

Pamlico Library Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31, 11:00 am at Pamlico County Library

Stay in costume all day with this fun-filled event with crafts and activities for the whole family.

The first 100 children will get a free book!

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Main Gate Inbound Lanes Closure Starting Oct. 12

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (Oct. 8, 2026) — The inbound lanes of the Main Gate on Roosevelt Boulevard at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point will be temporarily closed beginning Oct. 12, 2026, through late November. The closure is necessary to install critical security and infrastructure upgrades and is projected to last approximately seven weeks.

To mitigate traffic congestion and disruptions, the installation will offer adjusted operating hours and modify traffic patterns at some of its access control points.

During the closure, personnel, residents and guests who routinely use the inbound lanes of the Main Gate are encouraged to use Cunningham Gate as their primary means of entering the installation throughout the closure. Patrons commuting from New Bern are encouraged to continue using Slocum Gate as their primary means of entering the installation.

Throughout the closure, the installation$B!G(Js Pass and I.D. Office will remain open with normal operating hours. Patrons will continue to utilize the normal entrance and exit.

Commercial Vehicle Access: To reduce traffic bottlenecks, commercial vehicles and large transport trucks must enter the installation through either Slocum Gate or Cunningham Gate. Commercial vehicle entry through Slocum Gate and Cunningham Gate is prohibited between 5 and 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. When exiting the installation, commercial vehicles must use either the Main Gate or Slocum Gate.

Gate Operations: Cunningham Gate will operate 24/7 for inbound and outbound traffic, with lane modifications from 5:30 to 9 a.m. to facilitate inbound traffic flow during peak morning hours. Main Gate will operate 24/7 for outbound traffic only. Slocum Gate will be open for inbound traffic only from 6 to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. It will maintain its normal operating schedule of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

More information regarding the closure is available at www.cherrypoint.marines.mil.



Hurricane Flag Football Continues to Dominate

by: Hiram Lupton

The Lady 'Canes have embraced flag football and have shown themselves to be a quick study of this new high school sport. Last Wednesday, they travelled to Washington for a pair of games and brought back two wins. In the first game, Pamlico took on the host school, and it became the Nya Clark show with the Senior speedster rushing for 163 yards and scoring 4 touchdowns. While Clark was shredding the Washington defense, the Hurricane defenders once again dominated. Sophomores Gia Daye and Alex Duran combined for 14 flag-pulls as Pamlico shut out Washington, 30-0. Next up for the Hurricanes were the Panthers of North Johnston. Pamlico scored early and often in this one. Shaiera Jones and Kyliyah Barber both took snaps from the Quarterback position and both were effective with each throwing for a pair of touchdowns. The defense shined once again with the Hurricanes picking off 4 Panther passes and returning 3 of them for scores, in a 61-0 win. Pamlico maintains a perfect 5-0 record with a combined score in those games of 221-13.



Bella-Ann Schulz returns an interception for a score.



Gia Daye (#4) and Alex Duran (#10) combine to stop a Panther ball carrier.



Pamlico's Nya Clark on the receiving end of a pass.

Pamlico Falls to Northside in Conference Matchup

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School football squad traveled to Northside-Pinetown last Friday and the Panthers sunk their claws into the Hurricanes and wouldn't let go, handing the visitors a 68-6 defeat. Pamlico looks to get back on the winning track this week as they host Southside on Friday. It will be Homecoming for the Hurricanes.

The Haunted Trail of Moore's Swamp Road

by: Hiram Lupton





It's that time of year again, time to get your scare on. If you're looking for a great way to kick off the spooky season and to support a great cause at the same time, you need to check out The Haunted Trail of Moore's Swamp Road. This is a hayride event that takes you down a frightfully awesome trail that is full of beings from this life and the afterlife. Lots of scary things live in the swamp and you will see things that make you jump, a few things that will make you laugh, and some things that will make you wonder just what you did see. The best part is that all proceeds from the event go to support the Horses of Pamlico, etc. (HOPE) animal rescue. The Trail is open on 10/17, 10/23, 10/24, and 10/31 from 6:30 PM until 10 PM. The cost is $15 for adults, $10 for those under the age of 15 and free if you are under 4. The Trail is at the HOPE facility located at 135 Moores Swamp Road, New Bern, NC in the community of Reelsboro. Grab your blanket, hold on tight and enjoy a ride you'll never forget.



MOST POPULAR HALLOWEEN TREATS

Candy is a popular treat on Halloween. While trick-or-treaters will often accept just about any confection in their bags and buckets, certain products reign supreme across the United States and Canada, according to RetailMeNot and Halloween Alley. These include:

- **Reese's Peanut Butter Cups**
- **Kit Kat**
- **Snickers**
- **Skittles**
- **M&Ms**
- **Starburst**
- **Twizzlers**



Blessing Food Box Brings Hope to Pamlico County

by: Hiram Lupton



One part of the mission of the Sound of Salvation Ministries is to nourish the body by providing food to those in need. To assist in doing this, they have placed a new Blessing Food Box at the Pamlico County Heritage Museum, offering free nonperishable food to anyone in need. This latest initiative was made possible through grants from the Hodges Educational Foundation and Walmart Spark Good. This community resource is a simple way for neighbors to help neighbors. To keep the box available for those facing difficult times, donations of nonperishable food items are greatly needed and appreciated. Sound of Salvation Ministries extends heartfelt thanks to the Pamlico County Historical Association for generously sharing this space and partnering in an effort that reflects the caring spirit of our community. Bring what you can, take what you need.



Early Voting Begins October 15th

by: Hiram Lupton

Just in case the endless television ads and signage along our roadways didn't tip you off, there is an election coming up. Whether you are 100% gung-ho in support of a candidate or just deciding between what you believe to be the lesser of two evils, the North Carolina State Board of Elections wants to give you ample opportunity to cast your ballot. In person early voting begins this Thursday, October 15th and will be available during the week (Monday through Friday) from 8 AM to 7:30 PM. The final day of early voting will be Saturday, October 31st from 8 AM to 3 PM. You can stop by and vote on your way to go trick-or-treating, just don't wear your mask into the building. The only site for early in-person voting in Pamlico County is at the County Board of Elections office on the first floor of the courthouse at 202 Main Street in Bayboro. This is for registered voters, and you will need to bring identification. If you miss early voting, the final chance to let your voice be heard will be the day of the general election, November 3rd. On that day you will have to vote at your designated precinct polling location. If you have any questions about early voting give the Pamlico County Board of Elections a call at 252-745-4821.



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LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, October 17th **65°Hi** Intervals of clouds and sun

Sunday, October 18th **67°Hi** Mostly sunny throughout the day



THE WITCHES OF SILVERBROOKE WILL SEE YOU ON OCT. 31, 2026

Corner of First & King Streets in Oriental at 6:30pm

Who doesn't love to dress up? The annual Witches Crawl is an annual community event that brings together the witches of Silverbrooke for a night of fun and fundraising, and all of the money stays local to Pamlico County!

Join us this year as we crawl for HeartWorks.

To date, the Witches have raised more than $82,000 for Pamlico nonprofits thanks to your generosity.

Come out and join the fun!



Lieutenant governor visits Pamlico Community College

By Sandy Wall



Pamlico Community College President Zac Schnell, center in green shirt, and N.C. Lt. Gov. Rachel Hunt, center in light green suit, are joined for a photo by Pamlico students, faculty members and administrators at the conclusion of last week's campus tour. Also joining the tour were local educators and government leaders. Contributed photo



Pamlico Community College Welding student Thomas Jones, left, helps Lt. Gov. Rachel Hunt operate a welding simulator. Contributed photo

Pamlico Community College welcomed North Carolina Lt. Gov. Rachel Hunt to its Grantsboro campus last Thursday. The lieutenant governor's visit was part of her statewide Future-Ready Community College Tour.

While on campus, Hunt interacted with Pamlico students, faculty members and administrators. She also met local education and government leaders and took a brief tour of the campus.

