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**GRANVILLE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S
MISSION STATEMENT**

"The Granville County Chamber of Commerce seeks to promote a healthy economy with good business conditions, support good government, improve community relations and market services and programs for Chamber members."

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“ALIVE AFTER FIVE”

Thursday, May 10 • 5:30 'til 8:30 P.M. • Oxford's Downtown Parking Lot

The Chamber's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the first "Alive After Five" event of 2007 on Thursday evening, May 10th, 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. in Oxford's downtown parking lot at Main and Littlejohn Streets.

This spring event will feature "THE BAND OF OZ." The band was formed in 1967 as a part-time band playing fraternity parties and high school proms all over the South. In 1977 the band went on the road full time. Since that time, they have made an exceptional name for themselves throughout the Southeast by playing the top clubs and corporate parties and getting excellent reviews along the way.

Back in the mid-sixties, the group had its humble beginning in eastern North Carolina. A bunch of grammar and junior high school guys were hauled around in a Chevrolet station wagon, pulling a red trailer (no one was old enough to drive). At this time, they were known as "The Avengers." As the mid-sixties would have it, the band was a guitar and keyboard group playing the sock hops at area schools, parties and an occasional club. A horn section was added in the later part of the sixties, which brought a big change in the music. The band's name changed around 1970.

In 1978 they recorded and released their first single, "Shaggin'," which has become a beach classic. Other productions have been "Ocean Boulevard," "Keep Keepin' It Up," "Over the Rainbow" and "One More Step." Following the release of "One More Step," the group continued performing 200 to 300 shows per year.

Work on their third CD began in the early 90's, handled by the group themselves and recorded in Zebulon. "Let It Roll" contains "Shama Lama Ding Dong," the People's Choice Song of the Year at the Cammy Awards in 1995, and it remains one of the most requested beach songs of all time. Their "Over The Rainbow" release is perhaps their best work ever.

The Chamber is extremely grateful and proud to recognize this year's **SPONSORS for all three Alive After Five events:**

PRESENTING STAGE SPONSORS: Harris, Inc.; Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

BOARDWALK SPONSORS: Downtown Oxford Economic Development Corporation, EMBARQ, Granville Health System, Progress Energy, SunTrust Bank, Whitco Termite and Pest Control.

SHAGGER: Currin Building Supply, Inc.; Lewis Electric of Oxford, Inc.

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CONCESSIONS: Chick-Fil-A, Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, Tony's Country Cottage, Munchin' Marvin's Bar & Grill, Jon's Main Street Bar & Grill.

EVENT AFTER PARTY: Oxford Bar & Grill.

MEDIA: Butner-Creedmoor News; Oxford Public Ledger; The Daily Dispatch; Mike Brooks TV Production & Entertainment, WLUS-FM 98.3 -Lakes Media.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. Please consider helping 5:00-7:00 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteers receive required ALE training and a FREE T-SHIRT. Please call Glenda, 919.528.4994 or Wanda, 919.693.6125 to volunteer.

MAY'S MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Granville Health System, formerly Granville Medical Center, will be hosting the Chamber's May Membership Meeting at their facility, 1010 College Street, Oxford on Thursday, May 31 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

There have been many changes and additions since the Chamber last visited the facility. We look forward to an interesting and informative event, refreshments and networking. Mark your calendar and await further details soon.

TOUR de CURE

An exciting opportunity is coming to Granville County the weekend of **June 9 and 10!** Over 400 cyclists will ride from the Koka Booth Amphitheater at Regency Park in Cary through Wake County to southern Granville County, ending at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. The fastest cyclists will arrive around 11:00 a.m., with the largest group arriving between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Activities are planned on the MHC campus for the afternoon and evening of Saturday, June 9th.

Sunday morning, June 10th, the cyclists will prepare to leave the Masonic Home for their return trip to Cary. Citizens are encouraged to gather at the front gate around 7:45 a.m. to send them off in grand style.

Their return journey will take them through beautiful Granville County roads, past the Granville County Livestock Arena, Wilton Elementary School, Hawley School, Munns Road, Boyce Road, Olive Grove Church Road and Old Weaver to Cheek Road, where they will have lunch. The last leg of the journey will be the return route to Regency Parkway in Cary.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Granville County to show our support for an organization which is making a difference in the lives of people affected by diabetes and to showcase our county and towns. We want to encourage the Tour de Cure group to return!

