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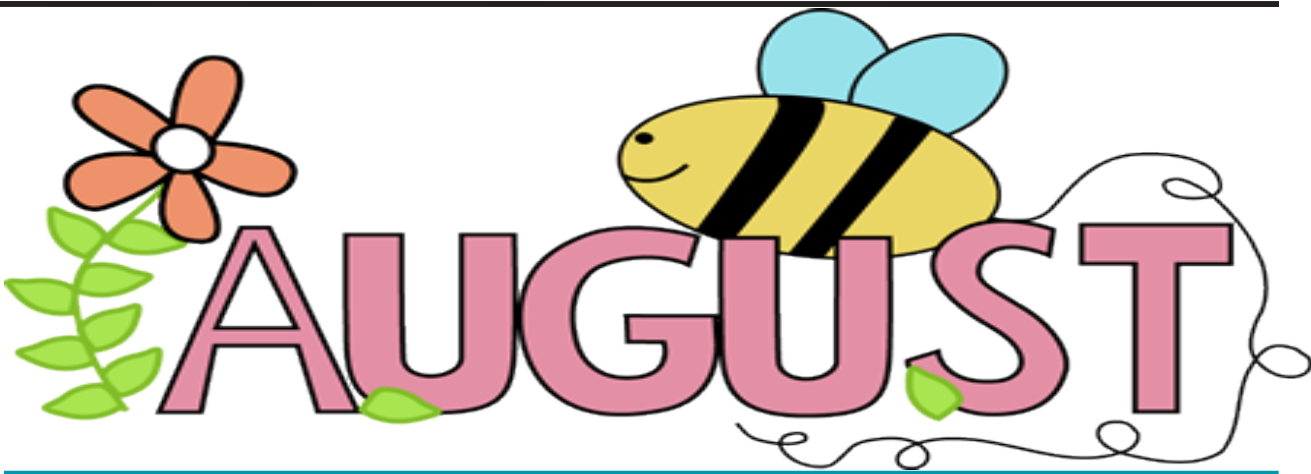
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POINTS OF INTEREST

- After Hours at the Pearl
- 4th of Naturalization Ceremony
- NC Maritime Museum Leadership
- August Recipe

Chamber's July Business Networking After Hours at The Pearl



The Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce members and guests gathered on July 18th at **The Pearl**, 114 N. Howe Street, Southport for Business Networking After Hours. The businesspeople had a grand time networking, shopping and the charcuterie selection from Southport Cheese Shoppe North Carolina. **The Pearl** has a wide selection of clothing, accessories, jewelry, and home decor.



The Chamber's next Business Networking After Hours will be on Thursday, August 1st from 5:30pm-7pm at Brunswick Supply House and Mansfield Sales & Service on Oak Island. ■

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North Carolina Museum of History announces new Maritime Museums leadership



Maria Vann

The North Carolina Museum of History is pleased to announce that Maria Vann will now lead the three North Carolina Maritime Museums: the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Beaufort, and the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport.

Vann is a historian and museum professional from New York who serves as deputy director of the North Carolina Museum of History. She holds an MA in museum studies and a BS in history. She has directed several museums, including the East Hampton Historical Society, the Maritime Museum at Battleship Cove in Massachusetts, and the Iroquois Indian Museum. Vann previously served as an adjunct history professor at the State University of New York at Oneonta and as education programs manager at the New York State Historical Association.

Vann currently serves as a board member of the Small Museum Association. Her interests include colonial Dutch and maritime history and travel.

Vann said, “I am thrilled to continue working permanently with the staff and the support organizations at the three NC maritime museums. The stories they share through exhibits and programs illuminate the fascinating history of North Carolina and the globe, utilizing the unique lens of maritime culture so they can tell stories in a provocative and exciting way. It is an honor to be appointed to this role.”

For more details, click the links above or visit ncmuseumofhistory.org.

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Admission is free. In 2023, more than 355,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums and cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach

program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums and other educational and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

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Dosher Announces Latest “Triple E” Recipient

Lisa Hardy, a Pre-Clearance Coordinator at Doshier Memorial Hospital, is the most recent recipient of the hospital’s Employees Exceeding Excellence, “Triple E” Award. Lisa was recognized for how she goes above and beyond to advocate for patients, to help ensure they receive the care and medical supplies they need. Said one nomination, “People like Lisa are hidden gems, and others don’t know what she is doing behind the scenes. This employee is positively impacting patients’ lives by working hard to serve them.”



