



The Pamlico News

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Your County News Source Since 1968

www.thepamliconews.com | 50 Cents

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

by: Hiram Lupton

The month of April has been proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month as well as Guardian ad Litem Month, and to raise awareness of this, an event was held last Monday at the Pamlico County Courthouse. The contingent included members of the Pamlico County Department of Social Services, the Guardian ad Litem program, Sheriff's Department, the Pamlico Partnership for Children, and many other county employees and residents who added their voice for child advocacy. Official proclamations were also read from North Carolina Governor Josh Stein and then from Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court Paul Newby.



In 2024, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services investigated approximately 112,929 reports of child abuse/neglect. Of those cases investigated, reports indicate about 18,990 were substantiated. In 2022, 1,474 children in North Carolina under the age of 17 died as a result of abuse and neglect according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation. This is a public health issue that has long-lasting impacts for children and our community. Child abuse happens in all communities and all sections of society.

For over 40 years, the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem program has led child advocacy through quality representation for abused and neglected children by dually appointing community volunteers and attorneys for every child assigned. The proclamations of Governor Stein and Chief Justice Newby, honor the contributions of over 5,000 North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Child Advocates across the state and invite you to consider joining the cause. Being a North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Child Advocate is an investment of time, energy and heart. But as many volunteers have said about this opportunity, "Volunteering for a child, outweighs the time required and the journey that is often detoured and misunderstood through little eyes. Knowing that my service amplifies the voice of the most vulnerable to assure a safe and permanent home is achieved, is my selfless gift to my community." To learn more, visit volunteerforgal.org, call 1-800-982-4041.

At the close of the program, attendees planted blue pinwheels, the national symbol for child abuse prevention, on the front lawn of the courthouse.

Pamlico Community College's inaugural AI Fest set for April 16

By Sandy Wall

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to change the nature of work, education, the arts, and how Americans go about their daily lives. Pamlico Community College wants to show students and the community what's possible with this world-changing technology.

The college will be hosting its inaugural AI Creativity Fest (AI Fest) on Thursday, April 16, at the college's Grantsboro campus. The free event, which is scheduled to run from noon to 6:45 p.m., will feature workshops, panel discussions, and demonstrations of AI's capabilities.

"Community members, families, local business owners, educators, and anyone curious about Artificial Intelligence are welcome to join us April 16," said Pamlico President Zac Schnell, a longtime proponent of AI who has lectured about the technology throughout the state and nation.

He conceived an AI Fest to show area residents all the possibilities the emerging technology offers here at home.

"Our AI Fest is for the community," Schnell said. "It's designed to show new opportunities and new experiences for our region and our future."

The president continued, "AI has given us the ability to express more of our ideas, our thoughts, and our imaginations. AI technology also promises to increase productivity for work and in our personal lives. This is an exciting time, and we want to share it with our neighbors."

A college committee has been working to organize the event so that it's engaging, informative, and fun.

AI Fest actually will begin Wednesday, April 15, with a day focused exclusively on local high schools. Students from Pamlico County High School, Arapahoe Charter School and Pamlico Christian Academy have been encouraged to enter AI-enhanced art & design, video, music, writing, and innovation projects in competitions that will be featured during the event's high school-focused first day.

Continued on Page A 2

Pamlico County Schools Students Selected for Prestigious Governor's School

Submitted by Elizabeth Harwick

Pamlico County Schools is proud to announce that two students have been selected for the highly competitive North Carolina Governor's School summer program.

Ehren Bennet Rolle has been selected for Social Science, and Wyatt Johnson has been selected for Visual Arts. Both will attend Governor's School West at Greensboro College.

Governor's School is a five-week residential program for high-achieving rising seniors across North Carolina. Thousands of students are nominated each year, but only a small percentage are selected through a rigorous application process.

Selection for Governor's School places students among the top academic and artistic performers in the state. Participants engage in advanced coursework, collaborative learning, and unique educational experiences designed to challenge and inspire.

Pamlico County Schools congratulates Ehren and Wyatt on this outstanding achievement and is proud to celebrate their hard work, talent, and dedication.



Ehren Bennett Rolle

Grace Fellowship Academy Art Day

by: Hiram Lupton

Last Thursday was a special day at Grace Fellowship Academy in Oriental as the students celebrated Art Day at the school. Art teacher Miss Brooke Morgan gave a presentation to the students about Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh and his style and influence in western art. The students then created their own interpretations of one of Van Gogh's most famous works, Starry Night. Parents were also invited in for this special day of learning fun.



NC HART Training

by: Hiram Lupton

To be the best you can be, you train and practice your craft, and when other people's lives may be depending on how you perform, that training becomes even more important. Last Wednesday and Thursday, NC HART conducted training exercises here in Pamlico County to better prepare for, not if, but when they are called on to save lives. NC Hart is the North Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team. Established in 2004, it is a collaborative program that combines military and civilian resources for specialized rescue operations. It is often called upon to deploy in times of natural disasters to perform air and swift water rescues. Its members come from various agencies and groups from across our state and can be ready at a moments notice to leave their homes and families to travel where needed. While the helicopters and boats are the most visible assets, the team consists of numerous ground personnel all trained to perform their specialized duties geared towards one goal, saving lives. The event was hosted by NC Emergency Management and Pamlico County Emergency Management, with personnel attending from across the state, from as far away as Asheville and as close as right here in Pamlico County. The training was conducted on the Neuse River between Mill Creek and Beards Creek with Camp Seafarer as the base of operations.



Continued on Page A12



Wyatt Johnson



LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, April 4th **81°Hi** Partly sunny and warm

Sunday, April 5th **81°Hi** Partly cloudy and warm



8 04879 31206 ;

TURNAGE
Construction & Trucking Co. Inc.
2373 NC Hwy 304, Bayboro, NC 28515

FORESTRY MULCHING
Line & Property Line Cutting / Acreage Cutting
Hunting Lane & Recreational Cutting
Septic Perk Site & Custom Cutting Applications

Dustin Turnage
Office: 252-745-4976
Cell: 252-229-4688
Fax: 252-745-5240



Continued from page A1

Inaugural AI Fest set for April 16

“AI Fest is a fun, engaging, and healthy way for students in Pamlico County to step into the exciting world of Artificial Intelligence through friendly competition,” said PCC Director of Admissions/Recruiter Shellie Saxby, a key organizer of the event. “This event not only encourages innovation and creativity but also gives students the chance to showcase their skills and teamwork. One school will earn ultimate bragging rights, taking home the first-place trophy to proudly display in their trophy case, along with a \$200 prize that goes to the first-place winner in each category.”

AI Fest will really get going on Thursday, April 16, when the college invites the entire community to campus.

The day will feature AI training workshops designed for three audiences – small business owners, educators & administrators, and general community members. The workshops will be tailored to each group’s needs.

“We want to show how AI can help grow your business, enhance your classroom, streamline some workflows, or simply make everyday life easier,” Schnell said.

Entries from high school students will be featured in the Innovation Gallery for public viewing and People’s Choice voting.

Food trucks (The Flame and Roadside Dogs) and live entertainment will be on campus to build energy throughout the afternoon.

The evening will close with the Awards Ceremony in the Delamar Center, where student winners will be recognized by Schnell and the overall champion school will take home the trophy. Attendees of the Awards Ceremony will have a chance to win additional prizes valued from \$50 to \$600.

“Day two of AI Fest (April 16) expands beyond the competition, inviting the entire community – near and far – to come together and learn more about AI,” Saxby said. “With opportunities for education and professional development, it’s a chance for everyone to explore how this rapidly growing technology is shaping our future. I am truly excited to be part of this one-of-a-kind event and can’t wait to see the impact it will have on our students and community.”

For more information about AI Fest, including a schedule of activities, please visit www.pcciafest.com or contact Shellie Saxby at 252-249-1851, ext. 3025, or ssaxby@pamlicocc.edu.

Sandy Wall can be reached at 252-249-1851, ext. 3010, or swall@pamlicocc.edu.



PCC receives SECU Foundation scholarship funds for 2025-26



Alecia Valadez, second from left, senior member services officer for the Grantsboro branch of the State Employees’ Credit Union (SECU), presents \$18,000 in SECU Foundation “Bridge to Career Program” scholarship funds to Pamlico Community College for the 2025-26 academic year. The funds are being used to help PCC Continuing Education students pay for workforce development courses, including many in allied health fields. Accepting the donation are PCC Coordinator of Occupational Health Tina Ormond, at left, Nurse Aide I students, from left, Emily Dingess, Shantara Stillely and Adrianna Hamilton, PCC President Zac Schnell, fifth from left, and PCC Chair of Continuing Education and Technical Programs Lori Giles, at right. Contributed photo



**Land/Home Sales
Property Management
Appraisals Development**



Agent of the Week

Linda Hoff
Broker

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

Real estate is a complex but worthwhile endeavor, especially if you are lucky enough to find the right real estate agent. Linda Hoff is that agent. She understood what I was looking for, helped me find the right house, and led me through the home-buying process. I appreciate her patience, perseverance and personality. She was a joy to work with.

Mary, Aurora



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.
OFFERED AT \$289,000



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2.5BA open floor plan, ideal for family gatherings or entertaining on 3 acres. Offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as-is.
OFFERED AT \$425,500



ORIENTAL – Waterfront 3BR/2BA w/private dock on .55 acre lot in Buccaneer Bay subdivision. Back deck, ideal for outdoor dining, entertaining, or simply enjoying the coastal breeze and scenic surroundings.
OFFERED AT \$525,000



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA 1,894 sf open floor plan, deeded boat slip on 1 acre lot. Screened outdoor entertainment area & fire pit. Bright, open spaces indoors and inviting outdoor areas surrounded by mature trees and natural beauty. Being sold as-is.
OFFERED AT \$545,000



ARAPAHOE – 3BR/2BA on 2.64 wooded acres with Neuse River views. Two screened porches and gourmet chef’s kitchen with all new appliances and granite countertops. Whether you are enjoying a quiet morning coffee or hosting an evening gathering, the expansive water views provide a sense of tranquility and natural beauty that is impossible to replicate.
OFFERED AT \$ 625,000



MERRITT – Waterfront 3BR/2BA with deep water deeded boat slip on Ball Creek. Wide water views, 2.27 acres, 1,919 sf, metal roof, zoned HVAC, & LP Smartside exterior for rot-resistant long-life durability. Gas log fireplace in living room, & Widow’s Walk with views of the Pamlico Sound.
OFFERED AT \$ 625,000

See all Listings & Visual Tours at
www.orientalncwaterfront.com
1-800-347-8246 • 252-249-1014

Or contact Allen Propst
252-671-4644

704 Broad St, PO Box 750, Oriental, NC 28571



Small Businesses! Nonprofits! Entrepreneurs!

