Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

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Making a Difference in Pamlico County!

We often share information about arrests, drug seizures, and ongoing investigations, but today we want to share something that shows why those efforts matter.

According to the latest report from the North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Pamlico County continues to be among the counties with the lowest reported fentanyl-positive death rates in North Carolina.

That is something our community can be proud of!

We believe this reflects the dedication and hard work of our deputies, investigators, and staff, along with our proactive drug enforcement efforts, community outreach initiatives, strong partnerships with the District Attorney's Office, and, most importantly, the support and cooperation of our citizens.

Our approach to combating illegal drugs goes far beyond making arrests. Through community outreach, education, building relationships, and encouraging citizens to report suspicious activity, we work to prevent drug-related tragedies before they happen. We believe that strong relationships between law enforcement and the community are just as important as the enforcement actions we take.

Our mission has never been simply about making arrests or taking drugs off the streets. It's about saving lives, protecting families, and making Pamlico County a safer place to live.

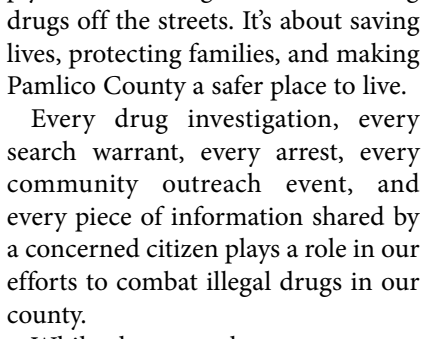
Every drug investigation, every search warrant, every arrest, every community outreach event, and every piece of information shared by a concerned citizen plays a role in our efforts to combat illegal drugs in our county.

While these numbers are encouraging, we recognize that even one overdose death is one too many. We know there is still work to be done, and we remain committed to holding those who distribute dangerous drugs accountable while continuing to educate and engage with our community.

To our dedicated staff, our law enforcement partners, the District Attorney's Office, and the citizens of Pamlico County — THANK YOU!

These accomplishments are not the result of one person, one agency, or one enforcement action. They reflect a community working together toward a common goal.

Together, we are making a difference, and together, we will continue working to keep Pamlico County safe!





Hundreds of area residents enjoy beautiful weather, great food and fun activities at Pamlico Community College's inaugural Fall INTO Pamlico festival last Saturday. Contributed photo

Hundreds enjoy inaugural Fall INTO Pamlico festival at PCC

By Sandy Wall

An estimated crowd of nearly 1,000 area residents gathered at Pamlico Community College on Saturday for a day of food, fun and festivities at the inaugural Fall INTO Pamlico event.

The free outdoor festival featured dozens of craft and product vendors, a cornhole tournament, food trucks, carnival-style games and activities, live entertainment, candy and more.

Except for occasional strong breezes, the weather was ideal, and the mood remained upbeat throughout the day.

College officials said they were very pleased with the turnout and the public's reception of the new event.

"Watching families laugh and kids play across our campus, you could almost feel the fall leaves cheering us on," said PCC President Zac Schnell. "Pamlico Community College belongs to this community, and we wanted everyone to know the door is always open. We opened our doors, and the community brought the magic."



PCC staffers Rhonda Tillman, left, and LaKissha Voliva help handicraft and product vendors find their spaces during Saturday's Fall INTO Pamlico event. Contributed photo



Players warm up for the cornhole tournament at Saturday's Fall INTO Pamlico festival. Contributed photo



Children pick up rubber ducks to win prizes at Saturday's Fall INTO Pamlico event. Carnival games and activities were a big hit with kids and adults alike. Contributed photo

Schnell and other PCC officials envision Fall INTO Pamlico becoming a signature harvesttime event that celebrates the community while showcasing the college and its programs. They also hope to tap into nostalgia for the Ole Country Fair, a popular on-campus event in the 1980s and 1990s that longtime residents remember fondly.

A highlight of Saturday's event was a raffle offering attendees 18 and older a chance to win a car. Bay River Motor Co. of Havelock donated a 2012 Honda valued at about $6,000 for the raffle.

Tickets cost $25 each or five for $100, with all proceeds going to the college. PCC Medical Assisting Instructor Tina Hardison was the lucky winner.

PCC Vice President of Instructional Services Neil Callahan served as DJ and unofficial emcee. Live entertainment included a magic show by Schnell and a performance by the Witches Crawl.

NCWorks, the Pamlico County Health Department and several community service organizations also participated, sharing information about their services.

Schnell and other college leaders praised PCC's Shellie Saxby, Rhonda Tillman and the other members of the college's Impact and Engagement Committee for organizing and promoting the event.

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PCC Medical Assisting Instructor Tina Hardison gets ready to drive away in the car she won at Saturday's Fall INTO Pamlico festival. Bay River Motor Co. of Havelock donated the 2012 Honda, which was valued at $6,000, for a raffle during the event. Contributed photo

Prime Time Pamlico Health & Safety Expo

by: Hiram Lupton

Living a healthy and safe life is essential to you and your family's well being and a great place to starting a healthier lifestyle was at Prime Time Pamlico's annual Health and Safety Expo held last Wednesday at the Oriental Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. There were nearly a dozen exhibitors with information on everything from pharmaceuticals to finances to fitness and pretty much anything else to assist you in maintaining your health. Bayboro Pharmacy was there providing vaccinations to protect you from the flu this winter and Dove Landing Training could give you info on canine safety. From noon until 2 PM, there were guest speakers sharing their expertise on wellness and safety. An excellent way to start the fall season brought to you once again by Prime Time Pamlico.



Cross Country Conference Championships

Hurricane Men Earn Title

by: Hiram Lupton



The Men's Championship Team

In many ways, the high school cross country running season is like one long practice. Runners compete, try different strategies, and gauge their competition, all with the ultimate goal of improving their own time and developing a team strategy that will lead to success. It all points to post season meets and championships. Last Wednesday, the Pamlico County girls and boys teams competed in the first of those championships, with the Coastal Plains Conference title up for grabs and all the hard work paid off, with the guys bringing home the trophy. There was also the personal goal of finishing in the top 10 of the event and earning the distinction of All-conference. Pamlico's top male runner was Riley Muro (5th), Tucker Carey (7th) and Kaivion Jones (8th) as All-Conference. For the Pamlico Ladies it was a third-place overall team finish behind champion Lejeune. The Hurricanes had two All-conference runners in Isla Weiman and Jessica Pichardo-Madrid. Next up for the cross-country teams will be the Eastern Regional Championships on October 31st in Manteo and then on to the state championships in Kernersville on November 6.



Hurricane All-Conference Runners. Top Row; Riley Treacy, Edgar Muro, Tucker Carey. Bottom Row; Kaivion Jones, Isla Weiman, Jessica Pichardo-Madrid

LIKELY WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday, October 31st **72°Hi** Mostly cloudy skies.

Sunday, November 1st **74°Hi** Mostly cloudy throughout the day



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!

THE WITCHES OF SILVERBROOKE

Will see you on **Oct. 31** at the Corner of First & King Streets in Oriental at 6:30pm

Join us this year as we crawl for **HeartWorks.**

Come out and join the fun!

COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES



William "Billy" Harold Cahoon, 92, of Grantsboro, was received into the loving arms of his Heavenly Father on October 25, 2026, at River Point Crest Nursing Facility. A man who loved his family, took pride in his work, enjoyed life on the water, and making his own wine, Billy leaves behind a lifetime of memories and plenty of stories to be told with a smile.

Billy's family was always at the forefront of his life. He loved them dearly and was immensely proud of each and every one of them. His family was his greatest treasure, and the love he shared with them will continue through the many generations who carry his name and his memory forward.

In his younger years, Billy enjoyed having horses, but it was the water around Dawson Creek that truly captured his heart. He spent much of his life boating and shrimping, and it was rare for him to be without a boat for very long. Whether he was out on the water or spending time with those he loved, Billy knew how to enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

Billy was also a hardworking man who took pride in earning his living. He owned and operated his own logging company before eventually retiring from the business. Retirement, however, did not mean sitting still for Billy. He continued driving a log truck until the remarkable age of 83, proving that he was not quite ready to put his feet up just yet!

His faith was an important part of his life. Billy attended Bridgeton Pentecostal Holiness Church for as long as his health allowed and had previously been an active member of Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church as well as New Life Praise & Worship. He was also a proud Mason, having devoted 64 years to Rainbow Masonic Lodge No. 479. He was a 32nd-degree Master Mason and a member of the Sudan Shriners, maintaining a longstanding commitment to the brotherhood and fellowship these organizations represented.

And then there was Billy's famous charm! He had a special fondness for flirting with the ladies and was well known for his playful ways. That twinkle in his eye and his ability to make a little conversation will surely be remembered by those who knew him best. Billy lived life in his own way, worked hard, loved deeply, and enjoyed having a little fun along the way. His family and friends will miss his presence, his personality, and the stories that made him uniquely Billy.

Billy was preceded in death by parents, Gordon and Eva Cahoon; his devoted wife, Elizabeth "Libby" Lupton Cahoon, whom he has now joined in Heaven; his brother, Robert Eugene Cahoon; his sister, Marie Cahoon Lancaster; and his great-grandson, Devin Cahoon.

Left to cherish his memory is his best friend and companion, Susie Jones Becker; his children, Marian Cahoon (Derald Potter Jr.), Bobby Cahoon (Teresa), William Cahoon (Patsy), and Lela C. Hardison (Harold); his brother, Gordon Halgram "Haggie" Cahoon (Judy); and his grandchildren, Matthew "Matt" Fornes (Alison), Elizabeth "Liz" Brown (Blake), Angela Cahoon Woodard, Jesse Ryan Cahoon, Brittany Cahoon Stewart (Justin), Jeremy Cahoon (Peyton), Corey Cahoon (Carrie), Jordan Cahoon, Joshua Cahoon, Trey McClanahan (Kelly), and Ara Lupton McClanahan (Jonathan). He also leaves behind 17 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who will forever treasure the memories they shared with him.

A funeral service to honor Billy's life will be held at Daniels-Sadler Funeral Home on Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with Reverend Blaney Rowe officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted at the funeral home by Rainbow Masonic Lodge No. 479. Interment will follow immediately in Sand Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Rainbow Masonic Lodge No. 479 c/o Glenwood Tyndall, PO Box 36, Oriental, NC 28571.

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

by: Hiram Lupton

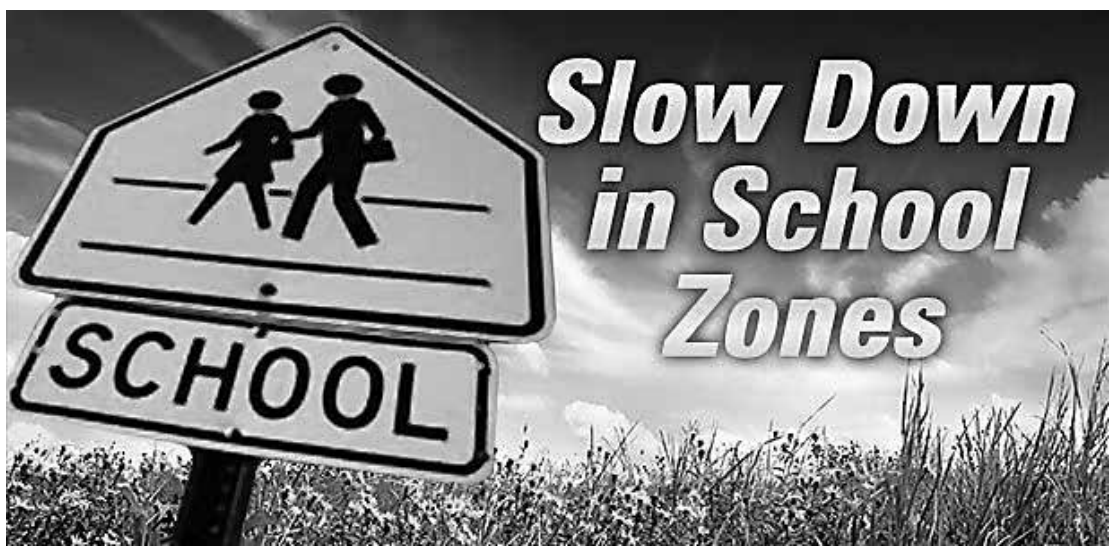
- October 28th – Today is National First Responder Day.
- October 29th – Today is National Cat Day. Meow!
- October 30th – Today is National Candy Corn Day. I'll pass on this celebration.
- October 31st – BOOO!
- November 1st – Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 AM – Remember to fall back
- November 2nd – Today is National Deviled Egg Day.
- November 3rd – It's Election Day. Vote early and often.

