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Free Family "Fly-In" STEM Night

Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation is sponsoring the 15th Annual Free Family Fly-In STEM Night. Various interactive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities will be set-up for students and families to explore. Booths will include engineering, robotics, weather, aerodynamics and much more. Door prizes, giveaways, and free school supplies will be given out. Plan to join the fun, rain or shine.

Date:
Friday, August 14, 2025
5:00 PM thru 07:00 PM
Location:
Havelock Tourist & Event Center
201 Tourist Center Drive
Havelock, NC 28532

Back to Center – Making Art Mobile

by: Hiram Lupton

We have all heard of and seen food trucks, but how about an art truck. The brainchild of Kayla Blaney, Back to Center mobile art studio takes the idea of creating art and takes it on the road to events and gatherings. Kayla, who has a background not only in art, but in nursing and life coaching, shifted careers to something she has always loved, art, and uses it not only for fun, but as a way to explore creativity and healing. The truck is outfitted with everything one could need to create their very own masterpiece and caters to all age groups. "We don't look at these projects in a cookie cutter style where everyone's painting will look virtually the same," says Kayla. "We encourage individual creativity and everyone's art can be a reflection of themselves." They offer private and public art studio packages for occasions and special events. They also have "to go" art setups you can take home. For more information on Back to Center, send them an email at consultback2center@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook. Rooted in Creativity, centered in you.



Grant overcomes challenges to stand out, succeed at Pamlico



By Sandy Wall

DeLante' Grant has spent much of his life overcoming personal challenges and standing out from the crowd.

Some of his challenges stemmed from poor decisions he made in his youth. Others, such as a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) and the loss of vision in his left eye, he had no control over.

Whatever the obstacle, Grant has always persevered, battling each challenge with the goal of emerging stronger and better afterward.

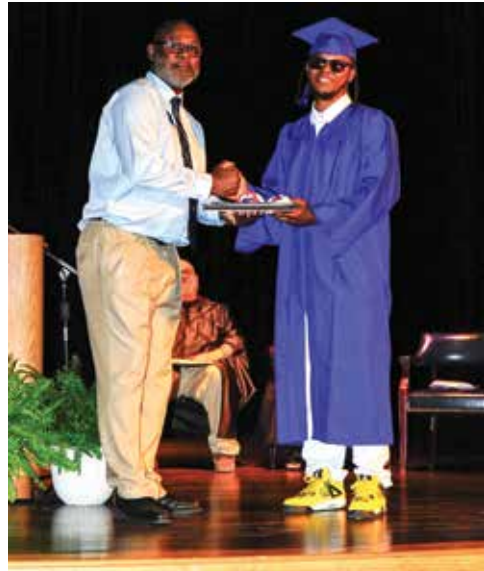
"My confidence is key," he said in a recent interview. "That makes me good at what I do."

The confident but affable Grant recently earned a certificate in Cosmetology, which has traditionally been a female-dominated program at Pamlico Community College.

But his choice of program wasn't the only way he stood out. Grant also received the college's Academic Excellence Award and was named its 2026 Student of the Year.

As the recipient of Pamlico's Academic Excellence Award, he became the college's 2026 honoree on the N.C. Community College System's "Great within the 58" list of high-achieving students.

"What makes this Student of the Year truly exceptional is not only academic excellence, but also the character he has demonstrated throughout his journey," said PCC Vice President of Student Services



Pamlico Community College Vice President of Student Services Jamie D. Gibbs, left, formally presents DeLante' Grant of Bayboro with the college's Academic Excellence Award and its Student of the Year honor during last month's Commencement ceremony. Contributed photo

Jamie D. Gibbs, who formally presented Grant with his honors at the college's May 15 Commencement ceremony. "He has shown resilience in the face of adversity, humility in learning, and a dedication to family, education, and personal growth that reflects the very best of Pamlico Community College."

Grant grew up in Snow Hill. As a young man, he was interested in learning how to cut his own hair.

"It was something I wanted to do," Grant recalled.

As he got better at it, he began cutting other people's hair, including his cousin, brothers, and

father. Grant said the talent for cutting and styling hair runs in his family: His grandmother, three aunts, a cousin, and his godmother all do hair.

As Grant got older, he confronted challenges. He had some run-ins with the law as a young man. After rising above those challenges, Grant was confronted by serious health issues in 2022.

A persistent spot in his vision grew worse. When he was unable to get answers locally, Grant went to Duke, where a series of tests showed he had MS and had been battling Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The combination led to the permanent loss of vision in his left eye.

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The Big Move – Headed to the New School

by: Hiram Lupton

School is out for the summer, but the halls of Pamlico County High School are busy with activity as the Big Move got underway last Tuesday. Workers began transporting supplies and equipment from the old high school to the new combined 6-12 School to prepare the old structure for demolition. Items will be stored temporarily in the wrestling and weight rooms in the new facility while final flooring is put down in classrooms. If all goes well, construction fencing will be taken down and reinstalled around the old school to form a barrier for the demolition area. Once everything reusable is removed, walls will begin to come down. The demolition will be followed by clearing and then grading and paving of the new parking lots, as well as landscape work, which will still be ongoing when students start school in the new building in August.



Movers are transporting and unloading equipment and school supplies at the new 6-12 School



A peek at the new High School Gym. Sanding is being done on the floor before a final top coat and striping are applied and seating is installed.

Summer Reading Program Kicks off at Library

by: Hiram Lupton



There is something fun going on nearly every day at the Pamlico County Public Library and this summer the library has been invaded by dinosaurs for their summer reading challenge, Unearth a Story. The reading challenge kicked off last week and on Friday the library hosted Magician Dana Hill for his fun and entertaining show, Presto Prehistoric. Stop by the library and sign up for the reading challenge, it is open to all ages. Be sure to follow the library on Facebook or download their activity schedule from their website, mycprl.org/my-cprl/pamlico.

Aurora Yard of the Month

For the month of June, Mr. And Mrs. Lewis Leaming won for Yard of the Month. With a putting worthy lawn, legacy Catalpa tree, Knock out Roses, Eucalyptus, Weeping Cherry, eye-catching tall, yellow Asiatic Lilies, Black-eye Susans and Butterfly Bush their residence is one of appreciation. They have colorful garage door coverings that depict July 4th and one of nature. They received a gift package also sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited in New Bern.



Mr. Leaming (left) and Mayor Curt Henrix

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, June 13th **92° Hi** Rain showers throughout the day.

Sunday, June 14th **88° Hi** Sunny throughout the day



Talk to us today about community-focused advertising and promotional opportunities to attract more customers to your small business!

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OBITUARIES

JACQUELYN "JACKIE" BONNER ENSLEY

November 11, 1926 - June 1, 2026



On June 1, 2026, at the age of 99 years and 6 months, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Bonner Ensley, died peacefully at The Home Place of New Bern, where she had resided for several months, receiving care for late-stage dementia.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, George Washington Ensley (2007); her daughter, Jacquelyn Ann Ensley Robinson (2013); and her youngest son, Thomas "Ernie" Ensley (2024).

To cherish her memory, Jackie is survived by her son, George W Ensley and daughter-in-law Cindy; and son-in-law, Tommy Robinson.

Her six grandchildren will remember the special times they each had with Grandma Jackie - Lyn Hammonds (James), Erin Moore (Mack), George Ensley III (India), Matthew Ensley (Janet), Kimberly Russell (Rusty), and Michael Robinson (Jen).

Although the dementia robbed her of remembering much about her 14 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, she leaves behind great grandchildren, Mack Moore III, George Ensley IV, Kira Ensley, Aurora Ensley, Jakob Ensley, Lucas Ensley, Cameron Ensley, Kaiya Ensley, Allen Lewis (Allison), Chase Russell, Maci Russell, Mike Robinson, Matthew Robinson, Miles Robinson; and great-great grandchildren, Ruby Jean Lewis and Logan Lewis.

As a mother, Jackie spent countless hours with her children as they grew up. Traveling was a passion for both Jackie and daughter Ann, as well as teaching Ann to cook. Lots

of weekends were spent with Ernie, his horse and horse shows. Exploring the outdoors and answering all of son George's questions about everything was her favorite activity with him.

