



# Congratulations to the class of 2026



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## One Last Walk

Pamlico County Schools invites alumni, families, and community members to come together for One Last Walk through PCHS - an opportunity to revisit the halls, share memories, and say thank you to a place that has meant so much to so many.

Join us as we celebrate the moments, the milestones, and the legacy before we close this chapter together.

**Sunday, May 31st  
2-4pm**

We look forward to seeing you and truly appreciate your understanding as we navigate construction and demolition timelines to give our community one last chance to walk these halls. Please share this post so that we may reach as many alumni as possible.

Members of the current yearbook staff will be available on site during the walk through so that you may purchase the 25-26 yearbook - the last yearbook to feature these halls. It will also contain some throwback photos of previous years, the pages of the classes who purchased an ad and a history of Pamlico County High School.

Previous years' yearbooks will also be available for sale.

A later date will be given for a final walk through of the middle school.



Dear Community Leader,  
The Oriental Woman's Club will be holding its 13th Annual Golf Tournament on August 29 at the Minnesott Golf & Country Club. This fun event uses the Super Ball Format, with three different teams of men, women and mixed golfers. Prizes will be awarded, and lunch provided.

The purpose of the golf tournament is to raise money to support the Oriental Woman's Club's many charitable projects. These include annual scholarships for Pamlico County high school students, mini grants for Pamlico County teachers, an annual arts festival for students in the county, and support for local non-profit organizations. All monies raised by OWC go to charitable purposes. The club is an incorporated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so all donations to OWC are tax deductible.

We hope you will consider sponsoring the OWC 13th Annual Golf Tournament, which will help us cover tournament costs and use more of the money raised for scholarships and other charitable work. We have two levels of sponsorship:

**\$250 Gold Sponsor:** Admission for one golfer, ad in the Pamlico News, personal name or business name on tee sign at the golf club, name on large poster at the golf club.

**\$125 Silver Sponsor:** Ad in the Pamlico News, personal name or business name on tee sign at the golf club, name on large poster at the golf club. Please consider supporting this event that benefits the children and the underprivileged in Pamlico County. You can make your check payable to Oriental Woman's Club and mail to P.O. Box 515, Oriental, NC 28571. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,  
Sally Belangia  
Sponsorship Chairman

## PCMS 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

Seventy-nine students entered A.H. Hatsell Auditorium last Thursday as 'graders' and exited as newly minted Freshmen as Pamlico County Middle School held their annual 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony last Thursday. PCMS Principal Zanguavia Minor welcomed the students, parents, teachers and well wishers to the ceremony and then introduced the evening's guest speaker, Pamlico County High School Senior Coralene Ellis, who this fall will be entering Princeton University. She spoke of high school being a new beginning and a

chance for everyone to find their focus in academics as well as in life. Names were then announced and certificates handed out to what is now the Pamlico County High School Class of 2030. This class is significant in that it is the last 8th grade group to study at the Stonewall location of Pamlico County Middle school. This fall the middle school will be at the brand new, consolidated 6-12 facility in Bayboro. Congratulations students, you now have all the privileges and agonies that go with the title of High School Freshman.



The formerly 8th Grade Class of PCMS



PCMS Principal Zanguavia Minor introduces guest speaker Coralene Ellis



Miss Savannah Woods is the final member of the 8th grade class to walk the stage

## Pamlico County High School Commencement

by: Hiram Lupton



The PCHS Class of 2026

Last Friday was the big night for the 108 Seniors of the Pamlico County High School Class of 2026. The years of hard work and perseverance by the students and their families culminated with the 75th Commencement ceremony of Pamlico County High School. This also marked the final graduating class from what will become known as the "old" high school. School Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Johnson reminded the graduates of the historical significance of their accomplishment but also spoke of how, while the building was obviously important, it was the students, teachers, and staff



Senior Arwen Crosby receives some last-minute tassel assistance from Holly Bradley before graduation

that truly make up Pamlico County High School. All four of the students who spoke, Moriah Phillips, Claire DeLancey, Jonah Rose, and Lily McGowan, took time in their remarks to reminisce, but also focused on what lies ahead for a great class of students. Regardless of their next steps in life, whether it be the military, the workforce, higher education or an undecided path, each carries a legacy of greatness that was instilled in the halls and classrooms of PCHS. Congratulations! You are already great, now go forth and show the world just how great you are in whatever you do.

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## PCPS Pre-K Graduation

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County Primary School kicked off a week full of graduation and promotion ceremonies last Tuesday by starting at the beginning, Pre-K. The 39 students of Mr. Gray, Ms. Spivey, and Ms. Wooten received recognitions and now hold the distinction of officially being Kindergarteners. The students also gave attendees a concert that concluded with "Kindergarten, Here We Come." Congratulations on a great year to the Pamlico County High School Class of 2039.



## Pamlico Sound Routes Begin Summer Schedules

OCRACOKE - The N.C. Ferry System's Swan Quarter-Ocracoke and Cedar Island-Ocracoke ferry routes will be adding service as planned beginning tomorrow as Pamlico Sound routes switch to their summer schedules.

As of May 19, the schedule will be as follows:  
**Cedar Island-Ocracoke:** 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
**Ocracoke-Cedar Island:** 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
**Swan Quarter-Ocracoke:** 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
**Ocracoke-Swan Quarter:** 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Reservations are highly recommended during the busy summer season. Travelers can make reservations online at [www.ncferry.org](http://www.ncferry.org), or on the phone at 1-800-BY-FERRY.

For real-time text or email updates on weather or mechanical delays, sign up for the Ferry Information Notification System at [www.ncdot.gov/fins](http://www.ncdot.gov/fins).



### LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, May 30th **76° Hi** cloudy with scattered showers

Sunday, May 31st **74° Hi** cloudy with scattered showers



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## Congratulations Class Of 2026

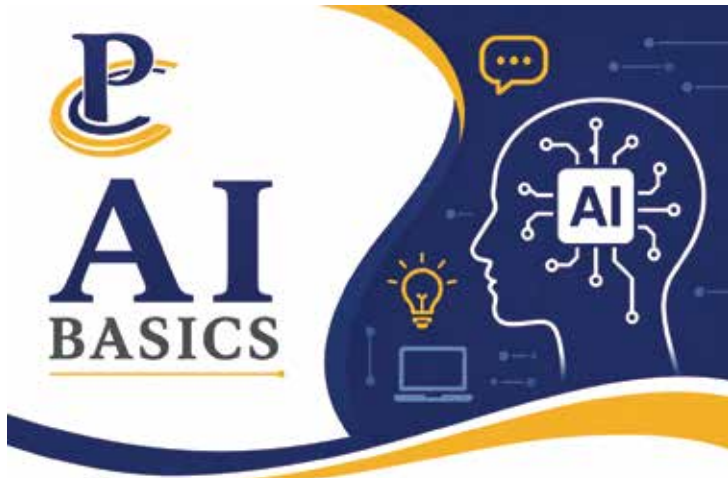
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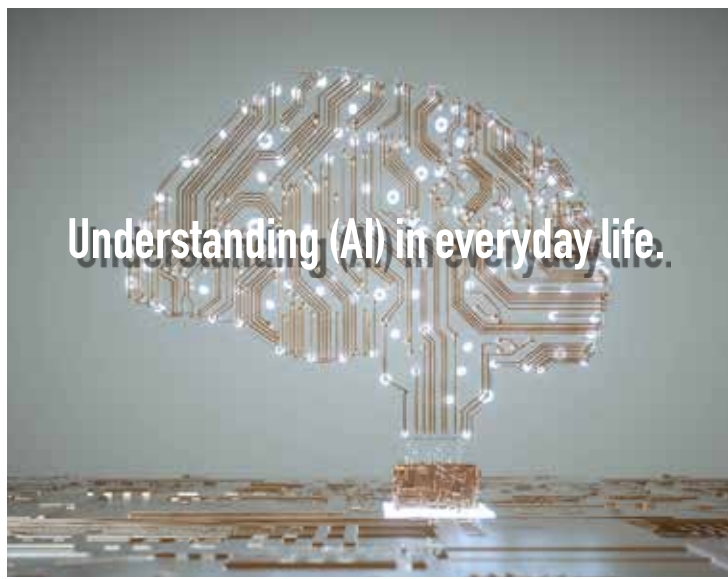


## AI Basics

## America 250 Trivia Night



Pamlico Community College will offer an eight-week course on the basics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its uses in everyday life. The course is open to retirees, working professionals, small business owners, and anyone interested in this exciting new technology. Day (9 a.m. to noon) and evening (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.) classes are available. The course will begin on Monday, June 8, and run through Wednesday, July 29. PCC alumnus Russell Williams will teach. Cost is \$125.55. For details or to register, please call 252-249-1851, ext. 3015, or visit [https://pamlicocc-register.fund-five.com/filtered/course/AI\\_Basics](https://pamlicocc-register.fund-five.com/filtered/course/AI_Basics). Contributed image



**PAMLICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS AMERICA 250 TRIVIA NIGHT**

*Celebrate 250 Years of American History!*  
Join us for a fun, fast-paced evening of trivia as we honor the 250th anniversary of the United States!