Birthdays This Week

October 28th – 1936, Musician Charlie Daniels (in Wilmington, NC)
October 28th – 19??, Choreographer, Sailor, Nurse - Yolanda Cristiani
October 31st – 19??, Director of Pamlico Partnership for Children Susan Bridgman
October 31st – 19??, Pamlico Schools educator Shawn Carawan
November 1st - 19??, Outstanding Pamlico Citizen John Barlow
November 2nd – 1734, Explorer and Frontiersman Daniel Boone
November 2nd – 19??, Pastor of Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church Alan Woodard
November 3rd – 19??, PCMS Football Coach Jack Taylor, Jr.



"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there."
– George Burns



SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT – SLOW DOWN!

We have been receiving numerous complaints about vehicles speeding through school zones around Pamlico County Schools.

Fun Fact: The Pamlico County Sheriff's Office DOES have radar units, and YES, we DO write speeding tickets!

Over the last several days, our deputies have been conducting speed enforcement in school zones throughout the county, and we will continue these efforts to help keep our students safe.

Here's the deal...

We don't like writing tickets.
You don't like receiving tickets.
And neither one of us wants to spend a day in court!
So let's make this easy on everyone. SLOW DOWN!
All jokes aside, our children's safety is no laughing matter. Those few extra miles per hour aren't worth putting a child's life at risk.
Slow down, pay attention, and do it for the kids!
Have a great day, Pamlico County, and stay safe!

Pamlico County Sheriff's Office

Should I get the flu shot?

Health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommend that everyone age six months and older needs an annual flu vaccine to maintain public health. This vaccination should occur by the end of October before the flu virus spreads widely, says the Mayo Clinic. The flu vaccine is especially important for people deemed higher risk, which includes adults age 65 and older, children younger than 5 years old and pregnant or postpartum individuals. Those with chronic health conditions and with weakened immune systems also should get the flu shot. It's important to note that some people should not receive the vaccine. Infants under the age of 6 months are too young. Anyone with severe, life-threatening allergies to any of the vaccine ingredients also should avoid it. Although flu vaccine nasal sprays aren't as common as they once were, the nasal spray, which contains a live, weakened virus, is only for healthy people between the ages of 2 and 45. Those with weakened immune systems and pregnant women should avoid the nasal vaccine. It's always key to address health questions about the flu vaccine with a health care provider. An expert will be able to guide medical decisions and let you know if the flu shot is the right choice.

The 6th Annual Pamlico Classic Seafood Stew Cook-Off at The Silos's Red Rooster

Cooks! Connoisseurs! And AMATEUR OYSTER SHUCKERS! Enjoy the 6th Annual Pamlico Classic Seafood Stew Cook-Off at The Silos's Red Rooster in Oriental, NC. Get yourself ready to compete in this year's AMATEUR OYSTER SHUCKING CONTEST with Lighthouse Shoal Oyster Company or challenge someone to a dual! Get some delicious grace point oysters from LSOC and practice up!

I don't know how it'll be possible with all the fabulous seafood stew samples, but save room for OYSTER SHOTS! This is going to be one fun and delicious day!

It's time to decide how you'll be part of the fun at the 2026 Pamlico Classic Seafood Stew Cook-Off! Cook with your crew, attend and enjoy stew. Sponsor the excitement hook, line, or sinker. Participating in some way is really a no-thinker! Take our word for it, it'll be a great time this fall!

The competition's stiff, but for the most part, congenial! Why not throw your pot into the ring of fire?

Try your hand against perennial winners and people's favorites like:

- Stewards of Stew
- Team Bubba
- The Pamlico County Sheriff's Department
- A Cajun and a Yankee
- Southern G.R.I.T.S
- Ladles of Love

Or newcomer hits like:

- Pompous Pamlico Prawns
- The Mighty Mariners
- Patton's Pearl and others!

Enter today! Email: pcseafoodstew@gmail.com or call: (252) 646-3712

Remember, "Life's Better Around the Pot!"

The PC assists 1st Choice Pregnancy Resources in the provision of free services and support to families in need.

Concerned about your drinking?

You are not alone, there is help available!
Come join others who have found a Solution!
Alcoholics Anonymous: New Bern Hotline (252) 349-0898

Meetings in Pamlico County:

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

Tuesday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church 600 Ragan Rd. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55)
Thursday *7:30pm -** Recovery and Beyond Group - Beginner/Open Discussion Meeting at Alliance United Methodist Church, 687 Main Street in Bayboro, NC (close to DSS/Senior Center)
Friday 8pm - Oriental Group - Open Discussion Meeting held at the Free Will Baptist Church, 600 Ragan Road in Oriental, NC (2nd brick building on left off Hwy 55).
Sunday *7pm – Oriental Sunday Night Group - Big Book/12 & 12 Study Meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 402 Freemason St. in Oriental, NC (2nd brick church on the left)

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Agent of the Week

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

Susan Adams advised us of the completed sale of our property in Oriental which she handled. Through her efforts this has been the easiest real estate transaction we've ever experienced, and we are delighted with the outcome and her professionalism shown to us. She rocks! And we just wanted to acknowledge her success and our pleasure. Should the occasion arise that we need real estate advice and guidance in the Oriental/Pamlico area Mariner Realty and Susan will be our first stop. Thanks so much.
Ronald and Pamela, NC



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



ORIENTAL – 3BR/2BA waterfront condo with a deep-water deeded 40'x16' boat slip on the community boat dock. Dues for Oriental West Condominiums in the Heart of Oriental (including boat slip) are only $450.00/month. This 1,221 hsf unit has a new 2025 HVAC system, exquisite tiled kitchen countertops, and new LVP flooring in the living room, dining room & kitchen.
OFFERED AT $299,500



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 – 3BR/2.5BA open floor plan, ideal for family gatherings or entertaining on 3 acres. Offers a great balance of space and tranquility. Property will be sold as is.
OFFERED AT $415,000



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.
OFFERED AT $ 599,500

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Halloween and Daylight Saving Time Align in 2026: What to Know

In a rare occurrence, the two observances coincide this year, extending Halloween by an hour.



You may not know it, but 2026 is a unique year for Halloween and daylight saving time. Not only does Halloween fall on a Saturday this year, but daylight saving time ends the same weekend, adding an extra hour to this year's festivities. Whatever plans you've got on the calendar to celebrate the October holiday — whether you're hosting a costume party, trick-or-treating with the kids or staying in to watch a scary movie — your 2026 celebration just got a bonus round due to the bi-annual clock change. Twice a year the U.S., and a host of other nations in Europe, Canada and South America, observe daylight saving time. It's a practice that Americans mark starting on the second Sunday in March and that ends on the first Sunday in November. But why is this year special? Find out more about the rare mashup of Halloween and daylight saving time in 2026, how long it'll be before it happens again and why Halloween won't land on a Saturday again for more than a decade.

When is Daylight Saving Time in 2026?

As the old adage goes, clocks "spring forward" one hour in March, then "fall back" one hour in November. In 2026, daylight saving time went into effect at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, and clocks will be returned to their regular time at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1. If you won't be awake at 2 a.m., you can turn your clock back one hour before bed or when you wake up on Sunday morning. If you're curious, the earliest date daylight saving time can end is on Nov. 1, and the latest it can occur is on Sunday, November 7. Which means this year, the clock-changing practice ends on the earliest possible date in November. You might be interested to note that next year, in 2027, daylight saving time ends on Nov. 7, the latest date.

When is Halloween in 2026?

Halloween lands on Saturday, Oct. 31, this year. While the date of the spooky holiday doesn't change from year to year, the day of the week it falls on does. Last year, Halloween was on a Friday. Next year, in 2027, it'll be on a Sunday. As far as landing on a coveted Saturday again, that won't happen for more than a decade. That's right, the next time Halloween falls on a Saturday after 2026 won't be until 2037. The long wait is thanks to Leap Year; three of them to be exact. Leap years in 2028, 2032 and 2036, shift the days of the week, preventing Halloween from falling on a Saturday for another 11 years.

Halloween and Daylight Saving Are Concurrent in 2026

If you've been following along, you'll note that Halloween is on Saturday this year and at 2 a.m. (which is technically Sunday morning), clocks will be turned back an hour, giving revelers an extra hour to celebrate and everyone else, an extra hour to sleep in on Sunday.

When is the Next Time Halloween and Daylight Saving Time Coincide?

The next time Oct. 31 and daylight saving time coincide also won't be until 2037. So, make sure to enjoy both the Saturday Halloween and an extra hour to make the most of it, because it'll be another 11 years before it happens again.

Sarah Lemire, Lifestyle Reporter, Today.com



FINANCIAL FOCUS

How to make the most of open enrollment this year


Dan M. Roberts

Every fall, an email lands in Maya's inbox announcing open enrollment. And every year, she quickly clicks "renew" and moves on.

Open enrollment is when you choose your medical and other workplace benefits for the coming year. Most companies hold it in the fall. Once it closes, you usually can't make changes unless there's a major life event, like marriage, divorce or a new child.

This year's decisions may carry more weight than usual. Many workers are facing higher health care costs, making it especially important to understand what you're paying for and what protection you're receiving in return.

It's tempting to renew last year's choices, but you owe your future self more. Your employer's plans, providers or costs may have changed, and your life might look different from a year ago, perhaps with a new dependent or new medical needs. A fresh look helps ensure your benefits match your life.

Compare health plans. Employers often offer more than one health, dental or vision option. Rather than simply glancing at the monthly premium, look at the total potential cost of each plan, including deductibles, copays, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximums.

Check whether your doctors are in network, your prescriptions are covered and what you'd pay out of pocket for visits and medications. If you and your spouse both have coverage, compare the plans. Some employers charge a fee if you enroll a partner who has their own workplace coverage.

Check your life insurance. Many employers provide basic coverage, often one or two times your salary, with the option to buy more. If your family has grown or your responsibilities increased, make sure that amount still fits your needs. If you've maxed out employer coverage, consider supplementing it with an individual policy.

Consider disability coverage. Short-term disability coverage, along with paid sick leave and emergency savings, should help bridge income gaps for up to six months during recovery from surgery, illness or childbirth. Long-term disability insurance should protect you if you can't work for an extended period, up to age 65. Ideally, it should replace up to 100% of your after-tax income.

Look for tax-friendly accounts. Flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs) let you use pretax dollars for eligible medical expenses. If you have dependents, ask about a dependent care FSA to pay for care costs. Remember that FSAs are use-it-or-lose-it, so contribute only what you expect to spend. HSAs, available with high-deductible plans, allow unused funds to roll over and can help supplement retirement savings.

