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President's Message

Robert Bortins

Fall is here! I look forward to seeing everyone this fall at our new venue, Pinehurst #9, with some



outstanding speakers lined up. President Trump is doing a tremendous job in the White House and we need to work to keep the momentum going on the home front.

Our golf tournament was a tremendous success, and I must specifically thank Lou Bologna for stepping up to make it our most exciting and profitable fundraiser ever. Thanks to his efforts, we raised more money than any previous event. This strong financial position will enable us to help our candidates "Win Moore" in this fall's municipal elections and the crucial midterm elections.

Website Updates

We're updating our website. The new site will streamline club dues and payment processing while offering easier navigation. We've been

working diligently behind the scenes to improve our club's infrastructure. www.mcrmc.club to check it out and be sure to RSVP for our next meeting.

New Venue Announcement

Our time at BanQ has concluded. We're planning to move to Pinehurst #9, pending confirmation of available dates. Here's what you need to know:

- We need at least 80 members at each lunch to cover venue fees.
- Cost will increase slightly to \$35 per person for a sit down meal.
- The venue is first-class.
- We've been averaging around 65 attendees, so please bring a friend and spread the word about our venue change.

Municipal Elections Matter

The importance of municipal elections cannot be overstated. Winning these elections is crucial. Local elections often affect our daily lives more directly than state or federal politics. Local officials can either push back against unconstitutional policies or enable government overreach through their support.

Looking forward to seeing you all this fall!

Robert Bortins
MCRMC President



Think Tank Meeting

Pinehurst, 211 Central Park Ave, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Come out every Thursday at 11am except the Third Thursday due to the Republican Men's Club Meeting.



Moore GOP Chairman

Tom Beddow

For the first time we will have a tent at the Pinehurst BBQ Festival on Sunday, August 31 from 11:00-4:00.



Many municipal candidates will be present. On Saturday, September 6 there will be a comprehensive training at Freedom Hall for Poll Workers and Poll Observers from 10:00-2:00 including lunch. Contact Agnes Puzak at puzak@sbcglobal.net to sign

up. This is for those who have committed to those roles as well as those who might want to understand the roles better for the future. On Oct. 8 the James E. Holshouser Speaker Series will host Jonathan Butcher, the Director of Education Policy at the Heritage Foundation. This will take place at CCNC from 6:00-8:00. Dinner and drinks will be served. Look for sign up this week.

Newsletter Editor

David Norris – Carthage Precinct Chair

Victory Starts Local: Why Winning Moore County Municipal Elections Matters

When most people think of elections, their attention often turns to presidential or statewide races. Yet the



most immediate decisions - about our families, our schools, and our communities - are made much closer to home. Local municipal elections are where Republican principles meet everyday reality.

This year, Moore County voters have a pivotal opportunity. On November 4, 2025 (with early voting

beginning October 16, and absentee ballots available starting October 3), over 30 local offices are up for election in towns like Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Carthage, Cameron, and Foxfire Village. Though municipal elections are officially nonpartisan, partisan affiliations matter - especially because they often reflect the values the candidate brings to the seat.

Spotlight: Candidate Listings

- Aberdeen

- Mayor: Robert (Robbie) Farrell (**Una**), Christopher Weber (**Rep**), Ron Utley (**Rep**)
- Commissioners: Tim Helms (**Rep**), Daniel Moretz (**Dem**), William (Billy) Marts (**Una**), Fallon McIver Brewington (**Dem**) – 2 Seats up for re-election

- Cameron

- Mayor: Lisa Paschal (**Una**)
- Commissioners: Kane Parsons (**Rep**), John (Joey) Frutchey (**Rep**); **unexpired-seat candidate: Marcia Korver (Rep)** – 2 Seats up for re-election

- Carthage (County Seat)

- Commissioners: John L. McDonald (**Rep**), Brent Tanner (**Rep**), Anton Sadovnikov (**Rep**), Malcolm Hall (**Dem**) – 3 Seats up for re-election

- Foxfire Village

- Council Members: Kevin Robbins (**Rep**), Stephen D. Gunn (**Rep**), Janet Nauman (**Rep**), Chris Kragel (**Rep**), Sandy Cameron (**Una**), Darlene (Dee) Straub (**Rep**) - 3 Seats up for re-election

- Pinehurst

- Council Members: Kevin Fitzpatrick (**Una**), Lydia Boesch (**Rep**), Jeremy Hooper (**Rep**), James (Jim) Nash (**Una**) – 2 Seats up for re-election

- Southern Pines

- Council Members: Ann Petersen (**Dem**), Brandon Goodman (**Rep**), Bob Curtin (**Una**) – 2 Seats up for re-election



Why These Local Wins Matter

1. Policy That Hits Home

Local officials manage zoning, taxes, school policies, and public safety. When Republicans lead these offices, we see fiscal responsibility, community-focused governance, and conservative values reflected directly in policy.

2. A Pipeline of Leaders

Town commissioners and council members often gain invaluable experience that propels them into county, legislative, or congressional roles. Every local race winner grows the bench of Republican leadership.