**DATE:** 6/19/2026 **TIME:** 6pm **LOCATION:** Delamar Center, Pamlico Community College 5049 NC HWY 306 S • Grantsboro, NC 28529

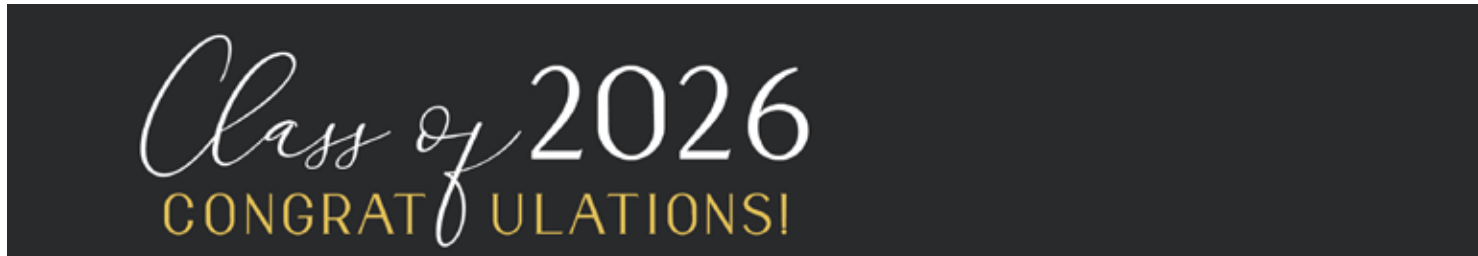
**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!**  
In 2026, America commemorates 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence—a defining moment that launched a nation built on *life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*. From historic milestones to modern achievements, our country has grown, changed, and overcome countless challenges.

**EVENT DETAILS**  
Team-based trivia competition  
1st Place \$250 dollar award  
2nd Place \$150 award  
3rd Place \$75 dollar award  
Open to the public

**COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST RED, WHITE & BLUE!**  
Show your patriotic spirit and make it a night to remember!

For more information: 252-249-1851 | [pamlicocc.edu](http://pamlicocc.edu)

To help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Pamlico Community College will host an America 250-themed Trivia Night on Friday, June 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Delamar Center. The event is open to teams of one to six people. No phones or Google allowed! There will be four categories with eight questions each. Maximum score is 32. Cash prizes will be available for first, second and third place. This event is part of the Pamlico County 250 Celebration. For more information or to sign up, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/1E8RoyK5mT/>. Contributed image



### Valedictorian

### Lily McGowan - Reflections from the Class of 2026:

Hi everyone! I am incredibly honored to stand before you today as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2026.

It is hard to believe this moment is finally here. It feels like just yesterday we were walking into school for the first time, nervous and unsure of what high school would be like. Now, after years of hard work, memories, challenges, and growth, we are graduating together.

Throughout high school, I let my grades define my self-worth. I viewed success and failure in very black-and-white terms, and I convinced myself that achievement was something you could measure.

When people hear the word achievement, they often think of grades, titles, awards, or accomplishments. For a long time, I thought the same thing.

My senior year changed my perspective entirely.

During an interview for the Goodnight Scholarship, I was asked what my biggest achievement was. For a moment, my mind went completely blank. I was proud of many things I had accomplished throughout high school, but none of them felt like the answer I wanted to give.

After a few moments of uncomfortable silence, I finally said, "I think my biggest achievement is my community."

At first, I was not very confident in that answer, but as I explained why, I realized it truly meant it.

As I stand here today, I recognize my biggest achievement was not a number,

rank, or position. It was the people I found along the way.

I once believed achievement came first and that friendships would simply follow. Looking back now, I think it was the opposite. The people around me made success possible.

For a long time, I thought success meant proving something. Proving that I was capable. Proving that I was enough. Proving that all the sacrifices, long nights, and pressure would lead to something worth being proud of.

And if I am being honest, there were moments when I felt like I was falling short. Moments when I looked at everything and still felt like something was missing. Moments when I worried that I would disappoint the people who believed in me most.

But standing here today, I realize something I wish I had understood sooner:

Achievement is not the absence of doubt. It is continuing forward even when doubt walks beside you.

This moment means so much to me because, for the first time in a long time, I can look back and simply be proud.

Not because everything was perfect. Not because I never struggled.

But because I kept going.

None of us reached this moment alone.

Behind every graduate sitting here tonight are people whose sacrifices may never appear on a transcript, certificate, or award.

Teachers, friends, mentors, family and for me, especially my mother.

There are not enough words to express what her support, strength, and sacrifices have meant to me. She believed in me during moments when I struggled to believe in myself. She listened to me complain, and dump all my worries on her so that I wouldn't be stressed alone. She carried more than I ever realized, and because of that, I stand here today.

This achievement may have my name on it, but it carries pieces of her too.

And I think that is true for all of us.

Tonight is not only a celebration of what we accomplished. It is a celebration of every person who helped us get here. The families who sacrificed. The teachers who encouraged us. The friends who stood beside us. The people who believed in us before we fully believed in ourselves.

As we leave this chapter behind and step into what comes next, I hope we remember this:

Our worth was never meant to be measured by a grade, title, or number.

It is measured in the lives we touch, the people we lift up, and the courage to keep moving forward even when we are uncertain.

Class of 2026, we made it.

And for that, I hope each of us allows ourselves to be proud.

Thank you, and congratulations.

## Tassel Turn Ceremony - Moriah

**To my classmates, friends and fellow graduates, stand with me.**

Before the turning of our tassels I would like to share a quote from Timothee Chalamet. "You could be the master of your fate, you could be the captain of your soul. But you have to realize that life is coming from you, and not at you and that takes time."

Moving our tassels from right to left does not only symbolize our academic achievement, but also represents our moment of transformation. It marks the shift from students to graduates, from who we have been to who we're becoming.

This tassel turn may feel like a small motion but it represents our success and growth. With that being said, congratulations, Pamlico County High School Class of 2026, we did it!

**Class of 2026, turn your tassels!**



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



**Agent of the Week**

**Allen Propst**  
Owner/Broker/GRI

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

We tried for many years to negotiate a purchase on a lot without success. As our buyer's agent, Allen prepared a competitive presentation for the seller at a fair price. After several parleys, the contract was signed. Allen followed up on everything in a timely manner through the entire process. We recommend Allen to anyone in need of a true real estate professional.