Consider your retirement plan. While your retirement plan usually isn't part of open enrollment, this is a good time to revisit it. Make sure that, at a minimum, you're contributing enough to earn any employer's match.

Back to Maya. This year, she sets aside an hour, pours a cup of coffee and reads her options. She's adding more life insurance and increasing her HSA contribution. Open enrollment may never be thrilling, but time spent now can mean a more confident year for you and the people who count on you.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
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NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Pamlico County

Master Gardener Rain Barrel Sales

Pamlico County Cooperative Extension is selling rain barrels for $80.00, available at our office 13724 NC Hwy. 55, Bayboro, NC 28515. These barrels were constructed by Pamlico Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from recycled 55-gallon pickle barrels, and funds from this project will support educational activities through this group. To purchase a barrel, please stop by our office, or for questions contact us at 252-745-4121 or email Daniel_simpson@ncsu.edu.

Rain barrels provide a simple method to collect and store rainwater from your roof. Installation is best achieved by placing the barrel under a gutter downspout, but roof valleys that funnel rainwater can also work. Barrels should be placed on solid ground or staging to prevent tipping, as barrels full of water can weigh almost 500 pounds. Netting is provided over the top of the barrel to reduce debris and to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs. While rain water harvesting can help offset potential water needs, the barrel only functions if it rains. It is always best practice to have a backup watering plan should drought occur.

If you would like to purchase a barrel or discuss more rain water harvesting techniques, then please contact our office.



Did you know?

Shifting consumer demands pose a challenge for any industry, including the agricultural sector. Farmers who want to ensure they're in the best position to meet consumer demands in the coming decades may be happy to learn that an aging population figures to work in the agricultural sector's favor. The Economic Research Service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture notes that individuals over age 65 are expected to make up a greater percentage of the overall population in the years to come. That should, the ERS notes, benefit farmers, as older individuals tend to be more health-conscious with their eating habits than younger generations. The same trend will likely play out in Canada, where Statistics Canada estimates the percentage of individuals age 65 and older will increase to 22.5 by 2030, marking a nearly 10 percent increase since 2010, when just 14.1 percent of Canadians were 65 or older.

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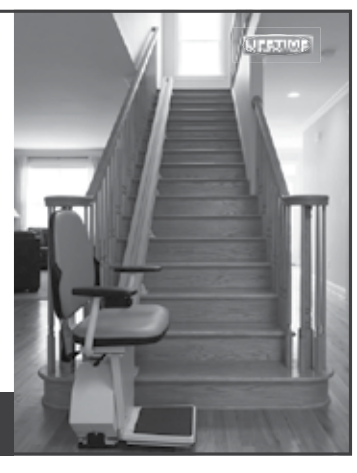
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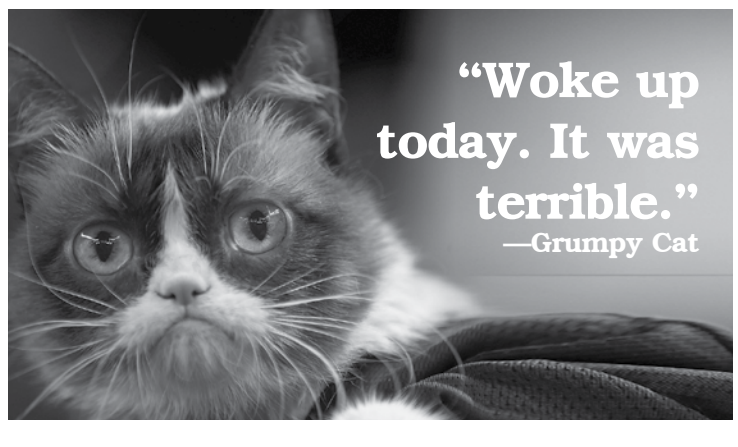
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"A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."
– Steven Wright

Hurricane Flag Football Earns League Title

by: Hiram Lupton


Pamlico Quarterback Shairea Jones

Last week was a great one for the Pamlico County High School Flag Football team. They went 4-0, avenged their only two losses of the season, and captured the league title. The week began on Monday when they traveled to New Bern for a double header. In the first game they defeated Hertford County 36-14. In their second game, they played a New Bern team which narrowly beat the Hurricanes earlier this month, 13-7. Pamlico learns fast and they were not going to allow the Bears any wiggle room this time. Pamlico led 6-0 at the half but poured it on in the final quarter, scoring 18 unanswered points to shut out New Bern 24-0. On Wednesday, Pamlico traveled to Washington for the Conference Tournament and opened up by soundly beating West Craven, 44-6 which set up a show down with undefeated Northside-Pinetown. The Panthers had beaten Pamlico 14-12 last week. So, there was a conference title on the line, the chance to redeem themselves from a tough loss, and the opportunity to beat Northside, which is incentive enough. The Hurricanes responded. Quarterback Shairea Jones played an outstanding game with both her arm and her legs. The Senior completed 13 of 25 passes for 125 yards and 4 touchdowns. She also rushed for 102 yards and a score. Over on the defensive side of the ball, Alex Duran never let Northside get going as she led Pamlico with 17 flag pulls. It all added up to a 38-6 win for Pamlico. Next up will be the State regional tournament which is currently scheduled for November 11th, with the State Championship set for November 14th at Lenoir-Rhyne University.


Alex Duran (#10) with another flag pull

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Hurricanes Earn Win in OT

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County High School football team traveled to Lejeune last Friday evening for a Coastal Plains Conference matchup and the Hurricanes came away with a hard fought victory in Overtime. After leading for most of the game, Pamlico allowed Lejeune to take the lead 28-22 in the fourth quarter. The Hurricanes did not fold however and with under two minutes to go, Izir Benjamin scored on a 32-yard rushing touchdown to tie the game up at 32 all. The two-point conversion failed leaving the score tied. The Hurricanes had another opportunity for a win in regulation after recovering a Lejeune fumble but turned the ball over on downs. Lejeune missed a 20-yard field goal at the end of regulation sending the game to overtime. In high school football for overtime, each team gets the ball on the 10-yard line and alternate possessions until one team is victorious. Pamlico won the toss and had the first opportunity and Benjamin scored his third touchdown of the game on a 3-yard rushing touchdown. With a successful 2-point conversion, Pamlico held a 36-28 advantage. Lejeune took possession and the Pamlico defense rose to the occasion and stopped the Devil Pups on downs for their second conference win of the season. This week, East Carteret visits Pamlico for the final regular season contest of the season. It is also Senior Night and Hurricane football and Cheerleading Seniors will be honored in pregame ceremonies.

Middle School Athletics
Hurricanes Tame the Wildcats

by: Hiram Lupton

Pamlico County Middle School played their final home football game of the season last Thursday and the Hurricanes used the combination of an explosive offense and a stingy, physical defense to defeat the visiting Wildcats of West Craven Middle School 38-19. Pamlico led 22-0 at the half but West Craven was determined to get something going in the third quarter and scored midway through to make it 22-7. Good teams answer back quickly, and Pamlico quickly scored to go up 30-7. Pamlico pretty much sealed things up when Salter Doucette scooped up a Wildcat fumble and raced to the endzone to make it 38-7. West Craven added another score, but it was too little too late for the Wildcats as Pamlico went to the power running game to use up the clock.



The eighth-grade players were recognized at mid-field during halftime



Salter Doucette headed to the endzone with a recovered fumble.



Zack Heath with a quarterback sack





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INCOME TAX CAP

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PROPERTY TAX LIMITS

The amendment does not itself establish a specific property tax limit. It directs the General Assembly to create those limits through legislation taking the power away from local governments and moving it to Raleigh.

These are legislative policy questions.
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Vote against all three constitutional amendments.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Applications for Rider Rate Adjustments and Public Hearings

Docket No. E-22 Sub 792 *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates and Charges and Revise the Fuel Factor*

Docket No. E-22 Sub 793 *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider*

Docket No. E-22 Sub 794 *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider*

Docket No. E-22 Sub 795 *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina for Approval of Updated Coal Combustion Residuals Rider*

Why am I receiving this notice?

On August 11, 2026, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (Dominion), filed applications with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) to approve updates to the rider rates charged to customers. Rider rates are reviewed and updated each year by the Commission to ensure only reasonable and necessary costs are recovered. These costs include:

1. Fuel and fuel-related expenses (including the cost of fuel used to generate electricity, transporting that fuel, and chemicals used to reduce or treat emissions) and the cost of purchased power.
2. Expenses for demand-side management and energy efficiency (DSM/EE) measures and programs, including capital costs, administrative costs, implementation costs, incentive payments to program participants, operating costs, and incentives for utilities to adopt and implement DSM/EE programs.
3. Compliance with North Carolina's Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (CEPS), which requires electric public utilities to meet a portion of its North Carolina retail sales through the generation or purchase of clean energy or energy efficiency measures.
4. Compliance with state and federal environmental requirements for managing coal combustion residuals (CCR), commonly known as coal ash.

Below is a summary of the proposed rider rate changes that would result from these applications. These rider rates, if approved, will be applicable for the billing period of February 1, 2027, through January 31, 2028. Dominion must prove to the Commission that the requested rider rates are reasonable and prudent.

Rider	Residential	SGS & Public Authority	LGS	NS	6VP	Outdoor Lighting	Traffic
Fuel (per kWh)*	$0.023475	$0.020008	$0.013007	$0.011160	$0.011417	$0.020369	$0.017140
DSM/EE (per kWh)	($0.001048)	($0.000052)	($0.000074)	$0.00000	$0.00000	$0.00000	$0.00000
CEPS (per month)	$1.11	$6.14	$41.09	$41.09	$41.09	$0.00	$0.00
CCR (per kWh)	$0.002193	$0.002189	$0.002184	$0.002108	$0.002134	$0.002193	$0.002193

* fuel rate changes are under the mitigation option proposed by Dominion.

For typical 1,000 kWh residential customers, compared to the rider rates currently in place for the billing period of February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, Dominion's request, if approved, would result in a monthly increase or (decrease), based on 1,000 kWh per month, of $23.48 for Fuel; ($1.05) for DSM/EE; $1.11 for CEPS (per month); and $2.19 for CCR. Altogether, for a residential consumer using 1,000 kWh per month, the monthly bill would increase by a total of $25.73 or 18.4% including all of these rider rates.

What are electric rider rates?

A typical residential bill is comprised of three components, several of which include riders:

- **The Electric Charge** covers the cost of generating electricity, inclusive of certain fuel-related costs, moving it through transmission lines and substations, and delivering it to your home. Collectively, these are known as base rates. Dominion's proposed changes to the DSM/EE, CEPS, and CCR riders will also be reflected in the Electric Charge.
- **The Fuel Charge** includes any changes in fuel costs not already covered in the Electric Charge. Dominion's proposed changes to the Fuel rider will be reflected in this charge.
- **The State Sales Tax** of 7% applied to your Electric Charges.

Each of these charges are calculated based on how much electricity you use, measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh (and, in some cases, the rate at which you use electricity, measured in kilowatts or kW), except that the CEPS rider (which is part of the Electric Charge) is charged the same amount to every customer depending on the customer's class (residential, commercial, or industrial). To learn more about each of these components, visit dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/rates-and-tariffs/rates-101.

When will my rates change?

