

The Shoreline

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Welcome, Holly Thompson and Leslie Yarbrough

By Charlie Rocci



Tax Collector
Holly Thompson
—Photos by Missy Shine

Holly Thompson has recently joined town hall as Tax Collector in Pine Knoll Shores. She comes to the town after 16 years working in the health care industry. Public finance is a new field for Holly, but she is taking opportunities to grow in the role through classes at Central Piedmont Community College and the UNC School of Government.

Holly is originally from Marian, North Carolina, but has spent most of her life in Carteret County. She has a son who currently works in the Havelock Fire and EMS Department, is married to Pine Knoll Shores Police Chief Ryan Thompson, and shares a home with Ryan, two dogs and seven chickens.

To learn a little bit more about Holly, see her answers to interview questions below:

Q: What is your ideal way to spend a summer Saturday?

A: Lying by the pool and reading a good book.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: I always recommend *Low Pressure* by Sandra Browne to my friends.

Q: What is a fun activity to do in Carteret County that some might not be aware of?

A: We like to geocache, which is a fun way to explore areas that you may not have otherwise visited.

Q: If you were stuck on a desert island, what are three things you would like to have with you?

A: A multi-tool, garden seeds and string.

Q: What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

A: I married my husband after knowing him for 13 days. (They celebrated their 15-year wedding anniversary in June.)

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K4TW Events A Great Success

By Jean McDanal

The 2023 Kayak for the Warriors (K4TW) events were very successful, and we thank all who participated, volunteered and contributed to this important town event.

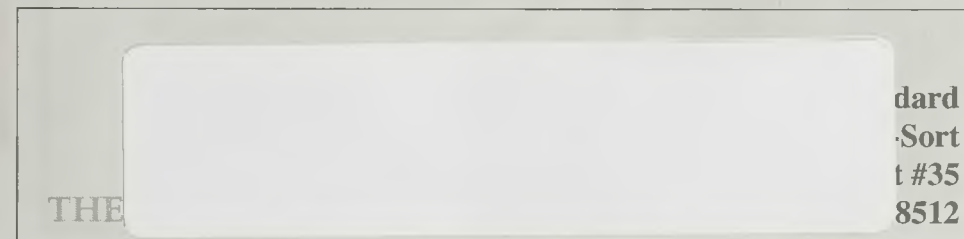
The reception and auctions were held on Thursday, June 1, at Crystal Coast Country Club. The place was high energy, with Bob Laverty and his band playing for us. Attendees enjoyed appetizers and time spent catching up with friends. Our silent auction was once again online and ended at the reception. There were a number of unique items in the live auction, the highlight being Cindy Moeller's quilt, which was an exquisite piece of workmanship. Thank you all for your commitment and generosity in making our 16th year a success. The auctions resulted in record-breaking revenue.

Our second event was the signature Kayak/Paddleboard Race, held on Saturday, June 3, and, despite a little wind, it was a beautiful day for a paddle. As kayakers and paddleboarders registered, Garner Park was a beehive of activity early in the morning.

A group of local young men volunteered to jockey kayaks and paddleboards from cars to the water—and we were pleased that the placement of the living shoreline did not impede paddlers' entry into the water. As on-site registration was taking place, raffle tickets, t-shirts and lunch tickets were sold. Pine Knoll Shores Realty set up the lunch, which included delicious barbecue from Roland's in Beaufort. Hope For The Warriors had a table, as did the Navy Federal Credit Union, American Legion Post 46 Morehead City and the Veterans Coalition of the Crystal Coast.

Assistant Town Manager Julie Anderson began the ceremonies, calling for the presentation of colors by the Color Guard from U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort

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