"It was wonderful to welcome the lieutenant governor to Pamlico County, and we had a great time showing her around our campus," said PCC President Zac Schnell. "She got to see how we are training our students for the high-earning, Future-Ready jobs across many sectors. We also are equipping them with the skills they need to be human-centric in their fields. I'm proud of our faculty and staff for providing customized experiences for our students, even if it's just to add a little magic to their day."

After some brief remarks in the Delamar Center, Hunt was shown around campus. The first tour stop was the college's welding shop, where the lieutenant governor tried her hand at a welding simulator.



Pamlico Community College Esthetics student Maddi Houde, left, conducts a hydrodermabrasion treatment on Lt. Gov. Rachel Hunt's right hand as tour participants look on. Contributed photo

From there, she and the other campus visitors went to a classroom where Cosmetology and Esthetics students from the Bayboro campus had set up workstations to demonstrate their skills. PCC Esthetics student Maddi Houde conducted a hydrodermabrasion treatment on Hunt's right hand, and then Cosmetology student Madison Brown showed her how to add colored tinsel to her hair.

From there, the group visited the Electrical Systems Technology lab. Instructor Larry Monk, a PCC alumnus, showed Hunt some of the equipment in the lab as students worked on projects nearby.

To conclude the tour, the lieutenant governor and others returned to the Delamar Center for refreshments. While there, Schnell, who is an amateur magician, impressed everyone with a trick.

Pamlico was the 18th stop on Hunt's 58-college statewide tour.

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Agent of the Week

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

Linda Hoff made what could have been a complex sale into a simple process. She was very attentive to detail and followed up regularly. I enjoyed meeting and dealing with the staff at Mariner Realty, who are very professional and good for their word.
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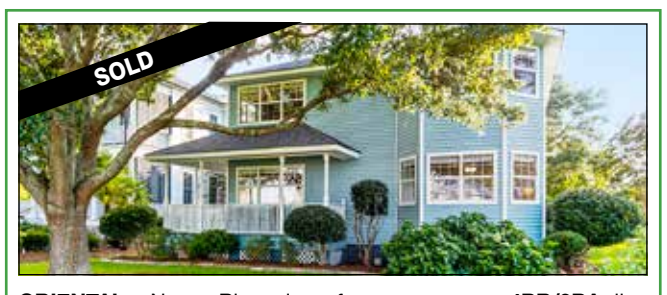
ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA 3 miles from town, 1.04 acre unrestricted site, fenced backyard. Surrounded by farm fields, not in flood zone, no HOA or HOA dues & no zoning. Roof replaced in 2018, package HVAC system replaced in 2014, crawl space sealed & dehumidified. Backyard deck & detached storage bldg.
OFFERED AT $259,500



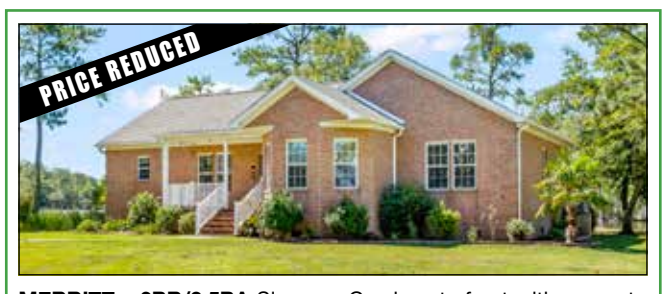
ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA w/fenced lot ideal for dogs, children or horses. Unrestricted, no HOA, no zoning, no flood zone. Attached 1-car garage, detached storage bldg. & empty, door-way accessible grain silo ideal for protected firepit area or extra storage.
OFFERED AT $375,000



ORIENTAL – 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 – Neuse River views from every room, **4BR/3BA**, live oak trees front & back, home footprint not in a flood zone, no HOA, garage, workshop / storage, wraparound covered porch, public sandy beach 300' away, in excellent condition, furnishings negotiable. Move-in ready.
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

- **October 14th – Today is National Dessert Day. Eat two.**
- **October 15th – Today is National Grouch Day.**
- **October 16th – Today is National Boss's Day.**
- **October 17th – Today is National Pasta Day as well as National Whole Hog Barbecue Day.**
- **October 18th – 1867, The United States buys Alaska from Russia for $7.2 million. That works out to about 2 cents an acre.**
- **October 19th – 1781, The British Army commanded by General Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington at Yorktown, Virginia.**
- **October 20th – 1977, A plane crash in rural Mississippi claims the lives of six including three members of the band Lynyrd Skynyrd.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

October 14th – 1927, Actor Roger Moore
October 16th – 1946, Actress Suzanne Somers
October 17th – 19?? Pamlico County BOE member Erik Smith
October 18th – 1926, Musician Chuck Berry
October 18th – 1938, Actress Dawn Wells
October 18th – 19??, Pamlico County Schools Administrative Assistant Tiphney Eastwood
October 20th – 1950, Musician Tom Petty
October 20th – 1971 Rapper and Entrepreneur Calvin Broadus, Jr. (Snoop Dogg)



OBITUARIES

You Are Always In Our Hearts
Tayler Scott Cummings



Tayler Scott Cummings, 29, of Greenville, passed away on October 6, 2026.

Above all else, Tayler's greatest joy in life was being a father and an amazing husband.

His children held a special place in his heart, and being their dad was his most cherished role. His love for his family will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Tayler is survived by his loving wife, Jalen Cummings; his children, Nicole Cummings, Eli Cummings, Aubrey Cummings, and Natalie Cummings; his mother, Missy Malley, and stepfather, Tim Malley; his brothers, Matthew Cummings and Mycah Cummings; his sisters, Jordan Williams (James) and Jade Cummings; his grandparents, Mike and Sandra Powers; his aunts, Joy (Jeff), Wendy (Mike), and Tracy; and his cousins, Melissa, Christopher, Brittany, Aaron, Caleb, and Sam.

Though Tayler's time here was far too short, the love he shared with his family will live on through the memories they hold dear and the lives he touched. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who had the privilege of of knowing him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Cummings family during this difficult time.

Forever loved, forever remembered, and forever in the hearts of those who love him.



Oriental History Museum Press Release: Haunted Nights at the Museum

Dates: Thursday, October 22nd, Friday October 23rd, Saturday October 24th,
Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th

Where: Oriental's History Museum, 802 Broad St., Oriental, NC

Dale Montgomery brings ghost stories and spooky tales from around Oriental and the County to the Museum for five shows for your Halloween enjoyment. It's going to be a Scream! Please check dates.

This is not a children's event. Frightening images, total darkness and loud,
sudden noises may be experienced.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Interactive shows begin promptly at 7:00pm. The
show is about an hour long. Late arrivals will NOT be admitted.

Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted by cash or check please.

Oriental's History Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 802 Broad St., Oriental, NC. Follow us on Facebook, or email us at orientalhistorymuseum@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES

Margaret Louise Miller Cowell



Mrs. Margaret Louise Miller Cowell, age 86, a resident of Washington Park, died Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at Spring Arbor in Greenville.

The family received friends from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at Paul Funeral Home & Crematory.

A funeral service followed at 11:00 AM Tuesday in the Chapel of Paul Funeral Home & Crematory, conducted by Rev. Ken Hall. Burial followed in Oakdale Cemetery in Washington.

Louise was born in Beaufort County on November 18, 1939, to the late Leslie Earl Miller, Sr. and Lula Mae Respass Miller. She graduated from Washington High School in 1958, where she played on the girls' basketball team. She began her career at Fortescue Insurance and later worked in accounting at Pamlico Chemical Company in Washington.

She was a member of the Washington Jaycees, United Daughters of Confederacy, Bosom Buddies of Beaufort County, and the First Methodist Church, where she served in the Circle of Joy. Louise had a love of trains, NASCAR, reading, traveling and especially of her family. Her passion also extended to genealogy, where she was instrumental in helping to start the Beaufort County Genealogical Society. Louise was recently recognized as a Charter Member serving as the first treasurer and book vendor. Her involvement continued in many roles from 1985 to 2026.

On August 9, 1964, Louise married the love of her life, Charles Fowler Cowell, Jr. who preceded her in death on June 3, 2022.

