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August in the American Revolution

by: Hiram Lupton

August 1, 1768 – In a pre-war act defying British taxes and tariffs, Boston merchants band together and agree not to import British goods or sell to Britain.

August 27, 1775 – The Battle of Brooklyn, New York. British troops force the Colonial Army to abandon New York City.

August 6, 1777 – The Battle of Oriskany, New York. Patriot militia fought loyalist troops and Mohawk/Seneca Indian allies to a draw.

August 16, 1777 – The Battle of Bennington, V.T. Patriot forces surrounded and defeated a British force and directly contributed to the major American victory at Saratoga two months later.

August 16, 1780 – The Battle of Camden, South Carolina. British forces overwhelmed and defeated a larger Patriot force.

August 28, 1781 – The Battle of Elizabethtown, North Carolina. A much smaller force of about 60 to 70 Patriots defeats nearly 400 loyalist troops by deceiving them into thinking they were a much larger force.

August 7, 1782 – General George Washington establishes the Badge of Military Merit, now known as the Purple Heart.



Rotary Tent Rentals - Temporary Contact Change

The phone number for our tent, table, and chair rental is temporarily out of service. Until further notice please email orientalrotary@gmail.com or call (919) 920-1355. For photos and pricing, see <https://www.orientalrotary.org/tentstableschairs>.

The Rotary club's event rental program is a fundraiser that enables us to invest thousands of dollars each year in Pamlico County through scholarships, youth programs, charitable projects, and other local efforts. So when you rent tents, tables, and chairs from the Rotary Club of Oriental, you're helping us support our community.



Football practice started early in the morning last Wednesday morning for the Hurricanes.

≈School will be starting soon and that means the return of high school sports to Pamlico County. Although voluntary workouts have been going on all summer, practice could officially start last Wednesday and Pamlico County High School fall sports teams were hard at it. Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Soccer all hit the fields, court, and trails to begin preparation for their upcoming seasons. Cross Country will be the first to start their season with a home meet currently scheduled for August 11 at 6 PM. The Lady Hurricanes Volleyball team will hit the court the same day with a match at Havelock at 5 PM. Their home opener

will be two days later on the 13th, with Living Water Christian visiting Pamlico and christening the new gymnasium with a 5:15 start time. Also on the 13th, Soccer will hit the pitch at Pamlico Christian Academy at 4 PM. The soccer home opener will be on the 19th with a rematch against the Mariners at 6 PM. Finally, football will kick off their season on the road at KIPP Pride high school on August 21st. They will hit the field for Pamlico's first taste of home Friday night lights on the 28th, with Swansboro visiting Pamlico. Schedules are subject to change. Go 'Canes!

New Bern Rotary Pigskin Preview

by: Hiram Lupton

High school football season is just around the corner and for the fifth year in a row, the Rotary Club of New Bern has kicked off interest in our local high school programs with a great event, the 2026 Pigskin Preview. The banquet style gathering brought together representatives from five schools; West Craven, Havelock, New Bern, Jones Senior, and Pamlico, along with sponsors, media, and area football fans. The after-dinner interview session, moderated by WCTI News 12 personality Brian North is a fun and entertaining way to get to know the coaches along with a few of their selected players. School Athletic Directors also had some time on stage to discuss one of this year's big topics, the first official season of sanctioned high school girls' flag-football. The season will crank up in September and Pamlico County High School AD, and Flag Football Coach, April Rose said her girls would be ready to go. The Head Football Coaches were first brought to the stage collectively to discuss how their team look will look for the upcoming year as well as other important issues affecting games from NIL to what is the best item at their team's concession stand (Popcorn according to Pamlico Coach Brandon Akins). Those coaches later returned to the stage with a few of their players for a question-and-answer session. In addition to Coach Akins, Pamlico was well represented by

Senior Linebacker Caleb Paul and Junior Running Back Jacob Bennett. While the Pigskin Preview is a fun and informational event, it also serves another great purpose, raising money to be equally divided among the athletic programs of each of the five schools. Last year the Pamlico County High School Athletic Program received a check for \$1000 from the event. Thanks to all the sponsors and attendees of this event and special thanks to the Rotary Club of New Bern for their hard work. Great job Stephen Clayton and your organizing committee.



Moderator Brian North along with Pamlico Head Football Coach Brandon Akins and players Caleb Paul and Jacob Bennett.



Pamlico Athletic Director April Rose on the hot seat along with the AD's from area schools.



Coach April Rose

Rose to Coach NC All Star Team

by: Hiram Lupton

A big congratulations to Pamlico County High School Girls Head Basketball Coach April Rose who has been selected by the North Carolina Coach's Association to coach the North Carolina Women's team at the Carolinas Classic All-Star Basketball game. The games will be played on March 20, 2027 at Dorman High School in Spartanburg, South Carolina and features the top senior boys and girls players from North Carolina and South Carolina squaring off for bragging rights.



The public has a new way to keep tabs on transportation projects that are underway or upcoming, whether they are in a nearby neighborhood or across the state.

The N.C. Department of Transportation recently launched an interactive online tool called Projects Near Me, <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/ProjectsNearMe/default.aspx>, where people can explore a map featuring a wide range of state transportation project data.

The map is searchable by address, making it easy to find projects near any location, and by project identification number in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It can also display projects by county or NCDOT Highway Division.

Additional filters allow users to search the map by project type — aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, bridge and structure, ferry, highway, public transportation, rail, and other miscellaneous projects. The map can also display indicators for projects that are of high public interest, have public engagement, or are future projects.

Users can click on any map pin to display more project information, including a local map and description of the work, milestones for those that are committed for funding in the current STIP, and contact information.

The data behind the Projects Near Me map is subject to change as projects evolve. The map does not feature data on travel impacts associated with current transportation projects.

People should continue to use DriveNC.gov as the trusted source for real-time traffic information across North Carolina.

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, August 8th **89°Hi** Cloudy, with a possible thunderstorm

Sunday, August 9th **87°Hi** Cloudy, with a possible thunderstorm



August 7 is National Lighthouse Day
See Page 8 for a History of North Carolina's Lighthouses

Health & Wellness on Page A11

INTERNATIONAL AUTOINFLAMMATORY AWARENESS MONTH

I CARE ABOUT RARE AUTOINFLAMMATORY DISEASES



Students explore AI’s capabilities in recent PCC course

By Sandy Wall

A diverse group of adult learners recently came together at Pamlico Community College for an eight-week course exploring the ever-evolving capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it could help them pursue a variety of personal and professional interests.

The “AI Basics” course, which featured a daytime session and an evening session, allowed class participants to test various AI platforms and to discover how to create prompts to get the most out of the technology.

The course enabled some students who had reservations about the technology to become more at ease with it. Others were able to use what they’d learned to develop projects they had been working on for some time.

“It’s great to see that once people start using AI, it helps improve their lives for personal or professional cases,” said PCC President Zac Schnell, who is a vocal proponent of AI. “We are taking feedback from our participants and working on expanding our AI offerings in the near future.”

Under Schnell’s leadership, the college has embraced AI and its possibilities. Earlier this year, PCC hosted a two-day AI Fest for local high school students and community residents to showcase the technology and its uses.

Additionally, Pamlico will be hosting the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE) in November for specialized AI training.

This summer’s AI Basics course, which was offered through the college’s Continuing Education division and was taught by Instructor Russell Williams, was designed to continue the college’s efforts to familiarize the community with AI and its capabilities.

Jennifer Nelson of Oriental said she initially was leery about AI but wanted to learn more about it. The class helped to put her mind at ease, she said, adding AI is a tool that teachers like her can use to spark creativity in their students.

