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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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HOT SAUCE CONTEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 11:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM
STOVALL'S GIFTS

At the location of Stovall's Gifts (on the corner of Main and Hillsboro Streets in Oxford), North Carolina hot sauce producers will compete for prizes and trophies in the **FIRST ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA HOT SAUCE CONTEST**.

One producer will win the People's Choice Award of \$500 and a trophy for selling the most product. Another producer will win the Critics' Choice Award of \$500 and a trophy for having the best flavor, aroma and heat as deemed by a panel of elite judges. The judges panel is: Dr. John Rushing, Professor of Food Science; Chef Joseph Brown of VGCC's Culinary School; Mike Elliott of Lakes Media; and Al Carson of the Oxford Public Ledger.

Hot Sauce Participants include: Bailey Farms, Blues BBQ, Inc., Cackalacky, Durn Good, Fire from the Mountain, Just My Taste, and Spice It Up.

There's going to be more — several North Carolina microbreweries, along with Childress Vineyards, will be on hand to add some brewing to the q'ing experience. They are: Top of the Hill, Chapel Hill; Carolina Beer Company, Mooresville; Duck-Rabbit, Farmville; Foothills Brewing Company, Winston-Salem; Big Boss Brewing Company; and wine producer Childress Vineyards.

In addition, outdoor events will be going on in the back parking lots behind Stovall's, Ace Hardware, Western Auto, US 98.3 and Penny Furniture Company. All this will be happening as entertainment is provided by Clifton Preddy and Alan Mullen.

Still want more?

The **Granville Gardeners Club** will be holding its annual plant sale from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Gazebo — corner of Spring and Wall Streets. They will feature mums, other perennials, shrubs, trees, tender perennials, ornamental grasses, vines, ground covers, bulbs and some tropical plants for sale. A rustic bird house will be raffled, and there will be a silent auction for an outdoor rock fountain, a Wood Spirit sculpture and special plants. Proceeds from the sale will go toward a \$500 scholarship in Horticulture at NCSU.

In addition, the **Richard H. Thornton Library** will be having their "Friends of the Library" book sale and offering free carriage rides, departing from the Library between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Be sure to visit the **Granville County Museum for a Flea Market and Red Hot Sale-a-Bration**, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Their event will be held at the History Museum Courtyard (110 Court Street) and the Harris Building Parking Lot (1 Museum Lane). Call the Museum, 693.9706, for information on donating items, renting your own space or visiting and purchasing at their **SALE-A-BRATION**.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Wednesday, September 26 • 7:30 A.M.
Granville County Shrine Club*

The Chamber's membership has been invited to hold its September Monthly Membership Meeting at the Granville County Shrine Club, with the Shriners preparing a delicious breakfast and providing an interesting presentation on their children's programs.

The meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 a.m. at the Shrine Facility on Roxboro Road in Oxford. We ask that members planning to attend call or e-mail one of the Chamber's offices to make a reservation(s) by September 19th. RSVP to 919.528.4994, or glenda@granville-chamber.com, or, 919.693.6125, granvillechamber@embarqmail.com.

SOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

*Monday, September 10 • 12:00 Noon
Bob's Barbecue*

September's Meeting of the Chamber's South Council group will be held Monday, September 10th, 12:00 noon — location to be announced.

Paul Williford, Chairman of South Council, has arranged for Granville County's Director of Economic Development, Leon Turner, to present the program. Leon always does an excellent job. We hope that many members will attend this September meeting.

Please contact Glenda in the Chamber's South Office if you plan to attend, 528.4994 or glenda@granville-chamber.com by Tuesday, September 4th.

Carolina Sunrock Human Resource Host

September 20 • 12:00 Noon

We thank Cam Steele and Certainteed for hosting August's Human Resource Committee Meeting.

On Thursday, September 20 at 12:00 noon, Johnny Balmer will be hosting the HR Committee at Carolina Sunrock, in Butner. It is always a treat to visit the Sunrock facility and enjoy a great lunch and program.