Louise is survived by her two sons, Charles Fowler Cowell III of the home, Patrick Leslie Cowell and wife, Kathy of Phoenix, Arizona; her sisters, Hazel M. Winslow and husband, Paul of Wilson and Joyce M. Gardner of Washington as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Laura Jane Adams and her brother, Leslie Earl Miller, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be offered to the family by visiting www.paulfuneralhome.com

Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington is honored to serve the Cowell family.

Homecoming Week at Pamlico County High: Spirit, Fun, and Tradition

Homecoming Nominations/Sponsors


Laura Chavez- Lopez - PCHS Soccer


Brooklyn Franklin - Drama Club


Joseph Grose - Beta Club


Brylea Hardison - The Black & Gold News


Madison Harris - Pamlico FFA

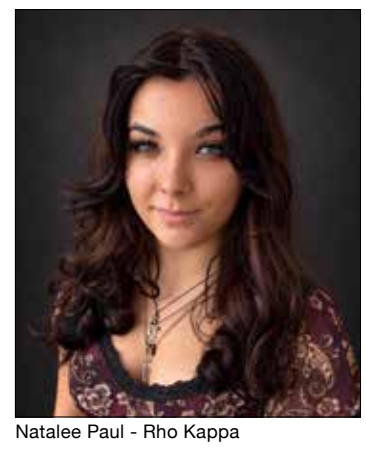

Aniyah King - PCHS Flag Football


Naudia Lewis - SkillsUSA


Quamori Miller - SkillsUSA


Kaitlynn Mizelle - NJROTC


Caleb Paul - The Black & Gold News


Natalee Paul - Rho Kappa


Henry Robertson - Yearbook Club


Ashley Warren - PCHS Cheerleading


Divinity Whitehurst - Yearbook Club


Syndye Whitley-Reese - PCHS Volleyball

We'll forget the homework, but we'll remember this homecoming.

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Stay one step ahead of cybercriminals


Dan M. Roberts

Your financial security is only as strong as your digital security. A single stolen password, convincing scam or fraudulent investment offer can lead to lost savings, damaged credit or hours spent recovering compromised accounts. As our financial lives move increasingly online, protecting your personal information is part of protecting your financial future.

Cybercriminals are getting smarter, and technology like AI is making their job easier. But fortunately, some consistent habits can help protect you from many of today's common threats.

Watch out for phishing. Phishing is a common way criminals break into accounts and steal money. These attacks often arrive as emails, texts or phone calls that appear to come from your bank, employer or another trusted organization. Fake websites can trick you into typing in your password or financial details.

To protect yourself, verify unexpected requests through a separate channel, such as calling a company directly using a number from its official website rather than one provided in a suspicious message. Avoid clicking unexpected links and consider using a password manager which auto-fills your login information only on legitimate websites.

Strengthen your accounts. Stolen passwords give criminals easy access to your email, banking and social media accounts. Try using a unique password for every account and enable multifactor authentication whenever it's offered. When possible, choose phishing-resistant options like passkeys or security keys; they're harder for scammers to bypass than basic text message codes.

Be skeptical of urgency. Scammers increasingly use deepfakes, which leverage AI-generated voices, videos and images to convincingly impersonate trusted people, including company executives, advisors and even family members. These messages often create pressure to send money or share sensitive information immediately.

If you receive an urgent request that feels off, slow down. Hang up and try calling back to the person or organization using a known phone number. Many successful scams rely on emotional pressure rather than technical tricks, so a moment of skepticism can go a long way.

Protect your money and identity. Fraudulent investment platforms and cryptocurrency schemes continue to cost Americans billions of dollars each year. Be cautious of investment opportunities promoted through unsolicited messages or social media contacts, and always verify a platform independently before sending money. If you're unsure whether an opportunity is legitimate, a financial advisor can help evaluate it before you invest.

Data breaches can also put your information at risk, even when you've done everything right. It's smart to check your bank and credit card statements regularly for unfamiliar charges, and to freeze your credit if you suspect your information has been compromised. You may also choose to freeze your credit preemptively.

Keep your devices updated. Software updates often fix security weaknesses that criminals could otherwise exploit. Backing up important files, whether to the cloud or an external drive, also protects you if ransomware ever locks you out of your own data.

Small habits matter. Unique passwords, multifactor authentication and skepticism help stop many scams before they start. Take steps to help safeguard your money, identity and long-term financial goals.

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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

North Carolina's Top Employer: Agriculture and Associated Industries

(Taken from https://cals.ncsu.edu/news/north-carolinas-top-employer-agriculture-and-associated-industries/, and written by NCSU CALS Communications Editor D'lyn Ford)

The latest statewide report on the economic impact of agriculture in North Carolina found that the food, fiber and forestry sector employed 20% of North Carolinians and generated $117 billion in economic impact in 2024.

To understand where those statistics come from and how they fit into the larger economic picture of the state's $844 billion economy, we consulted the source: Jeffrey Dorfman, Hugh C. Kiger Distinguished Professor of agriculture and resource economics at NC State University. Dorfman, who authored the report, made the calculations this year, using the latest available data, which is from 2024.

In the report, what do you include as part of the $117 billion economic impact of agriculture?

For this report, I am defining agriculture as the food, fiber and forestry sector. The economic impact includes all the stages from growing and raising farm products until we eat, wear or use them. This definition is the one that NC State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have used for more than 40 years.

This total includes input suppliers, such as tractor dealers and fertilizer sellers for production agriculture, as well as processing of the commodities produced, including turkey, pickles, cotton fabric, cigarettes, and wood and paper products, among others. That means we are including restaurants and grocery stores, plus the garden sections at your neighborhood nursery or big box store.

If we looked at production agriculture alone, that would eliminate the food processing and restaurant industries that supply many of our meals. But since almost none of us grind our own flour or eat only whole fruit picked from a tree, that doesn't provide a complete picture of how food moves from the field to our plates.

Do you use multiplier effects to increase the economic impact numbers?

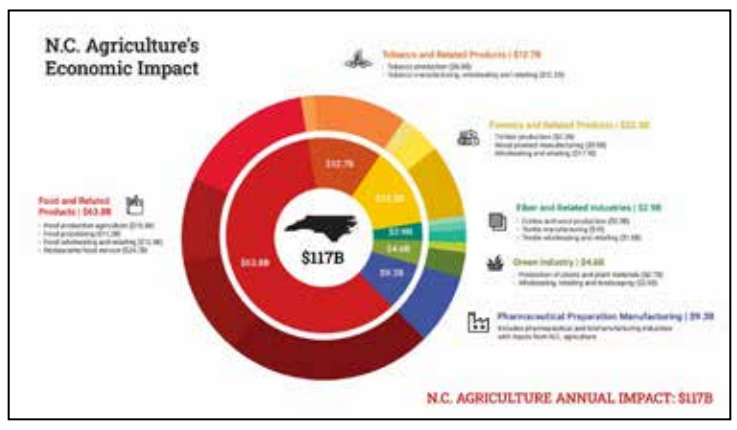
No. The $117 billion isn't boosted by multiplier effects. You've heard examples of multiplier effects, which sound something like this: A farmer spends money at a local movie theater, which creates jobs there and whose employees spend money at the grocery store, and on it goes. The $117 billion is what the food, fiber and forestry sector directly adds to North Carolina's economy — the value of goods produced by the various parts of the agricultural sector.

Where does agriculture rank in terms of its economic impact for the state when we include food, fiber and forestry?

That is a surprisingly tricky question to answer. It is clear that agriculture, defined as the food, fiber and forestry sector, employs more people than any other industry in North Carolina — one of every five jobs statewide or about 1 million jobs total. The closest industries in employment are professional and business services, education and health care services, and government, each representing about 15% of state jobs.

However, if we rank industries by the dollar value of their output, then the math gets murky. Professional and business services, real estate, manufacturing, and the retail/wholesale industries are each responsible for generating around 13-15% of North Carolina's gross state product, very similar to the food and fiber sector. But some of that retailing is food retailing and some of the manufacturing is food and beverage manufacturing. It depends on what category they are counted in, and it can be complicated to untangle.