Lisa Hardy

Lisa is a Shallotte native and has been a Doshier team member for 5 years. She loves her job and in particular, loves helping the patients that she works with. Lisa has said that when she began to work for Doshier, she felt right at home. Doshier Triple E’s are nominated by their peers on a quarterly basis. ■

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Naturalization Ceremony Attracts Upwards of 125 New Citizens



(Content from pre-release of ceremony)

The North Carolina 4th of July Festival will conduct its 25th annual Naturalization Ceremony on July 3rd on the Ft. Johnston Garrison Lawn beginning at 2:30 p.m. This annual Festival feature will be preceded by a band concert with music from the 440th Army Band. The concert will be followed by Amuzu Theatre Singers. The keynote speaker for this event will be Peter Hans, the seventh president of the University of North Carolina System.



UNC System President, Peter Hans.
Keynote Speaker

The ceremony is a significant part of the annual North Carolina 4th

of July Festival in Southport. It is anticipated that 125 new citizens will be administered the oath of citizenship by Honorable Richard E. Myers II, Chief U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of North Carolina.

Chief Judge Myers was confirmed on December 5, 2019, filling what was at the time the longest standing vacancy in the federal courts. He took the bench on January 6, 2020. Prior to his judicial appointment, Chief Judge Myers served on the faculty at the University of North Carolina School of Law as the Henry Brandis Distinguished Professor of Law.

After law school, Chief Judge Myers clerked for Judge David Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He practiced law at O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, then served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California and the Eastern District of North Carolina before he joined Carolina Law. Prior to law school, Chief Judge Myers worked as a newspaper reporter in Wilmington, North Carolina.

The keynote speaker will be Peter Hans, the seventh president of the University of North Carolina System. As a first-generation college graduate, he is committed to providing accessible, affordable, high-quality educational opportunities for all.

Hans took the helm in August 2020, guiding the UNC System through the pandemic and, at the same time, enacting policy reforms designed to broaden student access, boost affordability, and expand student mental health services. He championed record investments in repair and renovation of campus facilities and successfully advocated for the University's budget priorities, while launching a financial overhaul that brings greater accountability for spending decisions across the System.

Previously, Hans served as the ninth president of the North Carolina Community College system. During his tenure the system increased visibility, enrollment, completion rates, public funding, private support, and business partnerships.

Hans was elected by the legisla-

ture to the State Board of Community Colleges (1997-2003) and UNC Board of Governors (2003-2015) where he was chosen by peers for leadership roles and fought for streamlining the transfer of student credits.

Previously he served as senior policy advisor to three members of the United States Senate, counseled the private sector on public affairs at one of the state’s largest law firms, and supported UNC System President Margaret Spellings on key initiatives.

Hans grew up in the small North Carolina towns of Southport on the coast and Hendersonville in the mountains. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Master of Liberal Arts in extension studies from Harvard University.

Following the 440th Army Band concert, Amuzu Theater performers will sing select songs as a Salute to America. Posting of the Colors and Retirement of the Colors will be provided by the Southport Fire Department. The Brunswick Town Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will host a reception at the Community Center reserved for New Citizens and their guests immediately following the ceremony.

“As some of our country’s newest citizens complete the Naturalization Program, the people of Southport and the North Carolina 4th of July Committee look forward to welcoming them into our community.” Committee Chair, Tom Rabon says.

The Naturalization Ceremony

is sponsored by Downtown Southport, Inc.

For over 200 years the city of Southport, North Carolina has celebrated the nation’s independence. More than 50,000 people visit during the festival each year. With events ranging from arts and crafts in the park, vendor booths, street dances, gallery walks and of course a parade, the area is known as the official celebration location for the state of North Carolina. For more details visit the official Festival website at www.nc4thofjuly.com.



BACK PORCH ROCKERS

2024 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event/Charity</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 27th	Whittler's Bench, Southport	Cape Fear Cruisers Car Show Brunswick Toy Run	11am - 2pm
May 11th	Oak Island Moose Lodge	Bill Smith Dog Park For The Moose Lodge	3pm - 7pm
June 30th	Woodlands Amphitheater	St. James Town 25th Anniversary	TBD
July 13th	Lone Rider (West Oak Island)	TBD	530pm - 830pm
July 26th	Oak Island Moose Lodge	Samara's Village	7pm - 10pm
September 14th	Brunswick Forest	Project Dignity	TBD
September 19th	Garrison Lawn	Maritime Museum Fundraiser	5pm - 7pm
September 28th	Woodlands Amphitheater	Banding Together / New Hope Clinic	TBD
October 4th	Oak Island Moose Lodge	At Liberty Connections	7pm - 10pm
October 12th	Ocean Isle Pier	Brunswick Toy Run	TBD
October 26th	Whittler's Bench, Southport	Cape Fear Cruisers Halloween Car Show	11am - 2pm
November 9th	Oak Island Moose Lodge	Fan Appreciation Evening	5pm - 9pm

For Questions Or To Schedule Our Services, Please Contact:
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Dosher to Host Drive-Through School Supply Donation Event August 8th

