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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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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22...

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

Speaker: Member of Governor Michael F. Easley's Senior Staff

The annual Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center at Oxford Baptist Church, Main Street.

BANDAG, INC. – Marshall Tanner and his staff are again sponsoring the traditional breakfast buffet event. We are appreciative of **Bandag's** continued support of this popular event. Attendees anticipate this special breakfast prepared by the "famous cooks" from Oxford Baptist Church as they prepare their incredible bacon, sausage, ham, fried fat-back, eggs, grits, apples, biscuits, milk gravy, etc.

Last year we requested that persons attending the breakfast bring non-perishable food items to donate to Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM). We would like to continue this by asking attendees to bring a non-perishable food item(s) to the breakfast for ACIM. Member businesses may wish to start a collection within their organization. Many individuals and families are assisted by ACIM.

Representative Jim Crawford has arranged for a member of Governor Michael F. Easley's Senior Staff to speak. The Thanksgiving Breakfast is always an outstanding, well-attended event. Reservations are **REQUIRED** and should be made by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**. This is necessary to plan seating arrangements and to prepare accordingly for the meal which has become a tradition of kicking off the holiday season.

Contact either of the Chamber's offices — 528.4994, Glenda, glenda@granville-chamber.com or 693.6125, Wanda, granvillechamber@earthlink.net to make reservations.

November 10 and 11...

31ST ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR

The Granville County Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be held during the weekend of November 10 and 11 at the Oxford National Guard Armory with Miss Bea's Bake Shoppe in the assembly room of the Extension Center and on the lawn of the Extension Center.

The Bazaar is an annual event which occurs during November, designed for local and area craftspeople to market their handmade items. These include home accessories, apparel and clothing accessories, Christmas decorations, seasonal items and handmade jewelry.

Miss Bea's Bake Shoppe is filled with delicious homemade goodies from some of Granville County's finest cooks. Most participants are members of non-profit groups that support community service projects. One of the special features is Miss Bea Clayton, the Bake Shoppe's namesake, who greets her guests as they enter. She donates a black walnut chiffon cake each year for which chances are sold. The proceeds are earmarked to the Extension Volunteer Association's educational scholarship fund.

For vendor information, call the Extension Center at 603.1350.

JOHN PENN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

One of this month's enclosures is the nomination form for John Penn Citizen of the Year, which is presented at our annual banquet in January. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a citizen who has contributed and displayed outstanding service to Granville County. The Recognition Committee will review the nominees and make a decision in early January. We encourage everyone to give this some thought and make a nomination.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE REPORT FOR 2006

Even though a brief May shower and a downpour during the last hour of our final event occurred, the weather was perfect for our August event in Creedmoor. The Chamber's Board is grateful to the **many** Chamber businesses that sponsored the three events in 2006.

We will begin planning for 2007 very soon — May, August and September. It is our hope that many sponsors will continue their commitment to these wonderful community gatherings which have averaged approximately 3,000 people per event.

Please know that Alive After Five would not be successful without business sponsorships and volunteers. We thank you all!

GRANVILLE TODAY

Our 2006-07 Anniversary Edition of "GRANVILLE TODAY" has been well-received. Many, many copies have been distributed. If your business needs additional copies, please call us at 528.4994 or 693.6125.

HOSTS 2007 CHAMBER MEETINGS

**BBH (Business Before Hours) or
BAH (Business After Hours)**

The Chamber's Meetings Committee is accepting hosts and sponsorships for our 2007 monthly membership meetings. If your business or industry is interested in scheduling a breakfast meeting or a business-after-hours event, please contact us. Benefits of hosting include:

- Opportunity to market your business in your own surroundings
- Networking with business and community leaders
- Showcasing services and products
- Express appreciation to customers
- Receive free advertising through "The Brightleaf," newspaper articles, radio, Chamber website and e-mail blasts.

Interested businesses are encouraged to reserve a date early. Most Business Before Hours are held the last Wednesday morning in the month. Business-After-Hours are held the last Thursday evening.

January (Annual Banquet), February, March, August, November have been reserved. Two other businesses have expressed an interest in hosting monthly meetings. We want to visit businesses in all areas of Granville County. Get in touch if your business is interested!