Furthermore, healthcare shows up with a smaller share of the state's economy in the official government statistics, but we know from separate sources that Americans spend about 17% of our income on healthcare, so the healthcare sector should probably be the top industry in North Carolina. The problem is one of classification, again. Medical device manufacturing and pharmaceutical manufacturing are included in manufacturing. A bunch of medical buildings are included in real estate. A lot of spending on Medicare and Medicaid is hidden in government spending.





So how do we quantify agriculture's contributions to North Carolina's economy?

The best answer I can give is that the food and fiber industry in North Carolina is very large, almost surely smaller than the healthcare sector, and roughly tied with professional and business services, manufacturing, and real estate. However, these industries overlap and many products or services could fairly be counted in at least two different industries.

So, is agriculture North Carolina's No. 1 industry? There is no single right or wrong answer. It's simpler to say that the food, fiber and forestry industry in North Carolina is very big in terms of dollars and is the largest in terms of jobs. After that, it's not really worth fighting about the rest.

What to know about water scarcity



Water scarcity is a global concern. Water scarcity may be common even in countries with adequate water resources, and it has the potential to impact various industries, including the agricultural sector. Despite water covering 70 percent of the Earth's surface, only about 3 percent of it is freshwater, advises the World Wildlife Fund. Of this 3 percent, less than 1 percent of that water is accessible for human use. Pressures like pollution and over-extraction are depleting the world's water resources faster than it can be replenished. It's important to note that climate change can intensify scarcity of water. When temperatures rise across the planet, drought becomes more frequent and severe. Coupled with unpredictable rainfall patterns that can make water management challenging, climate change has a very real hold on the availability of water resources. Agriculture accounts for 72 percent of global water withdrawals, and is a large contributor to water scarcity. Learning how farming operations can conserve water more readily can make a difference in the availability of water. Foodwise reports that farmers can use drip irrigation to save up to 80 percent more water than conventional irrigation. Capturing and storing water is another way that farmers can manage water usage without relying exclusively on municipal water or wells.

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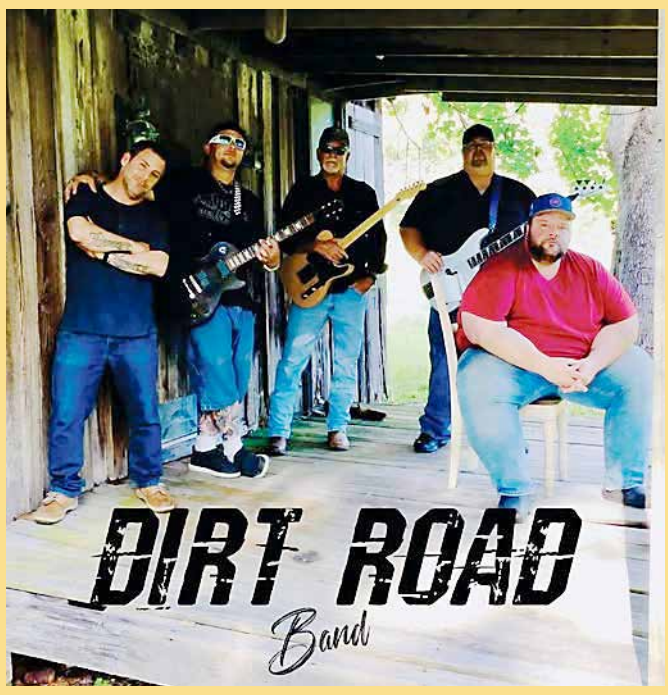
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LEGALS

Notice to Creditors
North Carolina,
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Joan P. Kart, deceased, of Oriental, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before December 23, 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 23rd day of September, 2026.

William Kart, Administrator
of the Estate of Joan P. Kart
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
412 Broad Street
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PUBLICATION DATES: 9/23/2026; 9/30/2026; 10/7/2026; 10/14/2026

NORTH CAROLINA
PAMLICO COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of George Carlton Hill, deceased, of Pamlico County, NC., are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before December 23, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This 23rd day of September, 2026.

B. Kyle Dickerson, Administrator CTA
of the Estate of George Carlton Hill, Deceased,
c/o B. Kyle Dickerson
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416 Pollock Street
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Run: 09/23/2026, 09/30/2026, 10/07/2026, 10/14/2026

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
RICHARD DECHARMS, IV
File No.: 26E000177-680

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This 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

ESTATE OF RICHARD DECHARMS, IV
C/O RICHARD CHRISTOPHER DECHARMS
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Publish SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 2026.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
GLORIA HOFFLER MERCER
File No.: 26E000182-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ROBBIE J. MERCER, JR, EXECUTOR on or before JANUARY 5, 2027 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 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2027

ESTATE OF GLORIA HOFFLER MERCER
C/O ROBBIE J. MERCER, JR.
97 KEEL RD
GRANTSBORO, NC 28529

Publish OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 AND 28 2026.

Notice to Creditors
North Carolina,
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Mary Winn Collison, deceased, of Bayboro, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before January 7, 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 7th day of October, 2026.

Douglas Collison and Michael Leschinsky, Co-Executors
of the Estate of Mary Collison
c/o Quay & Associates, P.A.
412 Broad Street
New Bern, NC 28560

PUBLICATION DATES: 10/7/2026; 10/14/2026; 10/21/2026; 10/28/2026

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
PAMLICO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF
MARENA POTTER HAYES
File No.: 26E000184-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to JASON POTTER, ADMINISTRATOR on or before JANUARY 5, 2027 at the address listed below or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named ADMINISTRATOR.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-202(f) that the following party has filed an application to lease public trust waters in Pamlico County for shellfish aquaculture:

1) Adam T. Brinson – Shellfish Water Column – No. 26-019WC– 1.66 acres – Bay River, Pamlico County.

The area will be marked at each corner as a Proposed Shellfish Water Column Lease with the above number.

The Director of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has notified the applicant that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Patsy H. Sadler Room of the Pamlico County Courthouse, 202 Main St, Bayboro, NC 28515. The hearing will be conducted both in person and virtually via Webex. Meeting materials, including the biological investigation report and presentation materials, and the Webex link and call-in number will be posted on the Division's hearing webpage: deq.nc.gov/news/events/2026-11-05-pamlico-county-shellfish-lease-hearing.

Members of the public may comment in person or via Webex. Those who wish to comment by Webex must pre-register to speak no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 4, 2026, at: deq.nc.gov/pamlico-county-shellfish-lease-hearing-speaker-registration. Those who wish to comment in person must register to speak at the meeting location between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2026.

Sworn written comments may be submitted up to twenty-four (24) hours following the proceedings by mail to: NC DMF Shellfish Lease & Aquaculture Program, PO Box 769, 3441 Arendell St, Morehead City, NC 28557, or through the online form at: deq.nc.gov/pamlico-county-shellfish-lease-hearing-comment-form.

