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DSI Mission Statement

Downtown Southport, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer independent organization. It is dedicated to preserving the heritage and charm of Southport. We encourage and support preservation projects, cultural activities, education programs, and tourism making the downtown Southport area a vital, vibrant, year-round community for citizens and guests.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2024 Flotilla Judges Pizza Party
- Coffee with the Girls
- Dosher Drug Drop
- DSI Contributes to Weather Tower

2024 Southport Flotilla Judges Enjoy a Pizza Party



The winners from the Art Students' competition from Southport Elementary School were the Judges for the 2024 Southport Flotilla. The Judges Pizza Party was sponsored by Downtown Southport Inc. (DSI) and the NC Maritime Museum at Southport. The Judges were honored by being

escorted to their Judging Chairs, located at the waterfront, by two of our distinguished Southport Firemen. Pictured are the ten judges, their art teacher, representatives from Downtown Southport Inc. (DSI), the NC Maritime Museum at Southport as well as the Judges Art Work. ■

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Dosher Drug Drop Reports Turnout of 250 Households

250 households discarded 5,696 expired or unwanted narcotic pills and 830.3 milliliters of narcotic liquids at Dosher Memorial Hospital's 27th semiannual Operation Medicine Cabinet, held on Tuesday December 3rd. Medications collected were sorted and then transported from the hospital grounds for safe incineration. The event had been rescheduled

from its original date in October, due to the road closures and detours from damages caused by the September storm known as Potential Tropical Cyclone #8. Said Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley. "We thank our local residents for their patience in waiting for the new date and are grateful for everyone who made the effort to empty their medicine cabinets. Proper disposal of unwanted medications saves lives." In addition to Dosher employees, staff and volunteers from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, members of the Brunswick Wellness Coalition, and Coastal Horizons, were onsite to assist and to provide law enforcement. "This event takes a lot of onsite support, and we appreciate the staff and community partners who collected and sorted medication in order to make our community safer," said Stanley. Operation Medicine Cabinet has become a much-anticipated community event. The next collection of unwanted prescription medication will be scheduled for April, 2025. Check the event calendar at Dosher.org for date and time. ■



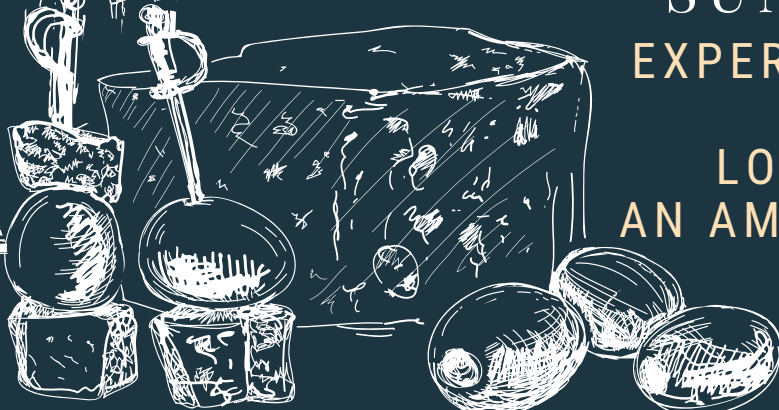
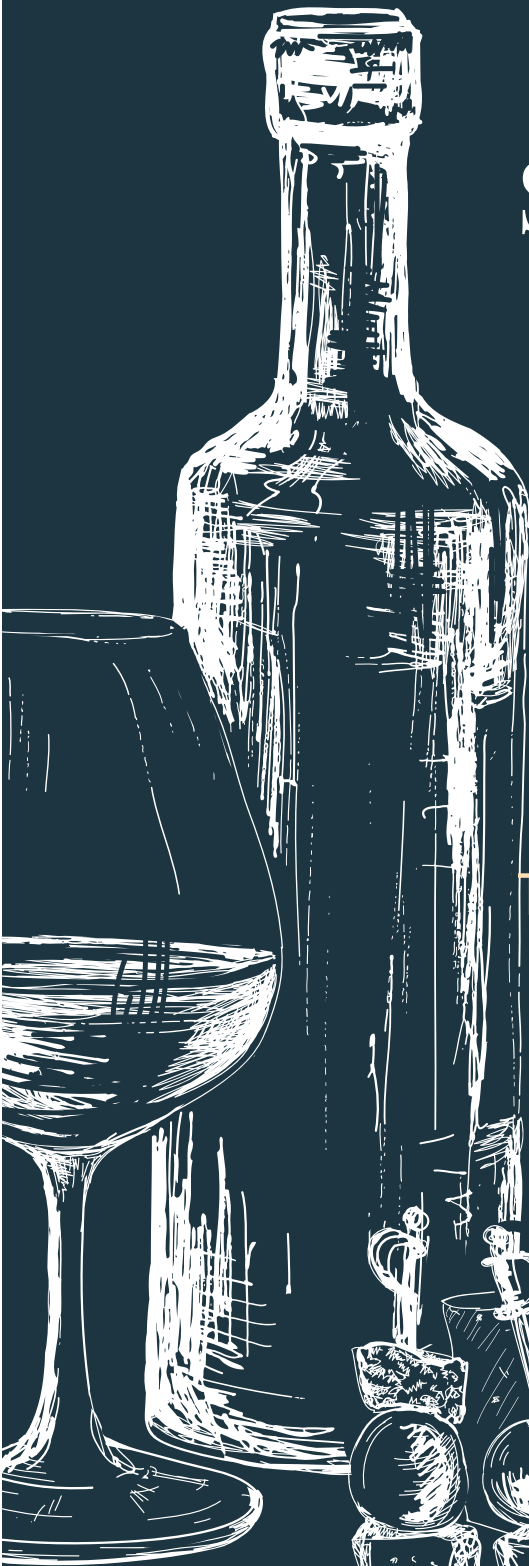
L – R: Michael Driscoll, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Volunteer, Marlee Hyatt, Prevention Specialist, Coastal Horizons, Kaitlyn Beringer, Brunswick Wellness Coalition, Carol Lyon, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Volunteer, Dosher Hospital CEO, Lynda Stanley, and Malcom Little Brunswick Wellness Coalition, at the 27th Operation Medicine Cabinet