3. Grassroots Power

Door-to-door conversations, yard signs, and local rallies build grassroots momentum. Winning municipal races energizes neighbors and volunteers, strengthening our base for broader campaigns.

4. Defending Our Values Locally

Cultural debates - over schools, planning, and public safety start in locales like Pinehurst or Carthage. Republicans in local office ensure the community reflects values like parental rights, property rights, and limited government.

A Call to Action

Yes, Moore County leans Republican - but that doesn't guarantee victory. We must renew our strength every election cycle. The 2025 municipal elections are our chance to reinforce conservative governance from Aberdeen to Carthage.

As members of the Moore County Republican Men's Club, here's how we can lead:

- Educate neighbors on the high stakes of local races.
- Support dependable, conservative candidates - regardless of affiliation labels.

- Mobilize turnout throughout the fall to secure our values at the grassroots.

Victory starts local. It starts with us. And it starts this November.

Guest Columnist

Allen Mashburn

The Vital Role of Local Elections: Empowering Citizens, Preserving our Founding Principles

In the intricate tapestry of American governance, the adage "all politics is local" rings truer than ever. Local elections, often overshadowed by national spectacles,



form the bedrock of our system of government. They determine the officials who shape our communities, from zoning laws to public safety protocols. Yet, despite their profound impact on everyday lives - such as the quality of our

roads, the safety of our neighborhoods, and the education of our children - many citizens remain disengaged. This apathy has allowed progressive ideologies to infiltrate and dominate, introducing doctrines that undermine traditional values and foster division. It is imperative for every citizen to actively participate, ensuring that conservative principles guide these crucial decisions.

One of the most critical local roles is that of the District Attorney (DA), whose decisions can profoundly affect personal liberties. In scenarios where individuals must protect themselves with deadly force, it is the DA who determines whether charges are pursued or if justice aligns with constitutional rights. A constitutional conservative in this position prioritizes the rule of law over narratives driven by leftist ideology, safeguarding the right to self-defense enshrined in our founding documents. Similarly, the Sheriff's office demands a



leader committed to enforcing laws impartially, rather than yielding to overreaching mandates from higher authorities. The COVID-19 era exposed this vulnerability, as some sheriffs complied with tyrannical gubernatorial orders that infringed on freedoms. A constitutional conservative Sheriff serves as a bulwark against such encroachments, upholding the law while protecting citizens from government overreach.

From county commissioners to city council members, these positions must be filled by conservatives dedicated to law and order, limited government, and the preservation of individual freedoms. These officials manage budgets, public services, and regulations that touch every aspect of daily life. They must recognize that true freedom means liberation from bureaucratic excess, not its expansion. At the heart of this philosophy lies the U.S. Constitution, a document designed to restrain government power rather than curtail citizen rights. Local officials act as the frontline defenders of these freedoms, interpreting and applying policies in ways that honor our nation's foundational principles.

Among the most overlooked yet influential positions in the conservative movement are school board seats. In recent years, the infiltration of Marxist-inspired Critical Race Theory (CRT) into curricula has ignited widespread concern, prompting parents to rise in defense of their children's education. Grassroots organizations like Moms for Liberty have formed local chapters, amplifying voices at school board meetings and highlighting the stakes involved. School boards wield immense power over local and regional education, influencing everything from textbook selections to classroom policies. It is essential that these roles be held by constitutional conservatives, ideally those with a biblical worldview, who prioritize academic excellence, moral integrity, and parental rights. Candidates must be rigorously vetted to ensure alignment with these values, and any who deceive voters should be promptly replaced to maintain trust and accountability.

In conclusion, the urgency of electing and overseeing conservative leaders in local positions cannot be overstated. From DAs and Sheriffs to commissioners, council members, and school board trustees, these roles shape the next generation's worldview and safeguard our liberties. Consistent citizen engagement - through voting, vetting, and vigilance - is not optional; it is a duty. Our future, our freedoms, and our children's well-being all depend on it. By reclaiming local politics, we fortify the foundations of a prosperous, principled America.

MCRMC Fall Line Up

Pat Haggerty – Programs Director

Our Moore County Republican Men's Club has an exciting lineup of speakers for the rest of the 2025.

We have the pleasure of hosting these speakers at our new home, the clubhouse at Pinehurst County Club #9

Thursday, September 18, - Slim Thompson – Sandhills Flyers

Thursday, October 16, Marion Derhalle, author of "Jane Pratt". Jane was the first female ever elected to the U.S. Congress from North Carolina. Jane was a former Congressional staffer and was elected with a budget of \$100. Autographed books will be available.

Thursday, November 20, A double header. Stephanie Kreuz of Heritage Action and Eric Teetsel of Renewing America.

Thursday, December 18, As always, our club likes to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas program. This year, we are excited to have the well-known Golf Capital Chorus present a Christmas program in full holiday regalia.

Mark your calendars so you won't miss any of these quality programs.

The 2026 speaker schedule is starting to take shape. We might have a candidate forum on Thursday, January 15th. Because Tom Tillis has announced he will not run for re-election, this will be action packed.