**Build, Grow, and Thrive:
Free Workshops**

Google Workspaces
Tutorial for Small
Business & Nonprofits



APRIL 15TH
9-11AM
PAMLICO COUNTY LIBRARY

AI for Small Business
Operations



APRIL 16TH
1-2PM
PAMLICO CC MAIN CAMPUS

AI for Marketing



APRIL 16TH
2-3 PM
PAMLICO CC MAIN CAMPUS

AI for Grant Writing



APRIL 16TH
3-4 PM
PAMLICO CC MAIN CAMPUS

Farm-Starter and
Agribusiness Workshop



APRIL 25^H
10AM -2PM
PAMLICO SMALL BUS. CENTER



**REGISTER AT
WWW.PAMLICOSBC.COM**

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

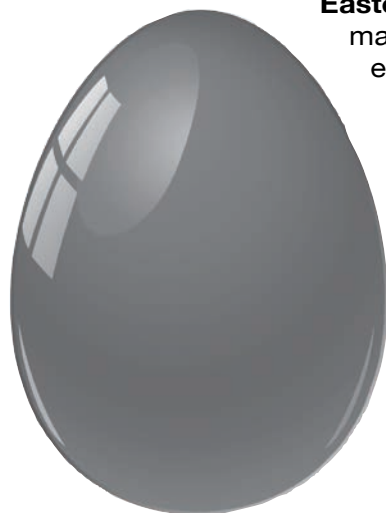
- April 1st – Happy April Fool's Day!
- April 2nd – Today is National Do It Yourself (DIY) Day. I DIY when my wife is not around to do it for me.
- April 3rd – Today is Good Friday.
- April 4th – Today is National Hug a Newsperson Day. Time and Location to be announced.
- April 5th – Happy Easter. Our Savior has risen.
- April 6th – 1938, Dr Roy Plunkett accidentally invented polytetrafluoroethylene, Better known as Teflon.
- April 7th – Today is National Library Workers Day. It is also National Beer Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- April 2nd – 1939, Singer Marvin Gaye
- April 2nd – 19??, Retired Pamlico County Educator Diane Gardner
- April 3rd – 1924, Actor Marlon Brando
- April 3rd – 1961, Comedian and actor Eddie Murphy
- April 5th – 19??, Expert accountant and tax preparer Kathy Winfrey
- April 6th – 1937, Singer/songwriter Merle Haggard
- April 6th – 19??, NJROTC Leader MCPO Dave Matthews
- April 7th – 1964, Actor Russell Crowe



Easter Eggs are decorated in many hues before they're ultimately hidden for youngsters to find. While pastel-colored eggs are the norm, one color has particular religious significance for those who want to go a bit bolder with their egg displays. It is tradition among Orthodox Christians to exchange red eggs. According to History.com, red eggs are associated with Mary Magdalene and her role in Christianity. After the Ascension of Christ, Mary Magdalene went to the Roman emperor and greeted him with "Christ is Risen." He then stated, "Christ has not risen no more than that egg is red (pointing to an egg on his table)." After making the statement, the egg turned blood red. Mary Magdalene then began preaching Christianity to him, and the red egg has come to symbolize the blood of Christ redeeming the world.



Boat Show Volunteers Needed

The Oriental Rotary Club is having their annual Boat Show April 10-12. We are in need of volunteers! It does take a Village to help us put on this show! Anyone that would like to volunteer a few hours working the gates, or driving a golf cart as a free taxi service please call or email Sally Belangia at 252-671-9288 or sallytruitt-belangia@gmail.com .

We love people who own their own golf carts and will be taxi drivers on your own time. Need others to volunteer their golf carts so we can get people to volunteer to drive one if you do not want to taxi your own. Thank you for your support!

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)

<https://aaeasternnc.org/> <https://aanorthcarolina.org/> <https://www.aa.org/>

The Pamlico News

Publisher
Sandy Winfrey
Office Manager
Katherine Winfrey
Jeannine Russo
Editor
Sandy Winfrey

Photographer Reporter
Hiram Lupton
Advertising Sales
Jeannine Russo
Production
J.P. Miller
Distribution
Neal McCraw

Press Releases, Events, News
editor@thepamliconews.com

Photographer Reporter
hiram@thepamliconews.com

Advertising
frontdesk@thepamliconews.com

Billing Inquiries
frontdesk@thepamliconews.com

USPS 782-460
Published 51 times a year

801 Broad St., P.O.Box 510
Oriental, NC 28571

(252) 249-1555 fax: (252) 249 0857
www.thepamliconews.com

The Pamlico News Editorials and Opinions section features opinion articles, newspaper editorials and letters to the editor on the issues of the day. The views and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of The Pamlico News. Any content provided by authors are of their opinion, and are not intended to malign any religion, ethnic group, club, organization, company, individual or anyone or anything.

We place ethical and professional principles of journalism at the center of everything we do in the production of the The Pamlico News.

COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES



James "Jimmy" Edward Ragan, III, 84, of Oriental, NC, passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at his home in Oriental, NC. Born on July 21, 1941, in New Bern, NC to James Edward Ragan, Jr. and Sue Sanders Ragan.

Jimmy graduated from Pamlico County High School, North Carolina State University, and later, the University of Baltimore School of Law. He married Marilyn Henry on December 28, 1964. He was a member of the Army Reserves, where he was honorably discharged in 1970. Jimmy and Marilyn moved back to Oriental to raise their children, and he opened his own law practice in Bayboro, NC. In 1979, he was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt as a local District Court Judge, where he served until 1991. In 1991, he was appointed Chief District Court Judge of Judicial District 3B (Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico Counties), where he served until 1994. He was then appointed Resident Superior Court Judge in 1994, again by Governor Hunt, and later as a Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, where he served until his retirement in 2002. After his retirement, he became an emergency Superior Court judge serving the state of North Carolina. Jimmy was a member of the North Carolina State Bar for over 50 years. He helped establish the first Drug Treatment Court of North Carolina, served as the Chairman of the Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, the Board of Governors, and the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Association of District Court Judges. Years later in his retirement, he wanted to stay engaged and challenge himself, so he set out at 78 years of age to become an NC-licensed real estate agent. He was a cofounder of the nonpartisan group, Pamlico Partners for Democracy, where he spoke throughout the state about constitutional issues and the rule of law. He was noted for promoting the installation of prescription drug drop-off boxes at the Sheriff's Department of Pamlico County. Jimmy was a deeply involved community volunteer in numerous organizations, including the Oriental Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. He worked with Meals on Wheels and was a founding member of the Pamlico County Booster Club. He also served on the Board of Trustees for HeartWorks and the Pamlico Community College.

Jimmy was an avid and gifted storyteller, with a sharp wit and a keen ability to capture and hold the attention of those in his company with his stories, jokes, and infectious laugh. He was a loyal patron of the performing arts and theatre, in particular, and was himself a published playwright. His published plays include Life Goes On, and For the People, which were produced throughout various community theatres in NC, OH, and NY. He also wrote several educational plays for local students about the signing of the US Constitution. Jimmy was a local historian and developed a passion for exploring his family genealogy. Throughout his entire life, he enjoyed being out on the water boating, fishing, and hunting. Among his great joys in the outdoors were duck hunting and fishing with his children and grandchildren. Jimmy possessed a strong sense of civic duty and community engagement. He sincerely loved his home community of Oriental and Pamlico County, and he remained engaged with them in countless ways throughout his life. Jimmy was an incredibly devoted and involved husband, father, and grandfather who actively supported and intimately knew everyone in his family. He enjoyed an authentic, deep personal relationship with each and every one of them.

Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Marilyn Henry Ragan; daughter, Renee Ragan Schrom (Eric) of Boiling Springs Lakes, NC; son, James "Jamie" Edward Ragan IV (Penny) of Goldsboro, NC; as well as five grandchildren, Josh Schrom, Joe Schrom, Emily Schrom, Lacey Ragan, Kate Ragan; and four great-grandchildren, Maddie Schrom, Sadie Schrom, Derek McLawhorn, and Gavin McLawhorn. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, George Ragan.

A visitation will be held on Monday, March 30th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home in Alliance, NC. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 31st, at 11:00 AM at the Oriental United Methodist Church. Inurnment will take place privately at a later date at the Oriental UMC Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HeartWorks, PO Box 365, Bayboro, NC 28515 or to the Pamlico Community College Foundation, PO Box 185, Grantsboro, NC 28529.

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

Adventure Day at New Bern Battlefield Park is Saturday, April 11, 2026

NEW BERN, NC. Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day, a springtime event for the entire family, is Saturday, April 11 at the New Bern Battlefield Park. A day full of learning activities, period games and living history, it is held annually at the Park, which has been extensively upgraded by the New Bern Historical Society. The event is open to guests of all ages, with special activities for children 6-12 years old. Check-in begins at 12:30 pm. with activities from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Guests will be greeted by re-enactors from the 7th, 26th and 28th North Carolina Regiments. The newly enlisted recruits participate in practice drills, Civil War period camp activities, crafts, and games. Adults and teens will enjoy living history presentations and a walking tour of the battlefield. The afternoon's activities will conclude with an exciting mock battle reenactment that includes the children, a live fire cannon demonstration and delicious hot apple crisp. The young recruits will "muster out" and receive their pay for their service.

Displays and demonstrations will include Civil War-era medical displays, period games, military camp life display and storytelling vignettes, historic equipment and tool displays, demonstration on making pine pitch and tar, make your own "True Tar Heel" certificate, cannon firing demonstrations, Cavalry horse display, a telegraph demonstration from the New Bern Amateur Radio Club, and the Library TechMobile with historical resources and free wifi.



Children meet new friend from the Cavalry.

Cost is \$5 per child or adult. For more information or to register: New Bern Historical Society; 252.638.8558; www.newbernhistorical.org

New Bern Battlefield Park is located off Hwy 70 at the entrance to the Taberna subdivision at 300 Battlefield Trail.

This program is supported through the generosity of the family of Harry K. Goodman, beloved New Bern Historical Society board member, who spent countless hours restoring and preserving New Bern Civil War Battlefield Park and volunteering in all aspects of the Historical Society's operations.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Offices are 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.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

—Winston Churchill



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Four stages of raising confident, money-smart kids



Dan M. Roberts

Good financial habits are a little like brushing your teeth. When you learn them early, they become second nature, and you carry them with you for life. And while money can feel complicated, especially today, the foundation starts simply.

Parents can begin the conversation with very young children, and young adults can build on those basics as they take on more responsibility. Step by step, these habits create confidence that helps build longterm financial security and a more fulfilling life.

The following are the four key stages of financial growth.

Stage 1: For very young children, the goal is to make money feel simple and manageable. A great place to start is with three jars labeled “Spend,” “Save” and “Share.” When kids can actually see their money grow or shrink, the idea starts to make sense. Saving also introduces them to goalsetting, and working toward paying for a small toy or outing teaches patience. Most important, you’re helping your children see money as a tool they can understand easily and use with confidence.

Stage 2: If you have tweens (children roughly 9 to 12 years old), they’re usually ready for slightly bigger financial ideas. This is a great time for them to earn money through chores or small jobs, helping them see the connection between effort and reward and building a sense of ownership. Conversations about needs versus wants also become more meaningful, because kids are now making real choices with money they earned themselves. Your tween may be ready for a simple savings

account to watch their savings grow, or a reloadable cash card for spending.

Stage 3: By the time teens reach high school or young adulthood, budgeting becomes essential. This doesn’t need to be overly strict or complicated. A simple system that helps them track deposits and withdrawals can make all the difference. Whether they use an app, a paper notebook or a spreadsheet, the real goal is awareness. Teenagers also benefit from learning how credit works. Understanding how to build a healthy credit score and how to use credit wisely protects them from costly mistakes in later life.