Jackie's life was full of adventure. After running a successful family business, Ensley's Radio Company, from 1945-1987, she and her husband traveled in a motor home for 20 years, camping in every state in the US except Hawaii. An avid reader, Jackie started each day reading her Bible (which is worn out), followed by a good novel or devotional book. Active in her church until she was no longer able to do so, Jackie enjoyed worshipping and serving the Lord at Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church for many years. After her husband died, she found comfort in her friendships she developed at the church; many have lasted for twenty years.

The family is forever grateful to those who have cared for Jackie these past five years —you helped make her life happy and comfortable. You also provided support and relief to the family.

A funeral service was held at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home in Alliance on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The family received friends and relatives one hour prior to the service. A private burial followed the service at White Hill Free Will Baptist Church cemetery in Aurora.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to an organization, of your choice, working to find a cure for dementia and its related hardships.

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- June 10th – Today is National Iced Tea Day, the official nonalcoholic drink of the south.
- June 11th – Today is National German Chocolate Cake Day. I don't care what country it is from, I'll take a chocolate cake any day.
- June 12th – Today is National Loving Day. I'll be first in line for some Loving.
- June 13th – Today is National Blame Someone Else Day, aka known as the politicians' excuse day.
- June 14th – Today is National Flag Day. Fly the Stars and Stripes High and Proud.
- June 15th – Today is National Megalodon Day. Celebrate a really big shark. Head on over to the Aurora Fossil Museum and learn about these apex predators.
- June 16th – Today is National Fudge Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- June 10th – 1965, Actress Elizabeth Hurley
- June 10th – 19??, Pamlico County Entrepreneur Sarah Davis
- June 11th – 1969, Actor Peter Dinklage
- June 13th – 1960, NFL Football player Doug Smith (from Mesic, NC)
- June 13th – 1986, Actress Katherine Litwack (Kat Dennings)
- June 15th – 1937, Singer/songwriter Waylon Jennings
- June 15th – 1964, Actress Courtney Cox
- June 16th – 1829, Apache leader Geronimo



NC Department of Public Safety
GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION

White-Collar Crime Rises in North Carolina

Reported incidents of extortion jumped between 2020 and 2024, according to a new report from the NC Criminal Justice Analysis Center. At the same time the state saw more moderate increases in fraud and embezzlement.

RALEIGH — Reported cases of white-collar crime, which includes fraud, embezzlement and extortion, rose between 2020 and 2024, according to a report released today by the NC Department of Public Safety's Criminal Justice Analysis Center. CJAC Director Michelle Beck presented the data at the quarterly meeting of the Governor's Crime Commission in Raleigh.

"Law enforcement agencies across the state have seen an influx of calls about deception, trickery and coercion," said Caroline Farmer, executive director of the Governor's Crime Commission. "These crimes can have a devastating impact on victims and require complex investigations, demanding partnership across the criminal justice system."

The Criminal Justice Analysis Center analyzed data submitted to the National Incident-Based Reporting System by North Carolina law enforcement agencies and found that:

Reported incidents of fraud, embezzlement and extortion increased, while counterfeiting decreased between 2020 and 2024.

Incidents of extortion, which includes blackmail, more than doubled, with data showing a 2023 spike in the number of male victims under the age of 30.

The rate of fraud increased most among adults aged 65-74.

Read the full report: White-Collar Crime in North Carolina, 2020-2024 at <https://www.ncdps.gov/white-collar-crime-north-carolina-2020-2024>

In North Carolina, victims of white-collar crime should file a report with local law enforcement agencies. They may also call the NC Department of Justice at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or file a complaint online. Visit the NCDJ website for more information and to read consumer safety tips.

About the Criminal Justice Analysis Center

The Criminal Justice Analysis Center sits within the Governor's Crime Commission in the NC Department of Public Safety and serves as the state's federally designated statistical analysis center. CJAC compiles statewide data on crime, criminal justice system activity, traffic stops and deaths in custody. It also coordinates with state agencies that collect data relevant to public safety and publishes data-driven analyses that inform conversations among the public, the Governor's Crime Commission and other criminal justice partners.

CJAC provides public access to crime and criminal justice data at the state and county level via the N.C. Justice Data Portal and leads an advisory group focused on the alignment and analysis of multiagency justice data sources in the state of North Carolina.

DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that around eight million adults in the United States experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in a given year. Women experience PTSD at a much greater rate than men. Estimates from the USDVA indicate that 10 percent of women and 4 percent of men are affected by PTSD. Instances of PTSD are similarly prevalent in Canada, where the Canadian Psychological Association estimates that around 8 percent of Canadians who experience a traumatic event develop PTSD. Though no one is immune to PTSD, rates of the disorder among combat veterans are significantly higher than the rates among the general population. USDVA reports that one study of 1,938 veterans found that the prevalence rate among Gulf War veterans was around 14 percent, while an older study from the American Psychological Association found that about 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans had PTSD in their lifetime.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I am concerned about the cuts coming to Medicaid. We have already experienced cuts to the Affordable Care Act. Around 200,000 people in North Carolina dropped their coverage. For all of them their premiums increased and for some it quadrupled. What are people to do?

These next cuts to Medicaid will happen next year as changes to federal law could kick as many as 250,000 North Carolinians off Medicaid. This program insures low-income people, disabled people, children and others.

A nurse in Scotland County, named Skipper, who runs a primary care office, said, "We're all talking about it." As a rural area there are fewer doctors and health facilities and the cuts affect us more, "it makes it much more difficult to stay open."

If healthcare facilities close, the cuts to Medicaid have the potential to cause layoffs and financial harm to areas like Pamlico County where good paying jobs are hard to find. What are people to do?

The Medicaid cuts are happening due to the 2025 legislation, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Its tax cuts and increased funding for immigration enforcement were paid for through a combination of sources, including \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid.

Prices for everything are increasing and wages don't keep up. We need to ask our representatives local, state and federal, hard questions and if they support these changes, we need to vote them out of office.

Kathryn Garcia - Arapahoe

For our Founding Fathers freedom of religion was important but they wanted more, they wanted a separation between religion and the government; they wanted not only the freedom to worship as one chooses but to not be obligated financially to support a religion that they didn't believe in nor to have the government affiliated with any particular religion. George Washington felt so strongly about this he was opposed to any religiously affiliated federal holidays, such as Christmas. Christmas only became a federal holiday in 1870, nearly 100 years after our founding.

Today we no longer have this separation that they believed was so important. Today public dollars, tax dollars, are being used to fund religious institutions under the guise of school vouchers. Last year \$675 million dollars of North Carolina tax payer money was funneled to private schools, two thirds of which are religious. Public money is supporting Islamic, Christian and Jewish based education. Often we hear the argument that to be fair, if one gets it, then everyone should, when what separation means is that no one should be getting it.

Public money should be going only to public schools. More than half of North Carolina teachers don't even earn a living wage because of the wage structure for educators. North Carolina ranks 46th in the nation for teacher pay. It would take a raise of 21% just to bring them to the same level as Georgia teachers. We can't put more mandates on public schools than private ones, siphon off millions of dollars, under pay teachers and then complain about the quality of public education. Public education is a public good. Let's restore it by returning to our founding values and restoring separation of church and state and restoring public dollars to public education.

Melanie Fluharty
Arapahoe, NC

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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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Agent of the Week

Susan Adams
Broker/Veteran
Here's what one of Susan's customers had to say...

"The words are few, but the thanks are many." We appreciate all your efforts to find us a home in Oriental. You're a lovely lady and it has been a pleasure working with you. You are a delight!
Steve and Janice, SC



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



ARAPAHOE – Prime Commercial Opportunity, 12,000 sf on 1.43 acres near Arlington Place, Minnesott Beach and the Arapahoe Charter School. Not in a flood zone. Expansive paved parking, large loading bay door on side.
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ORIENTAL – Spacious **3BR/2BA** on 1.62 acres in Sail/Loft community.
OFFERED AT \$445,000



ORIENTAL – Waterfront **3BR/2BA** w/private dock on .55 acre lot in Buccaneer Bay subdivision. Back deck, ideal for outdoor dining, 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 Pamlico Sound,
OFFERED AT \$ 625,000



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

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Grant overcomes challenges to stand out, succeed at Pamlico

"I was in a state of depression," Grant recalled. "I didn't want to go anywhere. I didn't want to talk to anyone. It took a lot to get past it." But as he always had, Grant rallied. "I thought, 'It's going to get better.'"