Malcom Little, Brunswick Wellness Coalition Intern, and Carol Lyon, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Volunteer, accepts a medication drop off from Dosher Board Member Linda Pukenas



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December's Sweet Coffee with the Girls



Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Coffee with the Girls Annual Cookie Exchange, was held on December 10th at the Captain Newton's Inn, 120 W. Moore Street in Southport. The next Coffee with the Girls will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at Hampton Inn & Suites, 4820 Port Loop Road, Southport beginning at 8:00am. In

January the speaker will be Jenna Spafford Cooley, Jenna Cooley Coaching. Her topic will be organizing tips for the New Year. Coffee with the Girls is a monthly opportunity for business minded women to grow their network and benefit from other women in business who share helpful information and tips about business related issues. ■

Safe Plates Food Safety Manager Certification Classes

NC Cooperative Extension in Brunswick County is offering the Safe Plates Food Safety Manager Class. This comprehensive course is appropriate for food service man-

agers and supervisory staff in restaurants, hospitals, nursing homes, childcare facilities, and other food-handling establishments. Both in-person and virtual training is

available.
A three-day in-person Safe Plates training will be held on Mondays January 27 and February 3 from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Monday February 10 from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. The classes will be at the Southport Oak Island Chamber of Commerce 4433 Long Beach Rd SE, Southport, NC. The registration fee is \$125 per person. This includes all instruction, materials and the certification exam. Participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks, and beverages.

Certification is provided by the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals and is based on successful completion of the course and passing a written examination. The certification test will be given on February 10 at 2:30 p.m. for both in-person and virtual students.

Check the NC Cooperative Extension, Brunswick County Center website for more details on these classes or the virtual program on the Brunswick County Center of NC Cooperative Extension website or contact Avery Ashley at 910-253-2610. Checks should be made out to Brunswick County and mailed to PO Box 109, Bolivia, NC 28422. Pre-registration is required. ■

Dosher Announces Healthcare Foundation Donation



Kate Inman, Doshers Practice Network Administrator, and CEO Lynda Stanley present the staff's donation for The North Carolina Healthcare Foundation Disaster Relief Fund at the Doshers Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4th..

Dosher Memorial Hospital recently announced that their employees, Board of Trustee members, and medical staff raised \$11,500.00 for the North Carolina Healthcare Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. This donation will directly support healthcare employees impacted by historic flooding of Tropical Storm Helene in Western North Carolina. Said Stanley, “Our team understands what it’s like to work through catastrophic weather events to put patients first. They wanted to

help our Western North Carolina colleagues rebuild from unprecedented damage and losses. This donation is our gesture of compassion and unity.” Stanley first announced the staff donation at Doshers’s Christmas tree lighting on December 4th. Additional support from the Board of Trustees and the Medical Staff served to increase the final contribution amount to \$11,500.00. Said Stanley, “We are grateful for the generosity of our employees, medical staff, and Board



Doshers Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Bryan Satterwhite (right) presents the Doshers Medical Staff's donation pledge to the North Carolina Healthcare Foundation Disaster Relief Fund to Doshers CEO Lynda Stanley (left)

members. We stand in solidarity with all who were affected by the devastation in the western part of the state, and we are humbled to offer this support.” ■

N.C. Maritime Museum Southport



The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport will Jan. 1 for New Years. In addition to the holiday closure, the museum will close to the public Jan. 2 through 14 for facility updates. Call (910) 477-5151 or visit ncmaritimemuseumssouthport/events. ■

Southport Weather Tower Update



\$78,804 has been donated to build an exact replica of the Southport Weather Tower destroyed during a storm in February 2020. Downtown Southport Inc. (DSI) was the largest donor with \$10,000. Pictured are DSI Board Members Dina Rousset, Dottie

Nixa, Marion Martin, Randy Jones, Peggy Popelars, Emily Humphreys, Mary Ellen Poole and Tish Hatem with Dr. Joe Pat Hatem, who spear-headed the efforts while serving as mayor". ■



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- ◆ Send your ads as a PDF and JPG. (At least a PDF).
- ◆ Remember the ads usually publish at the very end of the month prior (FYI on timing of message).
- ◆ Make sure if you are promoting an event that you are following all City, State & CDC guidelines as well as you include all relative information on who to contact for questions.
- ◆ One ad or article per month as a standard guideline.
- ◆ Realtors should not submit ads for specific properties.
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