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SAVE THE DATES FOR ALIVE AFTER FIVE 2007!

Thursday, May 10, Oxford
"The Band of Oz"

Thursday, August 23, Creedmoor
"The Embers"

Thursday, September 27, Oxford
"The Fantastic Shakers"

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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A NEW LEAF ~ CHOICES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

We know that the cost to employers for poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use is high. Big employers are learning that when employees adopt healthier eating and physical activity habits, it pays off big for the organization. Could you allow interested employees an extra 30 minutes to attend a lunchtime program six times that will help them develop healthier nutrition and physical activity habits?

A New Leaf ~ Choices for Healthy Living is a series of six weekly classes which will be offered to the public on Tuesdays, March 15 through April 19 from noon until 1:30 p.m. Participants will assess their food intake and learn to make healthy food choices to accomplish their goals, shop wisely and identify ways to increase their level of physical activity. Included will be easy exercises to do at home, including stretching, chair exercises and some for those with arthritis.

Participants will receive a notebook of information, an exercise band and a cookbook (with attendance at 4 classes or more). Sponsored by the Granville-Vance District Health Department and the Granville County Center of NC Cooperative Extension, the group will meet at the Granville County Extension Center at 208 Wall Street, Oxford. Participants may bring their lunch.

Registration is required by bringing or sending the \$5.00 non-refundable registration fee with name, address, phone and email address to the Extension Center. Checks should be made to Granville County EVA, and sent to P.O. Box 926, Oxford 27565 by March 8. Extension Agent Joan Reid will teach all sessions. For additional information, 919.603.1350.

Granville Health System Unveils New Name and Logo

"A new name and a new logo represent a new day at Granville Health System, formerly Granville Medical Center," said Mr. L. C. Adcock, Chairman of the System's Board of Trustees.

With members of the Board, staff and media looking on Wednesday, February 14, the 86-year old Granville Medical Center unveiled its new name and logo. Mr. Adcock and Mr. Lee Isley, Chief Executive Officer, unveiled the new logo design.

"This is a great day for Granville County," Adcock said. "We have been thinking about a way to represent our new focus and commitment to our community. We wanted the name to reflect the multiple facilities and broad array of advanced, quality healthcare services we offer."

The new logo symbolizes several things — heritage and roots. The green in the logo represents the county's agricultural heritage, and the diamond shapes in the logo represent the diamonds in the Granville County flag. The four diamonds represent service, compassion, quality and excellence. The center starburst relays bursting out and heading in new directions — a new future. Finally, the many points of the starburst illustrate the many advanced services Granville Health System has to offer people in the community.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCH AND LEARN

The Granville County Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend its quarterly **WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON**, Thursday, March 22, at 12:00 noon at Creedmoor United Methodist Church, 214 Park Avenue, Creedmoor. Come network with other professional Chamber women over lunch and hear a program on the benefits of good nutrition, stress management and exercise, presented by **Claire Weinberg** of **Team Care** and **Elliot Grout** of **A Road to Fitness**. Cost is \$10.00 for Chamber members; \$15.00 for non-members. Please RSVP by March 16th to either Chamber office — 528.4994, Glenda, glenda@granville-chamber.com; or 693.6125, Wanda, granvillechamber@earthlink.net.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chamber's Human Resource Committee had the privilege of hearing a most-interesting program at their February meeting. SBI Special Agent Kelly Paige gave a program on the methamphetamine situation. Lois Pauluzzi, Manpower, was host for February's meeting at the Chamber office.

March's meeting will be another interesting one. Host Christina Blalock has arranged for a presentation on sleep disorders by the Granville Medical Sleep Lab. This will be Thursday, March 15 at 12:00 noon in the first floor conference room at Granville Medical Center.

HR Managers may expect an e-mail reminder notice one week prior to the meeting.

GOVERNMENT FORUM GROUP

February's Government Forum attendees heard a presentation on the Kerr-Tar Hub, presented by Rick Seekins with the Kerr-Tar Council of Government.