“It’s much more creative than I thought it was,” she said. “It’s

given us the confidence to keep going.”

Nelson suggested AI could spur creative wonder in young children who have previously viewed technology as only able to provide one singular, rigid answer.

Hunter Kadum of New Bern said he learned how important written prompts were to make AI deliver the best results.

“The more thorough the prompt, the better the information,” he said, adding he hopes to learn how to develop AI agents and monetize the technology.



Students in the morning session of Pamlico Community College’s AI Basics course pose for a photo with Instructor Russell Williams, fourth from left, and PCC President Zac Schnell, fifth from left, during a recent class session. Schnell attended that day to hear the students present their final projects. Contributed photo

Duane Magnuson of Minnesott Beach used AI to help him develop ambitious plans for two hands-on projects: a geodesic dome and a frame to convert two existing automobiles into a replica Lotus sports car.

He said the AI course helped him build on skills he had already learned in the college’s welding course and CAD/3D printing courses.

Another student took the course for personal enrichment.

“I wanted to elevate my capabilities,” said Suzanne Banks of Vandemere, who enrolled in both the AI Basics course and the college’s popular Basic Computers for Seniors course this summer.

She said she had enjoyed using the technology to explore philosophy and theology.

The students agreed that AI is changing rapidly. They expect PCC’s response to it will also.

“AI is currently evolving quickly, and I believe the class will, too,” Magnuson said.

For his part, Williams, the course instructor, says he looks forward to more AI offerings at the college.

“This is just the beginning,” he said.

There also was a decidedly human benefit of the course: The classmates, who did not know one another before the course began, said they had all become friends.

“We began as strangers and we left as family,” Kadum said.

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Did you know?

The image of a retirement spent playing 18 holes a day on a beautiful golf course may appeal to millions. But data from the National Golf Foundation indicates that the appeal of golf extends beyond retirees. In fact, the NGF reports that the largest group of on-course golfers is people between the ages of 18 and 34. Indeed, 6.3 million people in that age bracket play golf compared to 5.4 million men and women golfers age 65 and older. It’s also worth noting that 57 percent of the 26.6 million on-course golfers in the United States are 50 and under, which serves as a testament to the popularity of this sport among individuals for whom retirement is a long way off.



Pamlico Vistas

vista /vis-ta/ n / : a distant view through or along an avenue or opening

Photo by: Hiram Lupton



Lonely old silo – near Pamlico

Land/Home Sales
Property Management
Appraisals Development

Agent of the Week
Linda Hoff
Broker
Here's what one of Linda's customers had to say...

Linda is an experienced realtor who knows the area well and guided us through the process of selling our land seamlessly. Based on her expertise we priced our property fairly and she marketed it well with extensive and beautifully taken pictures and assisting us with obtaining a septic permit which helped to set our land apart from other available properties. Living out of state it is imperative to have an experienced realtor. Linda checked all the boxes!
Robert & Margaret, NJ

BAYBORO – Low maintenance **3BR/1.5BA** near the new Pamlico County High School. Will be sold as-is, offering an excellent opportunity for buyers who want to add their own updates and personal touches. Screened porch, outdoor BBQ pit, mature peach trees.
OFFERED AT \$225,000

ARAPAHOE – Lakeview & golf course frontage, **3BR/2BA** not in flood zone, no HOA dues. Lifetime metal roof w/gutters & leaf guards. One-car finished garage w/ attached golf cart garage. Detached workshop and detached storage building.
OFFERED AT \$325,000

ORIENTAL – **3BR/2BA** w/fenced lot ideal for dogs, children or horses. Unrestricted, no HOA, no zoning, no flood zone. Attached 1-car garage, detached storage bldg. & empty, door-way accessible grain silo ideal for protected firepit area or extra storage.
OFFERED AT \$375,000

OIENTAL – **3BR/2BA** 1,152 sf on 1 ac in the Buccaneer Bay West community close to downtown Oriental. Convenient access to marinas, boating, fishing, local restaurants, unique shops, and community events. Built in 1996, open porch, deck, patio areas, multiple storage sheds and a fenced in, above ground swimming pool.
OFFERED AT \$399,000

ORIENTAL – Waterfront **3BR/3BA** on 10 acres with scenic gardens, and a dock and solar boat lift. Screened deck, sunroom, living room fireplace, completely remodeled kitchen. HVAC system replaced in 2023, and hot water heater replaced in 2026.
OFFERED AT \$615,000

MERRITT – **3BR/2.5BA** Simpson Creek waterfront with concrete pier on the property & a 2nd deeded boat slip within walking distance. Great views, water depth of 4-5 feet, 3-car garage, 2 screened decks, open floor plan, located at end of the cul-de-sac.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- August 5th – Today is National Underwear Day. I go commando.
- August 6th – Today is National Fresh Breath Day. Tic-Tac anyone.
- August 7th – Today is National Sea Serpent Day. Be on the lookout for Pamlico County’s own “Neusie” the Neuse River Monster.
- August 8th – Today is National Dollar Day. Due to inflation, It’s now known as National \$1.50 Day.
- August 9th – Today is National Book Lovers Day.
- August 10th – Today is National Lazy Day. Why limit this to just one day, let’s have a whole week.
- August 11th – 1866, The world’s first skating rink opens in Newport, Rhode Island.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- August 5th – 1930, Astronaut Neil Armstrong
- August 5th – 1940, College Football Hall-of-Famer Roman Gabriel (in Wilmington, NC)
- August 5th – 1945, Actress Loni Anderson
- August 7th – 19??, Pamlico County EMS Director Chris Murray
- August 9th – 1944, Actor Sam Elliott
- August 9th – 1967, NFL Hall-of-Famer Deion Sanders
- August 9th – 1968, Actress Gillian Anderson
- August 9th – 19??, Pamlico Schools Public Information Officer Elizabeth Harwick



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Calling for Accountability, Transparency, and Justice in Pamlico County

The people of Pamlico County are raising our voices because we have reached a breaking point. The recent death of Derrick Willis while in the custody of the Pamlico County Detention Center has deeply shaken our community. According to public reports, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation into his in-custody death, as required by state law.

Every person regardless of the charges they face, their background, or the opinions others may have about them, is a human being. Every individual in custody has the right to be treated with dignity, compassion, and humanity. They also have a constitutional right to receive adequate medical care while incarcerated.

We are calling upon state and national organizations, civil rights advocates, legal organizations, elected officials, journalists, and influential public platforms to stand with our community.

We need your support to:

- Amplify the stories of the families who have lost loved ones or witnessed treatment while individuals were incarcerated.
- Demand complete transparency surrounding in-custody deaths and serious medical emergencies.
- Advocate for independent, thorough, and unbiased investigations whenever someone dies or suffers a life-threatening medical event while in custody.
- Examine whether existing detention center policies, staffing practices, medical response procedures, and oversight mechanisms adequately protect the lives of those incarcerated.
- Support policy reforms that ensure every inmate receives prompt, appropriate medical attention and humane treatment.

We also seek clear answers to the following questions:

- What are the policies for inmates suffering from mental health issues and chronic disease?
- What are the requirements for those seeking a nurse position with the Pamlico Detention Center?
- Is 24-hour medical care available?
- What are the drug rehabilitation options and policies?
- What are the guidelines on medicine distribution?
- When was the last health inspection of the jail?
- Where are inmates who are sick placed within the jail?
- Under what levels of sickness are inmates sent out for further treatment?

We are also calling upon the Pamlico County Sheriff’s Office and the broader Pamlico County justice system to be fully transparent throughout every investigation and to welcome independent oversight where appropriate. Public trust cannot exist without accountability.

