



Celebrate 250 years of America

with the Pender County GOP!

Special Guest & Keynote Speaker:

Michael Whatley

Republican Nominee for U.S. Senate and
Former RNC Chairman



6pm, May 21st, 2026

At SALT Church (3349 NC-210, Hampstead)

Tickets \$20 (Limited availability).

Includes BBQ Dinner with Dessert.

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New Precinct Chairs Confirmed.

Another key item of business at the April 16 Executive Committee Meeting was the confirmation of the Chairman's appointed Precinct Chairs. The following individuals were confirmed to serve until the March 2027 County Convention:

- Kenny Ramsey - Burgaw Precinct
- Max Beckwith - Malpass Corner Precinct
- Charles Schoonmaker - Penderlea Precinct
- Ken Jones Jr. - Upper Holly Precinct

Congratulations, and thank you for stepping up to serve. Your leadership ensures each precinct is organized, engaged, and prepared for the upcoming general election. You are on the front lines of keeping Pender County red and securing Republican success up and down the ballot.

The next regular party meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, at the Board of Commissioners Chambers in Burgaw.

Lincoln/Reagan Dinner is scheduled for Sept 12th.

In October, we will need volunteers to staff early voting sites (October 15-31), as well as support efforts on Election Day, November 3.

New Vice Chair Appointed!

At the April 16 Executive Committee Meeting (Olde Point Country Club, Hampstead), the Pender County GOP Executive Committee appointed Louis Saunders of Burgaw to serve as County Vice Chairman until March 2027 County Party Convention.

The selection followed a closely contested vote, with Mr. Saunders narrowly edging out fellow candidate Tiffany Norris of Hampstead by a single vote.

The Party extends its sincere appreciation to both candidates. It is encouraging to see dedicated individuals step forward to lead during such a critical election cycle.

Congratulations to Vice Chairman Saunders—we look forward to his leadership and the work ahead in the coming months.

Seventh Congressional District Republican Convention

On April 19, members of the Pender County GOP participated in the Seventh Congressional District Republican Convention, held at the Columbus County Courthouse in Whiteville.

The keynote speaker, Representative David Rouzer, highlighted the important work underway in the U.S. House of Representatives to advance President Trump's agenda and reminded attendees of the importance of maintaining a GOP majority in Congress. He was followed by NCGOP Chairman Jason Simmons, who outlined his vision for the 2026 election cycle and energized attendees to put in the work necessary through November.

Pender County was well represented. Local candidate Ryan Collins (BOCC, District 2) addressed the convention, sharing his vision for the county and emphasizing the stakes of the upcoming election. He also represented Pender County during the county updates portion of the program. Lower Cape Fear Republican Women's Club President Carolyn Justice delivered the benediction at the conclusion of the convention.

Attendees from Pender County included Carolyn Justice, Tiffany Norris, Jennifer Hornacek, Party Secretary Lynn Norwood, and Ryan Collins.

