJROTC program. Throughout the fall work will continue on driveways and parking areas as well as exterior lighting and landscaping. We have a target of mid-November for that to be finished. We are planning for a formal dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting in early January." Until that time, the site will be a flurry of activity, first inside the new building, and then outside this fall. Rice said there will probably be as many as 200 workers onsite as the construction nears completion. Hurricane football fans will be relieved to know that the season will begin on time with the first home game scheduled for August 28th. "We are looking forward to students returning to class in a new school," says Dr. Johnson. "The kind of school our students need and deserve."



The front entrance to the new school



The High School Gym awaiting floor installation



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**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  
C/O JOANN HOLMES  
615 BENT TREE RD  
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

Publish APRIL 8,15, 22 AND 29, 2026.

**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

ESTATE OF CLIFTON EARL GASKILL  
C/O CLIFTON EARL GASKILL, JR  
8522 NC HWY 306 S

## INCIDENTS

- April 17, River Rd., Arapahoe, identity theft
- April 17, Pirate Cove Circle, Oriental, criminal summons - second degree trespass
- April 17, Main St, Bayboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age
- April 18, Creek View Ct., Merritt, scam
- April 18, Plantation Parkway, Oriental, destruction/damage/vandalism of property
- April 19, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest driving while license revoked not impaired
- April 20, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, injury to real property
- April 20, Bryant St., Alliance, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
- April 20, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked

ARAPAHOE, NC 28510

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to WALTON OSWALD WILLIAMS, JR, ADMINISTRATOR 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 ADMINISTRATOR.

This 15TH OF APRIL 2026

ESTATE OF FOREST HOWARD WILLIAMS, JR.  
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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 MARJORIE ANNE LIMEBURNER**  
File No.: 26E000064-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to NATHAN LIMEBURNER, 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

- April 20, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
- April 21, Rich Ave., Bayboro, child support warrant service
- April 22, John Pollock Rd., Grantsboro, identity theft, obtain property by false pretenses
- April 22, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest resisting public officer
- April 23, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, scam

## INSPECTIONS

- April 2, Steven Starr, Oriental, electrical and plumbing, \$100
- April 6, Glenn Light, Oriental, electric temp pole, \$100; Sean & Michelle Cooney, Oriental, building - pool, \$354; Bay River MSD, Bayboro, electrical, \$50
- April 7, Tranquillo LLC - Allen Grant, Bayboro, CAMA, \$119; Richard Johnen, Oriental, replace spots in deck, \$50
- April 8, Jose Garcia & Elias Garcia,

above-named EXECUTOR.

This 15TH OF APRIL 2026

ESTATE OF MARJORIE ANNE LIMEBURNER  
C/O NATHAN LIMEBURNER  
8071 PRICESS PATH  
LIVERPOOL, NY 13090

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 GERARD CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE**  
File No.: 26E000069-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to VEXIE ALLEN MAGUIRE, 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

ESTATE OF GERARD CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE  
C/O VEXIE ALLEN MAGUIRE  
323 COWELL RD  
BAYBORO, NC 28515

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 GWYNNE G. YOUNG**  
File No.: 26E000071-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to PAULINE JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR on

or before JULY 21, 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 APRIL 2026

ESTATE OF GWYNNE G. YOUNG  
C/O PAULINE JOHNSON  
143 RIGGS CREEK DRIVE  
MERRITT, NC 28556

Publish APRIL 22, 29 AND MAY 6, 13, 2026.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Christine Edwards Cahoon, late of Pamlico County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned, whose mailing address is c/o Michael A. Colombo, Colombo Kitchin Attorneys, 1698 E. Arlington Blvd, Greenville, NC 27858 on or before the 29th day of July, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of April, 2026.

Alfred E. Cahoon, Jr.,  
Executor of the Estate of Christine Edwards Cahoon  
c/o Michael A. Colombo  
Colombo Kitchin Attorneys  
1698 E. Arlington Blvd.  
Greenville, NC 27858

MICHAEL A. COLOMBO  
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- April 13, Scott Hansen, Arapahoe, electrical: transfer switch, \$50; Streamline Developers, Arapahoe, new, \$1,733.50
- April 14, Jeremy Drake, Grantsboro, addition, \$679.08; Gregory Prunier, Merritt, metal shed, \$512.20; Pamlico 6-12 CTE, Bayboro, renovation, \$3,667.50; Pamlico Consortium, Arapahoe, misc., \$100; Hugh & Judy Barnes, Grantsboro, remodel, \$150
- April 15, Sue Brown, Bayboro, electrical 100 amp, \$100; Charles Noto, Merritt, electrical repairs, \$50; David Wise, Oriental, electrical, \$50; Arthur Halpern, Oriental, CAMA Minor App, \$119
- April 16, P. Alan Woodard, New Bern, electrical, \$119.12; Lawrence Dinisio, Bayboro, electrical 200 amp, \$150; Pecan Grove Marina, Oriental, electrical misc., \$50; John Coughlin, Oriental, new residential, \$1,619.68
- April 17, Jeff Manchec, Oriental, CAMA, \$316; Joanne Arpaia, New Bern, mechanical, \$200