Monica Gibbs
Bayboro

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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)

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| 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) | 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). |
| 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) | 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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OBITUARIES



Rita Ross Barker, 66, passed away peacefully on July 18, 2026, after a lengthy and valiant battle with cancer. Born on September 8th, 1959, to William Andrew “Billy” and Jane Ross in Greenville North Carolina. She was a graduate of J.H. Rose High School and Beaufort Community College where she received her degree in Nursing. Rita lived many years in Pamlico County near Grantsboro where she raised her family of 3 sons with her husband, Ashley Yates Cahoon.

Rita completed a long career as a labor and delivery nurse serving with compassion and providing care and comfort to many patients. After serving eastern NC for most of her career, she decided to become a traveling nurse for a few years in various communities in western states. During this time, Rita and her second husband, William “Bill” Barker, enjoyed traveling in an RV and seeing many beautiful sites in the nearby areas.

In addition to her loving and joyful personality, Rita was very friendly and enjoyed being around others. She enjoyed playing solitaire, putting her feet in the sand at the beach, home cooking, spending time with friends,

and exploring new places. She loved and was extremely proud of her three sons; Ross, Tyler, and Jarod.

She is survived by three sons, Ross (Joyce) Cahoon, Tyler (Shelby) Cahoon, and Jarod Cahoon. She was a loving grandmother, “Nana”, to her 7 grandchildren; Clementine, August, Ozell, Bayes, Lachlan, Killian, and Vera. She is also survived by two sisters, Tammy Haddock and Sherry Sugg; nephews Drew Haddock, Corey Sugg; nieces Emily Reckenbeil, Kristin Sugg; and many grand nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Andrew and Jane Ross, her husband Bill Barker, and former husband, Ashley Cahoon.

Rita’s love and legacy carries on in the hearts of her family, friends, the strangers she has touched, and all of the patients she cared for. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the many family members, caregivers, and friends who assisted in the care for Rita.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home, located at 52 Bryant St, Grantsboro, NC 28529, on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 11:00am.

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

Roy Elton Hancock Sr.

May 18, 1938 – August 1, 2026



Roy Elton Hancock Sr., 88, of Goose Creek passed away August 1, 2026, in his favorite chair at his Goose Creek home.

Roy was born May 18, 1938 in Arapahoe, NC, the second of four children born to the late Joseph “Joe” Irely Hancock and Mattie Price Hancock. He was raised in the Goose Creek community, and though his work would carry him up and down the East Coast over the years, Goose Creek was the only place he ever called home.

Roy spent nearly his whole life on the water. As a boy, his commercial fishing career started on a wooden boat his father built, and the water never let go of him. His working years were spent between two callings, a long career on dredges that took him from Florida up the coast to Delaware, and trawling, net setting, and crab potting the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound for shrimp, fish, and crabs. He passed that love of the water down to his children and grandchildren, and some of the family’s fondest memories were made alongside him.

On September 14, 1957, Roy married Patricia “Patsy” Anne Hewitt, the only woman he ever loved. He was quick to tell anyone that she was “the best”, and that she seemingly knew his thoughts before he ever said them out loud. In his later working years, Patsy often traveled with him to the places his work took him. They were married 62 years when she passed away in 2019, and he missed her every day since. It is a comfort to his family to know they are together again at long last.

Roy witnessed a world of change in his lifetime, all from the same stretch of land where he grew up. He remembered when the homes in Goose Creek were lit by fire and candlelight, and meals were cooked on wood-burning stoves. He watched as electricity, and all the modern conveniences that came with it, made their way into those same homes. In time, he saw his children raise children of their own, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren go off to college, something he could scarcely have imagined as a young man working the water. Yet the memories he cherished most

were the simple ones. Even in his final years, he loved to reminisce about the evenings when his father, brothers, and neighbors would gather on the front porch to play music and sing while the community came together around them. The “good ‘ol days”, as he called them.

Roy was a man of deep and abiding faith, and his trust in God carried him through both the joys and the sorrows of a long life.

Above all, Roy loved his family unconditionally. Nothing brightened his face like a visit from his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and they will carry his love, his stories, and his love of the water with them always.

In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patsy Hewitt Hancock; his son, Roy Elton Hancock Jr.; his brothers, Bobby Hancock and Joe Hancock Jr.; his sister, Janice Hancock Garver; his son-in-law, Wayne Banks; his daughter-in-law, Judy Hancock; and his great-granddaughter, Auburn Banks.

Those who survive to treasure his memory include his daughters, Julie Banks of Goose Creek, NC and Cathy Davis and husband, Jeff of Alliance, NC; his grandsons, Doug Banks and wife, Amanda of Bridgeton, NC, David Banks and wife, Ashley of Fairfield Harbor, NC, Josh Ward and wife, Nicole of Charlotte, NC, Todd Davis of Charlotte, NC, Jimmy Veith, Joey Veith, and Justin Veith; his great-grandchildren, Austin Banks, Katherine Banks, Riley Banks, Dalton Banks, Karley Veith, and Ryan Veith; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

The family would also like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Pruitt Hospice and Palliative Care of New Bern, whose kindness and care lightened the family’s load and made it possible for Roy to spend his final days at home, just as he wished.

In keeping with Roy’s wishes, no public service will be held. A private graveside service for the family will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2026. The family is grateful for the love and kindness of their friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, the family hopes you will honor Roy’s memory by spending a little time on the water, as he did nearly all his life, or by giving to your local hospice in his name.



Susan “Jane” Wise Crary, 83, of Arapahoe/Oriental, NC and Camp Jo Jane passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Jane was a lifelong resident of Pamlico County, NC. Jane was born in Arapahoe on December 16, 1942, at her family home, to her parents Mr. Leon Leslie “Dunk” Wise and Mrs. Florida Grace Hardison Wise. Jane graduated high school from Pamlico County High School with the class of 1961. Jane worked at Pamlico Community College and retired in 2004.

Jane’s younger years consisted of spending time with her only sibling Beverly “Jo” Wise Watson. As a child, Jane became very fond of chocolate, often getting candy bars from her family’s grocery store. Jane preferred getting a chocolate bar from the store when her mother served fish for dinner! During high school Jane was a Majorette, Bus Driver, and was nominated best in her class for dancing.

Jane and Jo loved to “go dancing” and frequented The Pavilion at Minnesott Beach. Jane went on a boat ride with Mr. John Crary at Minnesott Beach one summer day and Jane married John Hayes Crary on July 29, 1964. Jane had two children with John; Jonathan Hayes Crary and Benjamin Leslie Crary.

On January 1, 1988, Jane danced into the New Years on her first date with Sonny Hart. Sonny and Jane have been lifelong companions for nearly 40 years. Jane loved dancing and boating with Sonny. In Jane’s later years, she enjoyed walking on her pier on Dawson Creek, riding her golf cart at Camp Jo Jane, and spending time with Sonny.

Jane also loved visiting with her family, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Jane rarely missed a hair appointment during her 83 years, loved chocolate fudge, and enjoyed eating at many local restaurants with Sonny.

Jane was predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Leslie Wise; sister, Jo Watson; and her former husband, John Crary.

Surviving Jane is her lifelong companion, Sonny Hart; brother-in-law, Kelly Watson Jr; nephew, Michael Watson; son, Jonathan Crary; son, Benjamin Crary and his wife, Johanna. Surviving Jane are also four grandchildren, Lauren, Tamara, Camron, and Katherine and nine great-grandchildren. Jane will have a celebration of life on Friday, August 7th 11:00 am at Paul Cemetery in Arapahoe, NC.