For additional information, visit their website www.diabetes.org/tour.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
4	10:30 am	Ribbon Cutting at American Dream Properties	Hwy 15, Creedmoor relocated office
8	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
8	12:00 noon	Small Business Award Lunch	Henderson Country Club
9	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	Coldwell Banker Advantage Office, Hwy 56, Creedmoor
10	1:00 pm	South Granville Exchange Club's Annual Golf Tournament; Chris Emory, 575.4131	South Granville Country Club
10	5:30-8:30 pm	ALIVE AFTER FIVE , Featuring "The Band Of Oz"	Main & Littlejohn Streets Parking Lot, Oxford
11	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee	Oxford City Hall
11	11 am-7 pm	Oxford Masonic Lodge #122 BBQ Chicken Plate Sale; 693.7912 for information	Oxford Armory
14	10 am-2 pm	North Carolina TOURISM DAY	NC Welcome Center, Norlina
14	12:00 noon	South Council Meeting — Lee Isley, Admn., Granville Health System (see article)	Thompson Building Creedmoor
17	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
17	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Mtg., hosted by Express Personnel, Hal Muetzel	Chamber Boardroom
17	3:00 pm	Tourism Development Authority Board Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
24	12:00 noon	Administrative Professionals/Industrial Relations Luncheon — Speaker Denise Ryan (see article)	Henderson Country Club
27	2:00 pm	South Granville Exchange Club's Memorial Day Recognition	Butner-Stem Middle School
28		HOLIDAY — Memorial Day	
31	5:30-7:00 pm	Business-After-Hours	Granville Health System

SOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 14

The May meeting of the Chamber's South Council will be held Monday, May 14 at 12:00 noon at the Thompson Building in Creedmoor (corner of Park and Gray Streets). Paul Williford, South Council chair, and Glenda Bragg of the Chamber's South Office, have arranged for Granville Health System's administrator, Lee Isley, to give the program.

Chick-fil-A, a new Chamber member, will be providing box lunches for \$8.00. These will include a choice of two sandwiches, fruit, chips, brownie and tea.

Please make reservations by Monday, May 7 so we may plan accordingly for lunch.

GOVERNMENT FORUM

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Lois Pauluzzi and Pat Kiesow have done a wonderful job of planning programs for our monthly Government Forum Meetings. If you have not taken advantage of this opportunity, you are really missing an informative meeting!

In April, North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry, gave a delightful presentation on the many aspects and responsibilities of the Department of Labor.

May's meeting on Friday, the 11th, will be a water and sewer update, with SGWASA and the City of Oxford participating. The 8:00 a.m. meeting will be held at Oxford's City Hall in the first floor training room.

Directions: Enter City Hall from the Hix Field side; turn left, around the corner and to your left. Hope to see you there!

KUDOS TO VGCC AND FCC, BUTNER

On March 6, VGCC was nationally recognized by The National Institute of Prisons, the Administrative Office of the US Courts and others for innovation and excellence in correctional education for the unique remote interactive educational system it put in place at the Federal Correctional Complex in Butner.

Phillip White, director of prison program for the college, and VGCC President Randy Parker gave “most of the credit for the overall program success to the participating VGCC faculty.” (The Daily Dispatch)

VGCC has offered business and liberal arts classes to Butner inmates since 1979. Since then, the federal complex has expanded from one facility to five. In turn, VGCC expanded programs and courses to meet additional needs.

Parker also noted that FCC’s Senior Warden Art Beeler deserves credit for his vision and leadership which allowed VGCC to deliver the new system that Beeler said is a first in correctional education in the United States.

CELEBRATE A SUMMER TRADITION ST. JOHN’S DAY 2007

St. John’s Day 2007 at the Masonic Home for Children will feature North Carolina’s biggest and best Shrine Parade. In addition, there will be free, live entertainment, games and activities for children, food (available from a barbecue catering service), the **TOO MUCH SYLVIA Band** and the **JOHNNY DOLLAR Band**.

Mark Saturday, June 23 on your calendar, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Ambassador Spotlight

The Ambassador Spotlight this month goes to Donna Blackley Parham. *Brightleaf* would like to share some information about Donna.