Donations are for the benefit of students served by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County

OPERATION: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Drive Through and Drop off School Supply Donations
Thursday August 8th 9am - 1pm Dosher Hospital Front Entrance



Donations to benefit students served by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County

Spiral Notebooks

Dry erase markers

Glue sticks

Pencil pouches

Colored Pencils

#2 Pencils

Crayons

Loose leaf paper

Blue or black ink pens

Headphones or ear buds

2" and 3" three ring binders



The fourth annual “Operation School Supplies” at Dosher Memorial Hospital is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th, between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Local residents are invited to drop off new school supplies at the hospital front entrance, which will be donated for the benefit of students served by Communities In Schools of Brunswick County. Participants will be able to “drive through and drop off” donations without having to leave their cars.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Communities In Schools annual Back to School Supply Drive

Needed supplies include the following:

- Headphones or ear buds
- Crayons
- Loose leaf paper, wide and college ruled
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Dry Erase Markers v#2 Pencils (not mechanical) and erasers
- Pencil pouch for binder or supply box

which takes place each August, where collection boxes can be found at their thrift shops. Dosher looks forward to hosting an alternative location for this event, with the convenience of a drive through arrangement. The school supplies collected enable every student to be prepared for the school year by having the tools they need to succeed.

Call Dosher Community Relations with any questions about this event at 910-457-3900.

About Dosher:

Dosher Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital in Southport, operates a network of medical and surgical services in their local area. Dosher is an independently owned township hospital, with 350 employees, 100 medical staff members and 150 volunteers. Dosher runs five primary care clinics, a walk-in clinic, a general surgery practice, and a women’s health clinic, in addition to a nationally recognized Wound Care Center, cardiac rehabilitation, and a full spectrum of therapy services, including physical,

- Two-inch 3 ring binders
- Composition books wide ruled
- Spiral notebooks and dividers for 2-inch binders
- Three-inch 3 ring binders
- Spiral notebooks and dividers for 3 -inch binders
- Blue or black ink pens

occupational, and speech. Dosher’s hospital services include a 24-hour Emergency Department and a 25-bed inpatient care unit. Dosher offers a comprehensive orthopedics and joint replacement program, utilizing robotic technology for many of their procedures. For more detailed information on service lines, visit Dosher.org.

About Communities In Schools

Communities In Schools of Brunswick County has been serving local students and families for the past twenty-eight years, in partnership with Brunswick County Schools and other community partners. Its primary focus is dropout prevention. The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. The organization provides the Action for Success Dropout Prevention Program, the Restore juvenile court diversion program, and the 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program. The core program, Action for Success, places Success Coaches in local high-need schools to work during the school day with students identified as at-risk for not being promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year or dropping out of school. Services are provided through individualized Student Support Plans that include academic tutoring, social-emotional learning, mentoring, behavioral interventions, school attendance interventions, and basic needs (clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, winter coats). The program serves over 500 students annually. ■

Maritime Museum program focuses on America's founding



July 4, 2026, will mark 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. An upcoming program at the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport will demonstrate how North Carolina will join the country in commemorating this historic event and how local communities can take part.

North Carolina's Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is leading the America 250 NC initiative. The multi-year commemoration of the anniversary is already underway, including the upcoming program in Southport, "NC 250: It's Not 1976 Again!" The program, part of the museum's Third Tuesday lecture series, will be held on July 16 at 7 p.m. in the Southport Community Building. Presenter LeRae Umfleet, co-lead of the NC 250 committee, will explore the Revolutionary history of North Carolina, with a specific focus on Southport and Fort Johnston activity during that time.

"I will also share information on what has been going on statewide to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary Era, including anniversaries that have passed and ones on the horizon," she said.

NC 250 programs exploring the



LeRae Umfleet

state's past, present and future will continue into 2033, putting our history into context and focusing on the ideas of freedom, civic responsibility, challenges, and change. For the museum in Southport, that means a variety of programs and activities that examine the founding of America and its impact on the region over the coming months, leading up to the July 19, 2025, symposium "The Glorious Cause of Liberty: The 250th Anniversary of the Burning of Fort Johnston." The full-day event, presented in partnership with the City of Southport, includes living history demonstrations, exhibits, nighttime commemoration and more focusing on the Lower Cape Fear and its people's role in the American Revolution.

"The destruction of Fort Johnston in 1775 by patriot militia marked the first military action of the American Revolutionary War in North Carolina," museum Education Curator Shannon Walker said. "There is much to tell



LeRae Umfleet in Colonial Garb

regarding the lead-up, political upheaval, and fascinating individuals behind the events of that night and those that follow."

More information on "The Glorious Cause of Liberty" will be available at america250.nc.gov, the official website for North Carolina's commemoration of the country's semiquincentennial.