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

"You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore."
—William Faulkner

Commissioners Approve County Budget

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed the county budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year on Monday at their regularly scheduled meeting. A large turnout for the budget public hearing necessitated shifting the meeting from the Commissioner's room to the courtroom to accommodate the over seventy in attendance. A dozen attendees signed up to express their views on the budget and while several decried it as "a monument to waste" and "fiscally irresponsible," many were there to thank the Board for their support. Contingents from the Sheriff's department, Health department, and the school system were there supporting the Commissioners and expressed that in their comments. The budget of \$29,643,905 is based on the previously approved property tax rate of .70 per \$100 value of property, with property values frozen at 2020 levels by the North Carolina General Assembly. The budget also contains a deficit, to be balanced by use of roughly \$900,000 from the reserve fund. The five and a half cent increase in tax rates represents the first tax hike in over two years for the county.



The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners



A large crowd attended the budget public hearing

Summer Reading Program Wraps Up with Dino Academy

by: Hiram Lupton

It has been a fun filled summer at the Pamlico County Public Library with magic shows, fossils, animal rescue and a whole lot more. "Unearth a Story" has been an awesome summer reading program and last Friday the program wrapped up by welcoming the Bright Star Touring Theater and their "Dino Academy." The fast-paced program about dinosaurs was both entertaining and educational. The summer is winding down and this years reading program is over, but there will continue to be plenty of fun things going on at your public library.



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CRAVEN COUNTY DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO ACTIVE SENTENCE

New Bern, North Carolina – District Attorney Matt Wareham announced that Miquan X Shepard, age 43 of New Bern, was convicted on multiple Trafficking and other drug related charges across both Pamlico and Craven Counties and received an active sentence of 178 months minimum to 226 months maximum in the Department of Adult Correction in addition to being ordered to pay a \$100,000 fine, \$2,165 in restitution, and \$5,400 in lab fees. In Pamlico County, Shepard pled to two counts of Sale of Cocaine, three counts of Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver Cocaine, three counts of Misdemeanor Child Abuse, and one count of Trafficking Cocaine by Possession; while in Craven County, he pled to two counts of Trafficking Heroin by Sale, two counts of Trafficking Heroin by Possession, one count of Trafficking Fentanyl by Sale, one count of Trafficking Fentanyl by Possession, one count of Attempted Trafficking Heroin by Possession, five counts of Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver Heroin, two counts of Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver Fentanyl, two counts of Sell Heroin, one count of Sell Fentanyl, and two counts of Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver Marijuana.



Shepard’s first interaction with law enforcement occurred when he was observed by New Bern Police conducting a hand-to-hand transaction at a known open-air drug market. Officers then conducted a traffic stop on him. The odor of Marijuana coming from the car led to a search that revealed 332.14 grams of Marijuana as well as \$1,420 in cash. The Craven County Sheriff’s Office and the Pamlico County Sheriff’s Office then made a series of six controlled buys off Shepard, two of which occurred with his child present, and sheriff’s deputies executed two separate search warrants on residences associated with Shepard that resulted in more charges. All total the investigations into Shepard yielded 150.38 grams of Heroin, 10.88 grams of a mixture of Heroin and Fentanyl, 90.53 grams of cocaine and \$11,1471.00 in cash seized.

District Attorney Matt Wareham stated, “I want to thank the combined law enforcement efforts by the Craven County Sheriff’s Office, Pamlico County Sheriff’s Office, and the New Bern Police Department to identify and build strong criminal cases against defendants who operate across municipal and county lines. It is only through these combined efforts and information sharing that it is truly possible to hold these drug traffickers accountable.”

Pamlico Sheriff Chris Davis said, “Our office will continue a proactive approach to rid our county of illegal narcotics. We are proud of the partnerships we have with our surrounding agencies and look forward to the successful prosecution of others that think it’s a good idea to sell poison in our communities.”

Craven County Sheriff Chip Hughes said, “drug dealers and traffickers who bring poison into our county and establish operations here must live with the constant fear that they will be next to face justice.” Hughes said, “the Craven County Sheriff’s Office remains firmly committed to aggressively pursuing individuals who traffic illegal drugs in Craven County.”

The Craven County Sheriff’s Office, Pamlico County Sheriff’s Office, and the New Bern Police Department investigated and charged, Assistant District Attorney Chekesha Hukins handled the prosecution for the State, and the Honorable Superior Court Judge Bob Cherry presided over the matter.

NOTE: Under North Carolina Structured Sentencing law, a convicted criminal defendant must serve all the minimum active sentence and may be required to serve up to the maximum sentence. Upon release at the conclusion of the prison sentence, a nine-to-twelve-month period of post-release supervision by a probation officer is required.

Epiphany School's "Faith in Action" Kicks Off School Year Through Community Service

NEW BERN, N.C. — While many schools spend the first week of the year settling into classrooms, students at The Epiphany School of Global Studies begin by stepping into the community.

On Thursday, August 20, every Epiphany student will participate in Faith in Action, the school's annual day of service and one of the signature experiences of Odyssey Week, the first three days of the academic year designed to immerse students in Epiphany’s commitment to faith, scholarship, and global citizenship.

Rather than spending the morning behind a desk, students will serve alongside dozens of local non-profits, churches, museums, civic organizations, parks, senior living communities, and community partners throughout New Bern. From organizing donations and beautifying community spaces to assisting local organizations with hands-on projects, students will experience firsthand what it means to make a difference close to home.

Younger students in kindergarten through fourth grade will complete service projects on campus that directly benefit local organizations, while students in grades five through twelve will travel throughout the community to volunteer at service sites including RCS, The Filling Station, Bank of the Arts, and many others.

"The first three days of the school year at Epiphany are known as Odyssey Week, a unique experience that immerses students in the school's commitment to being a community of faith and scholarship," said Jessica Longshore, Director of Spiritual Life. "The second day, Faith in Action, gives students the opportunity to put their faith into practice through service. Whether landscaping, organizing donations, preparing facilities, assisting with community projects, or encouraging those they serve, students experience firsthand what it means to love their neighbors through meaningful acts of service. More than a day of service, Faith in Action reflects our mission by giving students the opportunity to love God and serve their neighbors."

Community service is woven throughout the Epiphany experience, and Faith in Action sets the tone for the year ahead by reminding students that learning extends well beyond the classroom. Beginning the school year through service reinforces the school's belief that education is about both academic excellence and meaningful engagement with the community.

"An integral part of the Epiphany curriculum is our community service experiences," Longshore said. "These experiences not only embody what it means to be global citizens, they also empower students to look for ways to make a meaningful difference in the world around them. We want our students to become servant leaders who seize every opportunity to serve others. Beginning the school year with Faith in Action reflects our belief that serving our community is an essential expression of that commitment."

Faith in Action also provides students the opportunity to build lasting relationships with local organizations while giving community partners meaningful support. Each service site offers students a unique perspective on the needs, strengths, and opportunities that exist throughout eastern North Carolina, reinforcing the importance of compassion, collaboration, and civic engagement.



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Pamlico Citizens for Don Davis to Host "Meet Congressman Don Davis" Community Event

Bayboro, NC — August 1, 2026 — Pamlico Citizens for Don Davis, a volunteer group supporting Congressman Don Davis's reelection, will host "Meet Congressman Don Davis," a public meet and greet, on Friday, August 15.

In October 2025, the North Carolina legislature enacted new congressional district lines that moved Pamlico County out of the 3rd Congressional District and into the 1st Congressional District beginning with the November 2026 election. As a result, Pamlico County voters will vote in the NC-1 race for the first time, where Congressman Davis is running for reelection. Pamlico County's current representative, Dr. Greg Murphy of the 3rd District, will not be on the ballot for Pamlico County voters this cycle.

The free, public event will give Pamlico County residents a chance to meet Congressman Davis in person, hear brief remarks, and enjoy light refreshments.