Your rates will not change immediately. The Commission has scheduled the requests for rider rate changes for investigation and hearing. The Commission should make its final determination as to Dominion's requested rider rates on or around January 14, 2027, and the approved new rider rates should go into effect on or around February 1, 2027. You will receive another notice when the final rider rates are set indicating when the new rider rates will go into effect.

How can I participate?

Your input on Dominion's requests can help the Commission make an informed decision. You may (but are not required to) participate in several ways, including:

Option A: You can file a written consumer statement of position in the respective dockets by visiting ncuc.gov/contactus.html. The docket number(s) must be included and are listed at the top of this notice.

Option B: You can testify at the public hearing. Your testimony will become part of the evidence the Commission considers in making its decision. For helpful tips on how to give public witness testimony, visit ncuc.gov/documents/ncucbrochure.pdf. A public hearing will take place at the following time and location:

Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina

If no significant protests are received by November 10, 2026, the Commission may cancel the public witness hearing.

Please note that, at the public hearing, the Commissioners cannot answer questions. However, representatives from Dominion and from the Public Staff (the consumer advocate) will be available to answer questions before and after the hearing, and the Public Staff can answer questions before the hearing about how to testify.

In addition, the Commission will hold hearings solely for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses in these proceedings in the same room immediately after the Public Hearing has ended. If you're interested in watching the expert witness hearing, you can observe in person or you can watch it on the Commission's YouTube channel, which can be located at youtube.com/@NCUtilitiesCommission. Please note that, if there are no complaints or contested issues between the parties, the expert witness hearing may be cancelled.

Who can I talk to about these applications?

The Public Staff represents customers in proceedings before the Commission. The Public Staff has a team of engineers, accountants, economists, and lawyers reviewing Dominion's requests and is scheduled to file its testimony or affidavit outlining its recommendations on October 21, 2026. You can contact the Public Staff or by mail at 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

If you would like to speak to a representative of Dominion, you can do so at 1-866-DOM-HELP or 1-866-366-4357 electronically at https://www.dominionenergy.com/north-carolina/customer-support.

Where can I find more information?

Dominion's applications were filed pursuant to the following legal authorities:

Proceeding	North Carolina General Statute	Commission Rule or Order
E-22 Sub 792 (Fuel)	Chapter 62, Section 133.2	R8-55
E-22 Sub 794 (DSM/EE)	Chapter 62, Section 133.9	R8-69
E-22 Sub 793 (CEPS)	Chapter 62, Section 133.8	R8-67
E-22 Sub 795 (CCR)	Chapter 62, Section 130	R1-5 and the Commission's January 14, 2025 Order issued in Docket No. E-22 Sub 694

You can find the materials filed by Dominion and other parties and orders issued by the Commission in this proceeding by typing the respective docket number (located at the top of this notice) into the Docket Number entry at the following website: starw1.ncuc.gov/NCUC/page/Dockets/portal.aspx.

You can find out more about the Public Staff at publicstaff.nc.gov.

You can find out more about Dominion at dominionenergy.com/north-carolina.

PCA Soccer

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico Christian Academy soccer team has been in post season tournament action and last Tuesday they hosted the Rock Church Lions in a Carolina State Athletic Association (CSAA) matchup. Both teams were locked in a defensive struggle in a scoreless first half. After intermission, Isaac Sartin scored the first goal for the Mariners in the 43rd minute. Rock Church answered with a goal of their own in the 65th minute. PCA's Emmitt Nelson provided a go-ahead goal in minute 68 but the Mariners could not hold, and the Lions tied things up before the end of regulation. The score remained deadlocked at 2-2 after an overtime period, so it came down to a shootout with PCA prevailing in penalty kicks, 5-4.



Zac Salen (#7)



A header from Addison Alcock (#27)



Sydney Whitley-Reese goes high for a kill against Franklin Academy.

Hurricanes Bow Out in Third Round

by: Hiram Lupton

The Pamlico County Ladies Volleyball team had a hugely successful season, but all good things must come to an end and for the Hurricanes that end came in the third round of the state playoffs at Edenton-Holmes High School last Thursday. On Tuesday, Pamlico hosted Franklin Academy and quickly sent them back to Wake Forrest, sweeping them 3-0 (25-14, 25-14, 25-20). The next nut would be a bit harder to crack as the Hurricanes headed north to the #4 seeded Edenton-Holmes High School to take on the Aces who defended their home court with a sweep, 3-0 (25-10, 25-23, 25-10) . Always a heartbreaker when you lose but it was another great season for Pamlico as they earned their fifth straight Coastal Plains Conference title. As always, Pamlico Proud of the effort these ladies gave every night.



Lila Mehring



Vandemere Sandra Snipes, *Correspondent*



Greetings from Vandemere!

Our little village continues to show the strength and resilience that make this community so special. A big thank-you to Anna Simeon for hosting a pumpkin-carving event this past weekend and giving our residents another opportunity to come together, enjoy some fun, and celebrate the season!

The Town Council has been busy managing grants and updating ordinances to support an improved quality of life for our residents and visitors. We are pleased to share that the Town has been awarded a grant to remove the old, condemned cottage at Vandemere Waterfront Park. Removing this structure will open the door to future plans for a more functional building that better serves our community.

We are also moving forward with efforts to protect our waterfront. A pre-bid meeting was recently held for the living shoreline project, bringing us one step closer to work that will help prevent further erosion, protect the shoreline, and preserve this valuable community space for years to come. We extend our sincere thanks to Pat McCotter for his support as a neighboring property owner and partner in this project.

Another exciting development is the first meeting of our Blue Economy Corridor (BEC) Council, held with Dr. Emily Yaeger from East Carolina University (ECU). The Council brings together entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations, environmental groups, local government representatives, and educational leaders to explore opportunities for economic growth. Working alongside the Board of Commissioners and Planning Board, this initiative will help identify ways to build on Vandemere's waterfront, maritime heritage, and local assets to strengthen our local economy and create new opportunities for the community.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Trunk or Treat; October 31, 2026

Join us at the Vandemere Waterfront Park from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM for an evening of Halloween fun! Bring the children, enjoy the festivities, and help make this a memorable night for our community. We may be a small town, but we have some of the best candy in Pamlico County!

Community Thanksgiving Food Drive; November 1–20, 2026

The Town of Vandemere, Camp Vandemere, and Squidders Bait and Tackle are joining forces for a community food drive to help local families enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Our goal is to provide three to five families with everything they need for their Thanksgiving dinner. Any additional donations will go to Camp Vandemere to help establish a community food pantry, extending this effort to support families beyond the holiday season. Every donation makes a difference! To view the list of requested items and learn how you can help, please visit the Events page at www.vandemerenc.com.

As we move into the holiday season, let's continue to look out for one another, support our neighbors, and remember that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. That's what community is all about!

"Beware the things that go bump in the night."

Did you know?

It is impossible to identify the first Halloween costume and which masks the earliest celebrants donned in efforts to keep away the evil spirits during Samhain, which historians believe is the Celtic precursor to Halloween. According to Lesley Bannatyne, an author who has written extensively about the history of Halloween, masks and coverups were designed to symbolize ghosts and the souls of the dead, first for Samhain and later for the custom of "souling," which was intended to cut back on pagan influences. Costumes of saints and evil spirits also were popular during this time. When immigrants brought Halloween customs to North America, early 20th century costumes featured much of the same — ghosts and ghouls. It wasn't until the 1920s and 1930s that pop culture began to infiltrate costumes. In fact, one of the first costume companies, J. Halpern Company, began licensing pop culture images like Mickey Mouse and Popeye around this time. By the 1960s, costumes were largely store-bought, spurring entire industries. Many 1980s kids recall buying boxed costumes that consisted of rigid plastic masks with eye holes (and very small holes by the mouth and nose) that stayed in place with thin elastic straps, and a plastic sheeting costume that went over clothes. Modern costumes have evolved into outfits that are far more complex.



LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Application and Public Hearings

Docket No. E-22, Sub 791

Joint Application of Dominion Energy, Inc., Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, NextEra Energy, Inc., WG Development Corp., and CS Holdco, LLC Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.§ 62-111(a) for Approval of Proposed Merger

Why am I receiving this notice?

On July 15, 2026, Dominion Energy, Inc. (Dominion), Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), NextEra Energy, Inc. (NextEra), WG Development Corp., and CS Holdco, LLC (Joint Applicants) filed a joint application (Application) seeking the Commission's approval of a planned business combination of Dominion with NextEra, with NextEra as the surviving entity (Merger).

The Joint Applicants state that the Merger will result in near and longer-term benefits for DENC customers, including approximately $74 million in bill credits over two years. The Joint Applicants also state that the combined company's scale, financial strength, and operational breadth will bring additional near and long-term benefits to DENC customers.

Are rates for electric service going to be changed in this proceeding?

Your electric rates will not be changed in this proceeding. This proceeding will only resolve the Merger of Dominion with NextEra. When DENC later requests changes to rates for its North Carolina customers that will take place in a separate general rate case, and you will receive another notice informing you of the request and how you can participate in that proceeding.

How can I participate?

Your input on the Merger can help the Commission make an informed decision. You may (but are not required to) participate in several ways, including:

Option A: You can file a written consumer statement of position in the applicable Commission docket by visiting ncuc.gov/contactus.html. The docket number is listed at the top of this notice.

Option B: You can testify at a public hearing. Your testimony will become part of the record. For helpful tips on how to give public witness testimony, visit ncuc.gov/documents/ncucbrochure.pdf. Public Hearings will take place at the following:

Date & Time	Location	Town/City	Room
December 8, 2026	WebEx		
December 10, 2026	206 East Main Street	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank County Courthouse

Please note that, at the public hearings, the Commissioners cannot answer questions. However, representatives from the Joint Applicants and from the Public Staff (the consumer advocate) will be available to answer questions before and after the hearings, and the Public Staff can answer questions before the hearings about how to testify.

The December 8, 2026 public witness hearing shall be held remotely via Webex, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A link to view this hearing will be available at www.ncuc.gov. Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2026. To register for this hearing, please complete the electronic Remote Public Witness Registration form located on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov/hearings/remotepublicregister.html. A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided after the registration form is submitted. Further instructions, including the call-in number, will be provided to you by email approximately one week before the hearing. Witnesses calling from a different number than provided at registration may experience delays or other difficulties in providing their testimony. If assistance is needed, please contact 919-733-0837. **Only the first 20 individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2026, will be allowed to testify at the December 8, 2026 remote public witness hearing. This hearing will be canceled if no one registers to testify by 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2026.**

The public witness hearings will be solely for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g). The Commission reserves the right to limit testimony at the public witness hearings pursuant to Commission Rule R1 21(g)(5).

In addition, the Commission will hold a hearing in Raleigh on 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 2027, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony from the parties' witnesses and will continue as required for testimony and cross-examination of expert witnesses for the Joint Applicants, the Public Staff, and other intervenors.

If there are no complaints or contested issues between the parties, the public or expert witness hearings may be cancelled.

Who can I talk to about this petition?