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The Grand Old Party

The Republican Party, often called the GOP (short for "Grand Old Party") is one of two major political parties in the United States. Founded in 1854 as a coalition opposing the extension of slavery into Western territories, the Republican Party fought to protect the rights of African Americans after the Civil War. Today's GOP is generally socially conservative, and favors smaller government, less regulation, lower taxes and less federal intervention in the economy.



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NC GOP Talking Points

Matt Mercer – NC GOP Communications

THE TRUMP ECONOMY IS HOT: PRICES AND INFLATION ARE DOWN AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THRIVING



- The President's policies are delivering results for working

Americans: bringing down prices and creating trillions in new investments in the U.S. economy.

- President Trump continues to prove economists, skeptics, and Democrats wrong.
- After four years of skyrocketing prices under Joe Biden and Democrats, inflation and prices are down.
 - The latest Consumer Price Index shows inflation was only 2.7 percent in July year over year.
 - Since President Trump took office, inflation is tracking at a stable 1.9 percent.
- President Trump promised to lower prices, and he is delivering for the American people
 - The average price of gas is down over 9 percent compared to a year ago.
 - Energy commodity prices are down nearly 9 percent compared to a year ago and hotel prices are down nearly 5 percent.
 - Since President Trump took office egg prices have plummeted 64 percent.
- Democrats lied when they said President Trump's policies were causing higher prices,

but they have been proven wrong time and time again.

- A report from the Council of Economic Advisors confirms that President Trump's tariffs have not caused inflation and have actually caused prices to decline.
- President Trump's tariffs have added over \$154 billion in revenue for the treasury, hitting record highs.
- The tariffs added over \$29 billion in revenue in July alone.
- Even CNN is reporting that President Trump's policies are lowering prices.
- President Trump's policies have turned the economy around and allowed small businesses to thrive.
 - The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index rose to a five-month high in July.
 - The main contribution being better business conditions and it reports that it is a good time to expand.

Tick tock 🕒

● Republicans cut the NC Voter Registration margin to 16,827!

● Democrats have lost 178,054 in Voter Registrations since this same point ahead of the 2022 midterms.



September Luncheon

Slim Thompson is a retired U.S. Air Force officer—holding a rank of Lieutenant Colonel—whose extensive flying background forms the core of his current



ventures. As Chief Pilot at Sandhills Fliers, Thompson has accumulated over 13,000 flight hours, including 1,100+ on night-vision goggles (NVGs). His aircraft expertise spans a wide range: T-37, T-1, KC-10, T-6, Caravan, CASA 235, Beech 400A, King Air

350, and more. He holds an FAA ATP (single- and multi-engine), CFII, MEII, and a tailwheel endorsement, along with military instructor credentials such as AFI-I, NVG-I, and CRM-I

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2025

SPEAKER: Slim Thompson

LOCATION: **Pinehurst #9**

1 Royal Troon Dr, Pinehurst, NC 28374

TIME: Check in starts at 11:30PM – program starts at Noon

The charge per reservation is \$35 - PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MCRMC**)

- no credit cards

Sign-up & Cancel Deadline: 6PM, Friday, September 12, 2025

(You will be asked to pay \$35 per reservation if you are a no-show or if you cancel after the deadline.)

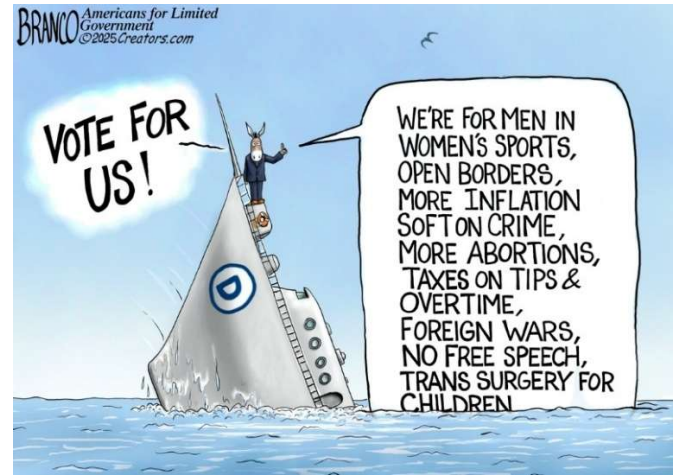
MENU:

CAPRESE SALAD - Fresh Mozzarella, Vine-Ripened Tomatoes, Fresh Basil Leaves, Baby Arugula, Sea Salt, EVOO and Aged Balsamic Dressing

COUNTRY CLUB CHICKEN - Stuffed with Herbed Mascarpone and Prosciutto, Supreme Sauce with Herbed Orzo Pilaf and Baby Vegetables

CITRUS PANNA COTTA Macerated Berries

Register at <https://www.mcrmc.club/>





SAVE THE DATE

Fundraiser for
REP. NEAL JACKSON
NC DISTRICT 78
Thursday, October 2, 2025
6:00-7:30 PM
Pinehurst, North Carolina

Platinum: \$6,800 Gold: \$5,000
Host: \$2,500 Co-Host: \$1,000 Guest: \$100
Mail checks to PO Box 104 ★ Bennett, NC 27208

Special Guests:
Speaker Destin Hall and State Auditor Dave Boliek

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