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



A hot week but the relief came on Sunday with a good rain. Did not make it to church but Mark and Matt took over and I understand they did a great job. They had lunch at church but Sylvia brought some to me. A few weeks ago Suzi, my neighbor wanted to start our Sunday lunches at my house that we had to stop during covid. For the last three Sundays everyone brought some food and we share. This Sunday we had eight and I made a chicken dish and Melydia made a delicious salad. It is strawberry time so we had strawberry shortcake. Food Lion really has some delicious ones. I just heard today that Linda Sanders of Florence had passed away in the Nursing Home. Prayers for her family. The

dolphins were in our creek today so they must have been chasing some fish. Croaker Festival is coming up soon and I hope former members will come and sing with the Pamlico Band and the Pamlico Chorale. Don't forget that on May 9th from 11am to 2pm at Station 25 Florence- Whortonsville Fire & EMS located at 5208 Florence Road, Merritt, there will be a community event and expo. Come and enjoy Interactive Fire and EMS Demos. Meet your local First Responders, CPR & Wellness information, Family-friendly activities, food and refreshments. Join us to celebrate the arrival of our new LIFEPAK 15!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—YOU DON'T HAVE HARMONY WHEN EVERYONE SINGS THE SAME NOTE!

## Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



It rained! We have been in a moderate drought situation in Pamlico, so this was a welcome relief. It didn't end the drought, but the grass and crops really soaked it up. The corn on the farm is twice as high as before the rain. Even the sea gulls are enjoying the water in the fields.

The roadsides in Pamlico have been mowed, and it sure looks nice. Our driveway looks nice too with all the clover blooming.

Pamlico Christian Academy read the entire Bible aloud during this week of April 20-25. Their students finished the final verses at their dedication of the new campus on Lee Landing Road. It was special to be a part of reading aloud the scriptures.

Charlie's Thursday morning Clergy Breakfast group ordered 149 Bible for the senior graduates in Pamlico County who attend ACS, PCA, and PCHS. We are proud of all our seniors and want to aid them as they leave our school system and seek their future: whether it be education, military, going into the workforce, or anything else they pursue. We want them to know God goes with them.

Oriental is having their town-wide yard sale on May 2, 2026. That is also the day for the Kentucky Derby race for the roses, so shop early so you can watch the horses in the afternoon.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Justin Rodgers (4/28), Amy Smith (4/29) and Cynthia Delamar (4/30). Roy Rodgers will com-

plete his 81st trip around the sun on Friday, May 1, 2026. Call 252-670-9404 and wish him a happy birthday if you know him.

Those celebrating birthdays in May include Roy Rodgers and Hazel Alcock (5/1), Paisley Phibbons (5/2), Wesley Hatch (5/3), Dylan Smith (5/5), Danny Lupton and Ann Daniels Miller (5/8), Tanyetta Green, Debbie Whorton, and Mark Whorton (5/12), Dale Alvin Belvin (5/14), Vanessa Cole May (5/15), Greg Jones (5/16), Karen Moore Horton, Wanda Miller, Chase Carey, and Mackenzie Carey (5/17), Benjamin Alexander and Vance Henriens (5/18), Jermaine Smith (5/19), Zachary Rodgers and Shannon Lee Wing (5/20), Dennis Stokes (5/25), Johnny Bishop, Bailey Smith, and Lakisha H. Smith (5/26), Mike Roach (5/27), Bonnie Kedjierski and Suzie Rodgers (5/30).

Celebrating Anniversaries in May are Roy and Betty Jo Rodgers (5/7), Larry and Sharon Gibbs (5/15), and Timothy and Veronica Jones (5/30).

May is a busy month with May 8th being the National Day of Prayer, Mother's Day on the second Sunday, and Stonewall Methodist Church celebrates their 232nd Homecoming on the third Sunday.

Have a blessed week. Memory failing? Take Spiritual Vitamin M. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

## Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



**Bee Diary:**  
The Golden West Bees are acclimating after being here a week. I confirmed the colony had self-released their queen by eating through the queen candy blocking the exit from her cage. The internal, remote sensors are showing a promising trend toward optimal brood-rearing temperature and humidity conditions. My Photo of the Week shows the transferring from mail carrier to the hive.

