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## **Doshier fall drug drop quantities jump**

SOUTHPORT—People discarded more than 9,200 expired or unwanted narcotic pills at Doshier Memorial Hospital's semiannual Operation Medicine Cabinet today, a 50 percent increase from the last collection in April. Area residents also dropped off more than 1,900 milliliters of narcotic liquids, which is 78 percent more than the drive-through drop-off at Doshier six months ago.

All this came from 130 vehicles and four pedestrians representing 268 households, one more than last spring.

In addition to 12 Doshier employees and one Doshier Board trustee, volunteers from Coastal Horizons Center and New Hanover County Health Department also helped collect and count the medications. Doshier thanked the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and Southport Police for onsite law enforcement support.

The next collection of unwanted prescription medications at Doshier is planned for Thursday, April 5, 2018.

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**(Caption for following photos) Volunteers collect unwanted prescription medications and other drugs at Doshier, and sort them prior to incineration.**