He decided he wanted to be a barber. Grant enrolled at Pamlico, but after learning the college didn't offer a barbering program, he was persuaded to study Cosmetology by former Instructor Debi Fulcher and the late Michelle Willis, who was the college's vice president of instructional services at the time.

Grant was the only man in the program at that time, but he excelled. He said he was treated fairly by his instructors and his female classmates, and, over time, he became a much-requested favorite stylist among the program's clientele. "They would have a fit if I wasn't doing their hair," he said with a chuckle.

At home, Grant received great support from his wife, Shederia. He stopped working so he could focus on his studies and on his commitment to being a good husband and father.

PCC Director of Beauty Arts Programs Shanna Lewis said Grant excelled in the program in part because of his strong work ethic and natural ability to connect with people.

"Some students learn the skills of the industry, and others become the future of it," she said. "DeLante' Grant's dedication, initiative, and genuine care for others make him a true standout. I have no doubt he is destined for great success."

PCC President Zac Schnell said, "I have seen his skills in action. He's trimmed my hair up nicely. More importantly, DeLante' Grant's story shows the kind of opportunities that higher education can provide to motivated people like him."

Grant has big plans. He recently passed his state licensing exams and wants to focus first on a local clientele. Grant eventually wants to move to Charlotte and become a stylist for members of the Carolina Panthers and their families. After that, he'd like to be a traveling celebrity stylist.

"I'm dying to live and living to die," Grant said.

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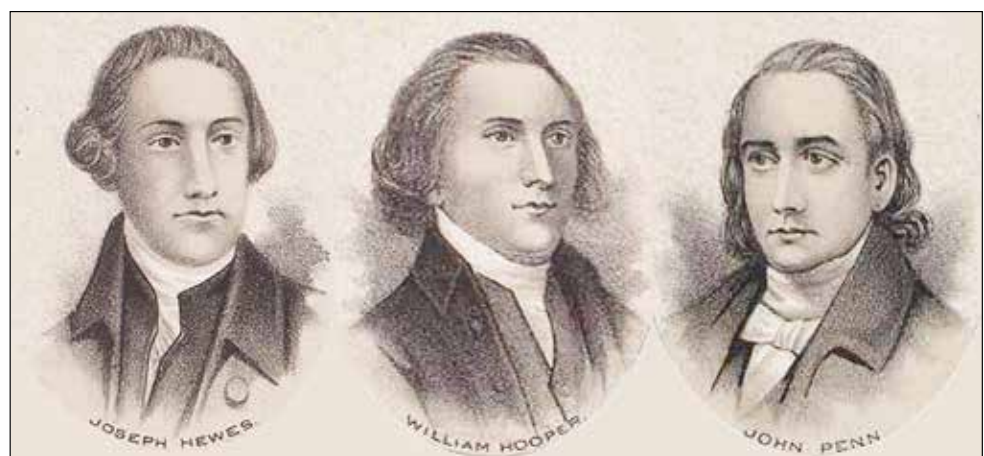


DeLante' Grant wears the Academic Excellence Award medal he received at Commencement. He recently earned his Cosmetology certificate from Pamlico Community College and passed his state licensing exams. Contributed photo



by: Hiram Lupton

As July 4th is quickly approaching, we'd like to take a look at the three delegates from North Carolina who signed the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago. In 1776, the 13 somewhat united colonies of America declared their independence from Mother England by voting on, and having their representatives sign a divorce document if you will, separating themselves from the royal rule of King George. Those who signed this treasonous declaration were literally putting their lives on the line with their signature of this manuscript. While not as well known as such noteworthy signers as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, or John Adams, North Carolina had three representatives who did their patriotic duty and placed their moniker at the bottom of the page. So, just who were these 3 who immediately had a bounty placed on their head from the King. Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, and John Penn were the three N. C. members of the Second Continental Congress. None of the three were native North Carolinians. Hewes had moved to Edenton from New Jersey in 1754 and became a well-respected member of the community. He was a merchant and importer of goods as well as owning a ship building, repair, and supply business. Hooper had moved south from Boston in 1764. Educated as a lawyer, Hooper felt there were just too many attorneys in Massachusetts, so he settled in New Hanover County to practice law, eventually rising to be Deputy Attorney General of the State in 1770. Penn was also an attorney who moved to North Carolina from Virginia in



1774, settling in the small town of Stovall in Granville County. It has been said that the delegates to the Second Continental Congress mostly fell into 3 groups. There were two small groups at both ends of the spectrum, one arguing fervently for independence, and one supporting reconciliation with England whatever the costs. The largest group was in the middle, earnestly hoping for concessions from the King, but ready to pursue independence as a response to the increased tyranny from his royal highness. The North Carolina delegation fell into this last group. From spring through early summer, the issue of independence was hotly debated and on July 2nd a vote was taken on a resolution of independence. It passed 12-0 with one abstention. The New York delegation had to wait for approval from their state legislature before they could cast their vote. They received that approval a week later. The final wording of the

Declaration was approved and announced on July 4th. Fifty-six signatures were affixed to the bottom of the document, but not every delegate signed on July 4th, in fact there is a debate among historians about just when the document was signed. It is known that many signed as late as August 2nd, and it is a fact that due to his absence during the initial votes for independence in July, that William Hooper signed on this date. So, what became of the men of North Carolina's delegation. Life expectancy was not what it is now and all died before reaching the age of 50. Joseph Hewes died in 1779 at the age of 49 and is buried in Philadelphia. John Penn passed away in 1788 at the age of 47 and William Hooper died two years later at the age of 48. Both are now buried at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro. The legacy they left behind are their three signatures on one of the most important documents in history.



We the People

Health & Wellness

How to establish fitness goals for kids



Physical activity benefits people of all ages, including kids. Despite widespread recognition of the positive impact physical activity has on children, many kids are not getting enough exercise. In an analysis of data collected as part of the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that less than one in four children between the ages of six and 17 participates in 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

When established in childhood and adolescence, good habits like exercising regularly can set young people up for a long, healthy life. Perhaps in recognition of that, parents often look for ways to promote physical activity to their youngsters. Setting fitness goals is one way to help young people exercise more, and the following are a handful of strategies parents can try as they seek to promote a love of physical activity in their children.

- Include fun activities in a fitness plan. Adults recognize the importance of planning when aspiring to achieve certain goals, and a plan can be just as integral to getting kids to be more physically active. When devising a fitness plan, parents should be sure to include activities kids find fun. Just because Dad liked playing baseball doesn't mean his children will. Identify activities that kids enjoy, whether it's hiking or cycling or playing an organized sport, and include that in the fitness plan.
- Involve kids' friends. Parents often make exercising a family affair, but a recent study led by a researcher affiliated with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center found

that children who exercised with friends were far less likely to cite barriers such as lack of enjoyment or lack of energy as reasons for not exercising. In essence, kids are more inspired to exercise with friends than they are with family members. When establishing fitness goals for kids, parents can work with other parents so kids can pursue those goals together, increasing the chances that those pursuits will be successful.

- Set aside time to exercise each day. Physical activity should be part of everyone's daily routine, and kids are no exception. Such activity does not need to be a grueling workout, and indeed children's bodies will need time to recover after especially strenuous exercise. But setting aside time each day to be physically active is a good way to ensure kids' lifestyles are not predominantly sedentary.
- Make the goals attainable. Parents may know before kids begin exercising or notice shortly after they start being more physically active how much kids can reasonably handle. The YMCA notes that's an important factor to consider, as fitness goals should be attainable so anyone adjusting to a new regimen, even kids, stays motivated. A child's pediatrician can advise on how much exercise youngsters should get each day, and parents can help kids gradually reach that point by setting challenging but attainable goals. Regular physical activity can benefit kids for the rest of their lives. Parents can pitch in by embracing various strategies to help kids establish attainable goals that make fitness fun.



World Blood Donor Day 2026: One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.

Every year on 14 June, the world comes together to celebrate World Blood Donor Day, a global tribute to the millions of voluntary, unpaid blood donors whose generosity saves lives every day. Their contributions are essential to health systems everywhere, supporting patients during emergencies, childbirth, surgeries, cancer treatment and the lifelong care of many serious conditions.