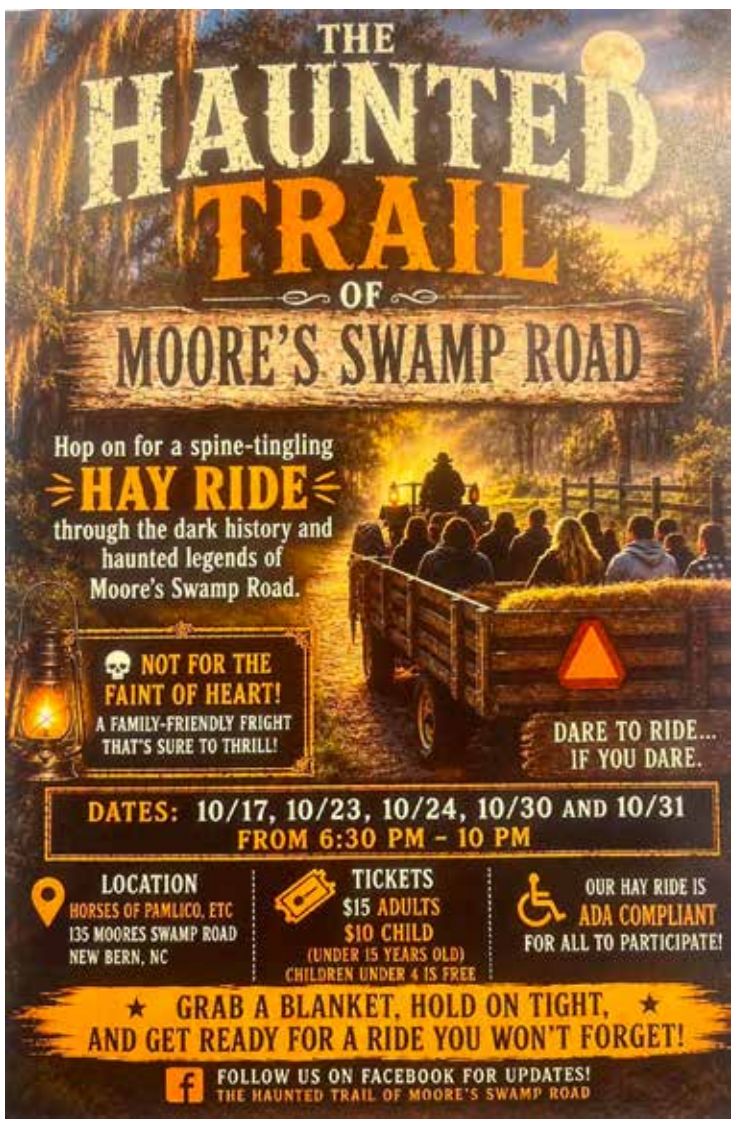
The Public Staff represents customers in proceedings before the Commission. The Public Staff has a team of engineers, accountants, economists, and lawyers investigating the proposed Merger and is scheduled to file testimony outlining its recommendations on January 25, 2027. You can learn more about the Public Staff at publicstaff.nc.gov and can write to the Public Staff at 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4300.

Where can I find more information?

The Joint Applicants' Application was filed pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Chapter 62, Section 62-111(a) (ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bychapter/chapter_62.html); and Commission Rule R1-5 (https://www.ncuc.gov/ncrules/rulstoc.html).

You can find materials filed by the Joint Applicants and other parties and orders issued by the Commission in this proceeding by typing one of the docket numbers into the Docket Number entry at the following website: https://starw1.ncuc.gov/NCUC/page/Dockets/portal.aspx.

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November 7th
Fall Bazaar

Stonewall Methodist Women's Group will hold their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 7th from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. There will be crafts, baked goods, yard sale items and soup and sandwich lunch available.

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Pamlico County Primary School: Learning, Exploring, and Growing Together

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Pamlico County Primary School, where students have been exploring new interests, discovering the world around them, and finding creative ways to bring classroom lessons to life. From science and the arts to field trips and special visitors, our Pups have had wonderful opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun along the way! Beyond their regular classroom activities, our Pups recently kicked off student clubs! From yoga and Bingo to LEGOs, puzzles, board games, and Snap Circuits, students are enjoying opportunities to discover new interests, develop friendships, and simply have fun together. These clubs are another way our staff members help make PCPS a place where every child can find something to enjoy.

We are also excited to participate in Pamlico County Schools' new Through Their Eyes photography project. Throughout the year, students will have opportunities to use cameras to document their school experiences from their own perspectives. The photographs may not always be perfectly centered or posed, but they will capture something even more valuable: the moments our students find meaningful. We look forward to sharing our school through the eyes of the children who know it best.

Every field trip, classroom project, special visitor, and after-school activity reflects the care and creativity of the people who make Pamlico County Primary School such a special place. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly to create experiences that encourage curiosity, build confidence, and help children discover what they are capable of achieving.







Learning took center stage when Atlantic Dance Theatre brought Black Box Dance Theatre to PCPS for an extraordinary experience combining movement, science, and storytelling. Second-grade students participated in modern dance workshops, while first and third graders enjoyed an educational performance. Through dance, students explored scientific concepts such as push and pull, centrifugal force, and center of mass. They also experienced storytelling through a journey to Colombia and watched the characteristics of protons, neutrons, and electrons come to life through movement. We are especially grateful to Atlantic Dance Theatre for its continued partnership and commitment to bringing arts experiences to our students.





Kindergarten students have also been combining creativity with their studies. After reading about China's fascinating Terracotta Army through their Geodes curriculum, students created their own statues using terracotta clay. The results were impressive, and the messy hands were proof of a wonderful learning experience! Meanwhile, Mrs. Cindy Day's class enjoyed a visit to Simply Natural Creamery in Winterville, where students met cows, learned where milk comes from, and discovered how dairy products are made.



Our third graders have been busy exploring science and mathematics in some exciting ways! During a trip to the STEM Expo at A Time for Science in Greenville, students enjoyed hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations covering everything from astronomy to zoology. Back in their classrooms, students have been using cereal and Play-Doh to build arrays, making multiplication concepts easier to understand through hands-on learning.

October also brought important lessons in safety, thanks to a special visit from the New Bern Fire Department. In recognition of Fire Prevention Month, the department's talented clowns entertained our Pups while teaching valuable fire safety lessons. Their combination of humor and education made the experience both memorable and meaningful.



Our students also celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through special classroom experiences. Ms. Spivey shared Paletero Man, introducing students to a story celebrating culture and community, while Señor Franco visited Ms. Prescott's third-grade classes to share a presentation about international music star Shakira, her Hispanic heritage, and her accomplishments. These experiences helped students develop a greater appreciation for the cultures and traditions that make our world so interesting.



Of course, none of these wonderful experiences would be possible without the dedication of our teachers and staff. Their commitment extends well beyond the classroom, as demonstrated by a busy Thursday evening of Bingo Night on October 15, followed by professional learning the very next morning. Teachers spent Friday studying Strand 1: Complex Texts of North Carolina's new English Language Arts standards, which will be implemented during the 2027–2028 school year. By preparing early and continuing to strengthen their instructional practices, our educators are ensuring that students receive the best learning experiences possible. A special thank-you goes to River Bank Bakery for providing delicious pumpkin muffins to help fuel the morning's learning!

We are proud of our Pups for their enthusiasm and willingness to learn, grateful for the families and community partners who support our school, and especially thankful for the dedicated educators who make these opportunities possible. Together, they are making every day at PCPS a wonderful day to learn and grow!

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Pamlico County's 2026 Toys for Tots Campaign

It is October and it's time for Pamlico County's annual Toys for Tots Campaign! Distribution of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots white donation boxes has started this week with Oriental leading the way. Boxes will also soon appear in many locations in Alliance, Arapahoe, Grantsboro, and Bayboro. Also, since the Nutrien Phosphate Plant in Beaufort Count employs a significant number of Pamlico County residents, our campaign receives a noteworthy number of toys for Pamlico's children. Helen Tyndall and her staff at the plant spearhead this effort and it highlights the Christmas spirit of the plant's management team as well as the generosity of the plant's Pamlico employees!

Pamlico County's 2026 Toys for Tots (TFT) Campaign runs from mid- October to Christmas Day. You have two ways to participate in your county's campaign. You can either put a new, unwrapped toy in one of our county donation boxes or make a cash donation in any amount to pamlico-nc.toysfortots.org. All cash donations stay in Pamlico County and are only used to buy toys for Pamlico's children from businesses in the county.

As in previous campaigns, Pamlico's effort is truly a team effort. The first element of our team is the YMCA Camp Sea Gull & Camp Seafarer staff using their first-class facilities for the storage and distribution of the toys. They are critical because they perform the administrative duties involving the identification of the families/children to receive toys as well as the organization and distribution of the toys by age and gender (infant to 18 years old).

The second element of our team is the many businesses and offices that allow us to place a collection box in their location. They provide wide area coverage of our county and enable a multitude of locations for toy donations. This year we have more than forty locations. The access of Pamlico's residents to these locations makes our Campaign go!

The third element of our team is the Marine Corps League's Oriental Dragon Detachment #1413. This organization of Marine veterans, Navy Corpsmen who served with Marines, and Associate members (anyone can be an Associate member!) serve as the connectivity to the Marine Corps Foundation which is the national organization for the entire TFT effort of over 850 campaigns.

The Foundation provides the donation boxes, promotional materials, supplemental toys/books, and overall administrative support. Marines love tradition and the Foundation links us to the beginnings of Toys for Tots in 1947!

The fourth, final, and most important element of our team are the citizens of Pamlico County! Their generosity and commitment to helping fellow citizens embodies the true Christmas spirit and brings happiness and joy to the deserving youngsters of our County. You are all to be commended!

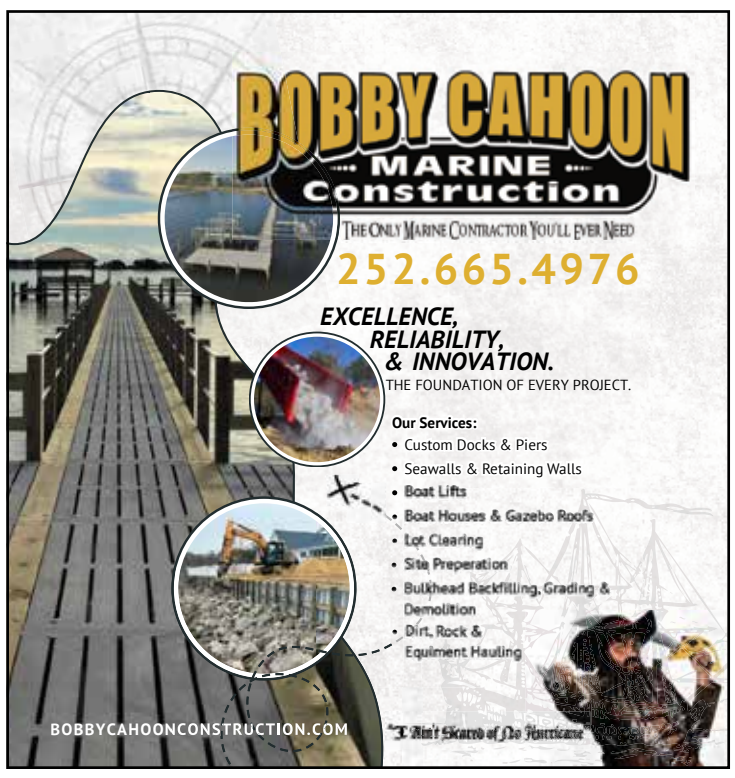
Last year Pamlico's Toys for Tots campaign supported 420 children and collected over 2600 toys. This is the second-best toy collection effort in the history of Pamlico County. We hope to surpass this number, and we have increased the number of collection days for this year. Toys donated by 12 December will be distributed at Camp Seafarer on 15 & 16 December. Those toys donated between 13 December and Christmas will be stored until next year.

In conclusion, top notch charitable organizations are graded for having low administrative (salaries, equipment, facilities, etc.) costs with those spending less than 3% of their money leading the way. Your Pamlico County Toys for Tots Campaign has had and will continue to have 0% administrative costs since its inception thanks to the generosity of its many volunteers! Put a toy in one of our donation boxes or make a cash donation at pamlico-nc.toysfortots.org. All of your money remains in the county!