"We are delighted to give Pamlico County citizens an opportunity to meet Congressman Davis, since our county is moving into his district," said Marjorie Dufek, organizer with Pamlico Citizens for Don Davis.

Event Details:

- What:** Meet Congressman Don Davis — a public meet and greet with remarks and light refreshments
- When:** Friday, August 15, meeting details will be provided to registered attendees
- Who:** Congressman Don Davis and Pamlico County residents
- Cost:** Free and open to the public
- Register to attend so organizers can plan accordingly:** <https://www.mobilize.us/don-davisforcongress/event/1001145/> (tinyurl.com/DDNC26Jump)

Pamlico Citizens for Don Davis is a volunteer group of Pamlico County residents working to support Congressman Davis's reelection campaign. For more information, contact Marjorie Dufek at 502-345-4771 or marjorie_dufek@yahoo.com.



New 6-12 School Nearly Ready for Students and Staff

"About all we need now are teachers and students."

by: Hiram Lupton

Contractors are putting the final touches on Pamlico County's new 6-12 combined Middle School – High School and finish line is in sight. Paint touchup, Classroom furniture placement and general cleanup is now taking place. "We're about there," says Henry Rice, Executive Director of Operations and Administrative Services for Pamlico County Schools. "When the doors officially open for the first day of school on August 24th, we'll be ready to welcome our students back in a brand-new school." The first teacher workday is August 17th, but optional workdays begin on August 10th. That will be when the classrooms get

the personal touch every teacher brings to their learning environment. Outside the building, work continues on demolition of the old school building and is commencing on driveways and parking areas. Much of this work, along with final landscaping, will continue into the fall. Administrators will be working on the vehicle entrance, exit, and parking plan in the coming days based on expected road completion at the beginning of school. For those who would like to get a look at the new High School Gym, the Lady Hurricanes Volleyball Team will hit the court on August 13 at 5:15. Check out the gym and cheer on the Hurricanes.



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Broad Creek Christian Church Back to School Bash

by: Hiram Lupton

It's almost time for students to head back to school which means now is the time to gather up all the supplies those students need to start the school year off right. For the fifth year in a row, a great opportunity to do that was provided by Broad Creek Christian Church at their annual Back to School Bash held last Saturday. Students received a backpack and then moved from station to station filling that pack with school supplies. This event has become much more than a school supply distribution, it has become a community fair with information tents, displays from the Olympia Fire Department, Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, Craven County Sheriff's Office, and the Pamlico County Rescue squad. There were fun activities too with a bouncy house and axe throwing from Beary the Hatchet. There was also plenty of food for all attendees. An awesome, well-coordinated event that couldn't be done without an army of volunteers and some great sponsors.



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Celebrate National Lighthouse Day

by: Hiram Lupton

On August 7,1789, the United States Congress approved an act for the “establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers.” In 1989, Congress designated August 7th as National Lighthouse Day to commemorate that act and recognize the importance and history of these beacons of maritime navigation. Although North Carolina ranks well behind Michigan (over 120) in number of lighthouses, it has some of the most iconic beacons. There are currently eleven lighthouses still standing in our state, although two of these are constructed replicas. The most widely known of NC’s lighthouses are the seven towers along our immediate coast line, but are also four other lighthouses located a bit inland. Here is a little NC lighthouse trivia for you: The tallest NC lighthouse is Cape Hatteras at 208’. It is also the tallest in the U. S. The oldest NC lighthouse is Bald Head Island Light (1817) The newest non-replica NC lighthouse is Oak Island Light (1958) All the coastal lighthouses are painted in a unique pattern as an aid to navigation. The exception is the Currituck Light which is natural unpainted brick. The black diamonds on Cape Lookout Lighthouse face due north and due south.

Pamlico County once had it’s own lighthouse. It was a brick structure located at Pamlico Point and marked the entrance to Pamlico River. It was active from 1828 until 1887. It was lost due to erosion. There used to be many of what were called “Screw pile lighthouses” at key points in Pamlico Sound. They have all been replaced by automated beacon lights.

- PHOTO**
- 1-Currituck Beach Lighthouse
 - 2-Bodie Island Lighthouse
 - 3-Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
 - 4-Ocracoke Lighthouse
 - 5-Cape Lookout Lighthouse
 - 6-Bald Head Island Lighthouse
 - 7-Oak Island Lighthouse
 - 8-Price’s Creek Lighthouse (along the Cape Fear River north of Southport)
 - 9-Roanoke River Lighthouse (relocated to Edenton)
 - 10-Roanoke River Lighthouse *replica (Plymouth)
 - 11-Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse *replica (Manteo)





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The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge would not have been possible without the incredible support of our community, sponsors, presenters, volunteers, and participants. This summer Pamlico County read 382,620 minutes!

Throughout the summer, the library was filled with learning, laughter, creativity, and discovery. Families experienced library magic, explored through hands-on educational programs, discovered fascinating wildlife, and participated in activities designed to inspire curiosity and a lifelong love of reading. Whether patrons attended a special event, completed the reading challenge, or simply spent time together at the library, every moment helped strengthen our community and the lives within it.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our 2026 Summer Reading Challenge sponsors. Their generosity

helped provide prizes, programming, and incentives that made this year's program possible.

- Thank you to our sponsors:**
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- Special thanks to:**
- Gary Shelton Magic
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 - Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter
 - NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores
 - Bright Star Theater

Finally, thank you to every child, teen, adult, caregiver, volunteer, and library supporter who participated in this year's Summer Reading Challenge as well as our Staff who worked tirelessly all summer long. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and love of reading are what make this program so special year after year.

From all of us at Pamlico County Public Library, thank you for making the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge an unforgettable success. We look forward to reading, learning, and growing together again next summer!

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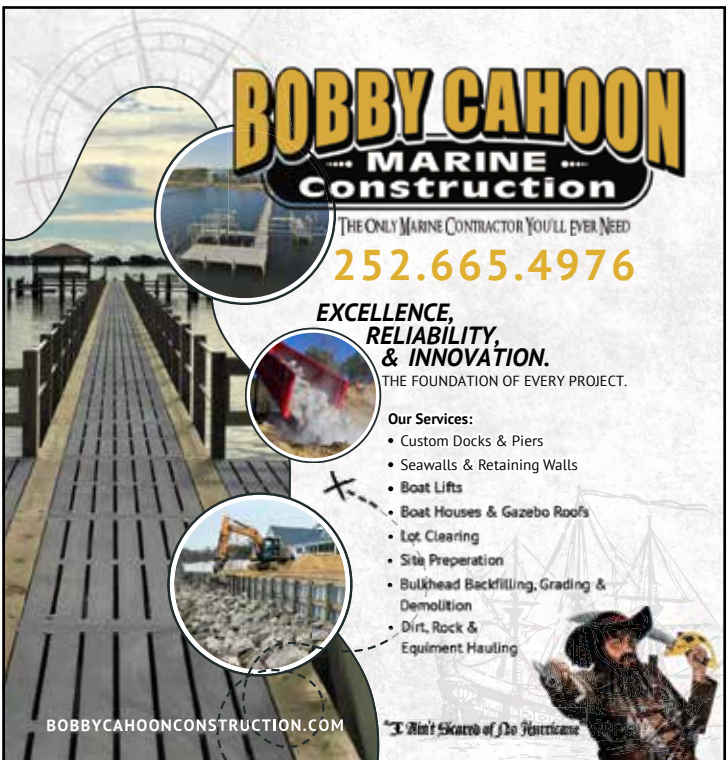


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Estate of Amy Laverne Heath
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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BRIAN P. KEARNEY
File No.: 26E000066-680