This year's campaign, "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.", places humanity at the heart of every blood donation. It reminds us that each donation is more than a medical act: it is a powerful expression of solidarity, compassion and collective responsibility. Inspired by the idea that the whole of humanity can be reflected in a single drop, the campaign highlights how every donor helps form a lifeline that connects and protects us all.

While advances in science, testing and blood safety systems have made transfusion safer than ever, safe blood remains

dependent on people willing to donate regularly and voluntarily. Yet many countries continue to face shortages and unequal access to safe blood and blood products, particularly in low- and middle-income settings.

The objectives of this year's campaign are to:

- drive sustained growth in regular, voluntary unpaid blood donation worldwide;
- raise awareness of the life-saving impact of blood and plasma donation;
- highlight the vital contribution of blood donors and promote the values of solidarity and humanity; and
- encourage governments and partners to strengthen and invest in national blood programs to achieve universal access to safe blood transfusion.

Together, we can help ensure that safe blood is available for everyone, everywhere, whenever it is needed.



2026 recreational flounder season will open Sept. 1-14

MOREHEAD CITY – The 2026 recreational flounder season will open Sept. 1-14 in Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters of the state.

The two-week season is the same dates as were open in 2025.



"North Carolina's decision to open the 2026 recreational season to match last year's season stems from a review of recreational data from 2025 and deliberate management actions aimed at balancing sustainability with angler access," said Kathy Rawls, Director of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Marine Fisheries. "Whenever we can, we aim to provide some consistency in the recreational flounder seasons from year to year."

The season, size and bag limits comply with provisions of the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's flounder season

will open Sept. 1-14 as well, so the season, size limit and daily bag limit will be consistent across jurisdictions.

The following provisions will apply:

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For more specifics on the recreational flounder season in Coastal and Joint Fishing Waters, see Proclamation FF-27-2026.

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Commissioners go over proposed budget line by line

The 2026 PCHS Yearbook – A History Covering Annual

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County High School has seen a lot of history in its lifetime. Since the first students walked the halls nearly 75 years ago, the chronicle of that history has been the school yearbook, "The Pamlicoan." To say that this year is historical for Pamlico County High School might be a bit of an understatement since it is the last year for the old school building before the new combined middle school and high school opens in August. For that reason, yearbook teacher/advisor Elizabeth Tyndall Harwick, a proud 1991 alumnus of PCHS, wanted to make the 2026 edition of The Pamlicoan something truly special. She and her 23 yearbook students spread over 2 semesters, set out to record not just the history of the class of 2026, but much of the important history and memories of the school that so many have attended since it opened. They did this through flashbacks inserted throughout the yearbook with archival photos, many of which were pulled from previous editions of The Pamlicoan. While 2026 is still the emphasis, you could say this was a Yearbook, since there is so much history here. "It was a lot of hard work," says Elizabeth, "but it truly was a labor of love." Harwick, who also serves as the Public Information Officer for the school system, felt that this would be a good way to connect the school to the community. "I enjoy history, particularly researching local history, and this seemed like the perfect time to look back on the school's history and what made it a truly special place for so many in our community." The 2026 edition of The Pamlicoan will be delivered sometime later this summer and you don't have to be a PCHS student to buy one. Anyone who wants to own this piece of history can go to Jostens.com, tap shop your school's store and type in Pamlico at the prompt. Choose 2026 Yearbook and place your order. Just be sure to type in "alumni" in the comment line on the final order page. The price is \$76.00.

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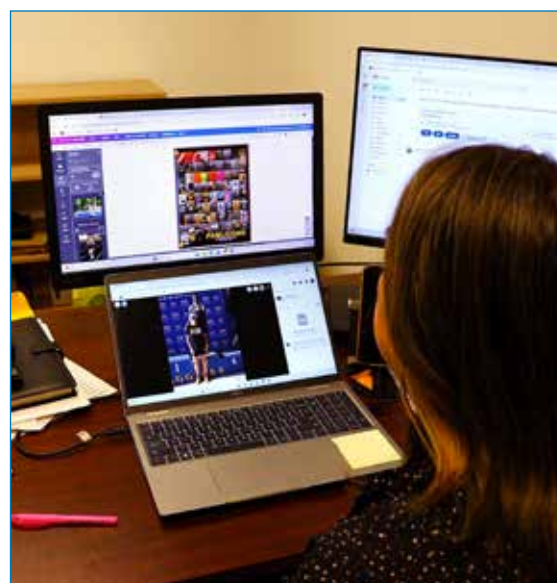
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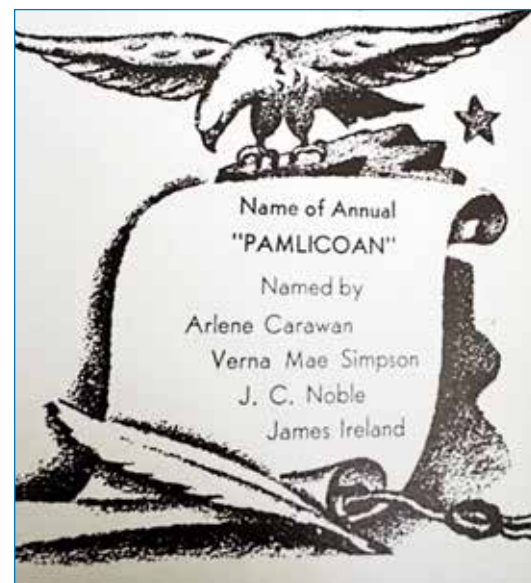
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Bottom Line With Brad

HAVING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

They are called difficult conversations for a reason. But the ironic thing is, for the most part, the difficulty is almost always in starting the conversation, not in the reaction to the topic itself. I know from my experiences, that most people are self-aware enough that if I think there is a real problem that needs addressing, they do too. The problem is they don't want to start the conversation either, so it festers. And that makes it harder on both sides.

As someone who has managed many people in my professional career, one of the most surprisingly difficult conversations I ever had illustrates this. One of my employees was underperforming badly. Missing deadlines, showing up late for meetings, unreliable work product, almost everything was off. But he was (and still is) a great person to be around, and everyone liked him. So, I delayed the conversation and hoped it would get better. It didn't.

When it was finally time for his formal end of year review, I was very honest with him and told him that if he continued to perform the way he had that he would be terminated in the coming months. Rather than being defensive, angry or even surprised, I'll never forget the look on his face when he simply responded, "Thank you for being so honest. I needed to hear that."

Approached correctly, you are likely to have a similar experience when you broach difficult financial conversations. It's not that people are unaware they should communicate on these topics, it's that to discuss someone's financial success, or lack thereof, can feel like a crude judgement.

Or to discuss someone's death can feel like you don't appropriately value their life. In fact, when broached with care and respect, the most common response is a thank you for bringing it up – they have wanted to talk about it too.

Talking to your parents about money is difficult at any age. Whether you are in high school and want to discuss what college you can afford to attend, or whether you are my age and have elderly parents, so you need to discuss their wishes for care and their wills, it always feels invasive. But the alternative is so much worse, you need to find a way today to begin those conversations. There are too many examples of kids working hard to get into a college they can't possibly pay for, and too many examples of parents passing away without communicating their wishes and intents. My retirement team here at the department would also want me to remind you that while you're having those conversations, please be sure that everyone has updated their financial beneficiaries and other legal designations to align with their current wishes!

Remember that financial success, or lack of success, is not a referendum on someone's worth. And eventually, no matter who you are, someone else will have to deal with your financial affairs, despite how much you want to keep them to yourself. So, spend some time today figuring out how to talk to your parents, significant other or kids about money. Discuss goals, dreams and intent. And you'll likely be surprised by just how happy they are that you did

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Pools are a highly desirable feature among current homeowners and buyers in the market for a new property. When considering a pool installation project, homeowners should know that various factors within their control, including which style of pool they choose and how well they maintain the pool after installation, could influence their return on investment. According to the home renovation resource Angi, an inground pool can generate a considerably stronger return on investment than an above-ground pool. Angi notes the range for ROI in regard to pools is between 5 percent and 56 percent, with the lower figure closer to the average return for an above-ground pool and the higher one more reflective of the return one might expect after investing in an in-ground pool. Installation cost is another variable to consider, as above-ground pools may cost homeowners less than \$10,000 to install while inground pools can cost closer to \$100,000. Such costs also do not reflect the cost of additional features, including patios around the pool. But the appeal of pools among home buyers remains high, especially in regions with climates that allow more extensive use of the pool.