Thank You and Semper Fidelis!

Pamlico County's Local Toys for Tots Coordinator



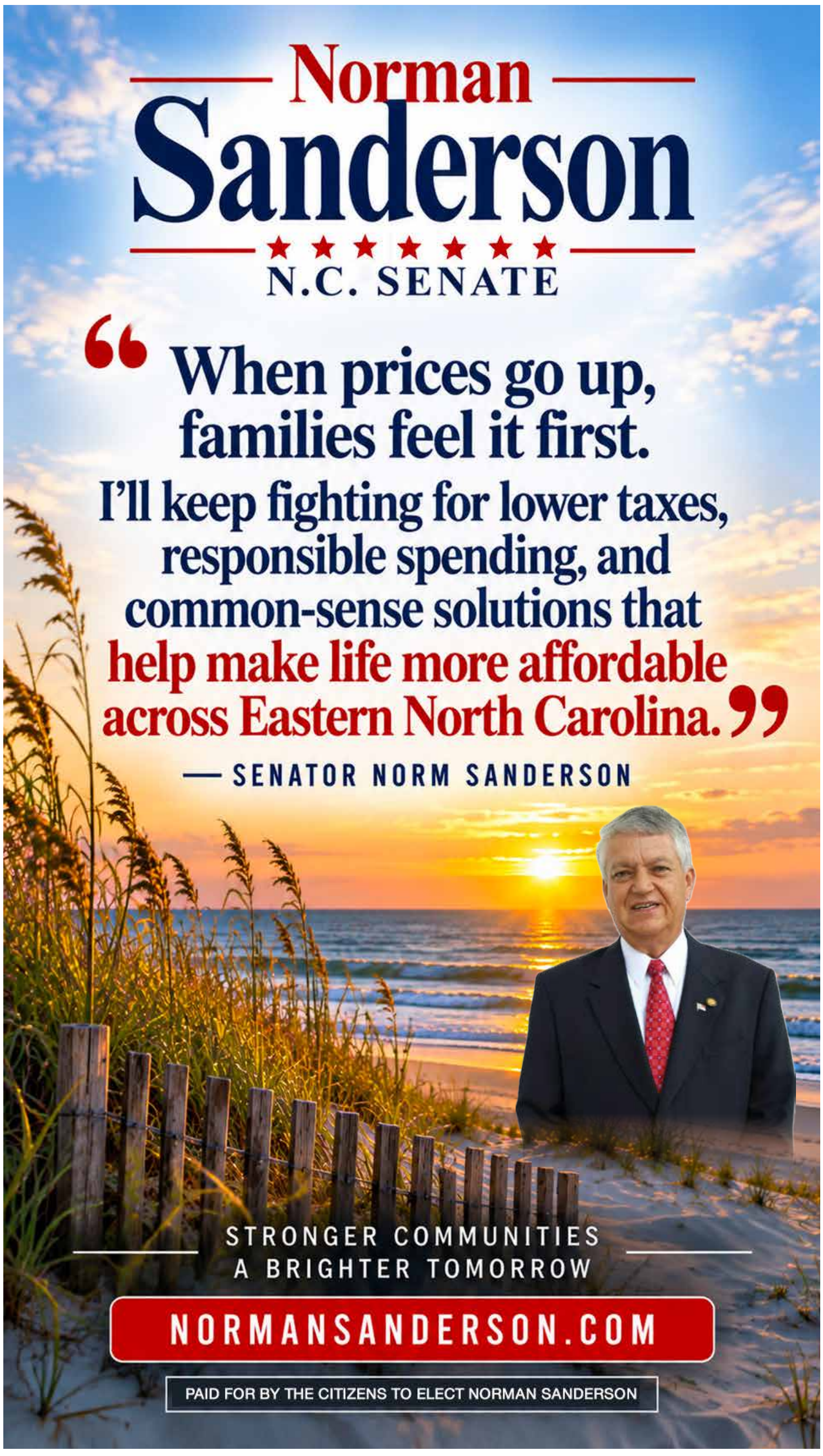












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How to keep kids safe on Halloween



Halloween is enjoyed by people of all ages, but few get a bigger kick out of the holiday than children. There are costumes to be worn, time spent with friends and the opportunity to collect free candy and other treats.

Although Halloween can be a fun time, the Children's Safety Network warns that it's also a time when accidents can happen. According to the CSN, the most dangerous day for child pedestrians is Halloween. It is essential to prioritize safety on Halloween, and following these guidelines can help.

- Make sure costumes are short. Costumes that drag on the floor are tripping hazards, which can lead to injury. Be sure that costumes do not cover the feet or drag on the ground.
- Trick-or-treat in groups. Children are safer in numbers due to the increased visibility of a crowd and because, if something happens, others can call for help. Parents can use their discretion on what age they feel is mature enough to let children go out alone. Until then, children should be accompanied by adults.
- Improve visibility. It's important to be seen while trick-or-treating, and that can be achieved by making sure costumes and trick-or-treat bags feature reflective tape. Trick-or-treaters also can carry flashlights or glow sticks to improve visibility, and stick to areas with streetlights if going out after dark.
- Stay on sidewalks. Whenever possible, trick-or-treaters should stick to the sidewalks and avoid walking on the roads. This may not always be possible in neighborhoods without sidewalks, where parents and youngsters must be especially careful.
- Eat before trick-or-treating. A meal or snack before trick-or-treating can reduce the tendency to fill up on candy while out and about. All candy and other treats should be inspected by an adult before it is eaten.
- Keep pets locked away. Animals can become skittish when there are many people loitering outside of homes or ringing doorbells. Keep pets in a quiet room away from the action to prevent them from getting loose, injured or scared enough to bite or scratch someone.
- Avoid masks that obstruct vision. It can be hard to see peripherally with a mask on, so avoid costumes with masks that compromise vision.
- Test out makeup beforehand. All makeup used for costumes should be tested for allergic reactions prior to use. Heed the warnings on packaging and avoid putting makeup too close to the eyes or lips.

These are some safety strategies designed to keep Halloween fun and incident-free this year.

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Whortonsville Reba Tiller, *Correspondent*



"The autumn leaves drift by my window, the autumn leaves of red and gold." That was one of my favorite songs and the pecan trees are shedding their leaves and their pecans. Russ has picked up 2 grocery bags full and the squirrels are going "nuts" over the nuts and looking for places to hide them so they can recover them later. Played for church but did not stay for lunch although it smelled so good as I went through the Fellowship Hall where they were cooking Tacos. Bill Nickerson was released from the hospital just in time to preach and get me to the church since I am still not driving. Suzi Bryan and Melydia cooked lunch for me. Thank goodness for good neighbors. Nine more days of listening to mud being passed around among the politicians. I usually find something else to watch or work on a puzzle. Looked out today and my yard was filing up with water again. Lots of building going on here in our neighborhood and news that they are going to finally work on our road!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—TRY TO STAY POSITIVE AND REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Pamlico Betty Jo Rodgers, *Correspondent*



DOT has marked areas on Trent Road again (for the third time) where the culverts go under the road and need repair. I saw a couple of men digging at one of those places, but I am skeptical that they will complete the job this time. I have heard that third times the charm. We will see.

The big news for the Rodgers family in Pamlico is that our great grandson, Shepherd Isaiah Broeker is home from the hospital and is doing great. Thanks to all of you who prayed for him. We also found out that we are expecting our first great granddaughter in March of 2027. "Ain't" God great!

Stonewall Methodist Church pastor, Greg Dickerson is still in the hospital. Bobby Meadows brought the message again on Sunday. Please put Pastor Greg Dickerson on your prayer list if he is not already there.

Tuesday morning the Crochet class meets at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. The Ina Gaskins Circle met at Brantley's Restaurant with twelve attending. On Wednesday morning this week, there will be no Bible study group. They will resume studying I Thessalonians Chapter 4 on November 4, 2026. This study is open to anyone interested in studying the Bible.

Stonewall Methodist Church and Alliance United Methodist Church will have their Fall Bazaar on November 7, 2026. For many years both churches have supported each other in their endeavors to raise money for their mission projects throughout the year. Stonewall and Alliance have breakfast and lunch foods plus baked goods to choose from. The Alliance women have Christmas ornaments and jams and preserves to satisfy every taste. The Stonewall women feature many crocheted items (especially scrubbies), Rada cutlery, and a large selection of white elephant yard sale items. It's a time of fellowship and fun as well as a good fundraiser for mission projects throughout the year. The Ina Gaskins Circle is also selling note cards with a color picture of the church on them. They come in packs of 7 for $5.00.

Celebrating birthdays in October are Jeremy Freeman (10/29), and Linda Gail Lupton (10/31).

Celebrating birthdays in November are Marie Spain (11/1), Glenda Benton, Judy Hudgins and Ray Lewis (11/4), Brett Hinson and James Lupton (11/5), Hayley Deaton (11/6), Morghan Rayne Zimmer (11/7), Bill Sage (11/8), Chasidy Gwaltney Voliva (11/10), Paisley Tillman and Carol Heath West (11/14), Steve Smith and Tammy Spain (11/16), Brenda Spain (11/17), Michael Rowe (11/18), Fred Read (11/22), Kevin Rodgers (11/23), Bryan Spain (11/26), Tucker Carey, Kari Hudgins and Jerry Harper (11/28), and Thelmond Cooper (11/29). Barbara and Lester Carey will celebrate 64 years of marriage on November 4. Walt and Joannis Rodgers Summerlin will celebrate their fourth anniversary on November 18.

Have a blessed week. Memory failing? Take Spiritual Vitamin M. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Aurora Joy McCracken, *Correspondent*



Bee Diary:

The best day yet at the Oriental Market; almost sold out! Even with the water up on Hodges Street again, nice cool and sunny day. We are meeting more folks who have had bees and others who are very interested and appreciative with our educational displays. Needed to move a colony within the same bee yard. To avoid leaving disoriented workers behind, it's easier to move the colony 3 or more miles away from their original location. This forces them to reorient and imprint landmarks in the new location and all return to their colony. Then after a week or more, you move them back to their previous yard but in a new position within that yard and they reorient and accept the change. Also, in Washington now there is very little forage, but there is a fall flow ongoing in Aurora from the Salt Myrtle, Salt ox-eye Daisy, and Goldenrod. So the small colony would benefit from being able to forage and pack away stores to survive the winter. And finally, if left in Aurora, there is a warmer microclimate for them being located on the south face of the house directly next to the warm body of South Creek not available in Washington. They've settled in quickly.

Crickets are prominent with their chirps at night. You can estimate the outdoor temperature in Fahrenheit using Dolbear's Law, which states that a cricket's chirp rate matches the ambient air temperature.

I'm pretty sure I saw a group of ducks on 10/18 flying into the cove. Boat traffic has been robust probably due to the Trout running.

Watched an Anole on top of one of the hives catching and eating a bee! They are coming out when it warms up later in the day.



This week's photo: a visiting bee checking out our wax at the Market this past weekend.

Grantsboro Jeff Roberts, *Correspondent*



More Than Just a Hometown Fair

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Come on up on the porch and sit awhile.

There's something special about a hometown fair. It doesn't have to be the biggest event around, have thousands of people walking through the gates, or offer something you've never seen before. Sometimes all it takes is a few tables, some folks willing to share what they've created, and a community willing to come out and support them.