Jeff & Ellen, Oriental



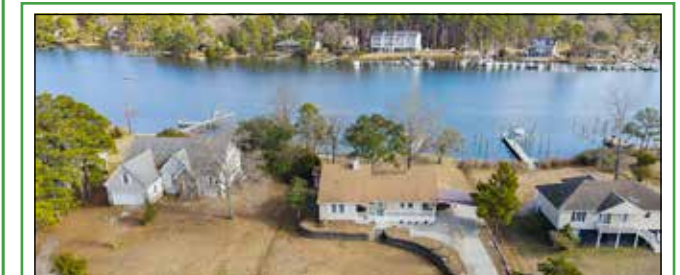
**ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA** on 0.72 acres 2 miles outside of town surrounded by farm fields and mature pecan, hardwood, and pine trees. Beautifully renovated coastal cottage offers peaceful country living. Recent renovations include a new kitchen with updated appliances, new flooring, updated bathrooms, new HVAC system. **OFFERED AT \$289,000**



**ORIENTAL – Spectacular waterfront views** of Smith & Green Creeks from first floor unit at Oriental West Condos. B-7 is a **2BR/2BA** unit w/ a 40' x 16' boat slip w/5' controlling water depth. **OFFERED AT \$339,000**



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



**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 \$510,000**



**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**



**ARPAHOE – Waterfront 3BR/2BA** on 1.04 acres not located in a flood zone, dock has 2 boat lifts on protected deep-water. not in HOA, no HOA dues. Attached 2-car garage, 2 storage-workshop buildings. Fire pit & gathering area overlooking Dawson Creek with invisible fencing in the front yard and back yard. **OFFERED AT \$ 685,000**

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- May 27th – Today is National Flip-Flop Day.
- May 28th – Today is National Hamburger Day.
- May 29th – Today is National Paperclip Day.
- May 30th – 1896, The first reported automobile accident occurred in New York City.
- May 31st – Today is National Save Your Hearing Day. Huh?
- June 1st – Today is National Say Something Nice Day.
- June 2nd – Today is National Leave the Office Early Day.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- May 28th – 1944, Singer Gladys Knight
- May 29th – 1958, Actress Annette Bening
- May 31st – 1930, Actor/Director Clint Eastwood
- June 1st – 1926, Actor Andy Griffith (in Mount Airy, NC)
- June 1st – 1926, Actress Norma Jean Mortenson (Marilyn Monroe)
- June 1st – 1937, Actor Morgan Freeman
- June 1st – 1947, Guitarist Ron Wood
- June 2nd – 1731, The first, First Lady, Martha Washington



## Various ways newspapers are good for kids

Newspapers have long been part of the fabric of the communities they cover and serve. Whether it's a big-city daily tabloid or a small town weekly, newspapers keep readers and residents up-to-date on the latest goings-on in their communities and across the globe.

Newspapers have been linked to a range of benefits for adults that include greater civic engagement and stronger voter turnout.

Such benefits are indispensable, and it's equally important to recognize ways in which newspapers benefit children.

- Reading and discussing newspaper stories can foster stronger language development. A 2022 study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health noted that parents who provide newspapers at home for their children to read and then discuss stories with young readers can help kids develop strong language skills, which could ultimately benefit them in the classroom and in their personal interactions. The study also noted that discussing newspaper stories with youngsters creates opportunities for children to explore their thoughts.

- Newspapers can help children develop their critical thinking skills. A meta-analysis examining ways to teach students critical thinking skills published in the Review of Educational Research noted that



critical thinking skills are vital because they bolster students' ability to interpret, analyze, evaluate, and make inferences. Newspapers are an invaluable resource for educators aiming to bolster kids' critical thinking skills, as they can be used to teach students to recognize why stories were written, how information in a given story was learned and gathered and how to verify

information in a news story. Each of those lessons requires interpretation, analysis and evaluation, ultimately instilling in students vital critical thinking skills that can serve them in the classroom and beyond.

- Newspapers help students develop vital communication skills. A 2024 study published in the Elementaria Journal of Educational Research found that reading newspapers helped student participants in the study improve their vocabulary, enhance their writing skills and more effectively articulate their ideas. Authors behind the study ultimately characterized newspapers as valuable educational tools, a conclusion that has been reached by researchers across a range of academic disciplines.

Newspapers are part of the fabric of the communities they cover, and children have much to gain from being granted access to their local papers in the classroom and at home.



## WWII WASP in the Wild Blue Yonder

*Women Pilots at Camp Davis*  
by John Moseley June 7



**NEW BERN, NC** We were recently enthralled by the Artemis 2 mission to the moon. And we cheered Jacksonville's own Christina Koch, the first woman to fly to the moon. But did you know that 84 years ago, in WWII, women were breaking other barriers? Join the New Bern Historical Society as they host John Moseley, Sunday, June 7 at 2pm at Orringer Auditorium. He'll tell you the fascinating story of the brave "Women Pilots at Camp Davis".

During World War II, women played a vital role in achieving victory. From "Rosie the Riveter" to "Wendy the Welder", women made a tremendous impact on the war effort by filling roles long held by men. In August 1943, the U.S. Army Air Forces merged two previous women's flying units to form the WASP – Women Airforce Service Pilots.

In July 1943, the women pilots started arriving in North Carolina with the vast majority of them being attached to Camp Davis Army Airfield in Holy Ridge, NC. At Camp Davis, the WASP arrived with a challenging mission to pull targets for the Anti-Aircraft Artillery training occurring in the skies above Eastern North Carolina. These pilots were handpicked due the dangerous nature of the job and because they had what it took to deal with problems they would face on land and in the air. During their time at Camp Davis, two WASP would make the ultimate sacrifice. The program was kept quiet, and the WASP were not recognized for their military service until nearly three decades after the war ended. Learn about these amazing women and their special tie to North Carolina.

Tickets are available from [www.NewBernHistorical.org](http://www.NewBernHistorical.org) or by calling 252-638-8558 or in person at the New Bern Historical Society at 511 Broad St. They are \$10 for all and reservations are highly recommended. For groups of 13 or more, please call the office at 252-638-8558 to book with the group rate.

John Moseley is the Curator of Education at The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport. Originally from Jacksonville Florida, he holds degrees from The Citadel and UNC. In April 2011, after years as an educator, he began working at Fort Fisher State Historic Site. In October 2019, he submitted a recommendation for the emplacement of a NC Highway Marker to honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots at Camp Davis. His proudest professional moment occurred on September 24, 2021, when the North Carolina Highway marker was dedicated in the community of Holly Ridge, North Carolina to recognize this unique World War II activity. Currently, he continues researching the Cape Fear area's Medal of Honor recipients, the Women Airforce Serve Pilots in North Carolina, and activities in the Cape Fear during World War II.

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and share the history of New Bern and surrounding areas through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore- Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go [www.NewBernHistorical.org](http://www.NewBernHistorical.org) or [www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety).



Third Tow Squadron at Camp Davis

### Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!

Come join others who have found a Solution!

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

**Meetings in Pamlico County:**

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

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

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

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

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

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### Bibles for Pamlico County Graduates

Thank you for your contribution making bibles available for graduating students of Pamlico County in 2026. Bibles will be distributed to graduates at Arapahoe Charter School, Pamlico Christian Academy, and Pamlico County High School. We are thankful that you believe that the Word of God needs to be in the hands of our graduates, and your contribution has made that possible. Again, we want to say Thank You.

The PCB committee.

- Amity Christian Church
- West Branch MB Church
- Arapahoe FWB Church (in memory of Robert & Evelyn Miller)
- Bayboro Baptist Church
- Bethel FWB Church
- Carnell Barrow
- Concord Christian Church
- Dublin Grove FWB Church
- First Baptist Church Oriental
- Hobucken Community Church
- Lowland Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Motion Church
- Mt. Zion FWB Church
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
- New Bethlehem FWB Church
- New Life Praise and Worship Ministries
- New Vision Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Oriental FWB Church
- Reelsboro Christian Church
- Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Reverend Betty J. Rodgers
- Rock of Zion FWB Church
- Small's Chapel Christian Church
- St. Marks AME Zion Church
- Stonewall Methodist Church
- Word Fellowship Church

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# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## Four reasons a 529 plan might make sense for your family



**Key takeaways**

- Despite their tax advantages, just 14% of adults include a 529 plan in their education savings strategy, according to a 2025 Edward Jones and Morning Consult study.
- 529 funds cover college, vocational programs, registered apprenticeships and can be used towards K-12 education.
- In addition to tuition, 529 funds can pay for students' day-to-day needs like internet, computers, qualified room and board, and certain K-12 tutoring costs.

A 529 education savings plan might sound like something only families with college-bound kids need. But the versatility of a 529 account may surprise you, whether your child heads to a four-year university, a trade school or elsewhere.

**1. What are the tax benefits of a 529 education savings plan?**

Earnings in a 529 plan grow free from federal taxes, and withdrawals used for qualified education expenses are also federally tax-free. While 529 contributions are not federally deductible, many states allow a deduction on your state return.

Despite their tax advantages, just 14% of adults include a 529 plan in their education savings strategy, according to a 2025 Edward Jones and Morning Consult study. Instead, most families rely on traditional personal savings accounts.