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Five questions that could change how you see retirement



Dan M. Roberts

Saving for retirement is important, but it's only part of the picture. If you're within five to 10 years of your target retirement date, it's time to start thinking about what you actually want your retirement to look like. After all, getting to retirement isn't the end goal — it's what you want to do once you're there that matters.

Start by asking yourself these five questions.

When do you want to retire? The age at which you retire matters more than you may realize. Retiring early sounds appealing, but it means saving more and having less time to do it. It can also create gaps in health care coverage and income before key benefits kick in. For example, Social Security benefits can begin at 62, but at a reduced amount. Full benefits are available between ages 66 and 67, depending on birth year, and waiting until 70 means the maximum benefit. Medicare doesn't start until age 65, and penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts generally aren't allowed until age 59½.

For couples, timing gets even more complicated. Staggering retirement dates can sometimes maximize benefits; in other cases, retiring at the same time works better.

A financial advisor can help you sort through these decisions and find the approach that makes the most sense for your situation.

How do you want to spend your time in retirement? Many new retirees are surprised to find that having unlimited free time feels

disorienting rather than freeing. Thinking ahead about how to fill the days with meaningful activity — whether that's travel, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or spending more time with family — can make the transition smoother.

It helps to sketch out what a typical week, month or even first year might look like. If there are big gaps, it's worth thinking now about what might fill them in rewarding ways.

Where do you want to live as a retiree? Some retirees stay put, while others downsize or relocate entirely. Either way, it's wise to consider whether a chosen location will work well as you get older, taking into account factors like proximity to family, access to health care, cost of living and climate.

What will your retirement lifestyle cost? It's not uncommon for retirees to discover that their travel, entertainment or leisure expenses were higher than expected. The more active and involved you plan to be, the more you will likely need to budget.

Does your retirement involve giving back? Retirement often brings both the time and motivation to be more generous. Whether the goal is helping family members, donating to charity or volunteering in the community, it's worth defining those goals and building them into an overall plan.

Now that your vision is taking shape, turn it into a plan. Work with your financial advisor to align your savings with the life you want — and revisit that plan as your priorities evolve so your retirement keeps pace with you.

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Controlling Squash Vine Borers

Written by: Charlotte Glen, Horticulture Agent, taken from go.ncsu.edu/readext?150405

Have you ever ventured into the garden in early summer and found your squash or zucchini plants have collapsed, seemingly overnight? If so, you know firsthand how destructive squash vine borer can be to all types of squash, zucchini, and pumpkins. These deadly pests are actively laying eggs on squash plants in our area. Once the eggs hatch and the borers enter squash stems, little can be done to kill them. Now is the time to act to protect your squash and zucchini plants from imminent destruction



Understanding Squash Vine Borer

Native to the eastern half of the US, squash vine borers are the most destructive pest of squash, zucchini, and pumpkins in our region, killing almost every plant they infest. While they look more like a wasp, the adult squash vine borer is actually a type of moth, though its wings lack the colorful scales that cover the wings of most moths and butterflies. Another un-moth like behavior of adult squash vine borers is that they fly around in the daytime, making them easily visible in the garden. At this time of the year, they can be seen hovering around squash plants and laying their eggs on squash stems near the base of the plant.

In a few weeks, these eggs will hatch and the borers, which are a type of caterpillar, will bore into squash stems, feeding for four to six weeks. It is this feeding activity that kills squash plants, causing them to quickly wilt and die. If you inspect the lower stems of plants infested with squash vine borers, you will see holes in the stems from which emerges a wet sawdust like material known as frass.

Controlling Vine Borers

Gardeners should inspect their squash and zucchini plants now for signs of borers. If holes and frass are already present, the only thing that can be done is to try to remove borers by hand. Borers, which look like a creamy white grub with a brown head, can be removed from stems by carefully slitting the stem open lengthways and removing them. This method is most effective when borers are small and only practical in small plantings.

Both organic and synthetic pesticides are available to control squash vine borer, but timing is the key to effectiveness. Once the borer enters the squash stem, treating with insecticides is a waste of time. To protect plants, insecticides must be applied just before the eggs hatch; this will be occurring over the next four to five weeks in our area.

Whether using organic or synthetic insecticides to control this pest, make sure to apply them thoroughly along the stems of squash plants, especially near the base of plants. Spraying plant leaves will provide no protection. Among organic pesticides, those containing spinosad or pyrethrin as the active ingredient are the most effective for controlling vine borers. Because organic pesticides break down quickly, they will need to be reapplied every three to five days over the next four to five weeks to provide squash plants ongoing protection from this pest.

Synthetic pesticides that control vine borers include those containing permethrin, bifenthrin, or carbaryl as the active ingredient. These products should be applied every seven to fourteen days (depending on label directions) over the next 4 to 6 weeks to provide squash plants ongoing protection. Since name brands change frequently, always check the active ingredient of any pesticide before purchasing it. You will find the active ingredient listed on the front of the label. Also be sure to check the label for the pre harvest interval. This is the amount of time you must wait after spraying a crop before you can pick it. Apply pesticides late in the afternoon to minimize damage to honeybees.

Other practices that can reduce squash borer populations include removing crop debris from the garden at the end of the season and destroying infested plants during the season. Avoid planting squash in the same location year after year since this pest lives through the winter in the soil. Since this pest is active while squash plants are flowering, covering plants with protective row cover is not a practical control measure, since that will also screen out bees and prevent crop pollination.



Learn More

Learn more about squash vine borer and other common pests of the squash family from this Clemson Extension fact sheet: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/cucumber-squash-melon-other-cucurbit-insect-pests/>.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



I heard that the Wilmington Celebration Choir will be at Broad Creek Christian Church in Olympia on Saturday June 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Cynthia Summerlin, Joannis Summerlin's mother-in-law, sings with them.

School is out so now it is time for Vacation Bible School. Many churches have VBS in June. Stonewall Methodist Church VBS is June 16-19 from 6-8 pm with the 19th being a family fun day. Stonewall and Goose Creek PH Church are having a joint VBS again this year. Their theme is Glow with God.

Bayboro Baptist Church is having VBS June 15-19. Trent OFWB Church in Merritt is having a Summer Celebration on June 27 from 10 am to noon. It will be a fun-filled morning with crafts, water activities, and a meal.

Father's Day is June 21 and the children at Stonewall Methodist Church will sing the call to worship for their fathers as well as the rest of the congregation. I always tell everyone to celebrate because even if they are not a father or hope to be a father, we all had an earthly father. More importantly, everyone can celebrate because we all have a heavenly Father that loves us more than we can imagine.

The corn on the farm is thriving. Other crops are also showing the results of the recent rains. Farmer have been harvesting their winter wheat this week all over the county. So, be careful when you are on the roads and you meet large farm vehicles.

This week, I saw the cutest baby deer with its mother in my driveway. It was so small it had barely lost its spots. Squirrels are still frolicking and plentiful in Pamlico.

There is excitement about the Croaker Festival coming up in less than a month. I tried to rent a golf cart, but alas they were all booked way in advance. If you know anyone who wants to rent their own personal golf cart, even just for Friday from 4-6 pm, tell them to give me a call.

Celebrating birthdays in June are Peggy Graves (6/14), Julie Sanders McCulley (6/15), Samuel Wade Rodgers (6/16), Trisha Wood (6/18), Walter Graves and Phillip G. Nanny (6/19), Brantley Norman, Jr., Dennis Delamar, and Bruce Spain (6/20), Jonathan Fulcher (6/21), Tyler Davis Green (6/22), Russell Gregory, Brent and Cathy Fulcher (6/25), Carly Alisha Sanders (6/28), Sidney Phibbons (6/29), and Grace Farmer Nanny (6/30).

Have a blessed week. Scared? Take Spiritual Vitamin S. "Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard." (1 Samuel 22:23)

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. I hope this finds all of you well and that you have been enjoying this beautiful weather we have been blessed with lately.