This past Saturday, Pamlico Community College hosted Fall Into Pamlico, and I had the opportunity to experience it from a little different perspective. For the first time, I was on the other side of the table as a vendor with Mill Creek Photography. Now, I won't tell you I wasn't a little nervous. There had been weeks of preparation, photographs to print, displays to build, and more than a few moments wondering if I had thought of everything. And wouldn't you know it, once everything was set up, I was already thinking about what I might do differently next time. But that's how we learn, isn't it?

As the day went along, I found myself thinking about something far more important than what I had brought to sell. I thought about what events like this mean to a community. For some vendors, these fairs are an opportunity to earn a little extra money. For others, they're a chance to share something they've spent countless hours creating. And for some, it might be the very first time they've gathered enough courage to put their work in front of the public. That's no small thing.

But the people walking through are just as important. They stop to look, ask questions, share a memory, or run into someone they haven't seen in a while. Sometimes a conversation begins between two people who might never have met otherwise. I had a lady travel more than an hour just to stop by and see me. She had followed my photography for quite some time, but we'd never had the opportunity to visit face-to-face. Moments like that remind me that the connections we make can reach farther than we realize. And that's something you can't measure by counting sales at the end of the day.

There's another side to these events that I believe deserves a little attention. Long before the first vendor arrives, someone has been making phone calls, answering questions, arranging spaces, working through problems, and trying to make sure everything comes together. When the day finally arrives, those same people are often the first ones there and among the last to leave.

Most visitors never see all that work. So I want to take a moment to thank Pamlico Community College for opening its doors to our community for Fall Into Pamlico. And a special thank-you to Mrs. Rhonda Tillman, along with every person who helped her organize, set up, and carry out the event. Your time and effort did not go unnoticed. It's easy to enjoy an event without stopping to consider what it took to make it happen. But somebody has to care enough to do the work.

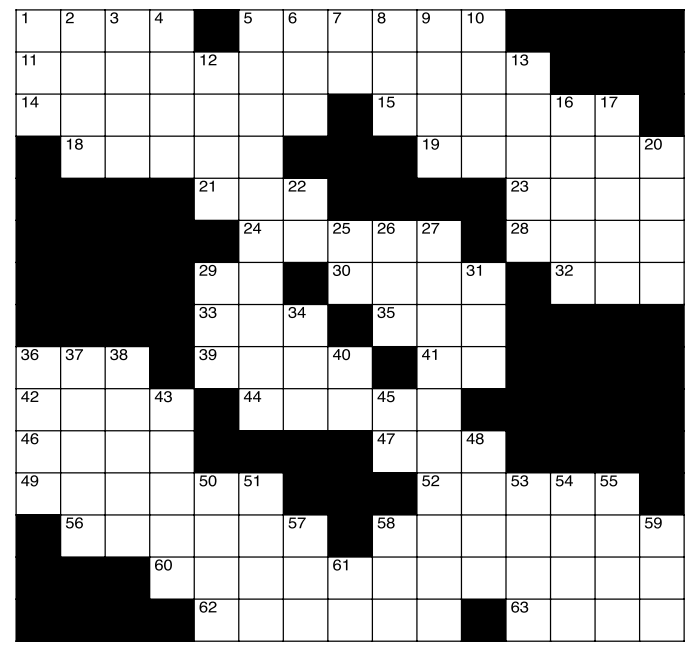
Our small towns need gatherings like this. Not because every event will be perfect or every vendor will have a record-breaking day, but because they give us reasons to come together. They give us opportunities to support our neighbors, encourage

somebody trying something new, and remind ourselves that there's still a whole lot of good happening right here at home.

And sometimes, the most valuable thing we carry home isn't something we bought. It's a conversation, a new friendship, or simply the feeling of belonging to a community where people still show up for one another.

Until next time, slow down a little. You never know what you might discover when you take the time to stop and visit.





CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Municipal Government Input Meeting –
Opioid Settlement Fund

Pamlico County will hold a **public meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at 6:00 pm** regarding the Opioid Settlement Fund. This meeting will be held **In-Person** at:

Pamlico County Courthouse Annex
Commissioners Meeting Room
202 Main Street
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This meeting will provide an opportunity for municipal governments to provide input on how they would like to see the county spend its allocation of the Opioid Settlement Funds. More information on the settlement fund can be found at https://ncopioidsettlement.org.

The purpose of the public meeting is to gather input from municipalities on how the county should spend its allocation of the settlement fund prior to consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Those persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written questions or comments to the Grant Coordinator-Opioid Program Coordinator, before the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted up to 24 hours after the public hearing. Any written comments may be submitted via email to Jeffrey.brooks@pamlicocountync.gov by mailing to:

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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
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Publish OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 AND 28 2026.

Notice to Creditors North Carolina, Pamlico County

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.

This 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2027

ESTATE OF MARENA POTTER HAYES
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Publish OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 AND 28 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE PAMLICO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF RITA ANN DUMONT File No.: 26E000190-680

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against deceased, are notified to exhibit them to ANTHONY NOEL, EXECUTOR on or before JANUARY 19, 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 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2027

ESTATE OF RITA ANN DUMONT
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400 HIGH STREET
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Publish OCTOBER 21, 28, AND NOVEMBER 4 AND 11, 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA PAMLICO COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, Andrea Katherine Phipps, and Allison Ulvog Leverick, having qualified on October 14, 2026, as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Joanne Lucille Ulvog, late of Pamlico County, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of White & Allen, P.A., 901 College Court, New Bern, North Carolina 28562, on or before January 21, 2027, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to Andrea Katherine Phipps, and Allison Ulvog Leverick, Co-Executrixes, in care of White & Allen, P.A., 901 College Court, New Bern, North Carolina 28562.

This the 21st day of October, 2026.

Andrea Katherine Phipps, and
Allison Ulvog Leverick,
Co-Executrixes of the
Estate of Joanne Lucille Ulvog

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

INSPECTIONS

Oct. 1, John Hong, Oriental, plumbing & electrical, $112.20; Annette Schneider, Oriental, mini-split, $100; Rex Potter, Sr., New Bern, electrical, $50; Nora Scholl, New Bern, mechanical change out, $100

Oct. 2, Roy Evans, New Bern, moving meter box, $50; Cale Griffin & Sara Markwell, Merritt, CAMA general, $269.92; Jim Pauley, Merritt, new residential, $873

Oct. 5, James Pilgreen, Grantsboro, storage building, $43740; Duane Jordan, Bayboro, electrical 200 amp, $150; Bobby Minor, Bayboro, plumbing, $56.40; Bill Sabiston, Oriental, electrical, $50

Oct. 6, Ronald Andrews, Arapahoe, handicap ramp, $0; Timmy Wilson, Vandemere, pool, $150; Rachel Pittman, Oriental, electrical/crawl space, $50

Oct. 7, The Penlan Group, Arapahoe, replace ductwork, $202.32; Lawrence DiNisio, Grantsboro, temp., $100; Rivers Edge Campground, Bayboro, plumbing, $300; Scott Moody, Oriental, elevator; Justin Hott, Oriental, deck, $99.92; John Buck, Bayboro, repair to floor, $50

Oct. 8, Sherry Hoehne, New Bern, handicap ramp, $0; Santa Baker, Arapahoe, renovation/addition; Timothy Carsrud, Stonewall, bathroom addition, $280.70; Mike Douglass, Oriental, mechanical change out, $100

Oct. 9, Pamlico County Schools, Bayboro, mechanical, $100; St. Peter the Fisherman, Oriental, mechanical, $100; Don DeWire, Arapahoe, mechanical, $100; Glenn Thomas, Oriental, mechanical, $100; Robert Kennedy, Arapahoe, mechanical, $100; Elizabeth White, Oriental, mechanical, $100; Peggy Smith, Arapahoe, CAMA - platform, boat-lift and dock, $127.20; Bob Myers, Oriental, mechanical change out, $100; John Montgomery, Arapahoe, metal garage, $203.60; Lisa Pittman, New Bern, plumbing/water line, $50

Oct. 12, Nate Atwater, New Bern, electrical, $150; Margaret Oliver, Merritt, electrical, $150; Ronnie Ireland, Arapahoe, transfer switch, $50

Oct. 13, Debra & Michael Savoie, Grantsboro, doublewide, $235; Brett Hymel, Arapahoe, plumbing, $50; Michael Hoen, Oriental, plumbing, $50; Terri Rogers, Grantsboro, mechanical, $234

Oct. 14, Sylvia Mattingly, New Bern, electrical, $150; Owen & Barbara Lupton, Merritt, mechanical, $100; Owen & Barbara Lupton, Merritt, mechanical, $100

Oct. 15, Bruce Mattice, Arapahoe, garage, $398; Christopher Wilson, Grantsboro, electrical, $170; Arthur Halpern, Oriental, electrical 200 amp, $150; Bryan Watson, New Bern, garage, $290; Mary Florian, Oriental, shed, $96.08; Rodney McConville, Arapahoe, 400 amp, $200; Mickey Baker, Arapahoe, shed, $82; Wade Miller, Oriental, demo, $0

Oct. 16, Turn the Tide, Oriental, bulkhead, $66

Oct. 19, Scott Zurowski, Oriental, remodel, $108.64

Oct. 20, Phillip Murray, New Bern, electrical 200 amp, $150; Michael Greco, Oriental, electrical reconnect, $50

Oct. 21, Annie Peters, Oriental, CAMA general, $68.08; Gary Romano, Oriental, mechanical change out, $100; J.E. Hardison, Alliance, sign, $50; Dexter Gibbs, Arapahoe, electrical, $50; Andy Woodard, Grantsboro, garage, $242

Oct. 22, John Buck, Bayboro, trades: electrical, mechanical, plumbing, insulation, $518; Wil & Kerri Miller, Oriental, new residential, $2,890.56; Dale Ouzts, Merritt, boatlift, $127.04

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

May 19, Quitclaim Deed; 0.16 AC Tract B Map DB 578/17 from John Michael Phillips/TR, Jon Michael Phillips/TR, Patricia Ann Roberson Testamentary Trust, Patricia Ann Roberson to Alvie E. Lee, Alvie E. Lee, Jr., $22

May 20, PIN J083-36-21; Lot 21 Joe Gwaltney MB 8/78 from Jane Blansfield Finch to James Walter Finch, $0

May 20, Sea Vista Windward Shores Lot: 36, Section 1 MB 5/34; Dolphin Rd Oriental PIN J083-27-36 from Christopher H. Kobik, Terri Kobik to Stephen Carabetta, $58

May 20, 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 108-5, PCA 118-4, PCA 173-10 & PCB 4-17, Pecan Grove Marina Phase Two Boat Slip 105 PCA 118-4, PIN I092-178-105SL from Jaime Benjamin Fajardo,, Lee Ann Fajardo to Thomas Randolph, Cynthia Randolph, $54

May 21, PIN L021-39 & L021-41; 1 AC & 0.1 AC SR 1232 from Judy Ireland Carawan, Roy Benjamin Carawan to James Roy Carawan, Monica Moffett Carawan, Lori Carawan Neupert, Ronald Eugene Neupert, II, $0

May 21, Shine Landing Lot: 45 PCA 133-7, Shine Landing Lot: 40 ¼ interest lot & boat slip 1 PCA 135-6 from Jerry M. Nicholls/TR, Jerry M. Nicholls Revocable Trust, Jerry M. Nicholls, Kathleen M. Nicholls/TR, Kathleen M. Nicholls Revocable Trust, Kathleen M. Nicholls to Julie Brandt, Brian S. Brandt, $70

May 21, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 26 Phase I PCA 172-2 from Cary Holmes to Richard Ouellette, Laura Ouellette, $860