On Friday, March 9th at 8:00 a.m., the Government Forum will be meeting at the Granville County Economic Development Commission's office, 310 Williamsboro Street in Oxford. EDC Director Leon Turner will be giving an update of Granville County businesses. Also, Linda Sigmon, Director of the Oxford Economic Development Commission, will be giving an update.

Plan to meet us at 8 a.m. for coffee, networking and great information. We hope many of you will plan to attend.

NEW GRANVILLE COUNTY MAP

The Chamber's Board of Directors has voted to begin producing an updated Granville County map. CommunityLink Publishing, publishers of the last Chamber-endorsed map, will again be working with you, our members, to collect resources, photos and ads.

Please note that these company representatives will identify themselves as official producers of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce endorsed county map. Members will receive details soon.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	11 am-6:30 pm	Oxford United Methodist Youth's BBQ Chicken, 693.409	Oxford United Methodist Church
2	7:00 pm	Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball	Webb High School Gym
5	12 noon	Granville Education Foundation Meeting	Granville County Schools
6	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
8		Deadline to register for A New Leaf ~ Choices for Healthy Living	
9	8:00 am	Government Forum	Granville EDC Office
9	10 am-7 pm	J F Webb Band Boosters BBQ	
10	9 am & 9:30 am	5K Road Race & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, 603.1135 for information	Oxford Parks & Recreation
12	12 noon	South Council Meeting	Presley Brooke Academy
13	8:00 am	Chamber's Board of Directors Meeting	Jon's Main Street Bar & Grill
15	12 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Granville Medical Center
16	11 am-5 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Masonic Home Gym
16	11 am-6 pm	BBQ Chicken Sale — <i>Take-Out Only!</i>	Delrayno Baptist Church
17	7 pm	"Constant Change" Benefit Concert for South Granville Exchange Club, 919.528.7379 for information	South Granville High School Auditorium
22	12 noon	Women in Business Lunch Meeting (see article for details)	Creedmoor United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall
23		Ed Summit, "Literacy"	TBA
23	11:30 am-7 pm	Oxford Baptist Church Youth's BBQ Chicken Sale — <i>Eat-In or Take-Out</i> 693.5181	Oxford Baptist Church
29	4-6:30 pm	Tech EXPO	Webb High School
29	5 until 6:30 pm	Chamber's Monthly Membership Meeting Business After Hours	Prudential Select Properties Hwy. 56-East, Creedmoor
30	11 am-7 pm	Northern Athletic Association BBQ — \$7.00 per Plate	Parking Lot beside Watson & Dunlow

Monthly Membership Meeting

BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS at Prudential Select Properties

Carol Huber and the staff at **PRUDENTIAL SELECT PROPERTIES** extends an invitation to all Chamber members to visit them in their new location, 2150 Hwy 56, Suite 201, Creedmoor, for March's Monthly Membership Meeting.

The Business-After-Hours event will be a time for members to network, enjoy refreshments and visit Prudential's new location.

We hope that you and members of your organization will plan to attend Thursday, March 29, 5:00 until 6:30 pm. Please indicate your intentions to Glenda, 528.4994, glenda@granville-chamber.com or Wanda, 693.6125, granvillechamber@earthlink.net by March 22.

SOUTH COUNCIL MEETING & NEW CHAIRPERSON

Our South Council will be meeting every other month instead of quarterly due to the increase in attendance and interest. The next meeting will be Monday, March 12 at 12:00 noon at Presley Brooke Academy, Hwy 56, Creedmoor. Wayne Hobgood, Butner Public Safety, will be presenting a program on ID Theft and will offer ways businesses and individuals can protect themselves. Box lunches will be \$8.00.

Paul Williford, Coldwell Banker Advantage, has volunteered to serve as Chairperson of the South Council group. Paul is also serving as a Chamber Ambassador. Let Paul know your ideas for program topics. We appreciate his willingness to lead this active group.