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3	HOLIDAY – Labor Day	
4	8:30 am Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
6	4:00-6:00 pm Leadership Granville – Orientation	VGCC-South Campus
8	9:00 am-4:00 pm Downtown Oxford's Heritage Festival	Downtown Oxford
8	11:00 am-3:00 pm NC Hot Sauce Contest – (First Ever)	Stovall's Gifts, Oxford
10	12:00 noon South Council Meeting	TBA
10	12:00 noon Granville Education Foundation Meeting	Granville County Schools Administrative Office
11	8:00 am Chamber's Board of Directors Meeting	VGCC-South Campus
11	9:00 a.m. Senior Center's "Aging With Gusto" Conference	Oxford Baptist Church's Family Life Center
11	8:15 am, 1:15 pm, 6:15 pm Operation American Hero Charity Golf Tournament — In Memory of Private Chris Johnson	Thorndale Country Club
12	8:00 am Ambassadors Meeting	VGCC-South Campus
14	8:00 am Government Forum Meeting — School Update and Tour of the New High School, Dr. Tim Farley and Principal Steve Hester	Granville Central High School
15	Creedmoor's Music and Fun Festival	Downtown Creedmoor
20	12:00 noon Human Resource Committee Meeting Host: Johnny Balmer	Carolina Sunrock, Butner
26	7:30 am Monthly Membership Meeting Breakfast Hosted by Shriners	Granville County Shrine Club
26	Granville County Museum's New Series, "BRAIN TEASERS" begins	Granville County Museum
27	5:30-8:30 pm "ALIVE AFTER FIVE," featuring THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS	Downtown Oxford



AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Virginia Clay has worked in Granville County most of her working life, which began as a teenager in Hall's Drug Store, owned by her father. She worked as a nurse and earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy before expanding her realm of expertise into the fields of business and economics. Although the store is now gone, Virginia still owns and maintains the historic Hall's building. Since earning a Masters in Health Policy and Management from Harvard University in May 1996, she returned to work in Granville County for the past seven plus years.

Virginia is a Smith Barney Financial Advisor and Financial Planning Associate. In her practice, she advises individual, business and non-profit clients. She provides her clients with access to investments, financial planning and investment advisory services.

She maintains current membership in the CFA North Carolina Society and the CFA Institute, formerly the Association for Investment Management Research. She participates in the Institute's Professional Development Program and other similar activities.

She loves dancing (especially ballroom), music, art, decorating, exercising (especially tennis) and reading. When working and volunteering in the community, she prefers working with children oriented charities. She remarks that she "loves children and believes they have much to show us as adults." Her favorite quote is "Dream the impossible and obtain the incredible."

As a member of the Ambassadors group, Virginia has enjoyed the sense of working together as a team to create a more informed and better business environment for Chamber members. The Chamber appreciates Virginia's commitment to Granville County and the Chamber. It is indeed a pleasure to have her involved in the Ambassadors' Group!

Featuring: "The Fantastic Shakers"

"ALIVE AFTER FIVE"

Thursday, September 27 • 5:30-8:30 P.M. • Downtown Oxford's Parking Lot

September 27th is the date for the third "Alive After Five" event of 2007. Make plans to attend this popular event being held in downtown Oxford's parking lot at Main and Littlejohn Streets.

This last event for this year will feature **"THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS."** The Shakers have five lead vocalists and up to three horns who perform almost any style of music. Not only is their music great, but the Shakers are well-known for their personalities. Every performance is a party!

"THE SHAKERS" have won many awards through various beach music award associations throughout the years. Their personality, fun and charisma are what make them one of the top musical groups in Carolina. Bo Schronce, lead singer, is recognized as one of the finest singer-entertainers to ever hit the stage.

Greatest hits include: Myrtle Beach Days, I Ain't Giving Up Nothing, Jitterbug Boogie, When Something Is Wrong With My Baby, Little Red Book, Penny Lover, Walk Away from Love, Hot Nights, Shakin' the Shack, I Need You, Where Do I Go, My Babe, Shake That Thing, Walk With Me/Talk With Me, Nobody But You and The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore.