The songbirds are up and at them before sunrise: Blue Birds, Cardinals, Wrens, a Mockingbird (best I've ever heard; a really good mimic), White-throated Sparrows, Finches, Pine Warblers, Chickadees and Titmice. Barn Swallows are back but not settling in their usual place at the boat house. A lone Loon was seen and later heard on the creek. For the first time in several years an Osprey is back in the area.

Pots are in the creek. I've seen a couple of boats deploying and checking their traps.

I put out bird food and inevitably the squirrels partake but for the first time ever saw one bury a peanut in my deck Begonia. I don't mind feeding them as they provide entertainment for the cats (watching from their inside perch).



"We talked of mice, the cat and I, and of the importance of napping."

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## Farm to School Week Brings Learning to Life at FAA



Fred A. Anderson Elementary celebrated Farm to School Week with hands-on experiences that connected students to agriculture and the world around them. Students had the opportunity to learn where their food comes from through engaging activities, meaningful discussions, and real-world connections.

A highlight of the week was a special visit from “Eve the Milk Cow,” made possible through the Jones County Cooperative Extension. Students explored the differences between dairy and beef cattle, learned about dairy products, and even discovered how cows are milked through interactive lessons and demonstrations.

In addition, each classroom received a copy of Seasons on the Farm, generously provided by the Pamlico County Farm Bureau. This resource is helping extend learning beyond the event as students continue to explore agriculture and its impact on their community.

The school extends a special thank you to Mrs. Delap for her dedication in ensuring every student had the opportunity to participate, as well as to community partners who made the experience possible. Events like these create meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities that students will remember long after the week is over.

## From Munich to FAA: Students Experience the Sound of Saxophones Up Close

Students at Fred A. Anderson were recently treated to an engaging blend of music and education during a special performance by the Arcis Saxophone Quartett of Munich, Germany. This internationally acclaimed ensemble introduced our students to the rich sounds of the soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones through a program that was both entertaining and informative.

Throughout the performance, students explored the unique voice of each instrument and discovered the wide range and expressive possibilities of the saxophone family. This was far from a typical concert—our students became part of the experience! Musicians mingled with them, allowing students to press keys while they played so they could hear how pitch

changes are created. Volunteers even had the chance to step on stage and conduct the ensemble, guiding tempo and dynamics in a fun and interactive way.

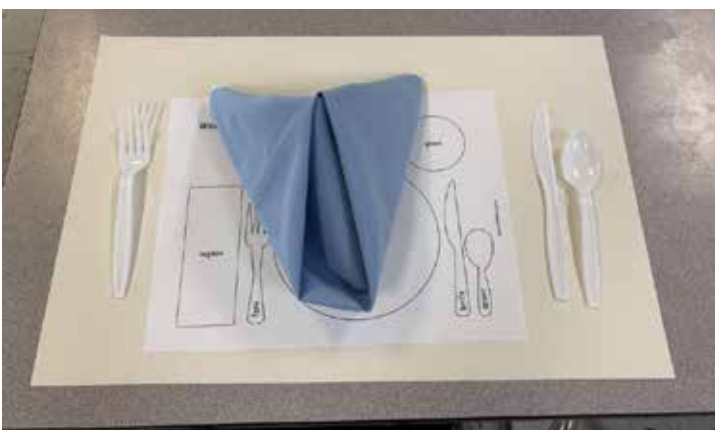
After the performance, the quartet took time to connect one-on-one with students, answering questions and sharing what it's like to be a professional musician traveling the world. These moments made the experience even more meaningful and memorable.

A special thank you to the Pamlico Musical Society for sponsoring this incredible opportunity. We are grateful for their continued support in bringing enriching experiences like this to our students. Opportunities like this inspire creativity, build confidence, and help foster a lifelong appreciation for the arts.



# FRED A. ANDERSON ELEMENTARY

## Fred A. Anderson Elementary Launches “Mind Your Manners” Program for 5th Graders



Fred A. Anderson Elementary recently brought learning to life in a unique and engaging way as 5th grade students participated in the kickoff of the school's Mind Your Manners program. With tables set and expectations high, students were introduced to the fundamentals of table etiquette through a hands-on, real-world experience.

Guest speakers led the session, modeling proper etiquette, engaging students in meaningful conversation, and helping establish a strong foundation for respectful

dining practices. The interactive approach allowed students to immediately practice what they learned, creating an atmosphere of excitement and pride.