Donna is a Granville County native who grew up in and is still a resident of the Wilton community. She attended Wilton School, as well as her Dad and her three children, James, Audra, and Phyllis. She has five grandchildren, Kenny, Jason, MacKenzie, Megan, and Sammy. Donna and her husband, Howard, are fortunate to have the family living within walking distance. This way they can enjoy the grandchildren often.

In 1994 Donna received her real estate broker’s license. She worked many years in Raleigh as a property manager and as developer coordinator. She is presently working with Bailey-Wright Realty in residential sales. Donna says she has seen a phenomenal change in the demographics of Southern Granville County. She is glad to be a part of this growth. Her response to change, “Change is inevitable. If you aren’t willing to change, you’ll be left behind.”

Donna enjoys bluegrass music and is at concerts at every opportunity. Her favorite vacation spot is the Outer Banks. She especially enjoys strolling the quiet streets of Manteo. Seafood is a favorite food along with our local barbeque.

Donna says that the chamber is a wonderful way to learn what’s going on in the county as well as what’s new.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, OFFICE MANAGERS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS LUNCHEON

This year’s recognition of Administrative Assistants is being combined into a large lunch and learn event sponsored by area Chamber of Commerces and Vance Granville Community College’s Small Business Center.

Diane Finch, Director of the Small Business Center, has arranged for Denise Ryan, “FIRESTAR”, to speak on “Lessons from the Lands Down Under.” The luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 12:00 noon at the Henderson Country Club at a cost of \$10.00.

Please reply to one of the Chamber offices by **May 17** and give the number from your business or organization who wish to attend.

Contact Glenda at 919.528.4994, glenda@granville-chamber.com or Wanda at 919.693.6125, granvillechamber@earthlink.net to make reservation(s).

Express Personnel Hosting Human Resource Committee Meeting

Thanks to Travis McLendon, Bandag was host for April’s Human Resource Committee Meeting. We appreciate the informative program and lunch that Bandag provided.

Thursday, May 17th at 12:00 noon, the Human Resource Committee will gather at the Chamber’s 124 Hillsboro Street, Oxford office. **EXPRESS PERSONNEL, Hal Muetzel**, will be lunch hosts and provide the program.

Committee members will be notified via e-mail one week prior to the meeting.

The Chamber’s Website,
www.granville-chamber.com,
received 27,872 hits in March!

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Now's the time to price an alarm system with new Chamber member, **AHNER SECURITY, INC.** Owner **Dave Ahner** and his staff install burglar and fire alarm systems, video surveillance and central vacuum systems.

Ahner Security may be contacted at telephone 252.438.7181, fax 252.433.4676, or at ahnersec@vance.net. Their hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. They may also be contacted at P.O. Box 207, 5799 US #1 Bypass-South in Henderson.

Dave and his reputable staff come highly recommended. They want more exposure in Granville County. Give them a call!

What an incredible manufacturing business just opened — **BAILEY FARMS, INC.** Owners **Randy and Debbie Bailey's** wholesale, fresh produce/peppers has opened their facility at 107 Enterprise Court in Oxford, just down and past the side of Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company. Their Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. operation is an incredible business.

Visit their website, www.baileyfarmsinc.com or contact them at rbailey@baileyfarmsinc.com or by phone at 919.690.1524, or by fax at 919.690.0409. We welcome the Baileys as Chamber members and congratulate them on their business!

Two real estate agents with **COLDWELL BANKER ADVANTAGE** are joining our membership as Associate Members. **Missy Robbins** and **Jill Hunt**, real estate brokers, are available 24/7 to attend to all your real estate needs at their 2555-A Capital Drive, Creedmoor office.

Jill's contact information is phone 919.818.6309; fax 919.528.4411; jmhunt73@aol.com; www.jillhunt.com.

Missy may be reached at missyr@gloryroad.net; phone 919.215.6772; fax 919.528.4411 or by visiting her website, www.missyrobbins.com.

Thanks, ladies for your individual memberships and your commitment to our Chamber!

It's a Date to Mark on Your Calendar . . .

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

**WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON
Thorndale Country Club, Oxford**

PROGRAM: Melinda Pritchett,
Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio
(Skin Care, Accessories and Fashion)

Watch for details soon!

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