First, I want to apologize for not having an article for you last week. Life has a way of getting busy, and sometimes things slip through the cracks before you realize it. I took some time off to relax, recharge, and catch up on a few things that had been neglected for far too long. Whether I actually got caught up remains to be seen, as life always seems to have a fresh list waiting when you finish the old one.

Recently, Pamlico County High School closed one chapter and began another. New chapters are usually a good thing because they mean the story continues rather than ends. The foundation has been laid by generations before us, and now a path has been prepared for generations yet to come. I am excited to see where this new chapter leads. It reminds me of opening a new book and not being able to wait to turn the next page to see what happens. The nice thing about life,

however, is that we can always flip back and reflect on the chapters that came before.

Monday, June 15, is a special day for me because it is my birthday. I will be turning 54 years old. Some days that seems impossible, and other days it feels about right. One thing I can say is that the older I get, the more I understand the beauty of people and the beauty of life itself. Perhaps it is because I have slowed down enough to listen and observe more than I once did. My camera has certainly helped with that process.

June is also Men's Mental Health Month.

Men are not nearly as complicated as people sometimes make us out to be. Most of us like what we like, enjoy simple things, and try to carry on with life the best we can. If you ask most men how they are doing, the answer is usually, "I'm fine," or "I'm okay."

Sometimes that answer is true.

A lot of times, it isn't.

Many men carry burdens they never speak about. We fight battles quietly and carry weights that most people never see. Some burdens are light and easy to manage, while others can feel overwhelming. We are not always good at talking about those things, not because we don't want to, but because many of us simply were not built that way.

And that's okay.

What matters is finding healthy ways to carry those burdens.

For some men, it is a day on the water fishing. For others, it is hunting, working on an old truck, building something with their hands, or spending time in the woods. For me, it is photography. It is walking the docks before sunrise, listening to the sounds of the water, and capturing moments in time. Those quiet walks ground me.

They give me an opportunity to talk with God, and sometimes they give me a chance to talk with my mom, who I still miss every day.

Those conversations may not make sense to everyone, but they make sense to me.

The truth is that most men are not going to sit down with a complete stranger and pour out everything they are carrying. If we do, there is a good chance we will tell them what we think they want to hear instead of what is really on our minds. That does not mean we are not dealing with things. It simply means we often deal with them differently.

So to the men reading this, find your way. Find your peace. Find that place that helps you breathe a little easier and think a little clearer. Whether it is a fishing rod, a workshop, a camera, a tractor, a boat, or a walk down a quiet road, make time for it.

And most importantly, understand that you are not alone.

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Bee Diary:

Added a weight monitor for the hive and it's interesting to see the reading fluctuate showing the foragers coming and going. Not seeing as much pollen coming in but there's still Mimosa and Ligustrum blooming. They are starting to use the birdbath as a water source. They are ripening the honey and it looks golden in the sunlight. The chicken wire has definitely made a dent on the Summer Tanager raids and the girls have learned to fly expertly through it.

The Cicadas are singing and Fireflies are about. Had a Pileated Woodpecker come through the yard and a pair of Thrashers visit the table feeder. The pair of Racoons are still coming by at night. A bear has been sighted in town.

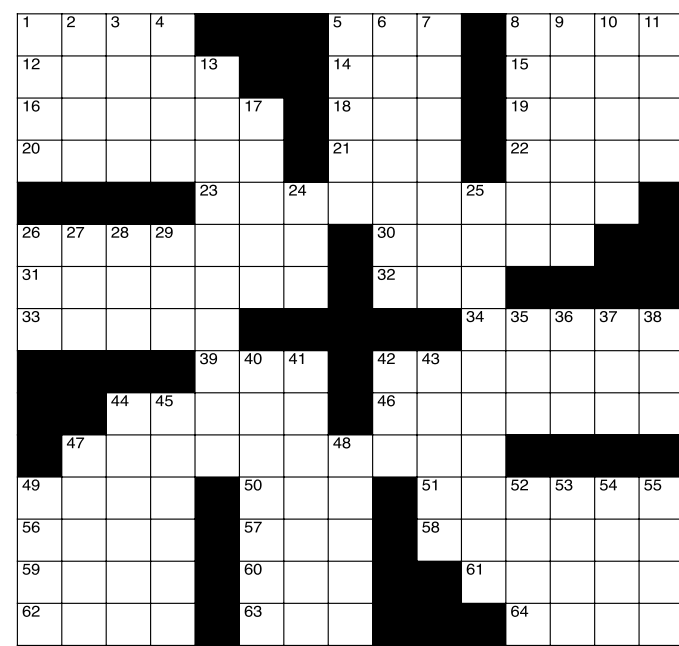
I am continually inspired and proud of our Aurora VFD along with Blounts Creek VFD and Chocowinity VFD who were awarded a joint-authored grant that will replace all the outdated air packs. We appreciate all the dedication to keeping us safe and upgraded.

The little, free libraries located near the library and the fossil museum have been filled by a generous donor with children's books.



My Photo of the week is a close up of the Golden West girls.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sealed with a kiss
- 5. Large sandwich
- 8. Swiss city
- 12. Japanese persimmons
- 14. When you hope to get somewhere
- 15. Wings
- 16. A name of God
- 18. Elected official (informal)
- 19. Abnormal breathing
- 20. "Seinfeld" character
- 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 22. Something for sale
- 23. Gets rid of
- 26. One who touts
- 30. Blemished
- 31. Less than exciting
- 32. Born of
- 33. N. German town
- 34. Notes
- 39. Move away from land
- 42. Vulcanite
- 44. More ignoble
- 46. Child actor Kirk
- 47. Written works
- 49. Sea vessel
- 50. Residue
- 51. Engraved
- 56. Having sufficient skill
- 57. One and only
- 58. Erase
- 59. Broad inlets
- 60. Nightmarish street
- 61. Play again
- 62. Formerly (archaic)
- 63. Add a color to change the color
- 64. Move swiftly and lightly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scottish island
- 2. River in the Netherlands
- 3. Asian people
- 4. Fuzzy fruit
- 5. Ninth month (abbr.)
- 6. An idealistic social reformer
- 7. What you owe
- 8. Colorless mineral
- 9. Overjoyed
- 10. Rattling breaths
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. A citizen of Senegal
- 17. Greek mythological beauty
- 24. Wrath
- 25. Instrument to measure wind speed
- 26. Luxury carmaker
- 27. Bitterly regret
- 28. Not or
- 29. Google certification
- 35. Midway between northeast and east
- 36. Space station
- 37. Relating to the ears
- 38. Congressman
- 40. Yelled at
- 41. Rudely assertive
- 42. Defunct European money
- 43. Shared one's soul
- 44. Onion rolls
- 45. A way to state clearly
- 47. Relating to a lobe
- 48. Underlying message
- 49. Hollywood pig
- 52. Indicates pitch
- 53. Filament of a feather
- 54. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
- 55. Diminish

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GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Boston on June 13, 1981. I studied acting at the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute. I starred on a TV series in 2000, but I'm better known as a movie actor. I've played leading roles in various films based on comic books.

ANSWER: CHRIS EVANS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Vandemere Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Vandemere will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Vandemere Town Hall, 117 NC Highway 304, Vandemere, North Carolina.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. A copy of the proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection at the Vandemere Town Hall during regular business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Town of Vandemere
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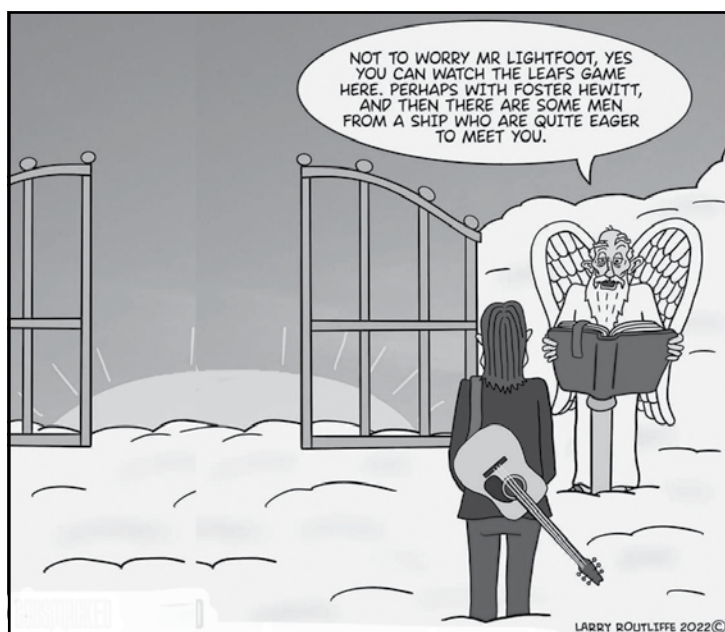
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BERYL HOPPING
File No.: 26E000073-680

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.

NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY Special Proceedings No. 26SP000010-680 Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Date of Sale: June 11, 2026
Time of Sale: 1:00 p.m.
Place of Sale: Pamlico County Courthouse
Description of Property: See Attached Description
Record Owners: Edward H. Allen
Address of Property: 202 Neals Creek Road
Bayboro, NC 28515
Deed of Trust:
Book : 532 Page: 630
Dated: June 26, 2009
Grantors: Edward H. Allen, unmarried
Original Beneficiary: Local Government Federal Credit Union
CONDITIONS OF SALE:

This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property, and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax. It is the intent of the holder of the above Deed of Trust that the execution, delivery and recordation of a Trustee Deed to the holder as high bidder shall not merge with any superior Deeds of Trust held by the holder of the above Deed of Trust, and that the holder of said superior Deed of Trust shall continue to enjoy all rights and remedies set forth in said superior Deed of Trust, including the right to foreclose either by judicial action or under power of

sale contained in the superior Deed of Trust.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS." THERE ARE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES relating to the title or to any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed.

A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Remote bidding will not be accepted pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.25 (a). Credit bids on behalf of the Noteholder will be accepted. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Dated: 5/14/2026

Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee
Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.
Posted on 5/14/2026

Exhibit A

On the west side of Neal's Creek Road (Secondary Road 1143), Beginning at the south east corner of the 23 foot right of way, heretofore conveyed to BAY RIVER FARMS, INC. by grantor by deed dated August 9, 1 976, at its intersection with the western edge of said road, thence southward along said road edge to the northeast corner of the Thomas Credle lot, thence westward with the Cradle line to the eastern line of the J. W. Cowell, Jr., 8.54 Acres Tract, thence northwardly with the Cowell line to the southwest corner of the

33 foot right of way, thence eastwardly with the southern line of said right of way to beginning.

For farther reference see that certain map prepared by William H. Utley and Associates entitled "Survey for J. W. Cowell, Jr. 8.54 Acres", copy of which is attached to the deed recorded in Book 226, Page 119 and in incorporated herein by reference.

Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and utility lines and rights of way in existence over, under or upon the above-described property.

PIN: 6561244141000
Property Address: 202 Neals Creek Rd. Bayboro, NC 28515

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Birdie Clifton Potter, Deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before September 3, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 3rd day of June, 2026.

Jane Potter Whitley
Executor
c/o GREGORY T. PEACOCK
Ward and Smith, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 867
New Bern, NC 28563-0867

Notice to Creditors North Carolina, Pamlico County

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Alma Victoria Perez-Suarez, deceased, of New Bern, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before September 10, 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 10th day of June, 2026.

Maria De Lourdas Suarez De Perez, Administrator
of the Estate of Alma Victoria Perez-Suarez
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
412 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES:
06/10/2026, 06/17/2026,
06/24/2026, 07/01/2026

Notice to Creditors North Carolina, Pamlico County

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Derek Earl Spain, deceased, of Merritt, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before September 10, 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 10th day of June, 2026.

Cindi M. Quay, Administrator
of the Estate of Derek Earl Spain
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
412 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES:

06/10/2026, 06/17/2026,
06/24/2026, 07/01/2026

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF CHARLES ASHLEY LANE
File No.: 26E000093-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to DONNA L. MILLER, EXECUTOR on or before SEPTEMBER 9, 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 10TH OF JUNE 2026

ESTATE OF CHARLES ASHLEY LANE
C/O DONNA L. MILLER
1010 HOLOHOLA STREET
KAILUA, HI 96734

Publish JUNE 10, 17, 24 AND JULY 1, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Oscar A. Krechel, Jr., deceased, of Pamlico County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before September 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 10th day of June, 2026.

Netta K. Broughton, Executor of the Estate of Oscar A. Krechel, Jr., Deceased,
c/o David B. Baxter, Jr.
416 Pollock Street
P.O. Drawer 889
New Bern, NC 28563

6/10/26; 6/17/26; 6/24/26; and 7/1/26

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF PATRICIA BAYLISS CROSS
File No.: 26E000063-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to WILLIAM EDWARD CROSS, EXECUTOR, on or before SEPTEMBER 9, 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 10TH OF JUNE 2026

ESTATE OF PATRICIA BAYLISS CROSS
C/O WILLIAM EDWARD CROSS
220 PHILLIPS DRIVE
ARAPAHOE, NC 28510

Publish JUNE 10, 17, 24 AND JULY 1, 2026.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 19, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 79, Addition VII, Phase II, PCA 75-5; Map B 612/944 & 613/85 from Renee C. Nixon to Chiquie Pratt Gregory, Glenda Hagler, \$60
Dec. 19, Sea Vista, Pierce Creek Area Lot: 78 Addition VII, Phase II PCA 75-5; Map DB 612/944 & 613/85 from Renee C. Nixon to Chiquie Pratt Gregory, Glenda Hagler, \$56
Dec. 19, PIN: J032-32; Trustee's Deed; Tract One & "Marsh Area" PCA 80-6; interest from David George Howlett/TR, David George Howlett Revocable Trust, David George Howlett to Sherry Lynn Howlett/TR, Sherry Lynn Howlett Revocable Trust, Sherry Lynn Howlett, \$0
Dec. 19, PIN: K07-16-4; 2.401 AC S/S Whortonville Rd (NCSR 1327) from Henricus J. Schouten, Jacqueline R. Laverdure to Donald Gene Riggs, Jr., \$190
Dec. 19, Quitclaim Deed; J032-32-1 & J032-32; Marsh Area PCA 80-6 from David George Howlett, Sherry Lynn Howlett to David George Howlett Revocable Trust, Sherry Lynn Howlett Revocable Trust, David George Howlett/TR, David George Howlett,

Sherry Lynn Howlett/TR, Sherry Lynn Howlett, \$0
Dec. 19, 0.65 AC Map DB 464/ 646 from Stacey B. Mason/TR, O.B. and Jean Mason Irrevocable Trust, O.B. Mason, Jean Mason to Chester Lee Didion, Tracy Lee Didion, \$130
Dec. 19, Grace Harbor Marina Unit: C-7, Und Int Common Elements CC 1 Slide 12-3 from Craig A. Paterson, Patti F. Paterson to Thomas Lachman, Rhonda Lachman, \$190
Dec. 19, Water's Edge Lot: 39 PCA 67-1, Water's edge Lot: 40 PCA 67-1., PIN K07-19-40; 2.178 AC & 1.945 AC See Instrument from Brian Edward Mauro, Carol Mauro to Brian and Carol Mauro Joint Revocable Trust, Brian Edward Mauro/TR, Brian Mauro, Carol Mauro/TR, Carol Mauro, \$0
Dec. 19, Windmill Point Lot: 29R 1.07 AC Map DB 550/797 from Jeffrey Hrenya, Linda Hrenya to Renee C. Nixon, \$360
Dec. 19, 11.4 AC Tract DB 308/407; 4.50 AC Tract Metes & Bounds; 13.5 AC Piney Wood Tract; 5.1 AC Tract Three DB 585/640; 0.5 AC Tract DB 604/245 from Joshua E. Potter, Jr., Alberta J. Potter to Judy P. Murphy, \$150
Dec. 22, PIN H094-66 & H094-27;