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This 15TH OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF BRIAN P. KEARNEY
C/O FLORENCE KEARNEY
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WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411

Publish JULY 15, 22, 29 AND
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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE
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INSPECTIONS

July 9, Jody Henries, Oriental, CAMA, \$90.30; Jason Scott, Arapahoe, deck, \$115.60; Hugh Avera, Arapahoe, 200 amp, \$150
July 10, Matt & Michelle Azzam, Oriental, new residential; Jody Henries, Arapahoe, CAMA: Bulkhead, \$115; Mark & Sandra Eagle, Oriental, new residential, \$1,840.72; Earnest Cox, New Bern, porch, \$74.32; Karen Moore, Oriental, reconnect, \$50; Sherrie G., Bayboro, electrical, \$50; Madeline Marshall, Oriental, mechanical change out, \$100
July 13, Jody Henries, Vandemere, CAMA - pier/boathouse, \$339.12; Raymond Ruppert, Oriental, electrical/generator, \$150; George & Susan Buote, Merritt, mechanical, \$100; Todd McFadden, Grantsboro, mechanical, \$120.40; Jeffery Taranito, Merritt, window & door replacement, \$50
July 14, Gary Butts, Arapahoe, pool, \$150; Frank Barron, Alliance, new metal building
July 15, Janet Fry, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Paul Scott, Arapahoe, mechanical, \$100; Brian Potter, new bern, reconnect, \$50; Shireen Jones, Grantsboro, reconnect, \$50; Jack Craven, New Bern, electrical, \$150; Goose Creek Island Fire Department, Lowland, transfer switch, \$50
July 16, Nadirah Ross, Grantsboro, commercial, \$300; Chevette Kelly, Alliance, temp. pole, \$100; YMCA Camp Seagull, Arapahoe, commercial, \$6,173.50; YMCA Camp Seafarer, Arapahoe, commercial, \$2,461.74
July 17, Earl Sadler, New Bern, pole barn 48x30, \$445.60; Arnie Downes, Merritt, electrical 400 amp + transfer switch, \$250
July 20, Rick Laughinghouse, New Bern, addition, \$779.92; Judith Walsh, Bayboro, electric, \$50
July 21, Tony Latham, Grantsboro, plumbing, \$50; Peter Strange, Arapahoe, remodel, \$156; Elizabeth Gooding, New Bern, mechanical, \$146; Darrell & Kathy White, Merritt, new residential;
July 22, Bill Newbauer, Stonewall, floor joist/electrical, \$100; David Zies, Oriental, CAMA/Vinyl Seawall, \$85.20; Jonathon Mills, New Bern, carport, \$177; John Hughs, Oriental, door replacement, \$50; Derek Miller, Bayboro, plumbing, \$50; Scott Darci, Alliance, deck, \$88.40
July 23, Pamela Bulijat, New Bern, mechanical, \$100; Steven Rose, Merritt, mechanical, \$100; Sigrid Walker, Oriental, mechanical, \$100; Mary Smith, Bayboro, mechanical, \$100; Dana Miller, Arapahoe, double-wide, \$260; Brian Baechtle, Oriental, deck, \$151.20; Glenn & Mary Wimble, Arapahoe, remodel, \$150; Thomas &

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This 22ND OF JULY 2026

ESTATE OF GREGORY SCOTT
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Patricia Welch, Minnesott Beach, new residential, \$1,656.40
July 24, Karen Gray, Merritt, beauty shop, \$587.92; Ronald & Edna Anderson, Oriental, floor repair, \$50
July 27, Mark Brewington, Arapahoe, electrical, \$50; Richard Guesno, Arapahoe, electrical, \$146; Gail Anderson, Lowland, electrical, \$150; Doug Warriner, Oriental, garage
July 28, Tom McElroy, Oriental, deck; Ivan Ireland, Lowland, electrical 200 amp, \$150; Jenny Thackston, Oriental, plumbing, \$50; Theresa Brown, Grantsboro, plumbing, \$50; Marty Nagel, Merritt, electric & mechanical, \$300; Valerie Markle, New Bern, electrical, \$150
July 29, Matthew Thomas, Arapahoe, carport, \$142.16; Dustin English, Arapahoe, CAMA seawall, \$61.20; Marianne Blum, Arapahoe, electrical, \$50; Brenda Nolan, new residential

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Feb. 11, Deed of Correction DB 752/380; 0.507 AC Tract PCB 14-18 from Lawrence J. Dinisio, Jr., Lawrence John Dinisio, Jr., Anna M. Dinisio to Stephen Craig, Monica Craig, \$0
Feb. 11, PIN E041-76; 85/100 AC E/S NC Hwy 306 & North of NC Hwy 55 Grantsboro; 25E001207-680 from Roy Hughes Buck, III to Roy Hughes Buck, III, Nichole Renae Buck, Taylor Buck Sadler, \$0
Feb. 12, 7.38 AC, 4.77 AC, 7.39 AC & 4.76 AC PCA 29-10 from Lucien R. Vaughn, III, Lucien Vaughn, III, Richard W. Hudson, III, Christian W. Hudson, Christian Hudson, Benjamin M. Stanley, Benjamin Stanley to Scrapwood Properties, LLC, \$0
Feb. 12, Lake Minnesott Estates Lot: 30 0.64 AC Section 1 MB 5/5; map DB 617/678 from Brandon Allen Jordan, brandon Allen Jordan, Brandon Allen Ward to Justin Brandt Moore, Amanda Hatfield Moore, \$610
Feb. 12, 0.62 AC Florence Rd (SR 1324) Map DB 710/718 from Andrew Edwards to Brian K. Wykle, Heather Wykle, \$210
Feb. 12, Dawson Creek Lot: 18 Phase 1 PCA 150-10, PIN H094-1-18 from Cary Martin, Lisa Martin to Donald Andrew Plebuch, Marguerite Lee Plebuch, \$1,700
Feb. 12, Windward Views Unit: 0-1, CB 1/76, PIN J082-488-D-1 from William R. Watkins, Rebecca A. Fuller to Terry N. Smith, Jaime J. Smith, \$780
Feb. 13, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 266 Phase II PCB 19-15 from Arlington Place, LLC to Shawn E. Dougherty, Christine M. Dougherty, \$130
Feb. 13, Dawson Creek Lot: 267 Phase 1 Section 2 PCA 165-19 from J.E. McCotter Land Company, LLC, J.E. McCotter Land Company, LLC to Mark