In a recent ceremony **The Camp Butner Society** received a \$500 donation from the **Granville County Chamber of Commerce**. The donation was raised from the Chamber's Alive After Five events. It will go towards the Society's memorial to honor all veterans, especially those from Camp Butner. From left, front row: SFC Huff, Sgt. Lawrence, MSG Beal, MSG Evans, SFC Phillips and SSG Smith. Back row: Glenda Bragg, Johnny Balmer, Donald Cahoon, Lehman Brinkley, Jerry Sebastian, Hugh Currin, Jr., Carlene Fletcher, Ginnie Currin and Wanda Garrett. The Camp Butner Society has raised approximately \$10,000 towards their goal and is seeking additional donations. Their address is P.O. Box 667, Butner, NC 27509.

GOVERNMENT FORUM COMMITTEE HOST LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Chamber's Government Forum Committee received updates from Butner, Creedmoor, Oxford and Stem at the October meeting at Creedmoor City Hall.

Due to the Veterans Day observance on the Government Forum's usual meeting day, the group will convene one week earlier, Friday, November 3 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber's 124 Hillsboro Street, Oxford Office – Chamber Boardroom.

This program will be a "LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE" with the following participants: Granville County Sheriff David Smith, Butner Public Safety Director Wayne Hobgood, Creedmoor Police Chief Ted Pollard, Oxford Police Chief John Wolford, Stem Police Chief David Kennedy and Stovall Police Chief Vicki Reid Hicks. We hope to have many attend this informative session.

BUSINESS EXPO 2006 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The Annual Business EXPO, sponsored by the Granville County Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, The Henderson-Vance Chamber and the Small Business Center at VGCC was a huge success.

Many attendees visited the event from 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. at VGCC's Civic Center. Granville Chamber member "LUNCH ON THE GO" catered lunches for the exhibitors. From 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., a Business After Hours was held, for which **SIMPLY DELICIOUS CATERING, TONY'S COUNTRY COTTAGE AND CAFÉ** and **THE SILO** provided samples of their offerings.

Also, our Chamber had a large number of members to participate as exhibitors. THANKS to all Granville County business exhibitors who made EXPO 2006 a success!

65TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

January's Annual Banquet will be a 65th Anniversary Celebration of the Chamber! A very special past presenter, JEANNE ROBERTSON, the former Miss North Carolina and Miss Congeniality – Miss America is returning to delight and entertain us in observance of this significant occasion. **HOLD THE DATE — Monday, January 22!** Formal invitations and details will follow. We look to have a record attendance.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	5:30 pm	Board Retreat	Chamber Boardroom
3	8:00 am	Government Committee Forum	Chamber Boardroom
7		ELECTION DAY	
7	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
8	10:00 am	Ribbon Cutting	Granville County Museum
10		HOLIDAY — Veterans Day	
10 & 11		Granville County Arts and Crafts Bazaar, 603.1350 for information	Oxford National Guard Armory
14	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Altec
16	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
16	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Altec
16	3:00 pm	Tourism Development Authority Board Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
22	7:30 am	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast	Oxford Baptist Church's Family Life Center
23 & 24		Thanksgiving Holidays	

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Human Resource Committee met Thursday, October 19 at noon at the Chamber's Oxford office with **Lois Pauluzzi, MANPOWER**, serving as host. Lois also arranged for an excellent program on "The Fair Credit Report Act" to be presented to approximately 20 committee members.

The November 16 noon meeting will be held at **Altec** with **Tony Accettullo** as host. **Don Jenkins** and **Lin Mitchell** will be presenting the program, "Four Generations in the Workplace." Members will be notified one week prior to indicate their intention to attend. Please mark calendars now. Everyone will want to hear this fabulous program.

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE GRANVILLE COUNTY MUSEUM

Gain insight into the wonders of the brain and its importance in our lives in the new hands-on exhibit, "Brain Matters," at the Granville County Museum, Harris Hall.

Hours of operation are Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Also, look for details of the opening of the new Granville County History Museum (old Jail) on November 8th.

CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

Chamber Ambassadors are a special group of volunteers for the Chamber. They will promote goodwill of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce by volunteering at events; educating members and prospective members about Chamber programs and benefits; are actively involved; and act as a liaison between the Chamber's staff and its membership. Their primary goal is to retain and keep in touch with current members.

By being an Ambassador you also have advantages to you and the business you represent because of networking and contacts through Chamber involvement.

Glenda Bragg is currently working to reorganize an Ambassador group within our Chamber of Commerce. Please contact Glenda if you have an interest in volunteering in this special group. She is available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Chamber's South Office at 1598 Hwy. 56, Creedmoor, 528.4994.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

CREEDMOOR FAMILY DENTISTRY is a wonderful, new general dentist office in Creedmoor on 110 West Church Street. They provide gentle care for the Creedmoor community, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. **Benjamin Koren, DDS**, or **Erin Smith** may be contacted at 919.528.4004, or 919.528.2211 fax, to make an appointment. They may also be contacted at erinleighsmith@yahoo.com. Their delightful staff and beautiful surroundings are impressive. Please give them a call.