**2. Can a 529 be used if my child doesn't attend a traditional college?**

Beyond four-year colleges, you can use 529 funds for community colleges, graduate schools and vocational programs. Apprenticeships

in fields like plumbing, electrical work and welding qualify too, provided they are registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

If your child earns a scholarship, you can withdraw up to that amount from your 529 account without penalty, though earnings may still be taxable.

**3. What does a 529 plan cover beyond tuition?**

Qualified costs for 529 plan withdrawals include books, supplies, computers, internet access and educational software. For students enrolled at least half time, room and board also qualify, including off-campus housing up to what the school sets as its cost of attendance.

Recent changes in the law expanded 529 plan qualified expenses. Some new eligible expenses include certain testing fees, instructional materials, academic tutoring, and educational therapies for students with disabilities.

For K-12, you can use up to \$20,000 from your 529 account per year for tuition, certain tutoring and curriculum materials.

**4. What if I don't use all the money in my 529 account?**

If one child doesn't need the 529 funds, you can transfer that account to a sibling, another qualifying family member or even yourself. You can also use 529 funds to pay up to \$10,000 in student loans, roll them into a Roth IRA for the beneficiary up to \$35,000 (subject to certain limits and criteria) or roll them into a disability savings account (ABLE account) for the beneficiary or a family member.

With so many options for investing, withdrawals and redirecting the money, a 529 plan is one of the more flexible tools available for families thinking about education costs. A financial advisor can walk you through the details and help you choose a plan that fits your overall financial strategy.

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**Personalized service is kind of our thing.**

Personalized service means having a financial advisor who understands you and what you're trying to achieve, and helps to create a unique strategy based on your needs and circumstances.

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

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# AGRICULTURE

## Fast facts about 4-H

Young people often are encouraged to participate in activities that can strengthen their minds and bodies and benefit their communities. Various organizations encourage children to become learners and leaders, including the youth development program 4-H.



4-H continues to offer animal and plant science projects, but also has expanded to offer a wide range of programs in areas like arts and crafts, civic engagement, STEM, and healthy living. 4-H now reaches youth in urban, suburban and rural communities across the country. Through the website [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org), interested parties can find their own local 4-H offices to get started. The program is delivered by Cooperative Extension, which is a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation.

**What is 4-H?**

This is America's largest youth development organization with a focus on essential life skills and leadership abilities. The four "Hs" in the program's name refer to missions involving head, heart, hands, and health.

**Who started 4-H?**

The organization began in Iowa, where it was founded by school superintendent Oscar Benson. Benson was a leader in teaching demonstrations, and wanted to share this method of learning with young people as much as possible. In 1909, he was using a three-leaf clover pin to represent head, heart and hands as an achievement award for farm boys and girls. Benson later worked with the Office of Farm Management in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and brought his clover. Benson ultimately engineered the first state college-federal agreement for the promotion of rural youth club work.

**Is 4-H just for farming communities?**

While 4-H was originally conceived to introduce youth to agricultural work, it is not exclusively an agricultural organization.

**Who is eligible for 4-H?**

The program is geared to youth from kindergarten to one year out of high school (K-13). Members enroll in projects that match their ages and interests. Adult mentors provide guidance and support to youth along the way.

**What benefits come from 4-H participation?**

The organization says their life-changing programs help kids and teens learn skills and abilities to be resilient, adaptable and ready for work and life. According to the program, 4-Hers are more likely to feel competent, make healthy choices, contribute positively to their communities, and feel positive about their well-being.

In addition to participation in youth sports, scouting and other organizations, children and teens can get involved with 4-H to learn handy skills that can benefit them throughout their lives.

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**PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF ALLIANCE**

A Public Hearing on the proposed budget for the Town of Alliance for FY2026-2027 will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Alliance Town Hall. The proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at this time and will be available for public review at the Alliance Town Hall Monday evening June 8 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at which time Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments.

L.K.Marshall  
Town Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE –  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEMOLISH**

Notice is hereby given that demolition of Pamlico County High School located at 601 Main Street, Bayboro, NC 28515, will begin on June 8, 2026, until complete.

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New Bern, NC 28562

State Department Permit: NC38271  
NESHAP #: 74791

Questions or Comments May be Addressed to:  
Ray Bennett  
Pamlico County Building Inspections  
252-745-3861  
[ray.bennett@pamlicocounty.org](mailto:ray.bennett@pamlicocounty.org)

## Securing vintages with regenerative farming

The global wine industry is not immune to the effects of climate change and soil degradation. Through a process of regenerative farming, soil health is protected and vintages can be produced with great success.

**What is regenerative viticulture?**

Regenerative viticulture, also known as regenerative agriculture, is farming that emphasizes the regeneration of soil health, says Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards. These farming practices are organic and ecologically-driven to enhance the ecosystem through a partnership with nature. Regenerative viticulture focuses heavily on soil health, carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

**Components of regenerative viticulture**

Five primary principles drive regenerative viticulture: minimizing soil disturbance, keeping the soil covered, maintaining living roots year-round, increasing plant diversity, and integrating livestock. The Regenerative Viticulture Foundation says the goal is to create a "closed-loop" system where the vineyard provides its own nutrients instead of having to use synthetic ones.

**Cover crops**

The use of cover crops can increase soil organic carbon (SOC), which is vital for mitigating the wine industry's carbon footprint. According to research published in the Journal of Cleaner Production, use of cover cropping in vineyards can increase SOC by up to 1.5 tons per hectare annually, making processes much more eco-friendly. What's more, cover cropping can improve the water retention capacity of soil. This is essential in regions where drought cycles have been on the rise.



**Animal integration**

The primary role of animals in regenerative agriculture is "prescriptive grazing." By allowing livestock to graze between rows during the dormant season, vintners can eliminate much of the need for mechanical mowing and herbicide application. Data from the Regenerative Viticulture Foundation found sheep can reduce the need for tractor passes by up to 80 percent, significantly lowering the vineyard's carbon footprint while preventing soil compaction. Animals also convert plant matter into high-quality manure and urine, providing bioavailable sources of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium.

Chickens and ducks also may be deployed to manage pest populations like mealybugs or snails near vines without the need for synthetic insecticides. Animals also naturally aerate the soil through their beaks, feet and hooves, allowing organic matter to get into the earth more readily.

The future of healthy vineyards may rely on regenerative viticulture, which safeguards the land and ensures successful production cycles.

**What do farmers use to make crop circles? A Protractor**

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## Pamlico County High School Commencement



SGA President Moriah Phillips



SGA Vice President Claire DeLancey



Salutatorian Jonah Rose



Valedictorian Lily McGowan



PCHS Principal Rebecca Lansche welcomes graduates and guests



The Pamlico County Memorial Day Ceremony

## Pamlico County Memorial Day Ceremony

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County honored those who gave all in defense of our Country and our freedom at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Courthouse on Monday. In addition to the traditional raising and lowering of the flag, songs, and the laying of wreaths, two members of the NJROTC were dressed in Colonial Militia attire in reference to America's 250th Anniversary celebration. The two cadets, Micah Rodriguez and Brooklyn Franklin participated by presenting the colors and reading the traditional poem, "Flanders Fields" respectively. The special guest speaker for the event was Colonel Doug DeLancey, US Army (ret), who spoke of the ultimate sacrifices made by those who have defended our freedoms. A Great ceremony to remind us of what Memorial Day really stands for and why we should celebrate it.



Laying of Wreaths



Guest Speaker Col. Doug DeLancey U.S. Army (Ret)



The Pamlico County High School NJROTC Ceremonially raising and lowering the flag to half-mast.



PCHS NJROTC Cadets Micah Rodriguez and Brooklyn Franklin

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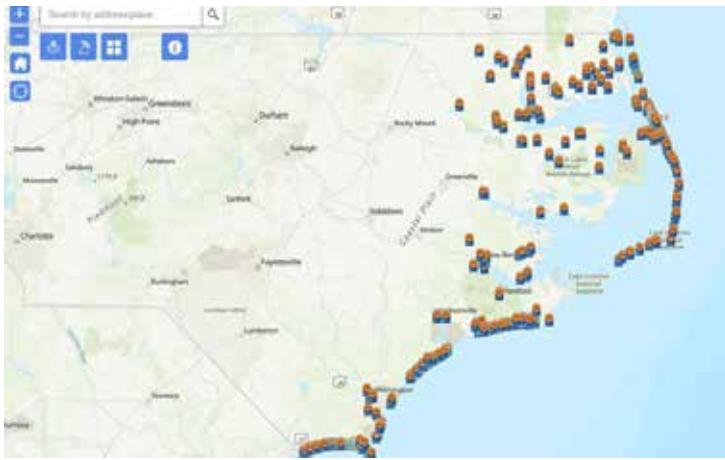
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## Mobile-friendly, interactive map available for North Carolina beach and waterfront access locations

**MOREHEAD CITY** – As the summer beach season begins, the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality’s Division of Coastal Management (DCM) Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program reminds coastal residents and visitors about its helpful, interactive public beach and waterfront access map. The map can be accessed directly from mobile devices and desktops to help locate public beach and waterfront access sites along North Carolina’s coast. The map includes a “Find Sites Near Me,” feature that helps users locate sites within 10 miles of a location.