May 21, Timber Deed; 83.33 AC Tract One PCA 124-7 from Adams Brothers, LLC to Canal Wood, LLC, $0

May 21, PIN B032-69; B032-71; Lots 6 & 7, Francis B. Hance PCA 12-8 from Linda T. Sprencel to Justin Foster, Walter Adam Rhys Foster, $460

May 22, Beneficiary and Executor's Deed; PIN K081-67; 25E001201-680; 1.21 AC S/S Lower Broad Creek & SR 1317 from Paul C. Brady/EST, Paula B. Phillips/EXR, Paula B. Phillips, Michael C. Phillips, Sara B. Fraboni, Francis A. Fraboni to David Blaine Faust, David Blaine Faust/TR, Anne Michael Casey/TR, David Blaine Faust Living Trust, $1,460

May 22, PIN K032-28; 3 AC E/S NC Hwy 304 & W/S Bear Creek Mesic from Joseph A. Tart, Lindsey Tart to Stevan E. Huff/TR, Katherine S. Huff/TR, The Huff Family Trust, $750

May 22, Oriental Harbor Place Condominiums Unit: A-8 CC 1 Slide 9-4 from Ronald E. Rice to Thomas K. Adams, Karen E. Adams, $760

May 22, 4.8 AC E/S NC hwy 306 & W/S Reedy Branch Arapahoe PCA 138-9 from Penelope Doreen Knoll to Joseph Vanetten, Jamie Vanetten, $600

May 22, Fork Point Lot: 9 PCA 1804 from Neal J. Whicher to Neal J. Whicher, Maria Artigas, $0

May 22, Bay River Estates Lot: 25 0.500 AC Blue Heron Dr Bayboro MB 7/13 PIN J042-27-25 from James Robert Downing, James R. Downing, Kelly Puryear Downing, Kelly P. Downing to James Robert Downing, $0

May 26, PIN D061-124; 0.92 AC Lot 5 Halls Creek Rd PCA 38-6 from Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Compu-Link Corporation/AIF, Celink/AIF to Wesley Cuzdey, Jennifer Cuzdey, $232

May 26, PIN K052-25 & K052-27; Two Tracts NCSR 1234 PCA 22-10 from Gerhard P. Muenchmeyer, Patricia Muenchmeyer to Kevin F. Deolveira, Hannah T. Deoliveira, $30

May 26, River Dunes Lot: 29 Marina Village Section III-B PCA 166-7, PCA 148-7, PCA 148-11, PCA 148-13, PCA 148-15 & PCA 148-17, PIN L10-3-HV3B-29 from Brenda K. Hall to George William McCammon, Jr., Rebecca Mullikin McCammon, $1,280

May 28, China Grove Lot: 8 0.500 AC PCB 22-8 from Paul E. Porterfield, Sandra B. Porterfield, Christopher P. Harrison, Ginger M. Harrison to Robert P. Cameron, Barbara L. Cameron, $120

May 28, China Grove Lot: 9 0.500 AC PCB 22-8 from Paul E. Porterfield, Sandra B. Porterfield, Christopher P. Harrison, Ginger M. Harrison to Doran F. Carter, $120

May 28, 0.65 A PCB 23-12 from Robin L. Kapp to Lynn Scott, Stephen Vanardsdale Noe, $830

May 28, Forest Park Lot: 29 MB 4/33; Map DB 677/39 from Miranda L. Simpson to Sean Schmidt, Lauren Schmidt, $670

May 28, W/S Lane St N/S Third St Stonewall Lots 39, 40, 41 & 43 Map DB 57/600 from Karen Killingsworth/EXR, Karen A. Killingsworth/EXR, Shannon A. Ellenberg/EXR, Shannon Alexander Ellenberg/EXR, Charles Milton Alexander/EST to Shannon Alexander Ellenberg, $0

May 28, 39/100 AC W/S SR 1326 S/S Warehouse Road; IN K071-18; Tiller Ext Merritt from Patricia Dietch Coleman to Jennifer Coleman Nixon, $0

May 28, Quitclaim Deed; 344.67 AC on Neuse River Minnesott Beach PCB 21-12 from Green Road Holdings, LLC to Bay River Capital, LLC, $0

May 29, Port VAndemere 1/47 Und Int Common Area PCA 179-20, Port Vandemere Up the Creek Marina Boat Slip 3 PCB 2-5, Port Vandemere .17 AC Map DB 561/634 from Jan Eric Fredberg, Amanda Kay Fredberg to Richard LePeter, Angela LePeter, $538

May 29, One Lot NC Hwy 306 Arapahoe from Steven A. Phillpott to Jerry Bryan Midyette, Jr., Candida Midyette, $0

May 29, Arlington Place Lot: 160 Phase 1 PCA 153-17 from David G. Fudala, Martha G. Fudala, Martha Fudala, Martha Farmer to Hiloliddin Karimov, Shohista Karimova, $94

May 29, Arlington Place Mill Creek Lot: 161 PCA 172-2 PIN F09-33-161 from Arlington Place LLC to Kiloliddin Karimov, Shohista Karimova, $116

May 29, 1.97 AC S/S NCSR 1327 Map in DB 442/379; 20FT Easement DB 442/368 from Lindsey's Creek, LLC to Donald Gene Riggs, Jr., Patricia Helen Hughes, $100

May 29, PIN E041-94; 22E000215-680; One Tract Fleishel Mill Quarter E/Hudnell Rd Map DB 178/32 from Tammy Tripp to Dana Manning, $0

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Jonathan Howell to lead Division of Marine Fisheries



RALEIGH – Jonathan Howell will be the new director of the NC Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). Howell, currently the Deputy Director of the Division of Coastal Management (DCM), will take the helm at DMF Oct. 26.

"Jonathan has a lifelong passion for protecting our state's beautiful coastal area and its wildlife," DEQ Secretary Reid Wilson said. "He is a proven leader and I am confident he will do an excellent job leading our talented DMF team."

Howell replaces former DMF Director Kathy Rawls, who retired Aug. 1. Since then, DMF Deputy Director Mike Loeffler has served as interim director.

"I want to thank Interim Director Mike Loeffler for doing an outstanding job in that role, keeping things running well and making progress on key projects and initiatives," Wilson said. "I also thank former Director Kathy Rawls for her time and the work she did leading the DMF."

Howell said he is honored to step into this role and serve the people and coastal communities of North Carolina.

"Our state's fisheries are more than a resource — they are part of our livelihoods and the traditions that connect generations of families to the coast," Howell said.

"I'm excited to get to know the people served by DMF, listen to their perspectives and work alongside our staff and partners. I look forward to listening, building relationships and working together to support the fisheries and coastal communities," he said.

Howell began his career in North Carolina state government in 2004 as a DCM planner. He served in roles including assistant major permits coordinator, field representative, district manager in the Washington office, major permit coordinator, and regulatory section chief before becoming deputy director in January 2025.

Howell has a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Mount Olive College and a Master of Science in environmental planning from East Carolina University.

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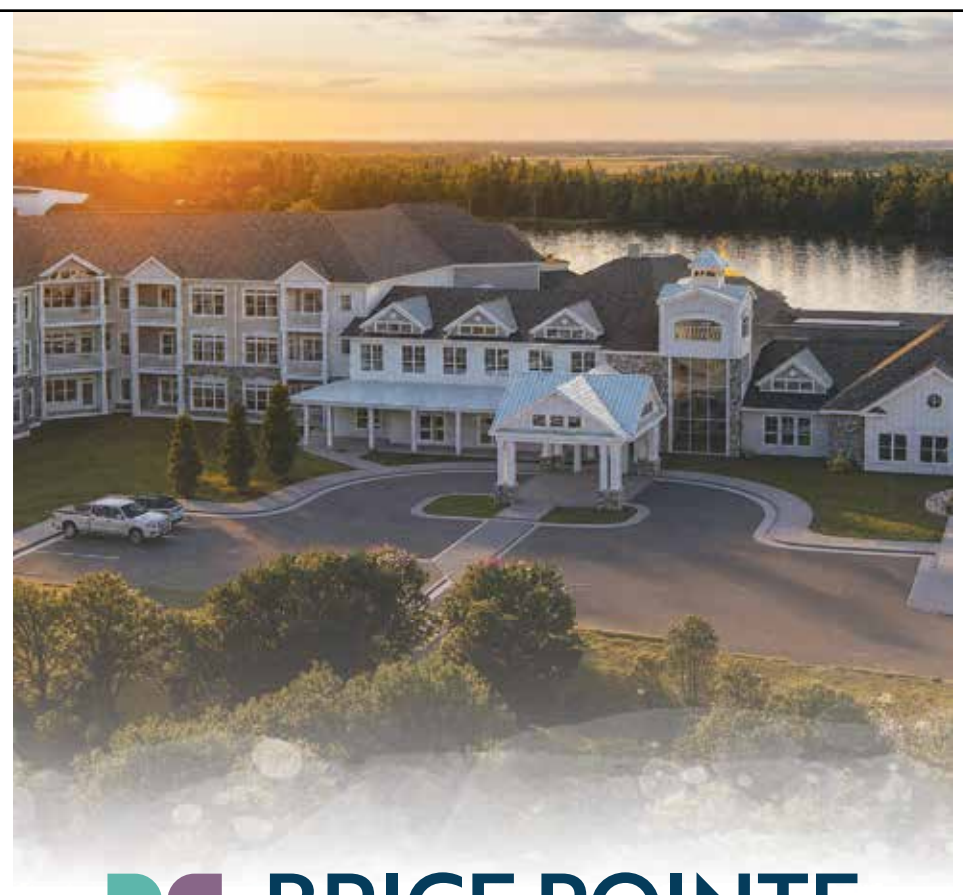
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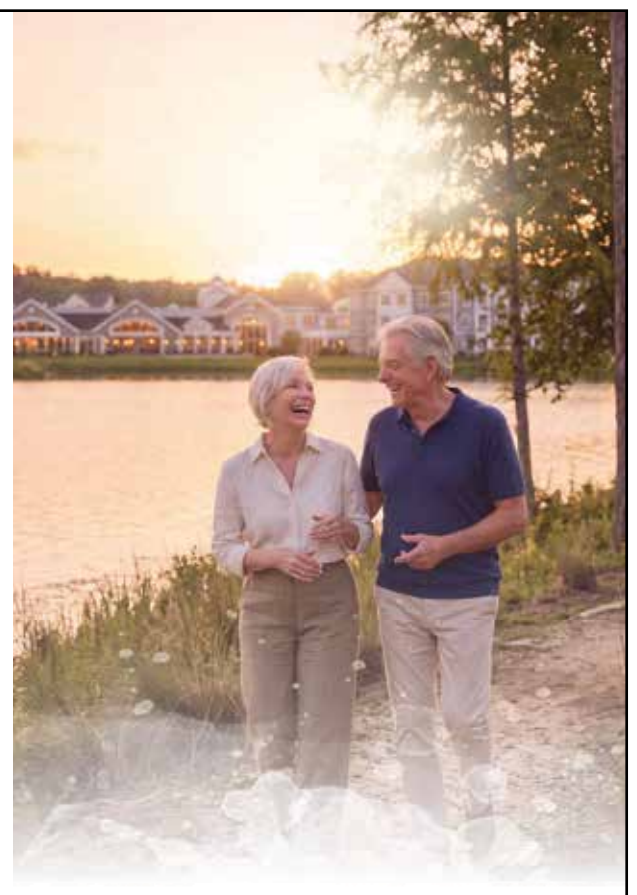
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