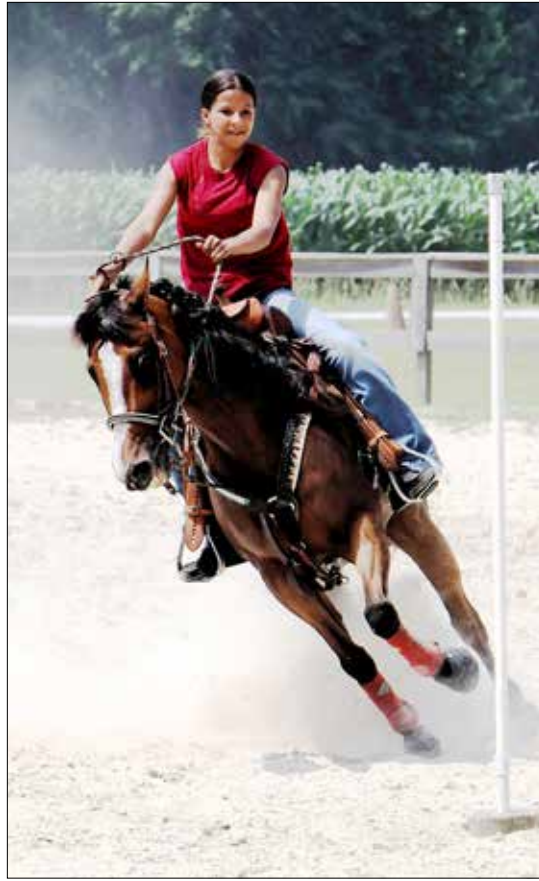
Und Int Parcels 6 & 7 DB 302/780 & 302/784; 25E001083-680 from John Thomas Grant to Tara Lynn Humphries, \$0
Dec. 23, Breighmere Section One B Lot: 22 PCA 184-12, PIN C051-99-22 from Richard Scott Thornburg, Carol E. Winters-Thornburg, Carol E. Winters Thornburg, Carol E. Winters Thornburg to Joseph Thornburg, Patricia Thornburg, \$690
Dec. 23, PIN H091-112 & E041-121; 2 Tracts See DB 606/661 from Christine Edwards Cahoon to Christine Edwards Cahoon/TR, Christine Edwards Cahoon, Christine Edwards Cahoon Living Trust, \$0
Dec. 23, Shingle Brook Lot: 34 Phase 3 PCA 109-8, PIN B02-16-2-34 from Norma Edilia Castro Monreal, Norma Edilia Castro Monreal, Normal Edilia Castro Monreal, Norma Castro Monreal, Norma Castro Monreal to Edwin Edberto Suazo Moreno, Edwin Edberto Suazo Moreno, \$0
Dec. 23, Shingle Brook Lot: 12 Phase 2 PCA 106-2 PIN B02-16-2-12 from Norma Edilia Castro Monreal, Norma Edilia Castro Monreal, Normal Edilia Castro Monreal, Norma Castro Monreal, Norma Castro Monreal, to Bay River Capital, LLC, \$4,826

Normal Castro Monreal to Edwin Edberto Suazo Moreno, Edwin Edberto Suazo Moreno, \$0
Dec. 29, Dolphin Point Lot: 23 PCA 30-6, Dolphin Point Boat Slip 5 Map in DB 272/241 PIN J083-30-23 from Richard Clifton Edwards, Richard C. Edwards, Lynn Jones Day to Richard Clifton Edwards/TR, Richard Edwards Revocable Trust, Richard Edwards, \$0
Dec. 29, PIN out of F07-23; 2.739 AC Tract PCB 21-16 from James Brian Hardison, James Bryan Hardison, Pamela K. Hardison to Samantha Grace Seals, Maurice Ambrose Seals, \$0
Dec. 29, Arlington Place Lot: 98 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Kenneth E. Crawford, Kelly A. Crawford to Streamline Developers, LLC, \$100
Dec. 29, Multiple Tracts See Instrument from Burton Farm Development Company, LLC, Boddie-Noell Enterprises, Inc., Arlington Place Property Owners Association, Inc. to Arlington Place Property Owners Association, Inc., \$0
Dec. 29, 344.67 AC Minnesott Beach PCB 21-12 from Burton Farm Development Company, LLC, Boddie-Noell Enterprises, Inc. to Bay River Capital, LLC, \$4,826

HOPE Benefit Horse Show


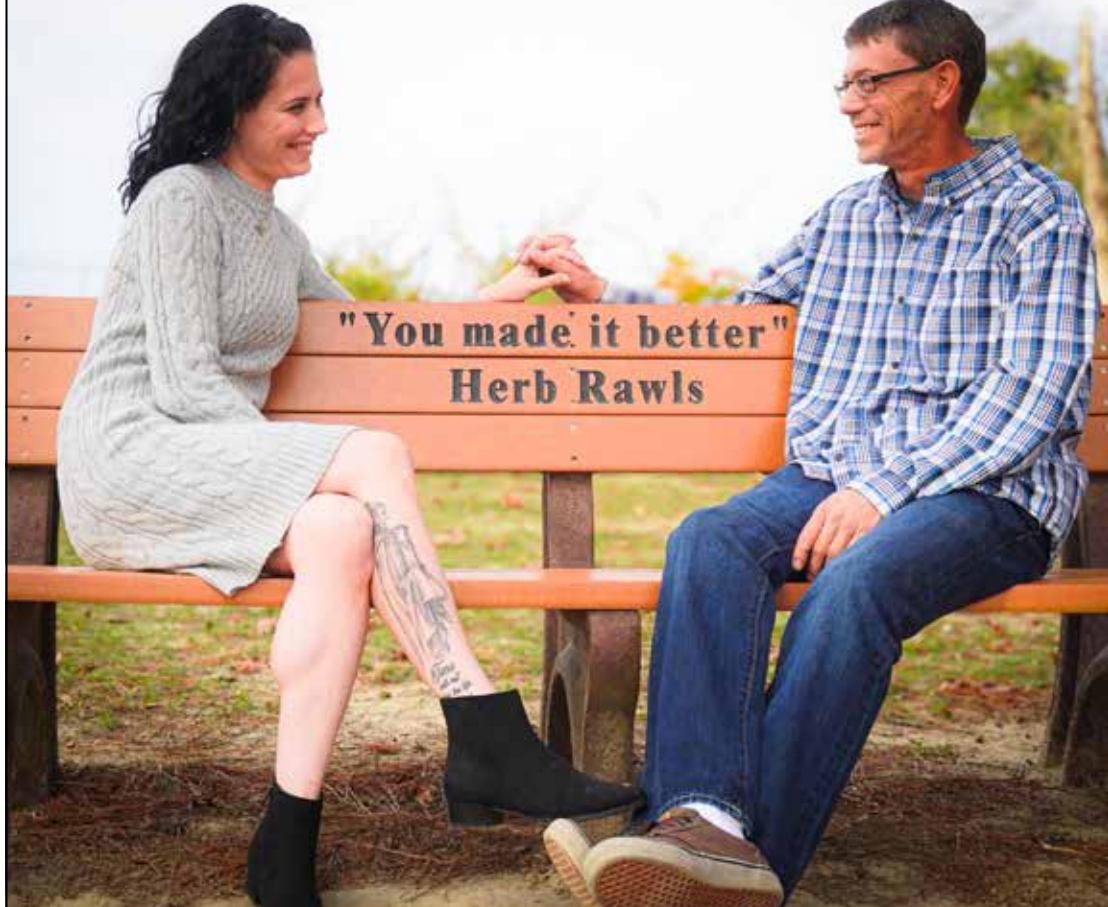
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For ten years, Horses of Pamlico, etc., has served our area as a caring and compassionate animal rescue organization based right here in Pamlico County. They take in any animal in need, but their specialty has become horses and to raise awareness of what they do, and also to raise funds to help them do it, for the past eight years they have hosted a fun gaming show at the George R. Brinson Memorial Riding Arena in Arapahoe. Riders and their mounts gathered for a fun day of activities. Events such as the ribbon ride, egg 'n spoon, and the apple race provided for plenty of fun and laughs, while pole bending, basketweave, and barrels gave riders a chance to show off their horsemanship. Plenty of ribbons were awarded and memories were made, but most importantly a great organization was assisted in making a better life for the animals they rescue. HOPE is always seeking animal loving volunteers to help out at the stables. As you may guess, caring for these animals can be an expensive undertaking so donations are always welcomed. They are located at 135 Moore's Swamp Road, New Bern, NC. You can contact them by email at horsesofpamlico@outlook.com or by phone at 252-474-7838. Check out their Facebook page or website, horsesofpamlico.com for more information.



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