Michael S. Loeffler, Interim Director

N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

May 1, 2.832 AC lot One Warren Place PCB 22-20 from Joseph Warren, Kenneth Warren, Rebekah K. Warren to Joseph Warren, Kenneth Warren, $0
May 1, 1.817 AC Tract Two Warren Place PCB 22-20 from Joseph Warren, Kenneth Warren, Rebekah K. Warren to John Warren, Gina Cauley, Gina Cawley, $0
May 1, Oriental Harbor Village Marina Boat Slip 13 Dock C CB 1/78, 1/101, 1/104 & 1/135 from Justin Lee, Christen Lee, Christen H. Lee to Jaime Fajardo, Leigh Ann Fajardo, $80
May 1, Landings Hargett Lot: 6 PCA 21-1 from The Music Room, LLC to Joseph A. Matos, III, Kimberly J. Matos, $65
May 4, PIN H042-38; One Tract (Hadder Lot) W/S Mill St & S/S Main St Stonewall, Lot: 18 MB 1/23 from Phil Hammond, Phillip Hammond, Jr. to F. Brian Spain, Tammy R. Spain, $240
May 4, China Grove Lot: 24 MB 1/128; Janiero Rd Arapahoe, China Grove Lot: 25 Portion of Lot MB 1/128; Janiero Rd Arapahoe from Leonard R. Vinson, Jr./TR, Barbara V. Hayes Revocable Trust, Barbara V. Hayes to Leonard R. Vinson, Jr./TR, Leonard Rose Vinson, Jr. Revocable Trust, Leonard Rose Vinson, Jr., $0
May 5, 11,182 Sq Ft; Cemetery Map Attached; Morris Creek Lane Oriental from Rolayne H. Schwendy to Pilgrims Chapel Baptist Church, Pierce Chapel Methodist Church, $0
May 5, Edgewater Lot: 6 MB 6/34, Edgewater Lot: 9 MB 6/34 from Mark C. Hoff, Mark Hoff, Linda J. Hoff, Linda Joyce Hoff to Mark C. Hoff, $0
May 5, Edgewater Boat Slip 3 & 4; Map DB 275/716, Edgewater Perpetual Non-Exclusive Easement from Mark C. Hoff, Mark Hoff, Linda J. Hoff, Linda Joyce Hoff to Mark C. Hoff, $0
May 5, ¼ AC N/S Old Rd Vandemere from Darlene L. Roberson to Michael Woodhouse, $80
May 6, North Bay River Estate Lot: 8 PCA 153-10 Deed of Correction DB 756/429; 1.731 AC Proposed Lot 9, North Bay River Estate PCA 153-10; PCA 139-18 from Oakwood Investments, LLC, Oakwood Investment LLC to Essence Tar Heel LLC
May 7, Carawan Division Westerly Portion Tract 5 N/S Bay River & Wise Neck Rd SR 1227 from Gabriel A. Greceanu, Jennifer L. Jenkins to Buckhorn Three, LLC, $750
May 7, 3.79 AC Tract A PCB 21-17; 0.40 AC Tract B PCB 21-17 from Dudley A. Paul, Jr. to Luis Alfonso Felix Obeso, Luis Alfonso Felix Obeso, Marlene Osuna Echeverria, Marlene Osuna Echeverria, $236
May 7, 2.25 AC PCB 8-4 from Mathew Alan Demeritt, Kimberlie-Ann Flint to Jonathan David McClain, $456
May 7, PIN J082-93; 1 Tract SW/S Hodges St & SE/S Camp Creek Oriental from Dan Alan Gilbert, Debra Lynne Gilbert to JEC Investments, LLC, $900
May 8, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Exhibit A DB 334/140 & DB 352/697, Pecan Grove Marina 1/220 Und Int Piers & Docks; PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB4-17, Pecan Grove Marina Phase 4 Boat Slip 212 PCA 173-10 from Mary E. Wells to Cox Family Properties, LLC, $50
May 8, R.H. Stephenson Lots Lot: 28 MB 3/35, R.H. Stephenson Lots Lot: 29 NW Half Lot MB 3/35 from Paul Kelly Hardison to John A. Montgomery, Regina Haesloop, $110
May 8, PIN J041-19; 2 Tracts Lynchs Beach Loop Rd Bayboro MB 6/17 from Timothy H. Moorefield, Monica M. Moorefield to Audrey Richard, $280
May 8, Camp Creek Lot: 8 0.16 AC PCA 171-2 PIN J082-262-8 from Brown Pelican Construction, LLC to Carroll Construction Homes, Inc., $78
May 8, Neuse Winds Lot: 11 PCA 43-7 from Knuts Outdoors, LLC to James Bruce West, Lisa Anne West, $1,530
May 8, 2 ½ AC N/S SR 1232 Lowland from Brian C. Smith, Angelia L. Smith to Howard R. Manning, Sarah J. Manning, $0
May 8, 2 ½ AC N/S SR 1232 Lowland from Howard R. Manning, Sarah J. Manning to Thurmond Price, Ivan Ernest ireland, $64
May 8, Brandy Bay Estates Section Two Lot: 13 PCA 48-8; Map DB 273/249; Brandy Bay Estates Section Two Lot: 17A PCA 48-8; Map DB 273/249 from Michael T. Roberts, Kelly L. Roberts to Karlton E. Williams, II, $770
May 8, 0.31 AC Lot 1 Map Attached from Melvin L. Mann, Sonja D. Clark to Sonja D. Clark, Kevin Clark, $0
May 11, Oriental Marina Condominium Unit: 24 from Kenneth Lee Shaffer, Jr., Michele M. Shaffer to M & M Properties 28365, LLC, $174
May 11, Oriental Harbor Village Marina Boat Slip 9 Dock B CB 1/78, 1/101, 1/104 & 1/135 from Mary Doll, LLC to Encore Charters, LLC, $100
May 12, PIN J082-136; One Tract SW/S Church St Oriental; Ma DB 365/704 from Joseph L. Gwaltney, Jr., Suzanne M. Gwaltney to William Wilson Keeney, $300
May 12, Bluffs Lot: Q MN 8/85, MB 9/31 & MB 8/6; Map DB 332/348 from Pamela J. Yurko to Jerry L. Armstrong, Rebecca Hodges Armstrong, $660
May 12, PIN D06-39-L; 26E000013-680; -.48 aC (21,062 Sq Ft) PCA 186-8 from Edward Riggs, Jr., Edward Riggs, Jr./EXR, Ernest Lee Riggs/EST to Shirley Allen, $40
May 13, Vandemere Landing Lot: 2 Section One PCA 103-6, Vandemere Landing Lot: 3 Section One PCA 103-6, Vandemere Landing Lot: 4 Section One PCA 103-6, Multiple Tracts Vandemere; see instrument from Louis Patterson McCotter, L. Patterson McCotter, Pat Louis McCotter to Louis Patterson McCotter/TR, Louis Patterson McCotter Revocable Trust, Louis Patterson McCotter, $0
May 14, Shingle Brook 0.97 AC PCA 99-8; Shingle Ridge, Shingle Brook 0.86 AC PCA 99-8, PCA 109-8 & PCA 96-8, Shingle Brook Phase 1 9.40 AC PCA 96-8 & PCA 109-8; Olympia Rd PIN B02-16 from Herbert J. Nobles, Jr., Karen A. Nobles to John A. Marsh, Wendy N. Marsh, $26
May 14, Oriental West Unit: 7 Building B CB 1/33 & CB 1/59 & Boat Slip 14, Oriental West Unit: 9 Building B CB 1/33 & CB 1/59 & Boat Slip 8 from Matthew B. McIntyre, Carol L. McIntyre to Matthew B. McIntyre, Carol L. McIntyre, $0

AROUND THE COUNTY

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Bee Diary: Last week's Market was about the same with honey sales. Thought we'd get more traffic with the Back Porch Festival. We didn't go this week because of the threat from the weather. Treated the hive with an organic Varroa Mite solution that will help the bees get ready for winter. The girls are bringing in pollen from Goldenrod. We can smell the fermentation of the pollen into bee bread outside the hive. We expect the numerous yard Sasanquas as another source of pollination soon. There is still a healthy population of bees along with brood.

For the first time in two years I witnessed a good number of Cormorants flying low on the water line. Two Bald Eagles were keeping a watchful eye on the mine pond. There were also several White Pelicans floating on the pond.

Another sailboat (besides the one that appears to be permanently anchored) was near the boat ramp for a day or so.

Hurricane Lillies (AKA as New Bern Lillies) are blooming now.

Lou Leaming was sworn in as the newest town commissioner. We are so fortunate for him stepping up to replace another who had to move away.



Mayor Hendrix (left) swears in Leaming.

Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



Another washout this weekend with the tropical storm. Thank goodness we did not get any damage just a lot of rain. I think it is going to hang around until tomorrow but it is much cooler. Hasn't affected the mosquitoes because they were swarming around us when we headed for church today. Mark picked me up because I am still not driving yet. He was the speaker today and he did a good job. We had fifteen at church today which is good for a rainy day. There was a baby shower this afternoon for a new couple who are expecting in November. I did not get to go but Suzi went and told me it was very nice and she got lots of gifts. Kevin is taking a trip down Black River next week. They are kayaking and I told him I was familiar with that river. Some of my friends live close to it and it was not so far from where I lived in Sampson County. Bethel has Bible study on Thursday evenings at 7:30p.m. Sunday School is at 9:00 A.M. Church is Sundays at 10:00 A.M. I think at last they are getting ready to repave our road. They can't do much more filling pot holes. There are too many of them. Russ asked me the other day how long had I been writing for the paper. When Henry and Nancy Winfrey took over the paper she called and ask if I would write the Whortonsville News. My answer to her was when I was in school I hated writing papers but she talked me into doing it. Back years ago I had lots to write about, the July 4th parades, the Whortonsville Yacht and Tractor Races, Mrs. Winky's store parties, New Year Eve parties, Christmas parties and much more. Now I don't know half the people that live here. Wally Umbach kept a memory book on the Pamlico Chorale and she put in some of my columns so I know that I was writing in 1994 but I don't know if I was writing before then. It has been many years. My creative juices gave out a long time ago!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — A NATION IS A BODY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS IN THE PAST AND WHO HOPE TO DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE!

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



I stopped by the library this week and shared a piece of memorabilia with Sidney Phibbons. It was an old library card that I had not used in years. If you haven't been to the new library, you are missing a lot of neat things available to you for free in the county.

My daughter, Joannis Rodgers Summerlin had her birthday on Saturday. She came to visit, and I fixed a nice steak dinner with homemade mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, and cabbage/collards. We had homemade banana nut bread for her birthday dessert at her request. She received nice presents and even got to see the flock of turkeys that sometime frequent our yard. It was a nice visit, and they were able to get home before the heavy rain started.

Remnants of Hurricane Isaias threatened possible flooding in Pamlico County, so I canceled my planned trip to visit Reverend Deborah Sutton at Hickory Grove Church of Bucklesberry, a Global Methodist Church near LaGrange, NC. She had invited me to attend their special homecoming service.

Instead, I visited Bayboro United Methodist Church on Sunday for their 10:00 am service. Reverend John Farmer brought a very interesting message which made me think and mentally want to study the scriptures even more. After Bayboro I went to Aurora UMC for their 11:30 am service. In 2014-2016, I pastored Aurora UMC. It was nice to visit local churches and both churches had outstanding pianists. However, both churches have declined in membership over the years. It is sad to see churches with declining membership, regardless of the denomination. It makes me think that a lot of people who need to be in church are not attending, and the ones attending are not telling others about the gospel and their need for Jesus. It especially hurts when it was a church I used to pastor

Ms. Elena Gilliam Hamilton will turn 100 on October 13, 2026. She was one of the teachers at Pamlico Central who helped me learn to be a good teacher. Ms. Elena's husband, Mr. Edward Hamilton represented the county as a special veteran who had a bronze mold of his hand on display in the NC Veterans Park in Fayetteville, NC.

The Bible Study at Stonewall Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings is at 10 am. This week they will be studying I Thessalonians Chapter 2. The study is open to anyone interested in studying the Bible.

Celebrating birthdays in October are Elena Hamilton (10/13), John Deaton (10/15), Barbara Carey (10/19), Bilinda Gwaltney and Connor Russo, (10/22), Linda Lane (10/24), George Bennett (10/25), Polly Taylor (10/27), Jeremy Freeman (10/29), and Linda Gail Lupton (10/31). Charles and Ann Stackhouse will celebrate their Anniversary on October 16.

Have a blessed week. Knowledgeable? Take Spiritual Vitamin K. "Know this that the Lord is God, it is He that made us and not we ourselves." (Psalms 100:3)

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‘Canes Clinch Championship with One to Go

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School Volleyball team is used to winning conference championships and after last week you can chalk up another one. The Hurricanes traveled to Jones Senior on Tuesday for a business trip and that business was winning, as they swept the Trojans on their own floor 3-0 (25-7, 25-11, 25-14). Assist maker Lila Mehring popped up 30 balls for kills with Avery Hettinger (13) and Hayden Gibbs-Ireland (12) the beneficiaries of her playmaking. This kept Pamlico’s conference record perfect and guaranteed them at least a share of the Coastal Plains Conference crown. One thing about the Lady ‘Canes, when it comes to championships, they don’t like to share. On Thursday Pamlico hosted the second-place Panthers of Northside-Pinetown. Before the Varsity contest, the Pamlico County Middle School Volleyball team was recognized. The Panthers were game, putting up a fight in the opening set before Pamlico finally pulled even at the 20-point mark and then sealed up the win, 25-22. After that, the Panthers turned into kittens, with the Hurricanes nailing kill after kill and finishing off the sweep 3-0 (25-22, 25-13, 25-19). The backline was a key to this as they never let Northside get into any rhythm, as they had 47 digs led by Emma Charles-Craft’s 16. One regular season match is left as on Tuesday Pamlico will host Southside on Senior night and cap off a championship season by going undefeated in conference play.



Bella-Ann Schuz goes high for a kill against Northside.



A kill in the making for Hayden Gibbs-Ireland.



Emma Charles-Craft goes low to dig one out against Jones Senior.

“Hard days are the best because that’s when champions are made.”
— Gabby Douglas



Pregnancy & infant loss
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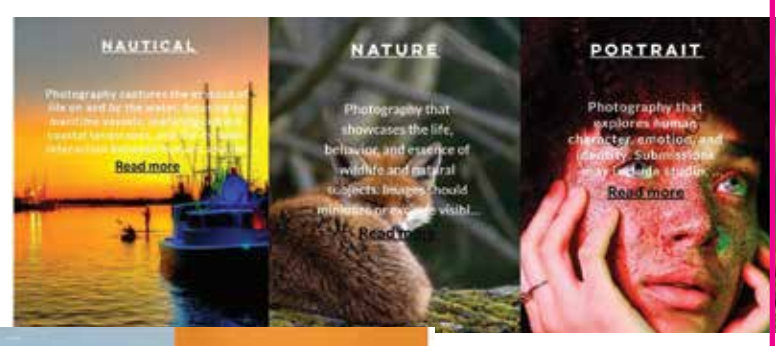
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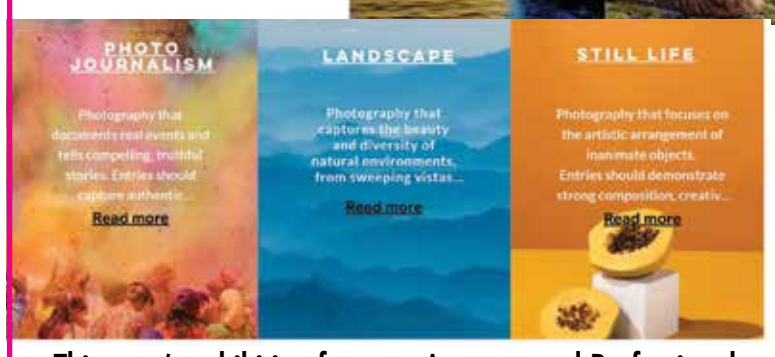
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Hurricane Cross-Country Runners Tune up for Post Season