Stage 4: Then come the early working years, when habits shift from learning to building. One of the smartest steps at this stage is paying yourself first. Automatic transfers to savings or retirement accounts help establish stability without extra effort. Even small retirement contributions matter more than most people realize, because time allows compounding to do the heavy lifting. This is also when young adults can start organizing their money into different buckets for rent, automobile payments, emergencies, retirement and everyday spending. These habits help lay the groundwork for financial freedom down the road.

Throughout every stage, the theme is confidence. Each small success creates a sense of control and each good habit makes the next one easier. Over time, these habits turn into a lifetime of financial security and fulfillment. When you start strong and stay consistent, money becomes a tool that helps your children support the lives they want.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC


Edward Jones > edwardjones.com | Member SIPC



Your life. Your money. Your terms.

Whether it’s investing some extra income, preparing a future for your family with your retirement secured, or saving for a home or education costs, we’re here to coach you through it.

Contact us today to start creating a financial strategy tailored to your specific needs.



Dan Roberts IV, AAMS®
Financial Advisor
301 South Front Street
Building 1, Suite A
New Bern, NC 28560
252-633-5263

EJB-8652F-A-E-AD AECSPAD 28275213



Yes, Tomatoes Grow in Pamlico!

By: Daniel Simpson County Extension Director, Agriculture Agent



Over the past 20 years while I have worked with Cooperative Extension, numerous gardeners have sought advise through my office in regards to growing tomatoes. Disease, insects, and generally poor growth seem to plague their efforts, leading to claims that tomatoes cannot be grown in Pamlico County. However, I argue that tomatoes are ferocious growing plants that can easily be grown by most homeowners if they follow a few simple recommendations.


RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Choose tomato varieties that provide resistance to the disease Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV).** Consistently, this virus causes more problems for home gardeners than any other factor I have encountered. Symptoms include general wilting of plants, dark spots or speckling of leaves (typically on newer growth towards the top), and dark streaks on the surface of stems. The virus eventually leads to poor growth, stunted plants, discoloration of fruit, and plant death. I always recommend that home gardeners plant at least one resistant variety (Amelia, Top Gun, Crista, Mountain Magic, etc.). Heirloom varieties like Cherokee Purple carry no resistance to this virus, neither do some more modern hybrids like Better Boy or Celebrity. Tomato spotted wilt virus is spread by thrips, insects that transmit the virus as they suck on plant juices. Spraying insecticide for thrips is often ineffective because the insect transmits the virus faster than the insecticide can kill them. Tall, weedy growth near gardens may attract and harbor thrips, so weed control is important.
- Tomatoes need fertilizer.** Too often home gardeners use the “plant it and forget it” approach with tomatoes. Unfortunately, like most other vegetables, tomatoes need good fertility to grow productive plants and large tomatoes. When setting out transplants in gardens or containers, provide an application of water-soluble fertilizer containing both nitrogen and phosphorus. It does not matter if it is derived organically or from other sources (Miracle-Gro), only that the nutrients are in a water-soluble form that plants can use immediately. Later, as plants grow and begin to flower, additional nitrogen fertilizer will help encourage growth and fruit development. Calcium nitrate (15.5-0-0) is my preferred nitrogen source for tomatoes, providing both nitrogen for growth and additional calcium to help prevent blossom end rot. Additional nitrogen applications may be needed during the growing season to encourage continual growth.
- Water management is important.** Lastly, keep those plants well-watered. Inconsistent moisture in the soil will cause catfacing (cracking of fruit), slow growth, and encourage blossom end rot development. Soils with lots of dark organic matter will retain moisture longer than sandy soil. Potting mixes for containers should have moisture retention additives, but the small rooting space of containers requires watering multiple times a day as plants mature. If you plan to go on vacation for a week and leave your plants unattended, do not be surprised when blossom end rot occurs. When watering, keep foliage dry and try to only place water on the soil surface, as this will help limit spread of disease. Mulching can help retain moisture and reduce weed competition. A 2–3-inch layer of mulch is sufficient for most plantings.

With these three simple tips you can produce a healthy and abundant tomato crop in Pamlico County. If you have questions about growing tomatoes or other crops, please contact Daniel Simpson at the N.C. Cooperative Extension Pamlico County office at 252-745-4121 or daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.




Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus on fruit. William M. Brown Jr., Bugwood.org



Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home & Crematory
52 Bryant St., PO Box 99, Alliance, NC 28509
252-745-4966 | info@dsfunerals.com

Serving Pamlico, Craven, Beaufort and surrounding counties with courteous, compassionate and professional service



Formerly Bryant Funeral Home, under new ownership
Preplanning | Full-Service Funeral Establishment
Monument Sales | Crematory Onsite
Final Expense Insurance Sales | Affordable Pricing

Website: danielssadlerfunerals.com



He is Risen! Do you know him?

“No man goes before his time – unless the boss leaves early.”
– Groucho Marx

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ATTENTION
ALL PARENTS OF PAMLICO COUNTY
PRIVATE/HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10:00 am in the Pamlico County Schools Board of Education meeting room at 507 Anderson Drive, Bayboro, NC 28515 for representatives of private schools and home schools concerning students with disabilities. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these parties an opportunity to consult with a Pamlico County Schools representative about the proportionate share of federal funds that are available for special education for the 2026-27 school year.

Please contact Bettie Davis at 252-745-4171 ext. 630 if additional information is needed.

In compliance with federal law, Pamlico County Schools administers all education programs, employment activities and admissions without discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

**Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District
F.O.G. Program
(Fats, Oil, and Grease)**

Sewer back-ups and overflows are frequently caused by improper materials such as fats, oils and grease being placed into the sewer system by customers. Since fats, oils and grease are lighter than water, they tend to accumulate at the top and sides of sewer pipes and can build up until a blockage happens. If a blockage does occur, the sewer will back up or overflow.

DO NOT:

- Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain
- Use toilets as a wastebasket
- Use the sewer system as a means to dispose of food and scraps

DO:

- Collect grease in a container to dispose of it in the garbage
- Place food scraps in waste containers or start a compost pile
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom for disposable diapers and personal hygiene products

Eric Harper – Superintendent/BRMSD Collection System (ORC) Operator Responsible Charge

Bay River MSD
PO Box 758
Bayboro, NC 28515
Phone: 252.745.4812

“Sometimes, when things are falling apart, they may actually be falling into place.” — Unknown

"To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone." —

for sale
Coastal Cottage Charmer

3 bed / 2 bath
\$289,000
1640 sqft
22917 NC HWY 55
Oriental, NC 28571








- Newly Renovated
- Open Floor Plan
- .72 Acres
- No HOA Fees
- No Flood Zone

Allen Propst
c: 252-671-4644
e: allenpropst@orientalncwaterfront.com




Easter egg coloring tips



Many families will soon be partaking in a springtime tradition that has spanned generations: coloring Easter eggs.

While eggs once symbolized fertility and rebirth in Pagan celebrations, they have since come to be associated with Christianity. History.com says eggs historically were not allowed to be eaten during the 40 days of Lent. Subsequently, they were painted and decorated to mark the end of penance and enjoyed as a treat on Easter Sunday. Britannica also notes that the egg has come to represent the tomb Christ escaped, much like a chick breaks out of its shell.

Although it may seem like coloring Easter eggs already is a relatively simple project, there are steps that can simplify the process and make eggs more unique.

- Remove eggs from the refrigerator. Prior to dyeing eggs, bring them to room temperature by removing them from the fridge about 20 minutes before it's time to start boiling. This minimizes the chances that the egg shells will crack.

- Use a pin. Poking a tiny hole into the large ends of the eggs before boiling can release the air pressure inside and prevent the eggs from bursting during boiling.

- Keep vinegar on hand. Vinegar is the key to vibrant eggs because it acts as a mordant, which helps the dye bond to the shell. Without vinegar, the egg colors will be pale.

- Use a whisk. Instead of potentially breaking eggs when dropping them into dye with fingers or spoons, place the egg inside the wires of a kitchen whisk.

- Use protective gear. Children tend to get messy when coloring eggs. Make sure they are dressed in clothes that can get splattered. Also, wearing kitchen dishwashing gloves or latex gloves will keep hands from being stained by dye. Cover tables or counters with a water-resistant sheet or tablecloth to further prevent staining.

- Experiment with different dyeing methods. Wrap rubber bands or string around the eggs before dipping to create geometric shapes and white lines. For a soft, marbled look, mix dye in a tray with shaving cream and roll the egg through. For a speckled appearance, place eggs in a container with dry rice and drops of dye and then shake.

- Create a drying station. Letting eggs dry on a paper towel or newspaper can contribute to smears and white spots. Instead, poke flat-head pins into a foam board. Rest the eggs on the pins while they dry.

- Create some sheen. When the eggs are completely dry, rubbing them with a drop of vegetable oil on a cloth will shine them up nicely.

Eggs are a traditional component of Easter festivities and decor. A few easy tweaks can make the process go more smoothly and result in vivid and creative eggs.

Easter egg hunts and other eggceptional traditions

Easter is celebrated in various ways. Traditional religious commemorations include Saturday evening Easter vigils and Sunday morning Resurrection masses. Parents may spend Easter weekend putting the finishing touches on Easter Bunny baskets, and many families favor a combination of traditions.

Since religious as well as secular imagery and traditions have melded to form the Easter most individuals recognize today, a mix of customs may be part of your Easter festivities. Among them will be colored eggs, egg hunts and possibly even egg rolls. Just how was the Easter egg tradition hatched?



Pre-Christian societies

Before Christianity was as widespread as it is in modern times, many societies associated eggs with spring and new life. Many birds and animals lay eggs early in spring, and these eggs tend to hatch upon the arrival of the warm weather, budding flowers and buzzing insects.

Ancient Persians are believed to have painted eggs for Nowrooz, their new year celebration that would fall on the spring equinox each year.

Eggs also have been part of Passover celebrations. A hard-boiled egg dipped in salt water is served at a Passover seder, symbolizing both new life away from oppression and the Passover sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem, according to Chabad.org.

Lent, Christianity and eggs

In medieval times, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, when both dairy and meat were avoided. To reduce waste, eggs laid during Lent were boiled or preserved in some way.

The fast ended on Easter Sunday, and eggs became, once again, important and nutritious staples — especially for poor families that couldn't afford much meat. Eggs also were given to the church by medieval English villagers and also to the lords of the manor. Royals eventually got in on the act, and decorated eggs were distributed to the household in a tradition that was one of the earliest to include eggs.

Egg hunts and more

Some historians suggest that egg hunts can be traced back to German Protestant reformer Martin Luther, who organized egg hunts for his congregation. The men would hide the eggs for the women and children to find. This symbolized the story of Christ's resurrection, when the tomb was discovered by women. The eggs also represented Jesus' new life and his emergence from the tomb.

Egg hunts are not the only egg-related games that were hatched for Easter celebrations. According to the website Learn Religions, some European children go from house to house begging for Easter eggs, like children may ask for treats on Halloween. The custom is called "pace-egging," a term derived from the old word for Easter, "Pasch." Egg rolls also are symbolic of rolling away the stone from Christ's tomb. Various countries have their own rules on egg rolls. In Germany, for example, children roll their eggs down a track made from sticks.