"The Shakers" appearance, as well as "The Embers" in August and "The Band of Oz" in May, has been sponsored by the following SPONSORS:

Presenting Stage Sponsors: Harris, Inc.; Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

Boardwalk Sponsors: Downtown Oxford Economic

Development Corp., Progress Energy, Suntrust Bank, Embarq, Granville Health System, Whitco Termite and Pest Control.

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

Sand Dollar Sponsors: Altec; Granville County Sheriff's Department; Carolina Sunrock; J&M Construction; City of Creedmoor; Jimmy Williams & Associates – Nationwide Insurance; City of Oxford; Tatum and Edwards, C.P.A., P. A.; Coca-Cola; Knight Custom Homes; Coley Bunch Nursery; Prudential Select Properties; Creedmoor Fuel Service, Inc.; School of Graphic Arts; D.B. Williams Construction Co., Inc.; Simply Delicious Catering; Duke Energy; Solectron; Fidelity Bank – Oxford and Creedmoor; Sunrise Biscuit Company; Fishing Creek Nursery and Florist; Verizon.

Concessions: Chick-fil-A, Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, Oxford Bar & Grill, Munchin' Marvin's Bar & Grill, Pat's Grill on Wheels.

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Time slots are 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., or 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Please consider recruiting some volunteers from your business or industry. We would appreciate hearing from you — 693.6125 or 528.4994.

GOVERNMENT FORUM

*Tour of Granville Central High School
Friday, September 14*

Granville County's new School Superintendent, **Dr. Tim Farley** and Granville Central High School's new principal, **Steve Hester**, invite everyone out to tour the brand new facility during the September Government Forum Meeting.

Pat Kiesow and Lois Pauluzzi have made arrangements for Dr. Farley to give an update on the schools — opening, enrollment, etc. Mr. Hester will proudly show attendees around Granville Central.

We hope interested persons will plan to join us on **Friday, September 14, 8:00 a.m.** We also want to welcome Dr. Farley and Mr. Hester to their new positions and express appreciation to them for hosting the Government Committee so quickly!

WELCOME TWO NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS!

PAT'S GRILL ON WHEELS, owned by **Pat Norris**, is a mobile concession vendor, who made their debut at Alive After Five in Creedmoor in August. Everyone will remember their delicious funnel cakes and blooming onions! Located in Stem, Pat may be reached at 919.528.3836. Her husband, **Jerry**, is also a Chamber member with his business, **Norris Heating Air Refrigeration**. We are excited to add another concession vendor to our membership and appreciate the Norris' memberships! Look for Pat's Grill on Wheels at the September 27 Alive After Five in Oxford.

Next joining is **NEIGHBORHOOD TRADER, LLC**, an internet business directory and advertising/job listing service, represented by owner **Craig Benson** and sales contact **Robin Perkinson**. The business is at 417 Hogan Circle in Clayton, 27527. They are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m, online 24/7. Other contact information is: www.neighborhoodTrader.com, www.ncjobpost.com, craig@neighborhoodtrader.com and robin@neighborhoodtrader.com; phone, 919.585.4531; fax, 919.585.4543. Contact them for information about their directory and advertising information.

LITTER SWEEP, FALL 2007

The North Carolina Department of Transportation needs everyone's participation! Volunteer for the annual Fall Roadside Cleanup, September 15-29. Interested persons should begin by making plans to participate, setting aside time on calendars, notifying others of the upcoming date and determining the cleanup supplies needed (safety vests, litter bags, gloves, etc.). Check out their web site for update, WWW.NCDOT.ORG/~BEAUTIFICATION, or call the Litter Sweep Hotline at 1.800.331.5864.

Operation American Hero Charity Golf Tournament

On Tuesday, September 11, Thorndale Country Club in Oxford is sponsoring a charity golf tournament in **memory of Private Chris Johnson**, who served in Iraq. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward a fund at Capital Bank for Private Johnson's unborn child.