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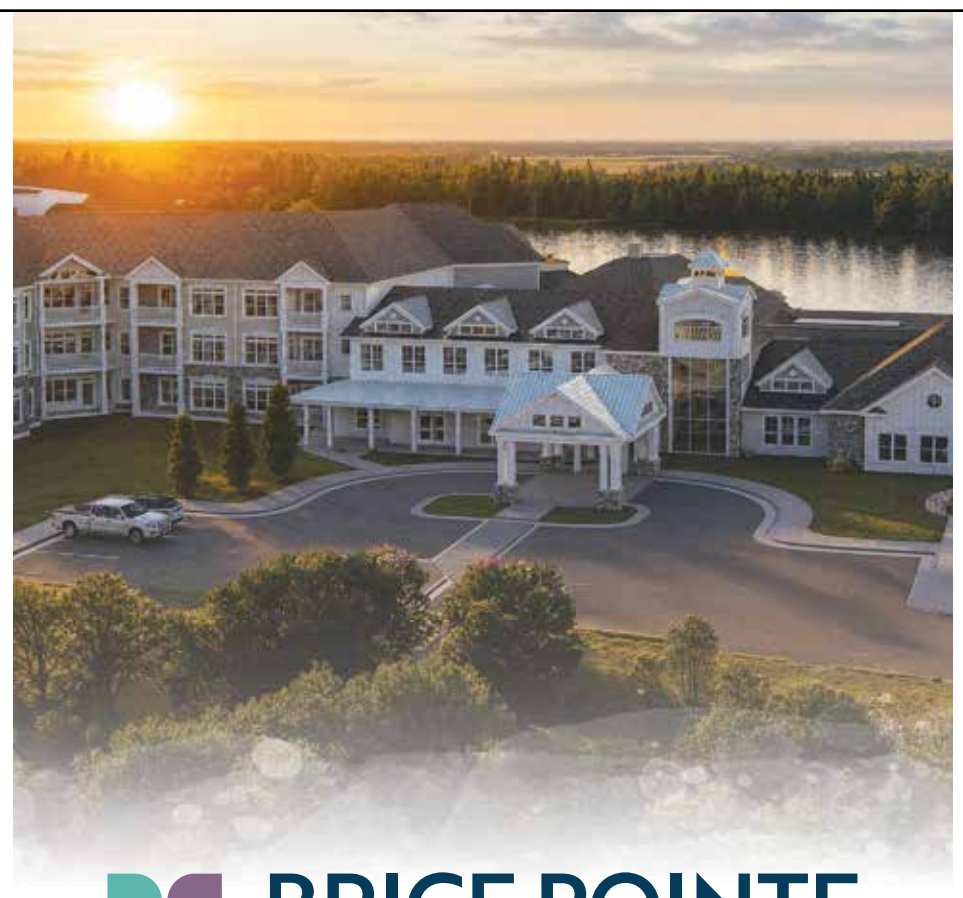
The Pamlico County High School Cros-Country team had a busy week of competition that started Wednesday with a conference meet at Northside-Pinetown and ended Saturday with a major tuneup for the State Championships in November. At the conference meet, the Pamlico men had 3 runners in the top 10 paced by Edgar Muro (5th) followed closely by Riley Treacy (6th) and Tucker Carey (8th). Kaivion Jones was just outside the top ten in 11th. As a team, the Hurricane boys finished first overall with a low score of 44. For the ladies, Jessica Pichardo-Madrid was Pamlico's top finisher in third overall. As a team, the Pamlico girls were second behind host Northside. The state championships will be held in Kernersville and if you are serious about competing for a title, it is a great idea to run the course where the championships will be held, so, the Pamlico squad hit the road to compete in the Kernersville XC Invitational Championship last Saturday. The Pamlico boys finished a highly respectable 6th place, with only higher classified schools (4A-8A) finishing ahead of them. Riley Treacy was the top Hurricane finisher, placing 22nd out of 138 runners. Rounding out Pamlico's top 3 were Tucker Carey in 24th and Edgar Muro in 29th. On the girls side, Pamlico came away with an 8th place team finish paced by Isla Weiman's 9th place individual finish. Jessica Pichardo-Madrid finished in 25th. Big congratulations also go to Tommy Delamar. He competed in the middle school division, which runs 3.2K, and came home first overall with a personal best of 11:16.88. Upcoming for the Hurricanes will be several championship events. On October 21st they host the Coastal Plains Conference Championships and on October 31st they travel to the 2A Eastern Regional Championship in Manteo. November 6th is the State Championships in Kernersville.

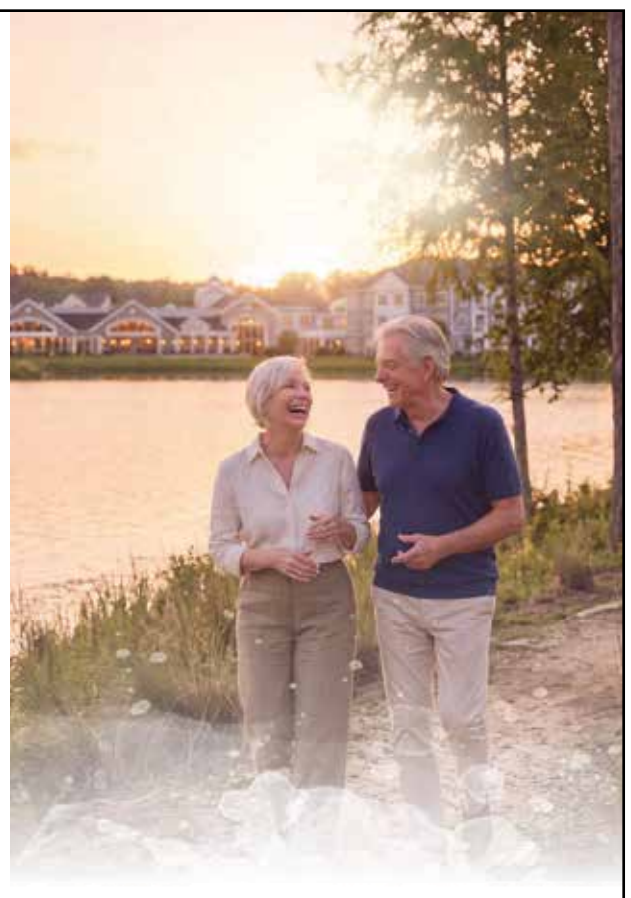












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Ferry Division Makes Toll Recommendation

by: Hiram Lupton

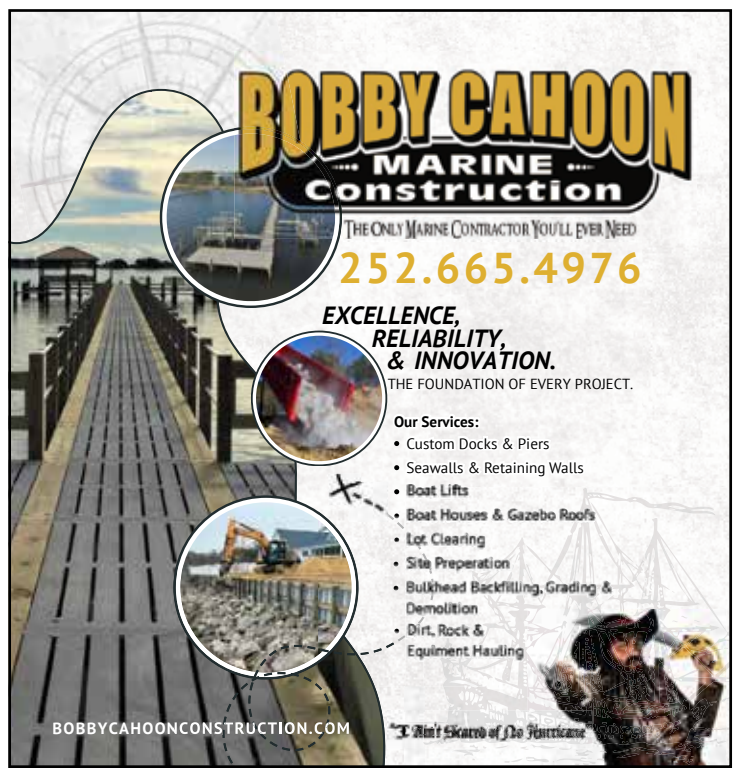
Last summer, Lawmakers of the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation mandating that tolls be added to all previously free ferry routes and then passed the buck to the Ferry Division and the NCDOT Board of Transportation to decide how many bucks the public would be passing in order to ride these ferries. Currently, four of the seven NC ferry routes are free with Pamlico County's Minnesott Beach-Cherry Branch and Beaufort County's Aurora-Bayview Ferry being two of them. Initial recommendations by the Ferry Division are now being shared to the DOT Board and it appears that they took the easy route and applied the exact fee schedule currently in place on Southport-Fort Fisher ferry to three of the four routes including the Minnesott-Cherry Branch and Aurora-Bayview Ferries. The cost for a vehicle would be $7 per vehicle for each crossing. Although not mentioned in the recommendations, the law also requires a yearly pass be made available to permanent residents of 20 coastal counties and active-duty military. The Transportation Board is supposed to make the final recommendations by November 5th; however the Board passed a resolution asking the General Assembly to grant them more time to do a complete and accurate study before a decision is made. Currently, tolls are scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2027.