Easter eggs are an integral symbol of the holiday that hold both secular and religious meaning.

ACE
The helpful place.

Spring is here! Get your landscape and plants ready ...

Spring SALE

- 10" Fern Hanging Basket \$15.99
- Knockout Roses \$19.99
- 10" Geranium \$15.99
- Flowering Hanging Baskets \$15.99

Bonnie Vegetables & Herbs
Also in Stock



PAMLICO HOME BUILDERS & SUPPLIES, INC.
Hwy 55, Alliance • (252) 745-4111
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am to 6:00 pm • Sat. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm



St. Peter the Fisherman
1st Annual Polishfest
Dinner and Dance
featuring the
Wolfpack Sound
Polka Band

April 11th, 2026
6:00 pm

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church
White Farm Rd. Oriental

Tickets \$25

Available at Marsha's Cottage

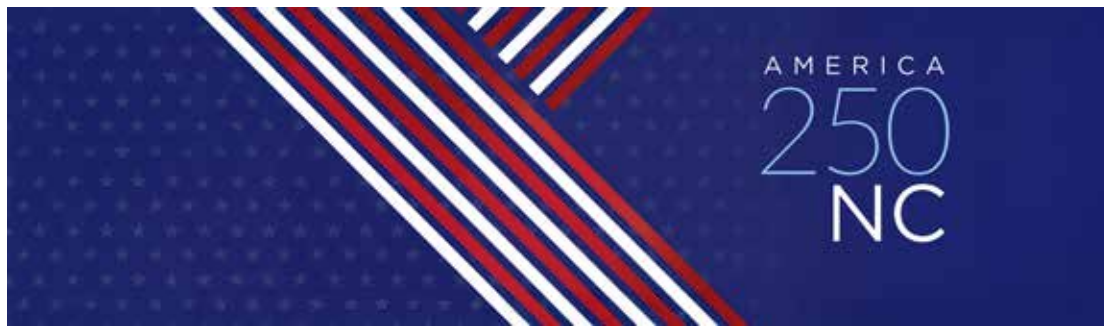
OR

Scan here
For Tickets

Go to Give
Choose amount
Select
Social Concerns
Complete
information
Note: Polishfest

Dinner – Pierogi, Kielbasa
Beer and Wine included
All proceeds will go
PCFLO Food Pantry





April in the American Revolution

by: Hiram Lupton



April 18-19, 1775 – Paul Revere rode through the Massachusetts countryside to Lexington to warn that the British were coming. It is believed he actually said, “The regulars are coming,” since that was what British troops were called and that technically, at that time all Americans were British.

April 19, 1775 – The battles of Lexington and Concord. These two relatively small battles between Patriot Militia and British troops in Massachusetts are often considered the start of the American Revolution.

April 12, 1776 – The Halifax Resolves are passed by the North Carolina Continental Congress calling for total independence from Britain. This was the first vote and signed document in the colonies to formally call for a complete break from Britain and independence.

“Our contest is not only whether we ourselves shall be free, but whether there shall be left to mankind an asylum on earth for civil and religious liberty.”

–Samuel Adams

The Hodges Foundation 2026 Grant Award Recipients

by: Hiram Lupton

Since its establishment in 2003, the Hodges Foundation has worked to help the youth of Pamlico County succeed in life and ultimately in a competitive employment market. Each year they award grants to Pamlico County non-profits who share their ideals and who have created initiatives to benefit and improve the lives of Pamlico County youth through education, health, nutrition, and improved family life. On Monday, Richard and Patricia Hodges, creators of the foundation, along with Board member Jennifer Alcock were on hand at the Pamlico County Public Library to announce the winners of this year’s grant awards. They are; Sound of Salvation Ministries (\$2500), Grace Fellowship Christian School (\$2160), Love Thy Neighbor (\$3500), Pamlico County Middle School SkillsUSA (\$2000), The Pamlico Partnership for Children (\$4500), The Pamlico County Rescue Squad (\$2000), and Imagine Pamlico (\$4500). Also receiving a grant but not pictured was HeartWorks (\$5000). These eight worthy non-profit organizations each provide unique benefits to the youth of Pamlico County and help support and further the Foundation’s mission. Thank you to the Hodges Foundation for supporting these fine organizations and thank you to each of them for bettering the lives of Pamlico County’s youth.



Sounds of Salvation Ministry



Grace Fellowship Christian School



Love Thy Neighbor



Pamlico County Middle School SkillsUSA



The Pamlico Partnership for Children



Pamlico County Rescue Squad



Imagine Pamlico

Cats are more than just furry friends

Cat owners have a tendency to be especially devoted to their feline friends, and research indicates cats return the favor by providing a host of health benefits to their owners. The Human Animal Bond Research Institute reports that cat ownership can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and improve heart health. In addition, the HABRI notes that cat ownership can help to alleviate social isolation and feelings of loneliness and even reduce stress.





Hosted by: Pamlico County Animal Control, Pamlico County Health Department, and Oriental Village Veterinary Hospital

Saturday, April 11, 2025
8:00am - 11:00am
Pamlico County Courthouse Parking Lot
(follow the cones/guides)

\$10.00/vaccine
\$10.00 microchipping also available
Please bring exact change - CASH ONLY

1-year and 3 year vaccine doses available
***Must have previous records to obtain 3-year vaccine**

All dogs must be leashed.
 All cats and ferrets must be in a carrier at all times.
 Only one animal per carrier. Animals must remain in vehicles.

Easter Specials



Pamlico Gifts has the perfect selection of goodies to fill Easter baskets for all ages. From fuzzy bunnies and baby chicks to frames, candles, tableware, garden flags, High-Quality Gourmet Coffees and more...

PAMLICOGifts

11326 NC Hwy 55 E • Grantsboro, NC • 252-502-2023
 M-F 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM • SAT. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Closed On Sunday

Annual health checkups can be vital to cancer prevention

Annual health checkups are so vital that many insurance providers offer once-yearly wellness visits free of charge to policy holders. It's important for people to get annual physicals even if they feel fit and healthy, as these yearly visits can help uncover issues that may not be producing symptoms. Annual wellness visits also afford adults an opportunity to discuss their lifestyle with their physicians, which can identify areas where changes might be necessary with a goal toward improving long-term health.

Yearly health checkups also provide an opportunity to learn about key screenings, especially those that may detect for cancer. But industry surveys indicate far too many adults aren't taking this vital step. A 2024 survey from the Prevent Cancer Foundation found that 39 percent of surveyed adults had not had a routine medical appointment in the previous 12 months. That's a troubling finding and one that could be more costly than adults realize, as the PCF reports that as many as 50 percent of cancer cases and half of all cancer deaths are preventable. Screening for cancer, a process that often begins with discussions during annual wellness checkups, is a life-saving and typically non-intrusive way to detect the disease at its earliest, most treatable stage, a point in most cancer instances when symptoms are not necessarily present or noticeable.

Annual checkups also offer patients an opportunity to discuss lifestyle changes that can decrease their cancer risk. Some adults may not recognize that their existing lifestyle is increasing their cancer risk. For example, the American Cancer Society notes that a sedentary lifestyle, a diet lacking in sufficient nutrition and excessive alcohol consumption all can increase a person's cancer risk. Annual wellness visits provide an excellent opportunity for adults to discuss their lifestyle with their physicians, who may recommend some potentially life-saving tweaks that can greatly reduce a person's risk for cancer.



Health & Wellness

The effects of chronic stress on overall health



Stress has long been a part of modern life, but recent research suggests concerns about stress are growing. A 2024 study published in the journal BMC Public Health noted that 85 percent of the 149 countries examined reported worse psychological stress in 2020 compared with 2008. A Gallup World Poll taken the same year the study was released found that 39 percent of adults worldwide reported experiencing a lot of worry the previous day.

Stress has long been a complex phenomenon. Studies have found that moderate, acute stress can offer various benefits, including enhanced cognitive function and increased motivation. But chronic stress can pose a notable threat to overall health. When chronic stress is not treated, people may experience a range of physical and psychological symptoms that greatly jeopardize their overall health.

Symptoms

The Yale School of Medicine notes a wide range of symptoms can emerge when a person experiences chronic stress. Those symptoms include physical, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral changes.

- Aches and pains
- Insomnia or feelings of sleepiness
- Changes in social behavior, such as increasing instances of staying in
- Low energy
- Lack of focus or cloudy thinking
- Change in appetite
- Increased alcohol consumption or drug use
- Change in emotional responses to others
- Emotional withdrawal

Chronic stress and disease risk

The American Psychological Association reports that chronic stress can contribute to long-term problems that affect the heart and blood vessels. Chronic stress leads to a consistent and ongoing increase in heart rate, and the elevated levels of stress hormones when a person is dealing with chronic stress can contribute to high blood pressure. The APA notes these side effects of chronic stress ultimately increase the risk for hypertension, heart attack or stroke, each of which can prove deadly. Chronic stress also can increase inflammation in the circulatory system, including in the coronary arteries, which also can increase risk for heart attack.

Chronic stress also can contribute to diseases of the reproductive system in both men and women. Stress affects the immune system's ability to function optimally, so men dealing with chronic stress may be more vulnerable to infections of the testes, prostate gland and urethra. Women dealing with chronic stress may find symptoms of reproductive diseases like herpes simplex virus or polycystic ovarian syndrome are exacerbated.

Chronic stress should not be accepted as a normal byproduct of modern adult life. When dealing with chronic stress, individuals are urged to work with a health care professional to avoid negative outcomes that affect their short- and long-term health.



Broad Strokes
GALLERY
Artist Built. Community Driven



We welcome guest artists

Jack Hurley & Terry Swanson



Spring has Sprung at the Gallery!

Check out Pamlico High School advanced art student project: *Watercolor Polaroids*



Enjoy the floral-themed art throughout the gallery created by all of our artists





Contentnea Health
Pamlico

We specialize in primary medical and dental care for the entire family.




313 Main Street | Bayboro, NC
252-745-2070 (medical) | 252-745-0781 (dental)
contentnea.org/Locations



CALL THE ELEVATOR AND LIFT EXPERTS: 1-888-634-1717







Visit our new showroom located at 4430 Hwy 70E, New Bern, NC 28560

With over 30 years of experience, Liftavator is your best source for residential and commercial elevators and lifts. Our qualified and licensed technicians provide professional installation, maintenance, service and inspection. We also offer 24-hour emergency calls. Whether you need an outdoor lift, luxury home elevator, stairlift, or commercial elevator, call Liftavator for a free consultation. We will find a solution that is right for you!



ELITE DEALER

LIFTAVATOR.COM
1-888-634-1717

Safe ways seniors can lose weight

The prevalence of obesity among adults 60 and older is significant. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 39 percent of adults 60 and over met the criteria for obesity over a two-year period between August 2021 and August 2023.

The National Council on Aging notes the importance of maintaining a healthy weight as you age. Seniors who qualify as obese, which occurs when a person's body accumulates and stores excessive amounts of body fat, carry a higher risk of chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and certain types of cancer. The NCOA also notes that excess body weight puts a strain on the joints, increasing the risk for osteoarthritis and making daily movements more difficult. People with obesity also are more likely to develop asthma and sleep apnea.