"There are lots of resources on the website to access documents or histories, as well as information about upcoming events across the state," Umfleet said.

Information on the state's grants program to help counties and nonprofit organizations get involved with America 250 is also available on the website. Umfleet said she will share that information during the upcoming Third Tuesday program.

"I would encourage the Brunswick County community to get together and create a county-wide committee to find ways to promote the 250th," she said.

The Third Tuesday program is free and open to the public; however, reservations are required since seating is limited within the Southport Community Building, located at 223 E. Bay St. Register online at ncmaritimemuseumssouthport.com or by calling (910) 477-5151.

About the N.C. Maritime Museum in Southport

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport showcases the vast nautical history of the Lower Cape Fear. Its exhibits tell the story of the region’s people and their relationship with the Atlantic Ocean and the Cape Fear River, which converge nearby. Year-round programs and events, designed for all ages and backgrounds, help individuals understand the importance of the Cape Fear River to both North Carolina and the United States.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport is open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is open to the public with free admission. Donations are always appreciated. For more information, visit ncmaritimemuseumssouthport.com.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum system is comprised of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Beaufort and the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport. All three museums are part of the Division of State History Museums in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

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Creamy Truffle Caesar Pork Sandwiches

Chicken Caesar Tacos

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 3 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 2 chicken breasts, sliced in half horizontally
- 3 cups neutral oil
- 1 bag (9.4 ounces) Fresh Express Caesar Chopped Salad Kit

In shallow bowl, beat eggs. In separate bowl, combine flour and half packet of taco seasoning.

Place chicken in resealable bag and, using meat tenderizer, pound to 1/4-inch thickness.

In medium saute pan, heat oil over medium heat.

Season chicken breasts with remaining taco seasoning.

Coat chicken in flour mixture, dip into beaten eggs then coat chicken in flour mixture again, pressing firmly to adhere.

In pan with hot oil, cook battered chicken until golden brown, flipping halfway through, until chicken reaches minimum internal temperature of 165 F, 4-5 minutes per side (depending on thickness). Fry in batches to avoid overcrowding pan, if necessary.

Once fully cooked, fold chicken over to create taco shell-shape. Place sheet pan on top to hold shape, 3-4 minutes.

In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit.

Once chicken taco shells set, carefully remove sheet pan. Fill each taco shell with prepared salad mixture.



Chicken Caesar Tacos

Outside the Bowl



Creamy Truffle Caesar Pork Sandwiches

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 2 pounds boneless skinless pork chops
- 4 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 red onion
- 1 bag (9.3 ounces) Fresh Express Twisted Caesar Creamy Truffle Caesar Chopped Salad Kit
- 4 long sandwich rolls

Preheat pan on stove over medium-high heat. Season pork chops with Italian seasoning.

When pan is hot, add oil and pork chops. Cook pork chops, turning halfway through, until they reach minimum internal temperature of 145°F, 6-8 minutes per side (depending on thickness).

Once pork chops are cooked through, remove from pan and let rest a few minutes.

Peel and slice onion. After resting, slice pork into strips; set aside.

In same pan, saute onion until translucent, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine lettuce, dressing, croutons and cheese from salad kit.

In separate pan, toast buns until golden brown; set aside.

To build sandwiches, place sliced pork on bottom halves of toasted buns. Top with prepared salad mixture and sauteed onions. Finish with top halves of buns.

NC Maritime Museum August Events

SKIPPER’S CREW:

Crafty Canoes

Aug. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Designed for all ages, but specifically geared toward younger patrons, Skipper’s Crew features hands-on activities and crafts focusing on combining arts and history. Lights will be dimmed and interactives muted during the first two hours to provide a calmer environment for those with sensory sensitivities. Programs run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated.

ANCHORS AWEIGH: Getting the Message Through: Cyphers and Codes

Aug. 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Get your hands on history! Anchors Aweigh, geared toward families and all ages, features hands-on activities focused on a specific part of Lower Cape Fear and North Carolina history. These programs are drop-in style, and run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anchors Aweigh is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated. ■

Dosher Memorial Hospital Host Chamber's July Coffee with the Girls

Dosher Memorial Hospital hosted the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce **Coffee with the Girls** on July 16th. After networking, Chef Joe prepared omelets cooked to order and the conversation turned to a

more serious topic as Ava McDonald, Case Manager at Dosher Memorial Hospital talked about the need at any age for living wills, and a health-care power of attorney. Coffee with the Girls is a monthly event of the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber

of Commerce, sponsored by **Tink Boutique 22** and hosted at different member businesses. The August Coffee with the Girls will be held at 8am on Tuesday, August 20th at **Carolina Crab Brewing Company**.





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- ◆ DSI has the right to reject any material that is not deemed appropriate for public viewing.



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