Please let Glenda know if you plan to attend (528.4994; glenda@granville-chamber.com) by March 5th.

HARLEM AMBASSADORS vs HEALTHY HOOPSTERS

The internationally acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team will compete against Granville County's own Healthy Hoopsters team at a game to be held at J.F. Webb High School's gymnasium in Oxford on Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball handling and comedy routines led by Lade Majic, Queen of Show Basketball. The Healthy Hoopsters team is made up of numerous Granville County residents. Some of the Hoopsters include Seydric Williams, Marvin Davis, Gary Bowman, Phillip Betts, Doc Ross, Shields Blackwell, Marshell Kinton, Barbara Harris, Xavier Wortham, Darryl Moss, Lahoma Romocki, Paula Brady, Jon Zbonack, Wallace Pieffer and Michael Lea.

Advance tickets for the event will be available by February 12. The cost of tickets purchased by February 28 is \$5.00 for students/seniors, and \$7.00 for all others. Tickets purchased the night of the game will be \$6.00 for students/seniors and \$8.00 for all others. Children under four years old will be admitted free. Doors will open at 6:30.

Tickets for the game will be available at the following locations: Oxford Public Ledger, Professional Pharmacy in Oxford, Best Care Pharmacy in Creedmoor, Creedmoor City Hall, Jack's Best Buy of Butner, Stovall City Hall, Granville County Chamber of Commerce (Oxford and Creedmoor locations) and Granville-Vance Health Department (Oxford location only).

Currently, local sponsors are Best Western Inn & Suites of Oxford and Granville Medical Center. If you are interested in being listed as a sponsor or volunteering at the game in some capacity, contact Sheila Jones, LiveWell Granville Coordinator, at the Granville-Vance Health Department, 919.693.2141.

Proceeds from the event will benefit **LiveWell Granville**, a Healthy Carolinians Partnership. LiveWell Granville's goal is to provide the leadership, support and service accessibility needed so every citizen can choose to live a healthier, happier life.

AMBASSADORS CLUB 2007

Ambassadors build a strong Chamber of Commerce! They serve the Chamber by supporting member services — greeting members and guests during Chamber events. They help retain members as a goodwill arm of the Chamber — educate members about the Chamber, promote programs, involve new and existing members and monitor and survey members about services and benefits.

Ambassadors also promote networking and relationship building among their group while having fun and being recognized as an active and professional business-oriented volunteer group in the county.

If you or your business associates are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact Glenda Bragg at 528.4994.

Granville County Chamber Ambassadors are:

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| Hal Muetzel, <i>Chairperson</i> ,
Express Personnel Services | Elliot Grout, The Road to Fitness, LLC |
| Shanna Capps, INCO-RVC | Twana Jones, American Red Cross |
| Gina DeMent, Five County Mental Health | Susie Lee, Century 21 Country Knolls Realty |
| Chris Emory, South Granville Exchange Club | Donna Parham, Bailey-Wright Realty |
| Lillian Gray, Dutchville Builders | Paul Williford, Coldwell Banker Advantage |

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Leading the Chamber's Ambassador group is **HAL MUETZEL**, who relocated to Granville County about six months ago from the Tampa Bay area. He purchased Express Personnel Services - located in Oxford, and serving Granville, Vance and Person Counties – in August 2006. Hal has had extensive experience in operations and human resources, mostly in the hospital industry before making this transition. The thing he likes most about his job is the wide variety of industries he has the opportunity to learn about and serve from a Human Resource perspective. "It is very rewarding to match people with jobs that fit their skills and personal desires with clients that need good people. It is more than a business — it is my new mission in life."

Hal and his wife of 27 years, Janelle, along with three children, Adrienne, Andrew and Ashley all live at home. The Muetzels have another daughter, Amanda, who lives in Chester, Virginia with her new husband, Nick, a former Marine Sergeant. Hal and Janelle are pleased with the area and love the people and friends they have made. They enjoy family trips to the mountains and beaches and are very involved in their church, Central Baptist in Henderson.