Seniors diagnosed with obesity are urged to seek safe and healthy ways to lose weight. Fad diets and other means to quick weight loss can be dangerous, but the NCOA notes simple lifestyle changes and healthy habits can help seniors safely lose weight.

- Consume nutrient-dense foods. Lean proteins, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables offer plenty of vitamins, minerals and fiber but tend to be low in calories. That makes them ideal options for people looking to lose weight, as they contribute to feelings of fullness without consuming a lot of calories.
- Incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. Exercise can pose problems for older adults who qualify as obese. The joint issues that can affect older adults with obesity can make traditional exercise regimens that incorporate strength training and moderate to vigorous aerobic activity very difficult, and maybe even dangerous. But the NCOA notes that exercise need not be intense to be effective. Walking is a great physical activity for older adults. Swimming also is excellent, as it provides a full-body workout that's easy on the joints. Seniors are urged to speak with their physicians about physical activities they can handle.



- Don't sleep on sleep. Sleep can be an effective ally for seniors looking to lose weight. The NCOA notes that seven to nine hours of sleep per night helps support a healthy metabolism and regulate hunger. Seniors who have trouble falling asleep at night can try various strategies, from avoiding caffeine from the afternoon on to avoiding screens after dinner, to prepare their bodies to get better rest at night.
- Work to combat stress. The NCOA reports that stress is a contributor to weight gain. And stress and disorders linked to it are perhaps more common among adults 60 and over than people realize. In fact, according to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, anxiety disorders, which are a notable source of ongoing stress, are the most widespread mental health condition among older adults. Sufficient sleep, meditation and deep breathing exercises can help seniors combat stress, and that in turn may help older adults avoid excess weight gain. Obesity is a problem among older adults. Finding safe ways to lose weight can have a profound effect on seniors' short- and long-term health.

COASTAL LIVING

PAWS Dog Parade

It was a chilly day on the Oriental waterfront Saturday and wearing fur was not just accepted, it was mandatory for the main participants in the Pamlico Animal Welfare Society's (PAWS) annual Dog Parade. Canines of all sizes and breeds turned out along with their owners, some in creative costumes, to help raise money for PAWS. The Pamlico Community Band was there to provide music to soothe the savage beast pre-parade and there was also a blessing of the dogs. The Parade was led by Mayor Sally Belangia and Bogey. A good time for a great cause.



"You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don't try to forget the mistakes, but you don't dwell on it. You don't let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space." —Johnny Cash

BOBBY CAHOON

MARINE CONSTRUCTION

THE ONLY MARINE CONTRACTOR YOU'LL EVER NEED
252.665.4976

EXCELLENCE, RELIABILITY, & INNOVATION.
THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY PROJECT.

Our Services:

- Custom Docks & Piers
- Seawalls & Retaining Walls
- Boat Lifts
- Boat Houses & Gazebo Roofs
- Lot Clearing
- Site Preparation
- Bulkhead Backfilling, Grading & Demolition
- Dirt, Rock & Equipment Hauling

BOBBYCAHOONCONSTRUCTION.COM

The Inland Waterway Provision Company

We're a fully stocked marine store and what we don't have we can order for you usually with overnight delivery so you can get back on the water in no time!

Check out our fishing tackle and make your requests as we grow the selection! We also stock an assortment of craft beer, wines, snacks, condiments, personal care products and ice.

HOURS:
Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday – Saturday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

305 Hodges Street, Oriental, NC 28571
Located at ICW statute mile marker 181
252.249.1797

ESTD. 1920

Mill Creek PHOTOGRAPHY

Jeff Roberts
Veteran Owned & Operated

Landscape • Wildlife • Sports • Portrait • Real Estate • Commercial •
Newborn • Maternity • Senior

for all your photography needs. Serving Pamlico and Surrounding Counties.

252-229-3851
milcreekphotography252@gmail.com
milcreekphotography.zenfolio.site.com

WAYFARERS COVE

MARINA & BEACH, LLC

1107 Bennett Rd.
Minnesott Beach, NC 28510
252-249-0200

Your Hurricane Hole!
60 Ton Travel lift, Beams to 19'2"
Dry Storage to 55', Lounge and
Bathhouse & WiFi

WET AND DRY STORAGE AVAILABLE

HELP WANTED

Scott

PLUMBING & HEATING

We service and install all brands and models of
Heating & Air Conditioning Units
Natural or Propane Gas, Oil, Electric, or Geothermal

- Free estimates on new installations and/or replacements.
- Residential and commercial applications
- Complete ductwork inspections, repairs, and now offering duct cleaning.
- Serving five counties for over 35 years

American Standard

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

(252) 745-5135
6690 Hwy. 55 East in Reelsboro
Emergency, Nights & Weekends 252-670-7688
www.scottph.com

Cheerful dessert brings smiles to Easter celebrations

The fresh, bright flavor of lemon can bring a cheery ambiance to any occasion when it makes an appearance in delicious recipes. Lemon essence seems ripe for spring and summer entertaining, and can feature prominently in Easter desserts. Such is the case with this recipe for "Lemon Poppy Seed Pound Cake" from "The Pampered Chef® Stoneware Inspirations" by The Pampered Chef® Test Kitchens.

Lemon Poppy Seed Pound Cake
Yield: 16 servings

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened (do not substitute margarine)
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Powdered sugar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Spray Stoneware Fluted Pan (or any bundt cake pan) with nonstick cooking spray. Combine flour, granulated sugar, lemon zest, poppy seeds, baking powder, and salt in a 2-quart mixing bowl; mix well. In a 4-quart mixing bowl, beat butter and cream cheese on high



speed of hand-held electric mixer 1 minute. Add flour mixture; beat on low speed 1 minute or until blended (mixture will form a stiff paste).
2. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, milk and vanilla just until blended. Add egg mixture to cream cheese mixture in four additions, beating 2 minutes after each addition. (Do not undermix.)
3. Pour batter into pan. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until a cake tester inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 10 minutes. Loosen cake from sides of pan; carefully invert onto a cooling rack, keeping pan over cake. Cool completely.
4. Place cake on serving platter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or prepare a glaze, if desired.

CLASSIFIEDS



WINFREY BUILDERS
252-670-2915



World Wide Marine Training, LLC
U.S.C.G. Approved Training & Testing

Captains Licenses ★ Master 100 Tons ★ Master 200 Tons ★ AB
★ STCW 5-day Basic Training ★ Radar Endorsements ★
Auxiliary Sail and Assistance Towing Endorsements

Call 252-249-2135
worldwidemarinettraining.com
22532 NC Hwy 55 East, Oriental, NC 28571

Pamlico Tree Care, LLC
Servicing New Bern & Surrounding Counties
Owner: Jonathan Mitchell



New Omme 90' Tracklift Access through a 4' wide gate
Complete Tree Removal
Stump Grinding

Brush & Branch Chipping
Cabling & Crown Reduction
Tree Pruning & Shaping

Fully Insured with Liability and Workmen's Comp
252-745-7232/252-671-7563
Pamlicotreecare@aol.com
www.pamlicotreecare.com

FOR SALE



Arapahoe - Fully renovated, 3BR/2Bath home featuring a new roof, new HVAC and brand-new appliances (refrigerator needed). Enjoy access to the Neuse River from a nearby shared waterfront lot complete with a sandy beach!
\$279,000

CENTURY 21
Sail/Loft Realty
252-249-1787
www.SailLoftRealty.com

T.O.P.P. Care For Pets
The Oriental Pet Parlour

- Full Service Grooming
- Licensed Boarding
- Day Care
- For Dogs, Cats, Birds & Other Pets

252-249-0243
315 White Farm Road Oriental, NC 28571
Hours: M-F 8:30-5 Sat. 9-3
Check out our website at www.TheOrientalPetParlour.com

Katherine H. Winfrey
Income Tax Service

801 Broad St.
Oriental, NC 28571

533 South Creek Rd.
Aurora, NC 27806
252-670-7728
252-675-2828

“The problem is that the people with the most ridiculous ideas are always the people who are most certain of them.”

HELP WANTED

Laborer needed, pick up and put down, Follow instructions, weed whack. Paying cash daily. Semi-retired, part time ok.
Capt. Ron Diamond 518-657-1348 in Oriental
Must have drivers license. Non-smoker preferred.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Oriental is seeking bidders for the repair of the Dinghy Dock and seawall. The RFP and associated documents are available at www.townoforiental.com under BIDS (2026-05B), or at Town Hall, 507 Church St Oriental, NC between the hours of 8AM and 4 PM M-Th, 8AM-3PM F.

The proposals will be opened at Town Hall (address above) on April 8, 2PM.

The Board has the right to reject any and all proposals.

Questions can be directed to Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM at manager@townoforiental.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on a Special Use Permit (SUP) for an Alcohol Permit for the Casa Que Pasa additional lot at 316 Hodges St. in the Town of Oriental will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6PM, or as soon thereafter as can be reached, in the large Board Room in Town Hall, 507 Church St, Oriental, NC. The Board is required to review any evidence presented at that time. The application will be available for viewing by the Public at Oriental Town Hall and online at www.TownofOriental.com. The meeting is open to the Public.

Diane H. Miller, Manager/Clerk

Notice to Creditors North Carolina, Pamlico County

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Carl Samuel Russ, Jr., deceased, of Grantsboro, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before June 11, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This the 11th day of March, 2026.

Ella Russ, Executrix of the Estate of Carl Samuel Russ, Jr.
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
412 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES:
3/11/2026; 3/18/2026; 3/25/2026; 4/1/2026

NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY Notice to creditors:

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against The Estate of PHYLLIS JEAN ROBINSON deceased, of PAMLICO County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before June 18, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 18th day of March, 2026.

Sandra Lee Smith – ADMINISTRATOR
C/O MARY T. SKINNER, ATTORNEY
Dunn, Pittman, Skinner & Ashton, PLLC
3230 Country Club Road
New Bern, NC 28562

INCIDENTS

- March 12, China Grove Rd., Arapahoe, cyberstalking, harassing phone calls
- March 12, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, pills found
- March 12, Deerhaven Rd., New Bern, injury to real property
- March 12, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, shoplifting/concealment goods/merchandise
- March 12, NC Hwy 55, New Bern, order for arrest for DWI, driving while impaired
- March 12, Swan Point Rd., Bayboro, larceny of a motor vehicle, larceny of firearm
- March 13, Deep Run Rd., New Bern, resist/delay/obstruct public officer, possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana, maintain vehicle/dwelling/place for controlled substance
- March 13, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest aid & abet impaired driving, order for arrest allow unlicensed to drive, order for arrest possess/consume alcohol passenger area

Home Improvement

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-877-649-1190 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

Miscellaneous

We Buy Houses for Cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-919-925-6362.