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File No.: 26E000136-680

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A. Beech, Jill M. Beech, \$350
Feb. 13, PIN K052058; 24E000226-680; 19.98 AC PCA 104-9 & PCA 77-4 from Anna Day Arthur/EXR, Anna Day Arthur, Mary P. Day/EST to Tidewater Grain Company, LLC, \$235
Feb. 13, Bayview Estates Lot: 5 Also Adjacent Lot PCA 48-5 & MB 12/45, Bayview Estates Lot: 17 Phase II PCA 77-4 PCA 69-2 from Gary Song, Mija Song, Mija Song/AIF, Marat Niyazymbetov, Marat Niazoff, Olga Niazoff to Tidewater Grain Company, LLC, \$63
Feb. 13, 1.42 AC Tract A Map Attached from Jason Owen Rose, Jason Rose, Patricia D. Rose to Brandon T. Hopkins, Lauren L. Mercer-Hopkins, Lauren L. Mercer Hopkins, Lauren L. Mercer Hopkins, \$235
Feb. 16, Cowells Atherly Lot: 2 Tract Two: MB 12/47 Muddy Gut, Tract One: 5.44 AC from Patricia C. Morris, Patricia Cowell Sodoma to PCM Properties, LLC, \$0
Feb. 16, Cowells Atherly Lot: 2 MB 12/47; Muddy Gut PIN H094-10-2 from PCM Properties, LLC to Eric D. Knobloch, \$110
Feb. 17, Lake Minnesott Estates Lot: 11 Section X; Map DB 181/54, Lake Minnesott Estates Lot: 12 Section X; Map DB 181/54 from James H. Jones to Steven Williams, Michelle Ross Williams, \$860
Feb. 17, PIN M03-54; 6.250 AC Hobucken See Instrument from Goose Creek Lodge, LLC to Albermarle Properties, LLC, \$0
Feb. 18, PIN H091-252-8; 8.61 AC Map DB 702/403 from Robert M. Eubanks, Jacqueline H. Eubanks to Gris-Gris, LLC, \$0
Feb. 18, Plantation Oaks Lot: 25 Phase I PCA 185-13, PIN C051-101-25 from Nicole Taylor Schnarrs to Juan Victoriano Perez Rodriguez, Juan Victoriano Perez Rodriguez, Noelia Johana Enamorado Teruel, Noelia Johana Enamorado Teruel, \$580
Feb. 18, Sea Gull Villas Unit: 2 Building B CB1/31 from Eileen John to Lora M. Setliff, \$430
Feb. 19, PIN H094-136 & H094-108-1; Multiple Parcels Map Attached from Cassie May Coppage/EST, Susan Coppage Perritt/EXR, Susan Coppage Perritt, Susan Coppage Perritt/AGT, David Lytton Perritt to Susan Coppage Perritt/TR, Merry Ann Coppage Trust, Merry Ann Coppage, Cassie Mae Coppage, \$0
Feb. 19, Catch Lot: 1, 2.18 AC PCA 151-11, 1 Tract Kershaw Rd & NCSR 1300 from Amy J. Ritchie to Amy J. Ritchie, Franklin Bradham, \$0
Feb. 19, Dawson Creek Lot: 22 Ph 1 Sec 1 & 2 PCA 192-1, PIN H094-1-22 from Mark Leone, Donna Leone to Frontlets Holdings, LLC, \$20
Feb. 19, Moores Creek Triangular

JONATHON TYLER LOWERY
File No.: 26E000131-680

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Parcel MB 1/21 & PCA 100-6 Phase II PIN K06-84-1 from Gayle Smith Day, Gayle S. Day, Heather Day Jackson, Eugene Bruce Jackson, Kevin Michael Day, Kevin Day, Pamela Garofolo Day, Pamela G. Day, Paula Seawell Brinson to Jerry D. Stancil, Sylvia Whitley Batchelor, \$60
Feb. 19, PIN L09-4-C PCA 6-2 from Danny Ray Trout, Danny R. Trout, Jr., Brittany Smith Trout to Brandon Scott Bolick, Amber Hill Bolick, \$680
Feb. 20, 1 AC Swan Point Rd Maribel from Brenda Wilkinson, Brenda Potter Harris to Antioch Congregational Christian Church
Feb. 20, 5.44 AC metes & bounds see instrument from PCM Properties, LLC to Jaclyn Cowell Jones, Bryan Kenneth Jones, \$90
Feb. 20, Teachs Cove Unit: 6 PH 2 CB 1/17, Teachs Cove 1/16 Und Int Common Areas DB 173/160, Teachs Cove Boat Slip 4 Map in DB 246/640 from Darryl Fennell, Caroline E. Fennell to Edward B. Hagy, III, Carol F. Hagy, \$580
Feb. 23, PIN D10-6; ½ Interest Tract 4, 38.98 AC George R. Brinson Estate; 24000046-680 from Sheila R. Bell to Joshua Adam Bell, \$0
Feb. 24, 1 ½ AC N/S Orchard Creek Rd (SR 1317) & SR 1321; 2 Tracts N/S Orchard Creek Rd (SR 1317) from Fannie R. Hines, John G. Hines, Jr./AIF to John G. Hines, Jr., \$0
Feb. 24, Bennett Landing Unit: B Building 5 Townhome II Bennett Rd (SR 1121) Arapahoe; Condo Cab 1 Slide 11-18 from Robert A. MacGregor, Bryony M. MacGregor to Robert A. MacGregor/TR, Bryony M. MacGregor/TR, Robert A. MacGregor and Bryony M. MacGregor Revocable Living Trust, Robert A. MacGregor, Bryony M. MacGregor, \$0
Feb. 25, PIN L062-8; ½ AC Upper Neck Rd Bayboro from Matthew M. Dyson, Melinda L. Parish to Matthew M. Dyson, \$0
Feb. 25, PIN L09-4-C; 0991 AC Parcel C PCA 6-2 from Danny Ray Trout, Brittany Smith Trout to Brandon Scott Bolick, Amber Bill Bolick, \$0
Feb. 25, PIN H041-282; 2 Tracts See Instrument from Kenneth L. Miller, Kenneth Miller, Janie Miller to Lynstar Management Group, LLC, \$20
Feb. 25, Arlington Place Lot: 98 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from Kenneth E. Crawford, Kelly A. Crawford to Streamline Developers, LLC, \$100
Feb. 25, Woodland Heights Lot: 17 MB 12/58, PIN D051-27-17 from Tammy Williams Keith to Frances Allena Hoffman, Frances Bardwell Mazza, \$0

AROUND THE COUNTY

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Today I write this with a heavy heart. This week Pamlico County lost one of its greatest storytellers.

Mr. William Odell Spain spent a lifetime doing something that many of us say we want to do someday. He preserved the stories of this place we call home.

He served in the Coast Guard. He worked the waters as a commercial fisherman. He worked at Texas Gulf. He faithfully served his church for decades. He taught Sunday School. He wrote for The Pamlico News. And he left behind a book so that future generations could know a little more about the community he loved.

That's quite a life.

But as I sat thinking about Mr. Spain this week, another thought kept coming to mind.

Our historians are getting older.

Many of the men and women who remember when shrimping was different, who know why a road carries a certain name, who can tell you where the old school stood or who built the first dock... many of them are now in their eighties and nineties.

They're walking libraries.

And every time we lose one, we lose a shelf of books that can never be replaced.

I've been fortunate over the past year to sit on front porches, in living rooms, and beside old workbenches listening to people tell stories. I've learned that history isn't just found in museums or archives.

Sometimes it's sitting across from you in a rocking chair.

Maybe the greatest way we can honor people like Mr. Spain isn't simply by remembering them after they're gone.

Maybe it's by sitting down with those who are still here.

- Ask them about the storms they remember.
- Ask them about the boats they worked.
- Ask them about the schools they attended.
- Ask them about the communities they helped build.
- Record their voices.
- Write down their stories.
- Take their photograph.

Because one day those stories will become someone else's history. Mr. Odell Spain understood that.

I hope we will too.



Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



Stonewall Methodist Church celebrated my 80th birthday and semi-retirement dinner on Thursday July 30. It was a surprise to me because it was a week before my actual birthday. The Harbor Sounds provided the music, and it was simply a wonderful time. I am so blessed to have been their senior pastor for more than six years. Due to health and family obligations, I had to step back and cut down on my ministry; however, I have not totally retired. I have transitioned from pastor to preacher.

You can follow the in-production movie, "Thomas Gwaltney: Immigrant 1642," on Facebook. Thomas Gwaltney was the common ancestor for every Gwaltney descendant from Wales regardless of how they spell their name. Some variations include, Gwartney, Gwathmey, Gwatney, Gortney, and other spellings. They all were from the Welsch name Gwathmai which means "hawk of the field." Apparently when people came to the new world, they wrote names the way they sounded to them.