The online map provides information on the location and amenities available at more than 800 local, state and federally funded public access sites along the ocean beaches and estuarine waters of North Carolina.



### Access Map Features:

**My Location tool** allows the map to pinpoint your current location. For best results, enable location sharing on your device.

**Near Me tool** allows users to search for access sites within 1-10 miles of a selected location. This tool also can be used in combination with the “My Location” and “Filter” tools.

**Filter tool** allows users to search for access sites based on available amenities. For example, users can select filters for restrooms and showers to find access sites with those amenities.

**Basemap tool** allows you to switch between several map styles, including satellite imagery, street maps and topographic maps.

DCM provides funding for land acquisition and construction projects that improve pedestrian access to the state’s beaches and waterways through its Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program. The program has awarded 538 grants totaling more than \$56.7 million to improve public waterfront access sites since it began in 1981.

Access projects may include walkways, dune crossovers, restrooms, parking areas, piers and related projects. Funds also may be used for land acquisition or urban waterfront revitalization.

Question and comments should be directed to Rachel Love-Adrick at [Rachel.love-adrick@deq.nc.gov](mailto:Rachel.love-adrick@deq.nc.gov) and include the site location in your correspondence.

Photo credit NC Division of Coastal Management

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

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pamlico County Proposed Fiscal Year 2026– ‘27 Budget

The proposed budget for Pamlico County for fiscal year 2026-2027 was submitted to the governing board by June 1, 2026. The budget document is available for public inspection in the Clerk to the Board’s Office located at the Pamlico County Administration Building, 302 Main Street, Bayboro, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on the County’s website at [www.pamlicocounty.org](http://www.pamlicocounty.org). The budget was presented to the public on June 1, 2026, 7:00 p.m. during the regular meeting of the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners. A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on the agenda. The public hearing will take place in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room located in the Pamlico County Courthouse Annex, 202 Main Street, Bayboro. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments.

Tracy Boyd  
Clerk to the Board  
June 2, 2026



#### Pamlico County Health Department

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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to HELENA MAYO, EXECUTOR on or before AUGUST 11, 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 13TH OF MAY 2026

ESTATE OF WALTON OSWALD WILLIAMS, JR.  
C/O HELENA MAYO  
921 AIRSTRIP RD  
BAYBORO, NC 28515

Publish MAY 13, 20, 27 AND JUNE 3, 2026.

**NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**AND DEBTORS OF BERYL HOPPING File No.: 26E000073-680**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to KRISTEN BLYDENBURGH, CO-ADMINISTRATOR or MELISSA BLYDENBURGH, CO-ADMINISTRATOR on or before AUGUST 25, 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 CO-ADMINISTRATORS.

This 25TH OF MAY 2026

ESTATE OF BERYL HOPPING C/O KRISTEN BLYDENBURGH 844 TANGLEWOOD RD WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

Or

ESTATE OF BERYL HOPPING C/O MELISSA BLYDENBURGH 1 SALTBOX LANE UNCASVILLE, CT 06382

Publish MAY 27 AND JUNE 3, 10, AND 17 2026.

**INCIDENTS**

- May 14, NC Hwy 306 N., Grantsboro, order for arrest child support warrant service
- May 14, Olympia Rd., New Bern, go armed to terror of people, assault by pointing gun
- May 15, Main St., Bayboro, order for arrest child support
- May 15, South St., Bayboro, simple assault
- May 16, First Lane, Mesic, shots fired or heard, possession of firearm by convicted felon
- May 18, New Ditch Farm Rd., Grantsboro, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, drive/allow drive motor vehicle not registered/plate not displayed
- May 19, Leaf Lane, New Bern, communicating threats
- May 19, NC Hwy 306 S., Arapahoe, injury to personal property
- May 20, Olympia Rd., New Bern, warrant for arrest communicating threats
- May 20, Old Bay River Rd., Alliance, injury to real property
- May 21, Wichita Village Lane, Bayboro, assault on a female by male at least 18 years of age, injury to personal property, disorderly conduct

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

- Nov. 13, Arlington Place Lot: 37 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Oceanous Timothy Hardin, Jacqueline kay Hardin to Michael S. Etter, Deborah M. Etter, \$116
- Nov. 13, Arlington Place Lot: 38 Phase 1 PCA 153-17, 24E162 from Patrick Robertson, Patrick Robertson/AIF, Ashley Warren, Emily Robertson to Michael S. Etter, Deborah M. Etter, \$108
- Nov. 14, Pleasant Acres Lot: 9 Section II MB 10/90, Pleasant Acres Lot: 10 Section II MB 10/90 from Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater to Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater/TR, Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater, The Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater Revocable Trust, \$0
- Nov. 14, Pleasant Acres from Beards Creek to NCSR 1117 by access road MB 3/22 easement; see instrument from Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater to Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater/TR, Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater, The Kathryn Lashley Gillenwater Revocable Trust, \$0
- Nov. 14, 0.435 AC W/S NCSR 1325 Map DB 303/756 from Jared E. Friend, Larissa M. Friend, Larissa M. Sanders to Raneita L. Doby, \$250
- Nov. 14, Buccaneer Bay Lot: 1 MB 11/8; map DB 427/843 23E680 from Lisa S. Laughlin, Jessica L. Dellacorte, Andrew Dellacorte to James H. Ford, Laurie A. Ready, \$1,020
- Nov. 14, Davenport Landing Lot; 15 PCA 113-5 from Deborah E. Baur/TR, Baur-Kearney Revocable Trust to Billy Holton, Deborah Lynn Holton, \$60
- Nov. 14, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A DB 334/140, DB 352/697, DB 520/239, DB 678/299 & DB 715/504, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks PCA 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10, PCB 4-17 & PCB 17-2, Pecan Grove Marina Boatslip 113 PCA 118-4 from Sidney A. Merrill, Susan C. Merrill to Christopher G. Rackley, \$90
- Nov. 17, Caraway Cove Lot: 17 PCA 164-11 from Norman Bush, Sarah Bush to Michael S. Schriver/TR, Mick Rivers, Mick Rivers Revocable Trust, \$35
- Nov. 17, Vandemere Creek Lot: 13 PCA 149-4, Vandemere Creek Lot: 13A, Off Site Septic PCA 149-4 from Andrea Phillips, Andrea Galzerano, Jon Phillips, Gordon C. Galzerano, Dawn Galzerano to Jonathan W. Olson, Jennifer W. Olson, \$200
- Nov. 17, Quitclaim Deed; 25E001123-680; 1 & 1/2 AC N/S SR 1232 Lowland from Linda Spence Watson/EST, Crystal M. Watson Abbot/EXR, Crystal M. Watson Abbott, James Robert Abbott, Jr., Mable A. Watson Yaeger, Paul S. Yaeger to Crystal M. Watson Abbott, James Robert Abbott, Jr., \$0
- Nov. 18, PIN J081-19-16; 2.20 AC Parcel 3 Stillwater Lane Oriental, PCB 8-9 from David H. Harris, Tina Delehman Harris to Son & Sea Realty, LLC, \$30
- Nov. 18, Bay Shores Estates Lot: 9A Phase Two PCA 87-5, Bay Shores Estates Boat Slip 3 map DB 304/441, PIN J043-3-9A; Interest from Denny Shawn Leake, Yongnam C. Leake to Jeremy M. Thompson, Mark L. Lewis, Debra R. Lewis, \$80
- Nov. 18, Dolphin Point Lot: 50, Section II, PCA 46-3; Map DB 586/944 from Stephen Carabetta, Diane Carabetta to Thomas A. Hughes, Deogracia S. Hughes, \$680
- Nov. 19, 15,560 Sq. Ft. Tract N/S Neuse River & S/S River Rd (NCSR 1304) Map DB 392/789; -12 AC Tract Map DB 583/659 from James William Maddox, Shanda Taylor Maddox to Larkin David Creech, Brigitte Leah Creech, \$1,370
- Nov. 19, PIN E071-17-1 Marital Release Deed; 1.48 AC Roberts Rd Map DB 484/4 from Connie Roberts, Christopher Roberts, Chris Roberts to Christopher Roberts, \$0
- Nov. 20, Indian Estates Lot: 4 PCA 33-2, Indian Estates Lot: 5 Western Portion W/Exception PCA 33-2, Indian Estates Lot: 6 PCA 33-2, Indian Estates Lot: 5 Eastern Portion PCA 33-2 from Jeffrey A. Tryon, Jerri L. Tryon to Tryon Properties, LC, \$0
- Nov. 21, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: B Lot: 8 MB 4/100; Map DB 334/575, PIN J082-320-8 from Jeffrey T. Boswell, Ann K. Bowell to Jeffrey T. Boswell/TR, Jeffrey Boswell, Ann K. Boswell/TR, Ann Boswell, Jeffrey and Ann Boswell Revocable Trust, \$0
- Nov. 21, 6.931 AC Tract One N/S NCSR 1108 PCA 121-1 with Cemetery Exception from Gregory Allen Price, Myra Jane Price to Stephen A. Fenn, Susan W. Fenn, \$140
- Nov. 21, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: B Lot: 21 MB 4/100, Sea Vista Oriental Heights Block: B Lot: 23 MB 4/100 from Garland Christopher Fulcher, Deborah W. Fulcher to Garland Christopher Fulcher, Deborah W. Fulcher, \$0
- Nov. 21, J082-77; Und Int 1.26 AC Midyette St Oriental from Kenneth C. Dixon, Mary D. Dixon to Kenneth C. Dixon, Mary D. Dixon, James N. French, Joanna R. French, \$0
- Nov. 21, 12.815 AC Tract NC Hwy 306 Arapahoe PCB 16-1 from Creekside Properties of River Run, LLC to Pamlico Business Ventures, LLC, \$600
- Nov. 21, Quit Claim Deed; PIN D061-38-1; 48 AC PCA 170-11 from Rebecca Lee Rowe, Robert Rowe to Rebecca Lee Rowe, Robert Rowe, Kristina D. Rowe, \$0
- Nov. 21, Oaks at Beard Creek Lot:4 PCA 121-9 Quitclaim Deed from Gregory K. Wright, Betty D. Wright to Erica G. Wright, Christopher Welton, \$0
- Nov. 24, Arlington Place Lot: 14 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Karen Brown, Walter Brown to David Hines, \$0
- Nov. 24, Arlington Place Lot: 14 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from David Hines to Marianne Blum, \$86