Tee times are as follows:

- 8:15 a.m. 18 holes \$40.00 per player
- 1:15 p.m. 18 holes \$40.00 per player
- 6:15 a.m. 9 holes \$25.00 per player

Persons interested in participating or sponsoring should contact **Steve Faucette**, Club Manager, at **693.7404**.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The **Revitalization of Oxford Committee (ROC)** will hold its Second Annual **HERITAGE FESTIVAL** on September 8th, coinciding with the other downtown events. This is the place to make purchases from a wide variety of antique and collectible exhibitors. Items for sale will be: fine furniture, sterling, cut and depression glass, porcelains, antique and estate jewelry, antique books and small collectibles.

It's to your advantage to participate!

EXPO 2007

EXPO 2007 will be even bigger and better than before! If you have not yet registered to participate, we hope that you will be doing so soon. The event on **Tuesday, October 9**, is held in Vance-Granville Community College's Civic Center on Main Campus from 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. The final two hours of the event, 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., will be a "Business After Hours" where attendees will enjoy food sampling (prepared and donated by Chamber member businesses). This provides an extra opportunity to meet potential customers. Also, prizes, totaling \$1,000.00, will be drawn at the end of the event. All during the EXPO, participating businesses announce prize winners, so you'll want to be sure and attend.

The \$225.00 fee for Chamber members (\$385.00 non-Chamber members) includes exhibit space, draping, eight-foot, skirted table, two chairs, signage and two boxed lunches for vendors at noon.

Also, the pre-event advertising is incredible! It includes:

- Extensive direct mail campaign to several hundred businesses in surrounding counties.
- EXPO announcement directed specifically to over 2,000 business contacts on the

sponsoring Chambers' mailing lists.

- Publicity in Chamber newsletters.
- Advertising and news releases in local newspapers, radio and television in the area.
- Live broadcasts by area radio.
- Exhibitor location maps which assist attendees in visiting all participants.

VGCC's Small Business Center and the Chambers of Commerce in Granville, Warren and Vance Counties have organized this event to assist businesses in: **1)** having 1,000 plus people see your exhibit in **SIX HOURS**; **2)** giving businesses an opportunity to showcase company products and services; **3)** providing a time when area business leaders and customers can meet, face-to-face.

EXPO '07 Sponsors are APPRECIATED!

They are:

GOLD: Wake Electric Membership Corporation, and Progress Energy.

SILVER: Time Warner Cable, Vulcan, School of Graphic Arts, Granville Health System, Carolina Sunrock.

MEDIA: The Butner-Creedmoor News, Oxford Public Ledger, The Daily Dispatch, The Warren Record, The Franklin Times, WLUS-FM 98.3, WIZS 1450, WAAR 1520-AM, Country 102.

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KUDOS

The Chamber's recent New Teacher Breakfast was a wonderful success due to the sponsorship of **Chick-Fil-A**. We appreciate **Josh Towne**, owner, and **Melanie Brewer**, marketing director, for their assistance with this annual event.

And, thanks to the **Masonic Home for Children, Allen Hughes**, Administrator, for hosting the event at their facility.

Chamber Members who contributed items for gift bags for the new teachers were:

Anderson Homes, Carolina Animal Hospital, the City of Oxford, Coble Printing Co., Creedmoor Family Dentistry, Education Liturgy Bookstore, Express Personnel, Granville County Administration, Granville County Chamber of Commerce, Granville County Library System, Granville County Museum, Joe Bryan and Associates, Mallard Homes, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Nationwide Insurance/Larry Mitchell, Revlon, School of Graphic Arts, Tatum & Edwards, C.P.A., P.A., The Daily Dispatch, The Road to Fitness, Time Warner Cable and Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

THANK-YOU for contributing such wonderful items!!!!

The **Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio**, located at 128 Hillsboro Street in Oxford, has received the "**Gold Medallion**" award for meeting Merle Norman's standards of excellence for customer service.

The "Gold Medallion" program addresses consumer demands by identifying studios which met expectation of personal service, knowledgeable beauty consultants and pleasing atmosphere. These award-winning studios set the standard of service and quality among the 2000 independently owned, retail outlets nationwide.

Melinda Pritchett, owner and proud recipient of this award, adds that she is honored to be recognized as a Gold Medallion studio and is excited that Merle Norman Cosmetics recognizes her studio as one that meets the expectations of her customers.