The 69th Lupton Family Reunion will be held Saturday, August 8, 2026, at noon at the Goose Creek Island Community Center, with lunch following at 1:00 p.m. It has been held the second Saturday in August for several years. It began in 1957 in Whortonsville NC and it used to be the second Sunday in August; however, it was difficult for the pastors to make it here for the service, so they changed from Sundays to Saturdays. .

Donations will be accepted to help cover rent, paper products, postage, and ice. Bring your favorite cake, pie, cobbler, or other treat for the "Dessert Contest." Everyone will vote for their favorite dessert. Come prepared for a good time of fellowship. Several Lupton family members live in Pamlico County, so please come if you are able. I am a Lupton descendant and have been involved with the reunions since the first one in 1957, when I wrote the 3-cent post-cards inviting people to attend in Whortonsville.

Celebrating birthdays in August are Betty Joe Rodgers and James Cuthrell (8/6), Beverly Bryant, Keith Gilliam, Diane Hodges (8/8), Debbie Roach, Yvonne Shealy, Chrissy Fulcher-Cahoon (8/9), Hadley Gordon (8/10), Dot Helms (8/12), Crystal Carey, Leslie

Gilliam, Jr. (8/13), Jennifer Whorton Townsend (8/14), Morgan Hudgins, Karen Spruill (8/15), Earl Sadler (8/16), Linda Gwaltney (8/17), Jodi Moore (8/18), Judy Styron, Irene Wright (8/21), Aiden Reason, Mark Norman, and Reba Tiller (8/23), Carrie Ellen Hopkins (8/24), Cathy Muse Bunn (8/25), and Chris Meadows (8/27).

Have a blessed week. Anxious? Take Spiritual Vitamin A. All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)



Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Bee Diary:

They are still doing their thing, a few orientation flights, washboarding, feeding some sugar water, but boy they were upset after that storm that went through and nailed the north side of the river. Inadvertently bumped the hive putting the stabilizer bricks back the next morning (they got blown off!) and a perceived angry buzz ensued. Getting closer to harvest; got my jars and labels. I'm just hoping the upcoming mosquito spraying doesn't wipe them out. I have my hive on the 'no spray' list.

Got a load of peaches from the State Farmer's market and they were tons better than some we got from the big box local store.

I am swearing off fast food, well, maybe not Bojangle's. We had to go to Chesapeake for eye surgery and after the hours long waiting thought we'd splurge at one of the most popular chains where the meat was cold, rubbery and other unsatisfying observations.

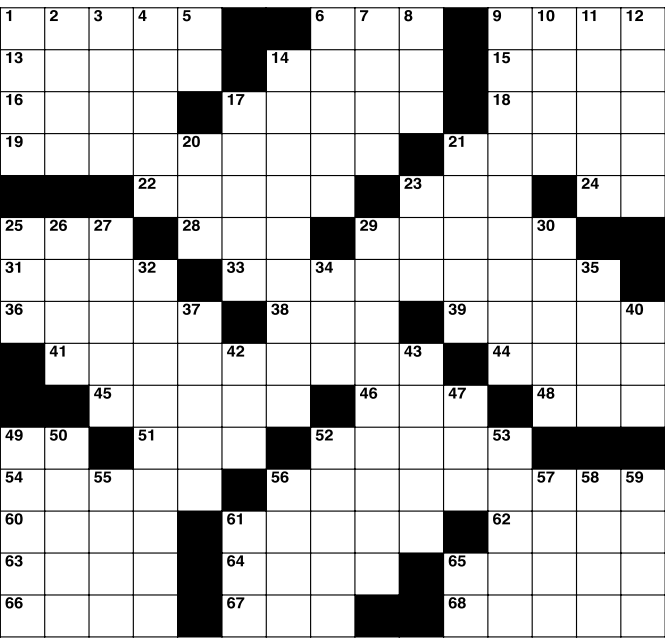
Incredible downpours recently including a harrowing one between Chocowinity and Aurora that had us pulling off several times. Recent data: 1.03, 1.60, .51, 1.60 and .52.

Aurora's 250 Celebration was a huge success. You can see the going's on here: <https://www.witn.com/2026/07/26/aurora-celebrates-americas-250th-anniversary/>

My Photo of the Week is of my new Hardy Hibiscus, my solar fountain (thanks brother Tommy!) and one of the Squirrels I cater to.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bleated

6. Snake­like fish

9. Database management system

13. Social evolution anthropologist Service

14. American rocker Grohl

15. Greek personification of compassion

16. Negatives

17. Rescued

18. Self-immolation by fire ritual

19. Assigns tasks

21. Popular type of cigar

22. Discounts

23. The whole quantity

24. New York Giants legend

25. Indicates before

28. Lentils

29. Extremely angry

31. Body part

33. "North Star State"

36. David __, US playwright
38. Lower and raise one's head

39. Private rendezvous

41. In a way, improved

44. A place to play

45. Astronomical period of 18 years

46. Automobile

48. Something you can take

49. A radio band

51. Jaws of a voracious animal

52. Short-billed rails

54. Chinese province

56. Shameless

60. Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine

61. Indian respectful titles

62. Fail to entertain

63. Dried-up

64. Central Utah city

65. Southern U.S.

66. German river

67. Necessary for breathing

68. Put into play

CLUES DOWN

1. Curved segment

2. Wings

3. Yellowish volatile liquid

4. Makes less severe

5. Debit note

6. Overhang

7. The nights before

8. Type of light

9. Lacking enthusiasm

10. Tattle

11. Some is "heavy"

12. One who is canonized

14. Indicates date and place of writing

17. "Peace" in Arabic

20. "Olaf" actor Josh

21. Fragmented rock

23. They __

25. Advanced degree

26. Backside

27. Influential architect and design couple

29. An act of undue intimacy
30. Words from which later words are derived

32. 10 meters

34. Neither

35. Fungal sacs

37. The law of God revealed to Moses

40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

42. A promise

43. Challenges

47. British Air Aces

49. Large bank

50. Served as an omen

52. Cavalry sword

53. Vaccine developer

55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules

56. Italian Seaport

57. Hip joint

58. __ Clapton, musician

59. Insect repellent

61. Constrictor snake

65 "The First State" (abbr.)

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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GUESS WHO ?

I am a musician born in California on August 3, 1963. I learned to play various instruments after being inspired by the band Aerosmith growing up. I am a cofounder of one of the most popular heavy metal bands of all time.

Answer: James Hetfield

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The term "autoinflammatory" was used in 1999 to describe these rare diseases that were not autoimmune, that genetic causes were starting to be discovered by researchers. The innate immune system was being discovered around this time, so these terms are quite new, and understanding, and classification of these rare diseases is increasing, but more research into the causes, and best treatments is needed.

Rare autoinflammatory disease research to better understand immune dysregulation, and the over-production of various cytokines, including cytokine storm syndromes has helped with the care and treatment of more common diseases.

Research and treatments used in autoinflammatory diseases have been utilized, and experts on autoinflammatory diseases have been recruited worldwide in 2020 to help to understand the cytokine storm in COVID-19, and how to best treat it. Research in these rare autoinflammatory diseases has been helping to benefit the efforts to save, and heal more patients with COVID-19, and this research will benefit even more diseases in the future.

Supporting Autoinflammatory Awareness Month can benefit us all, and can make an impact beyond these ultra rare diseases. We welcome you to get involved! Thank you.



Autoimmune vs Autoinflammatory		
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	Autoimmune	Autoinflammatory
DEFINITION	Autoimmune is a disease condition arising due to the impairment of adaptive immunity	Autoinflammatory is a disease condition arising due to an unregulated innate immunity
SIGNIFICANCE	Impairment of adaptive immunity	Impairment of innate immunity
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