# REPORTS

- Nov. 24, 1.23 AC Map DB 237/342 from Carl J. Ollison, Violet W. Ollison to James Pauley, Stephanie Pauley, \$60
- Nov. 24, Shine Landing Lot: 8 Boat Slip 6 PCA 114-8 from John C. Cassillo, Lorraine A. Cassillo to Todd Williams, Nicole Williams, \$20
- Nov. 25, Dawson Creek Lot: 213, Phase 1-Section 2 PCA 165-19 from Robert Engellau, Jennifer Engellau to James John Genovese, \$20
- Nov. 25, Deed for Highway Right of Way; Replace Bridge on SR 1204 over Sandhill Canal; BP2-R023.2; PIN F042-117-1; 0.074 AC Alliance from John W. Riggs, Sherry M. Riggs to Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation, \$70
- Nov. 25, Deed for Highway Right of Way; PIN F042-117; BP2-R023 004; Replace Bridge on SR 1204 over Sandhill Canal; .0.6 AC Alliance from John W. Riggs, Sherry M. Riggs, Department of Transportation to Department of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation, \$9
- Nov. 25, Foxwood at Pinedale Section One Lot: 16 MB 11/98, PIN D061-110-16; Personal Representative's Deed; 25E001022-680 from The Estate of Gary Spruill Harrison, Gary Spruill Harrison/EST, Steven Harrison/EXR to Steven Harrison, Steven Harrison/TR, The Testamentary Trust Created for the Benefit of Gary Wayne Harrison, Gary Wayne Harrison, Gary Spruill Harrison/EST, \$0
- Nov. 25, Forest Park Lot: 14 MB 4/33, Forest Park Lot: 15 MB 4/33, PINS G092-11 & G041-106-14; Personal Representative's Deed; 15.107 AC PCA 142-12; 25E001022-680 from Gary Spruill Harrison/EST, Steven Harrison/EXR, The Estate of Gary Spruill Harrison to Steven Harrison/TR, The Trust Created in the Last Will and Testament of Gary Spruill Harrison, Gary Spruill Harrison/EST, Gary Spruill Harrison, \$0
- Nov. 25, PIN: G101-19-L; 1.12 AC TRact & 0.16 AC Tract River Rd Arapahoe; Map Attached from Shelby J. Barker to Hugh T. Avera, Anne V. Avera, \$1,040
- Nov. 25, Baird Creek Point Lot: 17 PCA 171-8, Baird Creek Point Marina Unit: 7 CB 1 Slide 11-15 from Stephen Brown Banks, Jr., Lauren Cray Banks to Patrick J. Manzo, Samantha L. Manzo, \$1,030
- Nov. 25, Multiple Tracts see instrument: PIN I061-8, I061-7, E06-45, E06-44, E06-34, E06-29, E06-31, E06-39-1, I092-178-1SL, F052-98, D061-197 from Teresa M. Scott to Teresa M. Scott/TR, Teresa M. Scott Revocable Trust, Teresa M. Scott, \$0
- Nov. 25, Timber Point Lot: 12 PCA 142-6, Timber Point Boat Slip 3; Map DB 506/203 form Zachary Stern, Theresa Stern to Roger Cox, David Reardon, \$40
- Dec. 1, 0.19 AC N/S Bennett Rd (NCSR 121) & W/S NC Hwy 306 PCA 141-11 from James Robert McDonald, Julia Harris McDonald to Carlos M. Melo, \$4
- Dec. 1, Port Vandemere Lot: 18 PCA 164-8 & PCA 165-7, 25E1200-680 from Mark F. Zettl/EST, Crystal Z. Petersen/EXR, Crystal Z. Petersen, Crystal Petersen/EXR, Crystal Petersen, Erik Richard Petersen, Jessica Lynn Finn, Steven Michael Finn to Albert Chester Daly, \$940
- Dec. 1, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 246 Phase I PCA 172-2 from Streamline Developers, LLC to Cary Holmes, \$1,110
- Dec. 1, One Tract NC Hwy 304 & Swan Corner Rd (NCSR 1214) from Gokce Capital LLC to David Fudala, \$38
- Dec. 2, 5 AC Tract N/S Jones Bay from Andrew Sadler, Jr. Jennifer Sadler to Ervin L. Sadler, III, Elizabeth Hope Messer, \$0
- Dec. 2, Sea Harbour Marina Boat Slip 13 CB 1/71 from Michael F. Bounes, Norva M. Bounes, Sea Harbour Condominium Yacht Club, Inc. to Roland E. Crane/TR, Roland E. Crane, The Roland E. Crane Trust, \$115
- Dec. 2, Point Marina 1/32 Und Int Common Area PCA 158-19, Point Marina Boat Slip 10 PCA 158-19 from Starling W. Gunn, Sr., Glenda Tate Gunn, Glenda T. Gunn to Dennis Stephen Chappell, Jr., Joy Gunn Chappell, \$0
- Dec. 3, PIN J082-244; One Tract Neuse St & Broad St from Keith T. Haynes, Jennifer Haynes to Jefferey Brooks, Melissa Brooks, \$800
- Dec. 3, Mariner's Landing Lot: 25 PCA 192-14, PIN C05-7-25 from Tommy Lee Sims, Cynthia Lynn Sims to Philip Burr, Mary Burr, \$1,740
- Dec. 3, 1.11 AC S/S Lowland Rd (NCSR 1230) Lowland; Map DB 403/60 from Brandon E. Broughton, Michaela D. Broughton to Judson Brock, \$384
- Dec. 4, PIN L091-109; 0.654 AC W/S Paradise Dr; Map DB 437/296A from Kevin E. York/TR, Theresa H. York/TR, The York Living Trust to Bobby McLawhorn, Michelle McLawhorn, \$360
- Dec. 4, River Dunes Lot:2, Marina Village - Harbor Village I PCA 148-14, PCA 148-7, PCA 148-11, PCA 148-13, PCA 148-15 & PCA 148-17, River Dunes Lot:3, Marina Village - Harbor Village I PCA 148-14, PCA 148-7, PCA 148-11, PCA 148-13, PCA 148-15 & PCA 148-17, PINS L10-3-HV1-2 & L10-3-HV1-3 from Matthew W. Emmens, Lois Emmens to Bonnie K. Thaler, Roland A. Thaler, \$3,000
- Dec. 5, PIN H041-164; 0.67 AC (0.64 AC) NC Hwy 304 & SR 1203 (Mill Pond Rd or Water St) from Hubert D. Credle, Daisy L. Credle, Myra Elaine Perkins, Andrew Perkins, Janet Letitia Johnson, Dillon Johnson, Maurice Alan Credle, Debra Ann Credle, Debra Ann Credle/AIF, Myra Elaine Perkins/AIF to ABSR Development Partners, LLC, \$252
- Dec. 5, One Tract W/S Mill Pond Rd (SR 1203) Alliance, 12E60 from Brennon Hough, Brennan Hough, Marissa Hough to Brennon Hough, Marissa Hough, \$0
- Dec. 5, PIN F03-67; 12E60; 14 AC S/S Sawyer Canal from Brennon Hough, Brennan Hough, Marissa Hough to Mabel P. Bunch, \$0
- Dec. 5, R.H. Stephenson Lots Lot: 28 MB 3/35, R.H. Stephenson Lots Lot: 29, Northwestern Half MB 3/35, R.H. Stephenson Lots Lot: 6 Easement Only MB 3/35, R.H. Stephenson Lots Lot: 7, Northwestern Half MB 3/35 from Michael Aaron Jones, Sarah Ann Jones, Sarah Ann Hardison to Paul Kelly Hardison, \$0
- Dec. 8, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 72 Addition VII Phase I PCA 66-10, PIN J083-35-72 from Force Ten Investors, LLC to Tracy L. Sample, Milagrina C. Sample, \$35
- Dec. 8, Quitclaim Deed; 0.32 AC Tract Map DB 627/769 from Alonza Clay Blizzard/Jr., Sandra Taylor Blizzard to Alonza Clay Blizzard, Jr./TR, Sandra Bish Blizzard/TR, Blizzard Family Trust, \$0
- Dec. 8, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 72 Addition VII Phase I PCA 66-10, PIN J083-35-72 from Force Ten Investors, LLC to Tracy L. Sample, Milagrina C. Sample, \$35
- Dec. 8, Quitclaim Deed; Life Estate; One Tract See Instrument from Joann Credle to Derek Columbus, Derek Columbus, Jr., Joann Credle, \$0
- Dec. 9, Water's Edge Lot: 11 PCA 118-7, Water's Edge Boat Slip 8 PCA 71-7 from Philip David Bianco to Jack James Nash, Alexis Megan Nash, \$47
- Dec. 9, 0.71 AC NE/S Florence Rd (NCSR 1324) Map DB 432/60 from Derrick Leon Mattocks, Derrick L. Mattocks to Elbert Mattocks, \$0
- Dec. 10, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 185 Phase 1 PCA 172-2 from Streamline Developers LLC to Timothy J. Moore, Johnnie S. Moore, \$1,030
- Dec. 10, Deed of Correction DB 740/773; 2 AC Lowland from Joseph Popperwill, Heather Popperwill to Pamela P. Ireland, \$0
- Dec. 11, 0.90 AC NC Hwy 55 Reelsboro; PIN C051-19 from Stewart Dunham, Jennifer Miller to Dannett Day Mason, Christopher Todd Mason, \$650
- Dec. 11, 1 Tract S/S Thomas Creek & E/S SR 1324; 1 Tract S/S Bay River & E/S Trent Creek from Karen E. Bennett, James D. Neville, Jr. to Karen E. Bennett, James D. Neville, Jr., \$0
- Dec. 11, PIN H041-91; 0.46 AC SR 1203 & Tingle Ave Bayboro Map in DB 196/6665 from Jobina Mathews, Alexander Mathews, Nedra Miller Hood, Roderick Hood to Myra S. Carter, Romallus A. Carter, Jr., \$230