For banking services, commercial and consumer loans, visit new member, **FIDELITY BANK**, located at 2538 Lyon Station Road in Creedmoor. Manager **Darrin Blalock** and his staff will be glad to discuss your banking needs Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Contact information is: phone 919.528.4751, fax 919.528.2454, or darrin.blalock@fidelitybanknc.com. Welcome, Fidelity Bank, to our membership.

Telecommunications for Southern Granville is served by new Chamber member **VERIZON**. **Stan T. Pace** is the representative for Verizon. Their address is 5003 South Miami Blvd., P.O. Box 1412, Durham. Pace may be reached at 919.941.7404 phone, 919.941.0421 fax, and Stan.Pace@verizon.com. We appreciate their commitment to our county and look forward to having Verizon involved.

It's so exciting to have a license plate agency located in Granville County again! The **NC MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE AGENCY** is located at 120 Roxboro Road in Oxford. It is managed and represented by **Bob Corbitt** and **Bob Suka** and staffed by former manager **Betsy Mauldin**. Call them, 919.693.7821, or visit their office in the SHIP ON SITE building – side entrance. This is one of several businesses owned by Bob and Bob. We thank them for their continued commitment to the Chamber.

Propane gas service is represented by **ENERGY UNITED**, located at 2122 Camden Avenue in Durham, and at 107 S. Durham Avenue in Creedmoor. **Bill Riggins**, representative, may be contacted by calling 919.688.2881, Creedmoor phone 919.528.2353, or faxing 919.688.1775. Customers may also visit their website, www.energyunited.com. We welcome Energy United to our Chamber and appreciate their commitment.

SOUTHERN STATES, INC. has changed locations in Creedmoor. Their attractive, new facility is 301 North Main Street in Creedmoor with weekdays hours of 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This farm and home supply store carries seed, fertilizer and general farm supplies and has a nursery. You'll want to visit their new store and see all the new offerings. Contact them as well at 919.528.1516 phone, 919.528.1994 fax, or visit their website www.SouthernStates.com.

ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CHAMBER MEMBER BENEFITS?

NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ADVERTISING

This popular Chamber member benefit is a once per year **FREE** opportunity. Simply reserve the month ahead of time (January and February 2007 are already full); provide 575 copies by the 15th of the month prior to publication; use standard weight paper (no card stock, glossy, etc.); use 8.5" x 11" paper, folded in half (may be printed on both sides).

You're in! At a minimal cost and effort, Chamber members have the opportunity to advertise their business, events, specials, etc. Use this benefit to your advantage — sign up now!

CHAMBER OFFICE LOBBY INFORMATION

A perfect way to advertise and promote your business is to provide the two Chamber office locations with business cards or brochures. Traffic through the Chamber offices (visitors, residents looking for referrals, and persons interested in relocating to our area) are always looking through our display information.

Bring your information by 1598 Hwy 56, Creedmoor or 124 Hillsboro Street, Oxford so we may display it for you.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

The Chamber's Inaugural luncheon for Women in Business was a tremendous success! Approximately 140 women and a few men gathered for a delicious meal (prepared by Chamber member Tony's Country Cottage Café & Catering) and a spectacular address by Elaine F. Marshall, North Carolina's Secretary of State.

We are so grateful that Time Warner Cable, represented by Cindy Ray Keene, Public Affairs Manager, sponsored this event. Chamber Board Member Linda Taylor, Coldwell Banker Advantage, did a fabulous job of organizing and preparing the programs. Also, Granville Medical's Janet Herzberg assisted in planning.

Door prize donors were: Granville Medical Center, Macra Lace Factory Outlet, Scribbles, Stovall's Gifts and Union Bank. Florist/garden center members donated beautiful fall arrangements for each table, which were also given as door prizes — Ashley Jordan's Flowers and Gifts, Coley Bunch Nursery, Fishing Creek Nursery, Oxford Floral and Framing and Thomas Benjamin Design.

Future plans include quarterly meetings with networking and informative programs in various areas of the county. A fall meeting would be a gathering such as the inaugural one, where there will be recognition of a Small Business Woman of the Year, chosen from nominations.

We will be including articles in this newsletter, as well as in press releases, our website and community calendar. Look for great things to develop from Granville County Women in Business.

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