Miscellaneous

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-833-928-1861. Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

Miscellaneous

We Buy Vintage Guitar's! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild,

March 18, 25, April 1 and 8

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF STEPHEN E. CARPENTER File No.: 26E000047-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to BRETT A. CARPENTER, EXECUTOR on or before JUNE 16, 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 18th OF MARCH 2026

ESTATE OF STEPHEN E. CARPENTER
C/O BRETT A. CARPENTER
1432 HUNTERS LANE
GREENVILLE, NC 27834

Publish MARCH 18, 25 AND APRIL 1 AND 8, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF TRELIS BRYANT MOORE 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

REPORTS

- March 12, China Grove Rd., Arapahoe, cyberstalking, harassing phone calls
- March 12, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, pills found
- March 12, Deerhaven Rd., New Bern, injury to personal property
- March 13, Main St., Bayboro, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked
- March 14, NC Hwy 55, Grantsboro, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, possessed suspended driver's license
- March 14, N. Third St., Bayboro, felony conspiracy, possess controlled substance prison/jail premises, conspire to sell/deliver controlled substance, provide contraband to inmate, maintain vehicle/dwelling/place for controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana, possession of fentanyl
- March 15, Oriental Rd., Oriental, larceny of property or goods value > \$1,000

ESTATE OF TRELIS BRYANT MOORE
C/O HOPE BRYANT
PO BOX 398
ORIENTAL, NC 28571

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 Robinson, 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 c/o John W. King, Jr. King & Moss PLLC Attorneys at Law
PO Box 1112
New Bern, NC 28563
(252) 638-1103

Run Dates
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
ATMORE, AL 36502

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
WHITE & ALLEN, P.A.
901 College Court
New Bern, North Carolina 28562

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

- Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-855-869-7055 today!
- Miscellaneous**
BEHIND ON YOUR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS? Threatened with foreclosure? Denied a loan modification? Let us help! Call the Homeowner Relief Line to speak with a mortgage specialist 844-492-0883
- Sale**
Get DISH Satellite TV + Internet! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time Up To \$600 In Gift Cards. Call Today! 1-877-920-7405
- Time Share**
Wesley Financial Group, LLC Timeshare Cancellation Experts. Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 844-213-6711
- Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-833-641-6577
- Miscellaneous**
Donate your car today, running or not. Support Patriotic Hearts for our Veterans and their Families! Free fast pickup. May be tax deductible. Se habla Español. Call now: 877-317-3360
- Miscellaneous**
Get a High Quality, Modern Design bath or shower transformation in as little as One Day. \$0 Down, \$0 Installation, \$0 Payments for 12 months! Call: 1-877-243-7050.
- Miscellaneous**
Denied Social Security Disability? Appeal! If you're 50+, filed SSD and denied, our attorneys can help! Win or Pay Nothing! Strong, recent work history needed. 877-553-0252 [Steppacher Law Offices LLC Principal Office: 224 Adams Ave Scranton PA 18503]
- Miscellaneous**
Get a break on your taxes! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



The walls of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church were bulging on Friday for Ray Scott's Celebration of Life. Ray was loved so much by his friends, family, and those of us who are transplants. Matt did a great job as the speaker for his father. Friends went up and told stories about Ray. Ed Terry sang for the service. Many members of the Silverthorne family came from Virginia and had lunch at Brantleys. Some stayed over for the service on Sunday and the church provided the lunch for those who stayed over from Virginia and the church members. It was Palm Sunday and it was wonderful to have so many for the service. Looking out

my front door I noticed my azaleas are trying to pop out, but they never got cut back last year so they are having a hard time trying to show their lovely colors! Alex Adams ask me at church today if I saw all the cars at his house on Thursday. He was giving a presentation on growing oysters. If you haven't eaten any of his oysters you have missed a delicacy. I can't believe that next Sunday is Easter and I don't have an Easter Bonnet to wear. Remember the song "In your Easter Bonnet with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade." (Hope I got the words correct.)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—WISH ALL A WONDERFUL EASTER AND HOPE YOU CAN BE WITH FAMILY!

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



This is a fact, not an April Fool's joke. The final Bayboro Baptist Church Lenten service is on April 1, 2026. Evangelist Carnell J. Barrow, West Branch Missionary Baptist Church will bring/sing the message for this Lenten service. You don't want to miss this Holy Week event.

Stonewall Methodist Church Easter Cantata, "One Day," was presented on Palm Sunday March 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm to an awesome sanctuary full of worshipers. There were duets by Lester Carey and Donna Gordon (grandfather/granddaughter), and Jesse Rodriguez and Micah Rodriguez. (father/son). There was a beautiful solo by Beth Stowe Wood. Prelude and postlude was played by Mary Hubbell. Director Dixie Gatlin and all the choir had another outstanding performance. It takes a village to have a successful performance and many that were instrumental in the production have not been named in this article, but everyone, including the congregation made this another successful cantata. Thank you all.

"Written in Red," Love's Greatest Story, a drama depicting the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, was presented at Reelsboro Methodist Church and I pray you also had a chance to attend that performance. A lot of hard work went into that pro-

duction, and all involved are to be commended. Pamlico County is blessed to have talented people sharing their gifts with the community.

Easter is April 5, 2026. Stonewall Methodist Church will have their Easter Sunrise service in the Stonewall Campground at 6:30 am followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. They will not have Sunday school so their worship service will begin at 10:30 am on Easter.

Pamlico Methodist Church will have a Sonrise service at 7 am, and all the churches in the Arapahoe area will celebrate Easter sunrise at Camp Don Lee.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Elizabeth Arthur and Scott Fitzgerald (4/6), Elsie Alexander (4/10), Noah Rodgers (4/11), 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 anniversaries in April are Greg & Vicky-Mosely Jones (4/2) and Tillie & Zeffie Roberts (4/14).

Have a blessed week. Insecure? Take Spiritual Vitamin I. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope that you are all doing well. The weather lately has definitely been a little bipolar lately but that is completely normal for our area. It looks like the pollen has finally tamed down a little along with the controlled burns. It's really tough this time of the year.

When it comes to burning I know a lot of people get aggravated with the control burns but they are quite necessary. The undergrowth on the forest floor is a huge fuel source for wildfires and if not controlled could be devastating to our area. You see yearly what happens out west with the wildfires and a lot of that area do not allow for controlled burns.

One thing to think about when burning at home is to be thoughtful of your neighbors. What do I mean by that you ask, well think who your neighbors are and what conditions they have that the smoke could be harmful. Now I will be the first to admit that when I used to burn I did not think about it other than the fire itself. It wasn't until knowing someone, my mom and my wife, that I understood why I should consider my neighbor when burning. You see, the smoke and the poor air quality that it causes hurts them tremendously. My wife isn't able to enjoy those days as she can't breathe due to the smoke. The times that she has went out it harms her and a lot of times makes her lose her voice. So when burning just be mindful and let your

neighbors know. Easter is this weekend which is such a beautiful time of the year. The Easter outfits, the food, and the reason for the season. I have seen quite a few Easter egg hunts scheduled for our area and the weather looks perfect. Make sure you get out to one of the performances of "Written in Red". That production takes a lot of time but means so much to our community and all those who put it on and those in the crowd enjoying it.

God bless and remember he is the reason for the season.



Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Bee Diary:
The delivery is delayed so they will be here April 14 or so. Lot's of new keepers, in fact NC has more beekeepers than any other state. I've allowed Henbit and Purple Deadnettle to flourish for the bees in the yard. Camellias are still blooming. They will happily miss the Yellow Jasmine nectar/pollen that's toxic to the bee baby brood as it's fading. Looks like the close by Blackberries are going to have a good crop of nectar for them though so things are shaping up.

Critters are on the move: raccoons, a bear, and a bobcat. My brother in East Tennessee sent me bird camera videos of a fox, a skunk and a raccoon coming up to his back door. Here are mine, now two looking put out because of the birds cleaning out the food.

First ever ice on the windshield on 3/17 from that fast moving cold front. Defroster got a rare workout.

Prescribed Burns are beginning. You can go here: <https://ncwrc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/eb912135135c4a14b6b-c088750570f76> to see a live dashboard of the burns.

The Dolphins have made a couple of appearances already. Not seeing any diving ducks now. A few days ago finally saw a substantial flock of Cormorants go by. Yellow-rumped Warblers are back singing in the yard.

Got my shipment from Dough Mama: Plain Sourdough, Blueberry

Sourdough and great cookies. She's out of Tarboro and the product arrives fresh and delicious.

Drove through downtown and it is most comforting to see Ms Lib's storefront decorated with her St. Patrick Theme. Her extravagant Easter Window will be up soon. Go by and get a precision hair cut and catch up on the goings on.

Flatland's onions are coming up but I'm sure they could use some rain.



Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Greetings from Vandemere!

We've had a wonderful week in Town, and it's all good news! Residents generously donated seeds to our Seed Library, which the children at YNTO created for the Town. The Seed Library is now set up in Town Hall, with over 50 seed varieties ready for anyone eager to start a garden.

This past Saturday, we hosted the 2nd Annual Business Brunch, bringing together local entrepreneurs dedicated to supporting Vandemere.

It was a full house, with attendees networking and sharing their progress within our community. A special thank you to Beth Bucksot, lead for the County Department of Economic Growth and Development, for her insight and for helping connect both for-profit and nonprofit organizations. We also appreciate Pamlico County Community College joining us for the brunch. The future is bright, and we look forward to continued progress as we support one another in making Vandemere an even better place to live.

This week, NC Wildlife will be working on improvements to the boat ramp parking lot, including resealing and repainting. The project is expected to be completed by Friday, April 3; our thanks to them! Kudos also go to our Parks and Recreation team, who have received multiple compliments for keeping the Waterfront Park in great shape. Strong Work!

We hope everyone has a fantastic week filled with sunshine, gardening, and quality time with friends and family. Come see what Vandemere has to offer at www.vandemerenc.com!



Cape Fear Striping Company from Wilmington, North Carolina



Discover the Beauty & Durability of PuroStone

CALL NOW
(855) 932-7733

\$1500 OFF*

PLUS
ZERO Interest,
ZERO Payments
Financing for 12 Months**

Military & Senior
Discounts Available

*Includes labor and product; bathtub, shower or walk-in tub and wall surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires 6/30/26. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. **Third party financing is available for those customers who qualify/Participating dealers only. See your dealer for details. ©2026 Bath Concepts Industries, LLC.

Jacuzzi | Bath Remodel

Safety. Style. Stress-Free Installation.

CALL NOW
1.844.328.3694

SPECIAL OFFER

Waiving All Installation Costs!

Add'l terms apply. Offer subject to change and vary by dealer. Expires 12/27/26.

Tested and proven gutter protection.