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# The Aurora Fossil Festival

by: Hiram Lupton

Aurora became the epicenter of fossils last weekend as the 2026 Aurora Fossil Festival drew thousands of would-be paleontologists to the small town. There was something fun for everyone, from the Jurassic Classic Bike Ride and the 5K Fossil Run, to exhibits, a silent auction, vendors and food. The Dino Zone is always a big hit with young and old alike. The 2-day event had plenty of fun educational opportunities at the STEAM tent as well as the Paleo Zone. There was also the main drawing card, the fossil pits, that were fully stocked with fresh material to dig through in search of those tiny fossils, especially shark's teeth. At approximately noon on Saturday, the crowd swarmed the piles in their quest. The main stage had some great entertainment with music to dig by. Everything was centered around one of the best museums of its kind anywhere, The Aurora Fossil Museum. Intermittent rain showers dampened things a bit on Sunday but according to those that know, that made finding the tiny teeth easier. A fun weekend and a great job by the staff and volunteers who worked hard in planning and presenting a most excellent festival.



The streets were packed with crowds on a beautiful Saturday at the Aurora Fossil Festival



Nothing to see here, just a T-Rex walking down Main Street, visiting The Museum.



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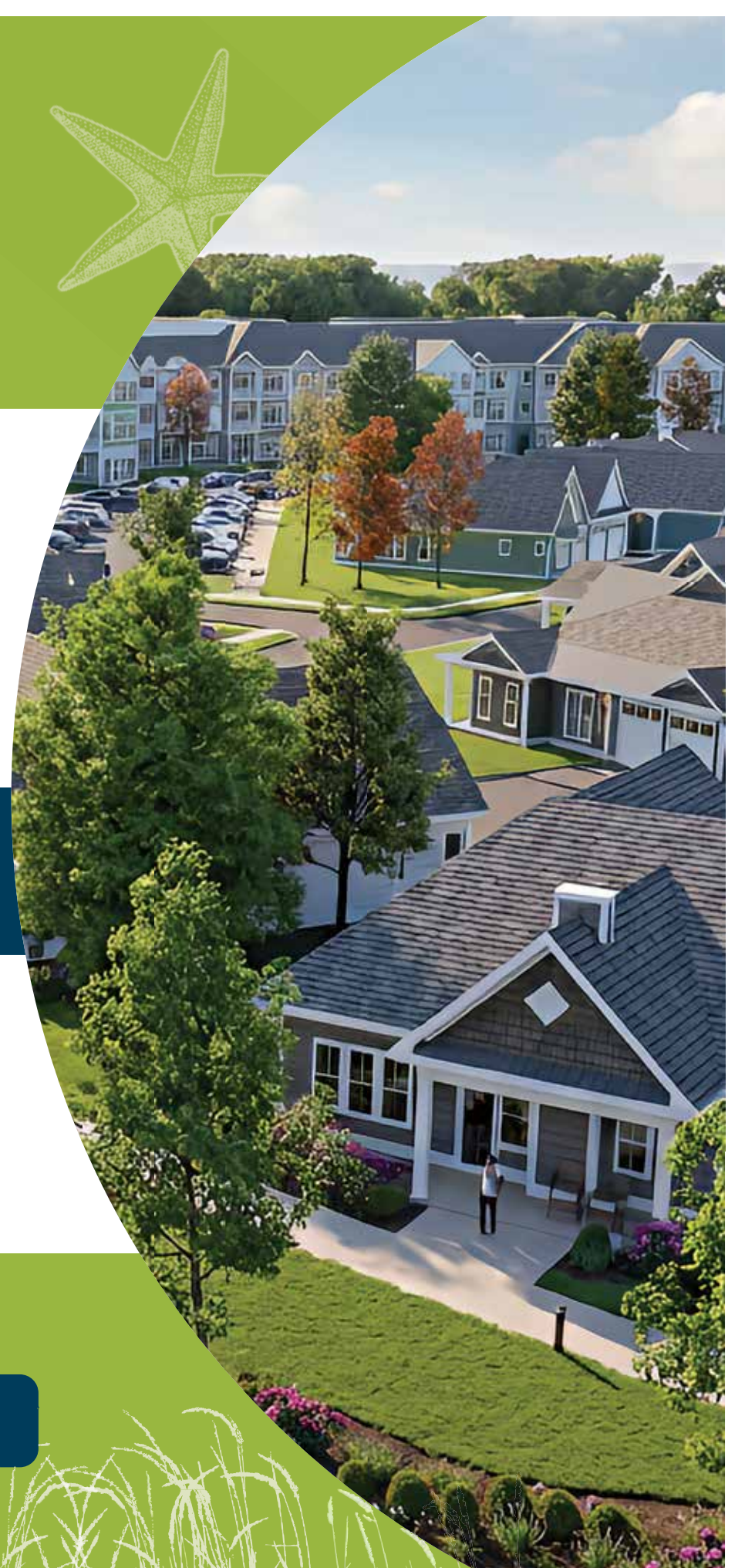
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 Not shown: Luke Boyd, Christian Gibson, Bowen Neal, Noah Perry and Jaydan Quinn

