

Pender GOP Newsletter

November 2025



Pender County GOP Welcomes...

Dakota Cook



Political Director, NCGOP

as our Guest Speaker for the November Party Meeting.

Meeting time is 7pm, 20 November @ Olde Point Country

6:30 12 December @ Olde Point Country Club
Pender County GOP Christmas Party: Christmas with the Candidates

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!! \$25!!!

Until 5 December or supplies last!



Come enjoy a Christmas Party and celebrate the end of a great year!

All filed Candidates for the 3 March 2026 GOP Primary will be afforded an opportunity to address the crowd.



October's meeting featured Edward Achorn, author of *The Lincoln Miracle*, who delighted party members with a brief retelling of the 1860 Republican Convention and the remarkable story behind Abraham Lincoln's nomination. His presentation was both inspiring and engaging, prompting many attendees to purchase his book to learn more. Mr. Achorn graciously stayed afterward to sign copies.

Max Beckwith, Candidate for Commissioner, 4th District provided remark on his campaign.

Ryan Collins provided an update from the Events Committee, announcing that plans have been finalized for the Christmas Party on December 12, which will feature all registered candidates, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and raffle baskets. Looking ahead, a Candidates' Forum is scheduled for January 15, 2026, at the Hampstead Annex. Chairman Joshua Smith shared that there will be primaries for the positions of Sheriff, Clerk of Court, three School Board members, and four County Commissioners. The filing period for these positions will run from December 1 through December 19.



Pender GOP Goes to the Autumn Fest!

The Party hosted a booth at Autumn Fest in Burgaw on Saturday, October 18. Volunteers engaged with fellow citizens from across the county to discuss conservative ideas and share voter information for the upcoming municipal elections.

A special thank-you goes to Al Hegarty for coordinating the volunteers and to everyone who helped set up and staff the booth throughout the day.

Upcoming Events for 2026:

- January 15th – The Pender County GOP January Meeting/Candidate Forum. Join us at the Hampstead Annex for a candidate Forum! Additional information to follow.
- February 21st - THE Pender County GOP Gala Auction. Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Additional information to follow!
- March 7th – The County Convention at the Hampstead Annex.

November 4th, 2025

Pender County is holding municipal elections. Voters will go to the polls to elect local leaders in the following municipalities

- Atkinson (Mayor and Commissioners)
- Burgaw (Mayor and Commissioners)
- St. Helena (Mayor and Council members)
- Surf City (Council members)
- Topsail Beach (Mayor and Commissioners)
- Watha (Mayor and Commissioners)



Spot Festival: The Party hosted a booth at the Spot Festival in Hampstead, where members engaged with the community and shared election information. Burgaw Mayor Olivia Dawson volunteered her time to support the Party. A special thanks goes to Kim McGahey for leading the effort throughout the two-day event and Al Hegarty for working the volunteer roster.



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