School leaders shared that students are already demonstrating growth in their manners, respect, and willingness to learn new skills. The program is designed not only to teach etiquette, but also to build confidence and social awareness in everyday situations.

The Mind Your Manners program will continue over the coming weeks, culminating in

a special end-of-year breakfast celebration for 5th grade students. If the kickoff event is any indication, the final celebration promises to be a memorable experience for all involved.

Fred A. Anderson Elementary extends sincere appreciation to the guest speakers and community members who helped make this event possible. Their support continues to enrich learning opportunities for students in meaningful and lasting ways.

## FAA Launches New STAR Student Recognition Program

Fred A. Anderson Elementary is proud to introduce its new STAR Program—Students Taking Action and Responsibility—led by School Resource Officer Gage. Each week, one student from every classroom is recognized for demonstrating initiative, responsibility, leadership, and strong character.

We have already celebrated several students as STAR recipients, and we look forward to recognizing many more in the weeks ahead.

STAR students are honored every Friday with special rewards, and at the end of each month, winners are entered into a drawing for a larger prize.

The school is also inviting community partners to support the program through prize donations, helping make recognition even more meaningful for students. Through this initiative, FAA continues to encourage students to rise and shine as positive leaders each day.



## 5th Grade Students Explore Food Chains Through Owl Pellet Dissection

Fifth grade students at Fred A. Anderson Elementary recently took part in a hands-on science experience that brought learning to life—dissecting owl pellets. This engaging activity gave students a real-world look at food chains, predator-prey relationships, and how animals survive in their ecosystems.

Owl pellets are masses of undigested material that owls regurgitate after eating. Because owls often swallow their prey whole, bones, fur, and other materials are compacted into pellets. By carefully dissecting these pellets, students were able to uncover and identify tiny bones from animals such as mice and birds, helping them piece together what the owl had eaten.

This activity directly connected to science standards on ecosystems and food webs, allowing students to see firsthand how energy moves through an environment. As students sorted and identified bones, they practiced critical thinking, observation, and classification skills—just like real scientists.

The experience was both educational and exciting, with students fully engaged from start to finish. Their curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm made the lesson a huge success. Hands-on opportunities like this continue to spark a love for science while deepening student understanding in meaningful ways.



## Science Fair Showcases Student Learning and Confidence at FAA

Science Fair project season is in full swing at Fred A. Anderson Elementary, and students recently had a special opportunity to share their work with an authentic audience. Families were welcomed into the school to watch student presentations and see firsthand the creativity and effort behind each project.

Students impressed visitors by clearly explaining their thinking, walking through their projects, and confidently presenting their findings. The event highlighted not only academic skills, but also the growing confidence and communication abilities of FAA students.

School leaders expressed pride in the hard work and dedication shown by students, as well as appreciation for the families who came out to support them. Events like this continue to strengthen the connection between school and community while celebrating student success.

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# Christian Academy Holds Dedication Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

Although the new lower school campus has been open since the beginning of the year, Pamlico Christian Academy had not formally dedicated their facility and grounds. That all changed last Saturday as faculty, staff, board members past and present, and supporting members of the community gathered for a dedication celebration in the chapel on their new campus. In his remarks, the Head of School Earl Sadler, Jr., emphasized how many people and groups had worked together on this project and how many of them did it on the condition of anonymity. "You have been a part of something very special. Your work, your prayers, your donations, your encouragement will impact generations," said Sadler. "Our goal at PCA is to serve God by providing a safe environment for our students, one which they can grow into leaders God has called them to be in their homes, in this community, and in our nation. May this building always be used for God's glory, the good of our students and the blessing of generations to come." The program also included an excellent address from a former student of Pamlico Christian Academy from 2010 to 2017, Christian Hudson, who spoke of how PCA shaped him into the person he is today. In it highlighted the relationships he built while a student at PCA and the importance of them. The ceremony also featured a culmination of a weeklong project at PCA, reading the entire Bible in a week. It involved teachers, staff, students and volunteers from the community. Beginning with the first verses of Genesis, every chapter was read on campus culminating with the reading of Revelation, Chapter 22, by a group of eleven students, each taking several verses until complete. This was followed by a prayer of dedication by Dan Daugherty, with all the faculty, staff, and board members of PCA that were present, gathered together at the front. In his closing remarks, Sadler also gave a hint at what would be coming very soon as he previewed how close they were to implementing phase 2 of the project, which involves the construction of another wing of classrooms for the upper school which will bring all students of PCA together at the campus.



Members of the faculty, staff, and board of Pamlico Christian Academy gathered for a prayer of dedication.



Head of School Earl Sadler, Jr.



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Students who took part in the culmination of the weeklong Bible Reading Project

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