His interest in the Ambassadors Club and the Chamber stems from the welcome his family received upon their arrival in Granville County (especially since they did not know a soul in the area).

Hal remarks, "They provided us with information and contacts to help us get established successfully. I want to be able to assist other new and existing businesses on behalf of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, so they, too, can experience the benefits and support the GCCC has to offer."

We are delighted to have Hal as an active member and look forward to his involvement in many good things to come from our CHAMBER AMBASSADOR CLUB!

NIGHT OF THE ARTS

Granville County Schools will showcase student visual artists in a first-time event, "Night of the Arts," on April 13 and 14 at Mount Energy Elementary School. The highlight of the gala event will be a gallery opening on Friday night where the public can meet and greet student artists and enjoy after-dinner refreshments. The display of art work will also be open to the public on Saturday.

Sponsorships are available. Businesses and individuals interested in sponsorship should contact Assistant Superintendent Jodi Anderson at 919.693.4613 for details.

MEET OUR SIX NEW MEMBERS

OMNI ENTERPRISES, owned by **Joseph and Stacie Gorse**, is a janitorial-cleaning service for business and residential customers. They do house cleaning, carpet cleaning, floor care, window washing, tile and grout cleaning/sealing, floor stripping, waxing, burnishing and hardwood floor cleaning, and are available 24/7. Visit their website, www.omnienterprises2004.com or contact them at jgorse@omnienterprises2004.com. They may also be contacted at 919.528.5020 phone; or 919.528.6627 fax. Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Let OMNI ENTERPRISES assist you.

A new law firm in Creedmoor specializing in family law, real estate, federal and state litigation, trademark and general practice has opened at 109 Elm Street in Creedmoor. **DAVID A. VESEL & ASSOCIATES** welcomes your calls Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to make an appointment to visit their office. Contact info is DAVESEL@NC.RR.COM, 919.528.9300 phone; and 919-528.9376 fax. Welcome to our Chamber membership!

An already-active retiree, **WILLIAM JOHNSTON**, has become an Associate Chamber member. Johnston lives at 109 Saddletree Road in Oxford (919.690.1388, waj10992@yahoo.com). Bill has visited the Chamber's Government Forum Meeting many times. We are glad to have him become an "official" Granville County Chamber of Commerce member!

1st CHOICE HOME CARE is an in-home aide business which provides care for clients with medical conditions. Owned by **Elvin McShaw** and located at 36 Church Street in Oxford, they are available daily 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For home care needs, contact our new member at 919.603.5588 phone; 919.690.1847 fax; or emcshaw@earthlink.net.

Karen Turner, real estate agent with **AMMONS PITTMAN GMAC REAL ESTATE** is available 7 days per week to offer services in residential brokerage, new home sales and relocation services. Turner's contact information is: 416 US 1 North, Youngsville; 919.570.1040; KTURNER@AP-REALTORS.COM. Also, visit their website at WWW.AP-REALTORS.COM. Thank-you for joining our Chamber. We look forward to working with you.

The **CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH** at 2509 East Lyon Station Road in Creedmoor is a religious, counseling ministry church. **Pastor Wayne Randall** is available at 919.528.1102 and at wrandall4@nc.rr.com. Concord Baptist has joined in our Associate category. Please join us in welcoming them to our membership.

2007 Small Business of the Year Nominations

Our Chamber of Commerce, along with the Chambers from Warren and Vance Counties, and the Small Business Center at Vance-Granville Community College, is once again sponsoring a Small Business Luncheon at May 8th to recognize the 2007 Small Business of the Year for each county. Please look over the enclosed flyers — review and nominate a business you feel is worthy of this recognition. Nomination forms are due to one of the Chamber's offices by Monday, April 16th.

Past recipients are: Cardiovascular Care, Dr. Allen Kindman; Stovall's Gifts and Collectibles, Julia Overton; and Preferred Communications, Bob Meeker.

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