LeafFilter® Common hood style

We install year-round - Exp. 6/30/26

Schedule your **free** inspection and estimate today!
1-877-649-1190 Promo Code: 285

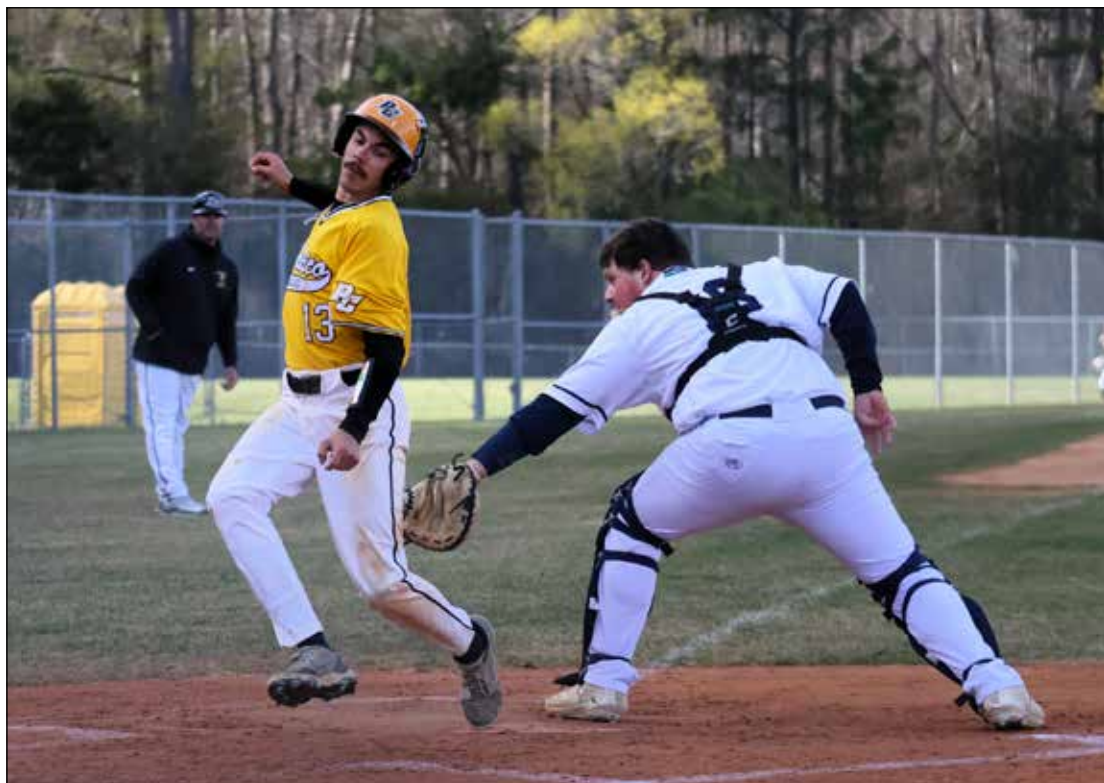
25% off
LeafFilter Gutter Protection

*Promotional offer includes 10% off plus an additional 10% off for qualified veterans and/or seniors. Cannot be combined with any other offers. One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. See representative for full warranty details. AZ POC 944027, CA 1056795, CT HIC007620, DC 420222E+H, FL CBC058678, IA C127280, ID PCE-9804, LA 559544, MA 235292, MD MH-IC11225, MI HIC94486, MN 252200335, 252200336, 252200337, 252200338, 252200339, 252200340, 252200341, 252200342, 252200343, 252200344, 252200345, 252200346, 252200347, 252200348, 252200349, 252200350, 252200351, 252200352, 252200353, 252200354, 252200355, 252200356, 252200357, 252200358, 252200359, 252200360, 252200361, 252200362, 252200363, 252200364, 252200365, 252200366, 252200367, 252200368, 252200369, 252200370, 252200371, 252200372, 252200373, 252200374, 252200375, 252200376, 252200377, 252200378, 252200379, 252200380, 252200381, 252200382, 252200383, 252200384, 252200385, 252200386, 252200387, 252200388, 252200389, 252200390, 252200391, 252200392, 252200393, 252200394, 252200395, 252200396, 252200397, 252200398, 252200399, 252200400, 252200401, 252200402, 252200403, 252200404, 252200405, 252200406, 252200407, 252200408, 252200409, 252200410, 252200411, 252200412, 252200413, 252200414, 252200415, 252200416, 252200417, 252200418, 252200419, 252200420, 252200421, 252200422, 252200423, 252200424, 252200425, 252200426, 252200427, 252200428, 252200429, 252200430, 252200431, 252200432, 252200433, 252200434, 252200435, 252200436, 252200437, 252200438, 252200439, 252200440, 252200441, 252200442, 252200443, 252200444, 252200445, 252200446, 252200447, 252200448, 252200449, 252200450, 252200451, 252200452, 252200453, 252200454, 252200455, 252200456, 252200457, 252200458, 252200459, 252200460, 252200461, 252200462, 252200463, 252200464, 252200465, 252200466, 252200467, 252200468, 252200469, 252200470, 252200471, 252200472, 252200473, 252200474, 252200475, 252200476, 252200477, 252200478, 252200479, 252200480, 252200481, 252200482, 252200483, 252200484, 252200485, 252200486, 252200487, 252200488, 252200489, 252200490, 252200491, 252200492, 252200493, 252200494, 252200495, 252200496, 252200497, 252200498, 252200499, 252200500, 252200501, 252200502, 252200503, 252200504, 252200505, 252200506, 252200507, 252200508, 252200509, 252200510, 252200511, 252200512, 252200513, 252200514, 252200515, 252200516, 252200517, 252200518, 252200519, 252200520, 252200521, 252200522, 252200523, 252200524, 252200525, 252200526, 252200527, 252200528, 252200529, 252200530, 252200531, 252200532, 252200533, 252200534, 252200535, 252200536, 252200537, 252200538, 252200539, 252200540, 252200541, 252200542, 252200543, 252200544, 252200545, 252200546, 252200547, 252200548, 252200549, 252200550, 252200551, 252200552, 252200553, 252200554, 252200555, 252200556, 252200557, 252200558, 252200559, 252200560, 252200561, 252200562, 252200563, 252200564, 252200565, 252200566, 252200567, 252200568, 252200569, 252200570, 252200571, 252200572, 252200573, 252200574, 252200575, 252200576, 252200577, 252200578, 252200579, 252200580, 252200581, 252200582, 252200583, 252200584, 252200585, 252200586, 252200587, 252200588, 252200589, 252200590, 252200591, 252200592, 252200593, 252200594, 252200595, 252200596, 252200597, 252200598, 252200599, 252200600, 252200601, 252200602, 252200603, 252200604, 252200605, 252200606, 252200607, 252200608, 252200609, 252200610, 252200611, 252200612, 252200613, 252200614, 252200615, 252200616, 252200617, 252200618, 252200619, 252200620, 252200621, 252200622, 252200623, 252200624, 252200625, 252200626, 252200627, 252200628, 252200629, 252200630, 252200631, 252200632, 252200633, 252200634, 252200635, 252200636, 252200637, 252200638, 252200639, 252200640, 252200641, 252200642, 252200643, 252200644, 252200645, 252200646, 252200647, 252200648, 252200649, 252200650, 252200651, 252200652, 252200653, 252200654, 252200655, 252200656, 252200657, 252200658, 252200659, 252200660, 252200661, 252200662, 252200663, 252200664, 252200665, 252200666, 252200667, 252200668, 252200669, 252200670, 252200671, 252200672, 252200673, 252200674, 252200675, 252200676, 252200677, 252200678, 252200679, 252200680, 252200681, 252200682, 252200683, 252200684, 252200685, 252200686, 252200687, 252200688, 252200689, 252200690, 252200691, 252200692, 252200693, 252200694, 252200695, 252200696, 252200697, 252200698, 252200699, 252200700, 252200701, 252200702, 252200703, 252200704, 252200705, 252200706, 252200707, 252200708, 252200709, 252200710, 252200711, 252200712, 252200713, 252200714, 252200715, 252200716, 252200717, 252200718, 252200719, 252200720, 252200721, 252200722, 252200723, 252200724, 252200725, 252200726, 252200727, 252200728, 252200729, 252200730, 252200731, 252200732, 252200733, 252200734, 252200735, 252200736, 252200737, 252200738, 252200739, 252200740, 252200741, 252200742, 252200743, 252200744, 252200745, 252200746, 252200747, 252200748, 252200749, 252200750, 252200751, 252200752, 252200753, 252200754, 252200755, 252200756, 252200757, 252200758, 252200759, 252200760, 252200761, 252200762, 252200763, 252200764, 252200765, 252200766, 252200767, 252200768, 252200769, 252200770, 252200771, 252200772, 252200773, 252200774, 252200775, 252200776, 252200777, 252200778, 252200779, 252200780, 252200781, 252200782, 252200783, 252200784, 252200785, 252200786, 252200787, 252200788, 252200789, 252200790, 252200791, 252200792, 252200793, 252200794, 252200795, 252200796, 252200797, 252200798, 252200799, 252200800, 252200801, 252200802, 252200803, 252200804, 252200805, 252200806, 252200807, 252200808, 252200809, 252200810, 252200811, 252200812, 252200813, 252200814, 252200815, 252200816, 252200817, 252200818, 252200819, 252200820, 252200821, 252200822, 252200823, 252200824, 252200825, 252200826, 252200827, 252200828, 252200829, 252200830, 252200831, 252200832, 252200833, 252200834, 252200835, 252200836, 252200837, 252200838, 252200839, 252200840, 252200841, 252200842, 252200843, 252200844, 252200845, 252200846, 252200847, 252200848, 252200849, 252200850, 252200851, 252200852, 252200853, 252200854, 252200855, 252200856, 252200857, 252200858, 252200859, 252200860, 252200861, 252200862, 252200863, 252200864, 252200865, 252200866, 252200867, 252200868, 252200869, 252200870, 252200871, 252200872, 252200873, 252200874, 252200875, 252200876, 252200877, 252200878, 252200879, 252200880, 252200881, 252200882, 252200883, 252200884, 252200885, 252200886, 252200887, 252200888, 252200889, 252200890, 252200891, 252200892, 252200893, 252200894, 252200895, 252200896, 252200897, 252200898, 252200899, 252200900, 252200901, 252200902, 252200903, 252200904, 252200905, 252200906, 252200907, 252200908, 252200909, 252200910, 252200911, 252200912, 252200913, 252200914, 252200915, 252200916, 252200917, 252200918, 252200919, 252200920, 252200921, 252200922, 252200923, 252200924, 252200925, 252200926, 252200927, 252200928, 252200929, 252200930, 252200931, 252200932, 252200933, 252200934, 252200935, 252200936, 252200937, 252200938, 252200939, 252200940, 252200941, 252200942, 252200943, 252200944, 252200945, 252200946, 252200947, 252200948, 252200949, 252200950, 252200951, 252200952, 252200953, 252200954, 252200955, 252200956, 252200957, 252200958, 252200959, 252200960, 252200961, 252200962, 252200963, 252200964, 252200965, 252200966, 252200967, 252200968, 252200969, 252200970, 252200971, 252200972, 252200973, 252200974, 252200975, 252200976, 252200977, 252200978, 252200979, 252200980, 252200981, 252200982, 252200983, 252200984, 252200985, 252200986, 252200987, 252200988, 252200989, 252200990, 252200991, 252200992, 252200993, 252200994, 252200995, 252200996, 252200997, 252200998, 252200999, 252201000, 252201001, 252201002, 252201003, 252201004, 252201005, 252201006, 252201007, 252201008, 252201009, 252201010, 252201011, 252201012, 252201013, 252