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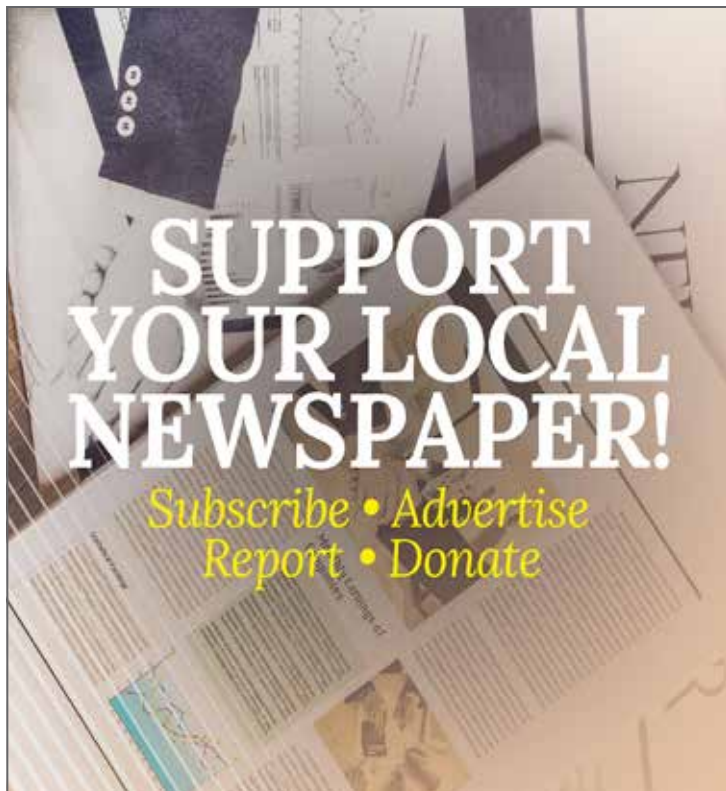
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# COASTAL LIVING

## Scholarship & Awards Night

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Jahniva Davis received the Martin Combs Scholarship from the Neuse-Pamlico Sound Women's Coalition



Emma Smith was awarded the Bryan Michael Spain Memorial Scholarship as well as the Richard Walker Cross Country Scholarship



The Roy Collis Masonic Scholarship from Zion Lodge #81 went to Dakota Schmidt, one of several she received on Scholarship Night.



Payton Force received multiple scholarships including the Matthew Cassilo Memorial Scholarship.



The Broad Creek United Church of Christ Scholarship went to Darien Fisher



Brinley Altman received several scholarships including the William B. Harris Scholarship



The Pamlico County NAACP Scholarship was awarded to Marie Bennett



Madison Anderson (L) and Julia Bain (R) each received several scholarships including the Girls on the Run Scholarship



Jaxon Hughes-Layden received the Appalachian State Next NC Scholarship



David Mewborn received the Retired Educators of Pamlico County Scholarship



The Richard Walker-Anne Watson Scholarship for the Arts was awarded to Claire DeLancey



Among several scholarships awarded to Mia Felix-Osuna was the CarolinaEast Auxiliary Scholarship



Catherine Lackey and Ripley Atkins each received scholarships from the Oriental Women's Club



Oriental Rotary Club Scholarships were awarded to Moriah Phillips and Jonah Rose



The Oriental Rotary Club Top Scholars Award Winners: (L to R) Brinley Altman, Catherine Lackey, Claire DeLancey, Coralene Ellis, Dakota Schmidt, Julia Bain, Payton Force, Mia Feliz-Osuna (not pictured Kylee Morris)

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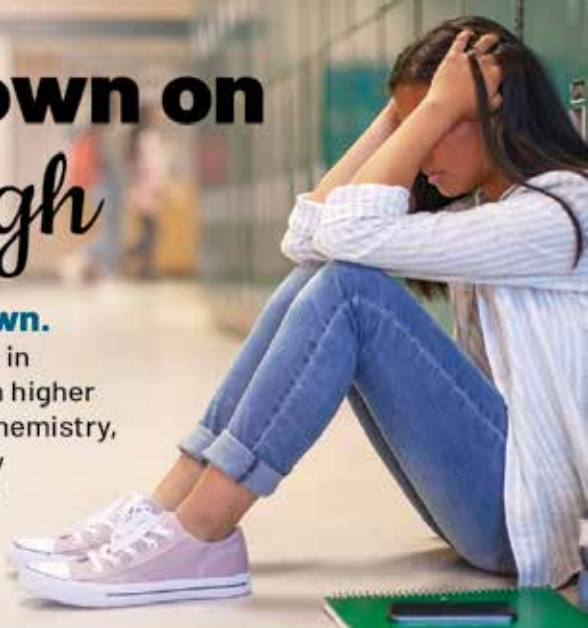
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# Health & Wellness



*A senior's guide to exercising safely*

Exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle for people of any age, including the over-50 crowd. Seniors may have been told by their physicians that exercise promotes heart health and is essential to maintaining bone and muscle strength as well as balance and flexibility. Joining an exercise class or a gym also can be a social activity that promotes interaction with others of similar ages and with shared goals.

Exercise is undoubtedly beneficial for seniors, but it is important for older adults to exercise caution when starting a workout regimen. Prioritizing safety can circumvent injuries that could waylay progress. Temple Health says that seniors can suffer overuse injuries, torn ligaments or cartilage, broken bones, and other physical problems if they do not embrace safe exercising strategies. Most injuries can be avoided when following these healthy habits and guidelines.

- Find an activity you like. Engaging in regular exercise helps you maintain a higher level of fitness compared to those who are sedentary. Maintaining a consistent exercise regimen ensures you won't be starting over each time you stop exercising and have to build up again to your previous fitness level.

- Start slowly and then increase gradually. People hear "exercise" and they may think that translates to hours at the gym and high-intensity workouts. But general guidelines state older adults need about 2.5 hours of aerobic activity per week, not each day. So exercising does not have to take as much time or be as intense as one might think. Combine aerobic exercise with activities that strengthen muscles.

- Warm up before activity. It's important to get the body acclimated to exercise before each workout. Walking in place, doing arm circles and engaging in some gentle squats or lunges can prepare the body for what is to come. Stretch afterwards when ligaments and tendons are warmed up.

- Remember to stay hydrated. Touro LCMC Health says that older adults are at greater risk for dehydration because they naturally have less water in their bodies or take medications that increase risk of dehydration. Drinking enough water during exercise is key.

- Know your limits and adapt. A workout that is fine for a 30-year-old may not be the same for someone who is 60. You might need to embrace walking instead of running, or even swap lifting weights with using resistance bands or doing body weight exercises.

- Focus on some balance activities. Balance issues can cause seniors to fall and risk serious injury. Working on your balance may help to lower your risk of these types of injuries, and can be as simple as standing on one foot or marching in place.

Exercise is important for seniors, and finding ways to incorporate safe physical activity can promote good health throughout one's golden years.



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