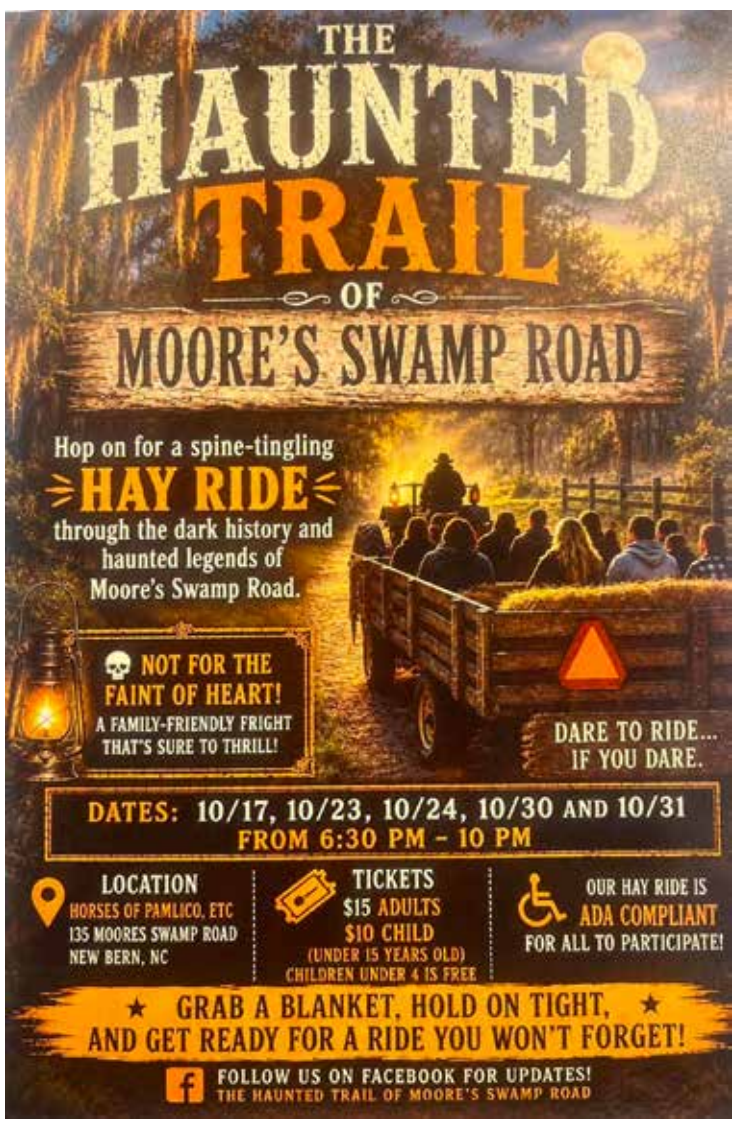
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Proposed tolls for Minnesott Beach-Cherry Branch and Aurora-Bayview Ferries

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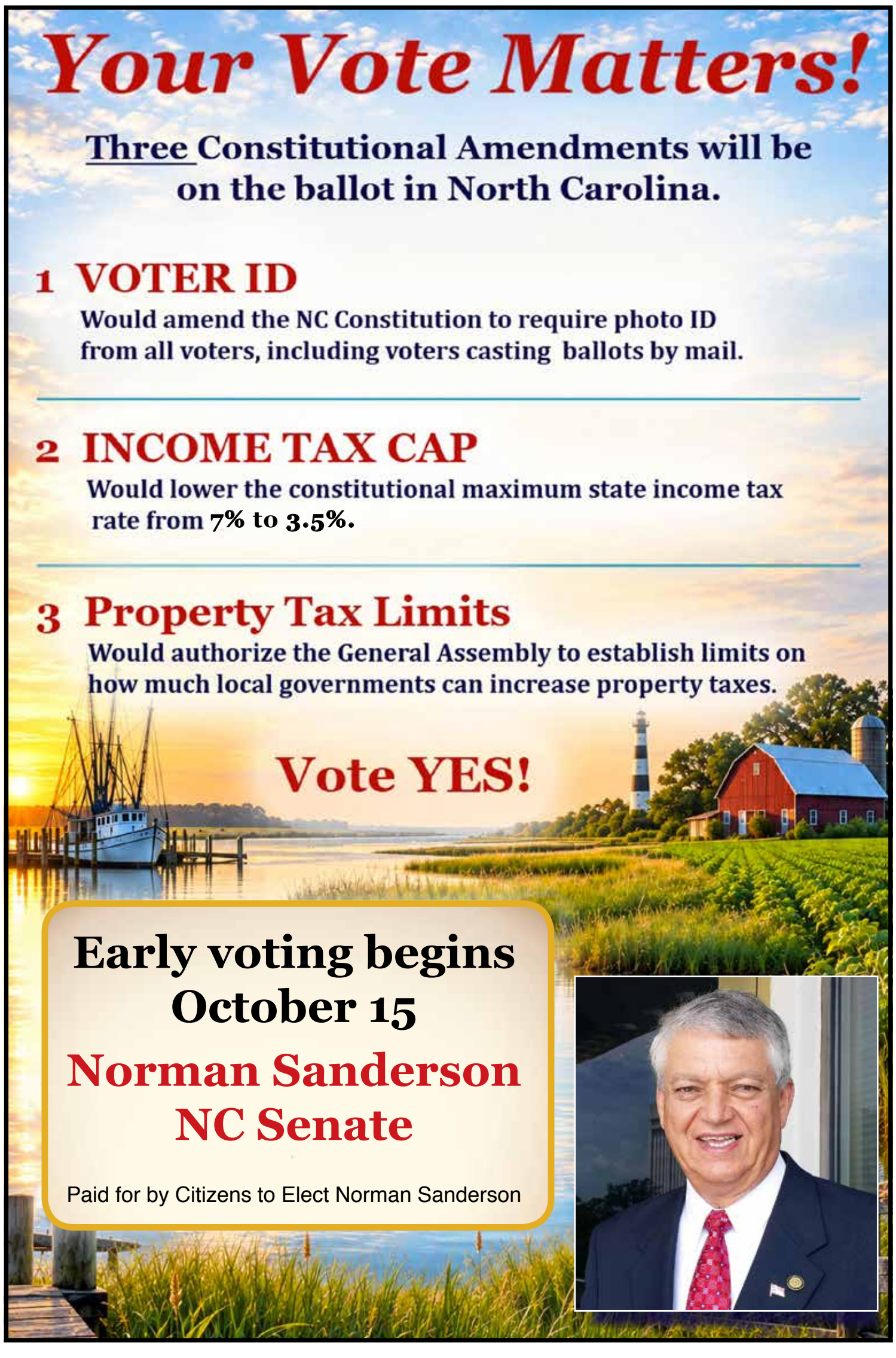


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CarolinaEast Health System to Host Annual Bereavement Ceremony

October 15th Event Open to the Public at Martin Marietta Park



(New Bern, NC) – CarolinaEast Health will host its 12th Annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Bereavement Ceremony on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. The event is held annually to memorialize and honor the lives of babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, and other causes.

October is recognized nationally as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, helping to raise awareness and connect families with resources and support available within the community. The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Bereavement Committee at CarolinaEast is committed to supporting families throughout the year through initiatives such as Mother's Day cards, handmade Christmas ornaments, and a safe, compassionate space for conversation and healing whenever needed.

"We are honored to provide this annual ceremony for families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss," said Heather Ecklund, RNC-OB, Associate Manager of the Women's & Children's Pavilion and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Bereavement Coordinator. "By bringing families together in remembrance, we hope to offer comfort, promote healing, and remind them they are not alone as they look toward the future with strength and hope."

Guests may begin arriving at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin Marietta Park Canal Shelter #2, with the ceremony scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The event will also be streamed live on CarolinaEast Health's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/carolinaeasthealth/. Families are encouraged to RSVP to ensure their baby's name is included during the ceremony. To register or for more information, visit CarolinaEast's website or call 252-633-8838.

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