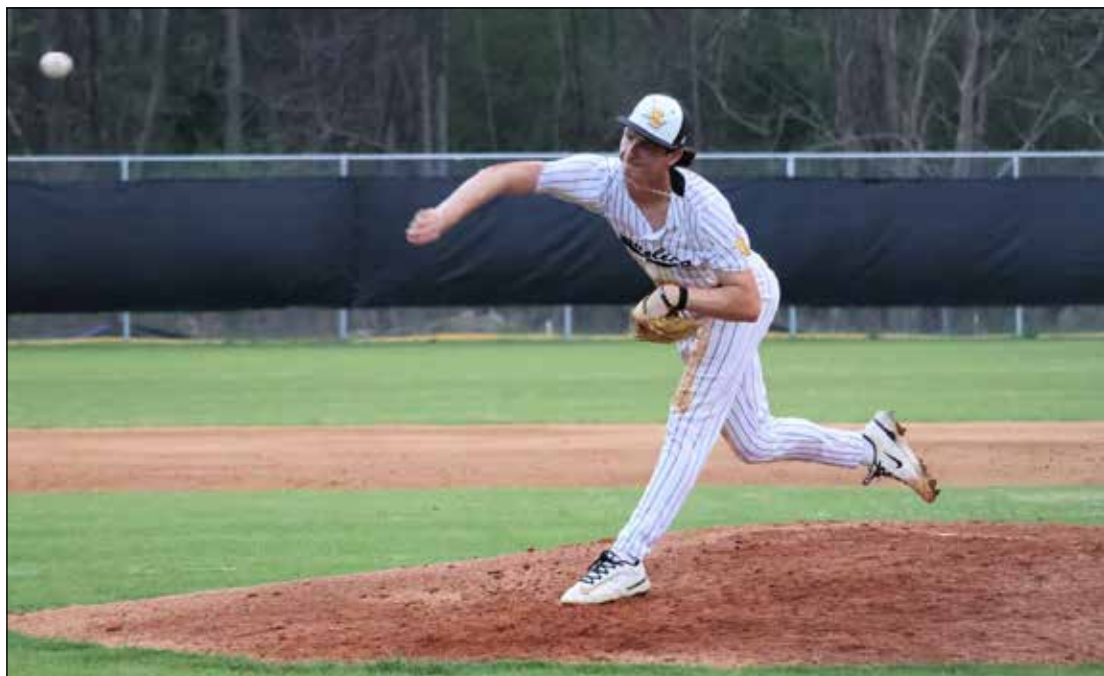
Pamlico Goes 2-0 for Week

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico Hurricanes enjoyed a two-win week at the expense of Conference rival Southside last week. On Tuesday Pamlico traveled up NC 33 to Chocowinity to the Hawks Nest and although the game went to extra innings, the Hurricanes left with a 5-4 win over the home team. Brady Caccavaro led Pamlico with a pair of hits including a double. Pamlico was also aided by five Southside errors in the eight-inning win. On Friday, the Hurricanes hosted Southside and once again shot down the birds. This one was about the strong pitching of Hurricane Senior Ross McLamb who went six innings, striking out eleven and allowing only a pair of singles. McLamb also shined at the plate, cracking one of three triples for Pamlico, the other two by Ayden Broughton and Jeremiah Mitchell. It all added up to a 5-0 Hurricane win. This week Pamlico hosts Ayden-Grifton on Wednesday and travels to Bear Grass on Thursday.



Cam Daniels evades a Southside tag and scores for Pamlico



Ross McLamb on the mound for the Hurricanes

Hurricanes Hit the Track

by: Hiram Lupton

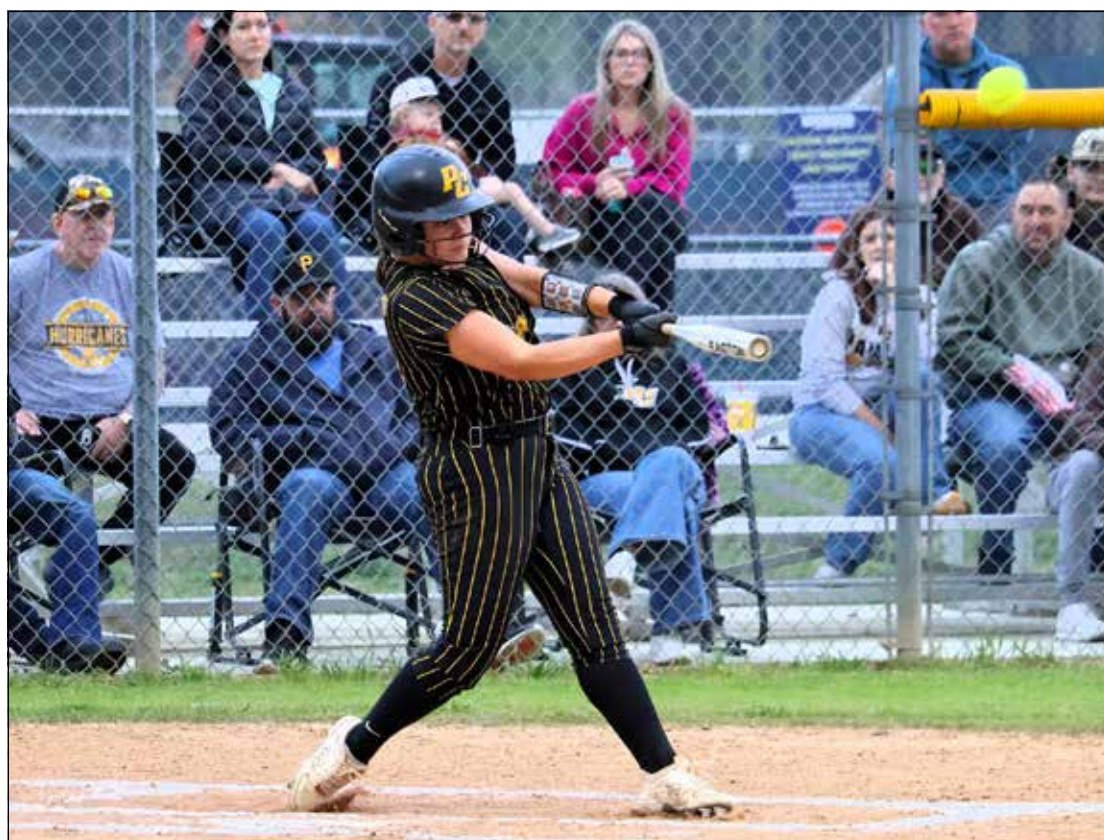
Spring high school track and field season is here, and the Pamlico County High School team is busy running, jumping, throwing and doing all the things great athletes do. Last Thursday the Hurricanes hosted their fellow Coastal Plains members Lejeune and Southside in a Conference meet. Lejeune captured first place in both the boys and girls competitions, with Pamlico finishing second in the girls team scores and third in the boys. These meets help competitors gauge themselves against other schools and see where they stand and more importantly how much they are improving, all with an eye on the Conference championships in late April as well as the Eastern Regionals and State Championships in May.



OUR SCHOOLS Hurricane Softball

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Softball team has had a rough go of it this season with a record of 1-7 headed into last week's games. Perhaps they have found a solution to turn the season around, play teams with bird mascots. On Monday the Hurricanes hosted the Eagles of West Craven and their bats came alive, scoring eleven runs in a five inning, 11-1 mercy rule win. The big blow of the night was a second inning, 3-run, over the fence home run by Kylee Morris. She also added a double in the third and came home on Alyssia Sinclair's triple. Kyliyah Barber made it back-to-back 3-baggers, driving Sinclair home with a triple of her own. Payton Force was also a standout for Pamlico, connecting for four hits. The following night, Pamlico headed north to take on another "bird" team, the Seahawks of Southside. Barber led off the game with a triple that set the tone for the evening with Pamlico crossing the plate nineteen times in a 19-0 blowout. Friday was rematch time as the Seahawks flew down to visit the Hurricanes. Different day, same story as Pamlico once again shut out Southside, 9-0. Hayley Shamblin had three hits for Pamlico, but she wasn't the only one hot at the plate, as the Hurricanes raked out eleven hits including two each by Force and Morris. This win made Pamlico 3-0 against "birds" for the week. This week the Hurricanes travel to D. H. Conley on Monday to take on some Vikings and then play in a Holiday tournament on Friday against some Redskins and Bruins.



Kylee Morris Connects for a Home Run.



Miss Excitement, Kyliyah Barber slides into third with a triple



HARDISON TIRE COMPANY
Alliance, NC 28509
745-4561
745-4161
www.hardisontire.com
24 Hour Towing & Wrecker Service – 252-745-3777
Copyright © 2022 Michelin North America, Inc. All rights reserved.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Tideland EMC
Real People, Real Power.
We believe in the power of education.

DELAMAR & DELAMAR, PLLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Sara L. Delamar

408 Main Street • Bayboro, NC
252-745-3222 • M-F 8:30am to 5:00pm

Proud to serve Pamlico County!

PAMLICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
www.pamlicocc.edu

Pamlico Partnership for Children
Pamlico System of Care Collaborative Present

FREE PAMLICO FAMILY FUN DAY!

Saturday, May 2, 2026
10:00 am-1:00 pm
Pamlico County High School Football Field
Rain Date, May 3, 2026 from 12-3pm

FREE Event! Food, Games, Dunking Booth, Face Painting, Toddler Zone, Music, Bounce Houses, Community Resources and MORE!

Continued from page A1

NC HART Training

The agencies and groups participating were:

- North Carolina Emergency Management
- North Carolina National Guard
- Asheville Fire Department
- Charlotte Fire Department
- South Orange Rescue Squad
- Lake Toxaway Fire Department
- Morehead City Fire Department
- Newport Fire Department
- NC Division of Marine Fisheries - Marine Patrol
- Washington Fire Department
- Crystal Coast Water Rescue Team
- Rocky Mount Fire Department
- North Carolina Highway Patrol
- Raleigh Fire Department
- Cary Fire Department
- Cherry Point Fire Department
- Greenville Fire Department
- New Bern Fire Department
- Arapahoe Fire-Rescue
- Pender County EM
- Craven County EM
- Pamlico County EM- Special Operations SWR
- Pamlico County Sheriff's Office
- Pamlico County Fireman's Association

A very special thank you to Camp Seafarer and their staff for all their help and providing an excellent base of operations for the training. Pamlico County Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Murray and his staff for their tireless work organizing and coordinating the training and a personal thanks to the NCDMF – Marine Patrol for giving me a ride along in their perimeter security boat.



BRICE POINTE
A THRIVEMORE COMMUNITY

YOUR RETIREMENT *well-lived*

**Opening in 2030, Brice Pointe will be
New Bern's first Life Plan Community.**

Set on 70 scenic acres beside Carolina Lake and the Carolina Colours golf course, Brice Pointe will feature maintenance-free homes, fine dining, and an engaging lifestyle, with on-site health services available. It's the perfect plan for older adults who want to live fully today and secure care for tomorrow.

Join us
for one or both events.

Tuesday, April 14
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Resident Panel

Tuesday, April 21
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Life Plan 101



Carolina Colours Pavilion
3300 Waterscape Way, New Bern, NC 28562

RSVP
252-659-4550 or [BricePointe.org/news-events](https://www.BricePointe.org/news-events)

