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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" Oxford

Thursday, September 28TH ♦ 5:30 – 8:30 PM
Featuring *The Embers*

September 28th will mark the fourth fall that one of North Carolina's most popular beach bands, "THE EMBERS" will entertain at the Chamber's Alive After Five. This third event of 2006 will be held in Oxford's Downtown Parking Lot on Littlejohn Street from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.

THE EMBERS remain one of the most popular beach bands, as well as one of the most active performing groups in the country. Their well-known mix of rhythm and blues, heart and soul music continues to entertain all ages who come to see them.

THE EMBERS' September appearance is being made possible by the sponsors of all three of the Chamber's Alive After Five events for 2006 — in May with THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS in Oxford, and August with the COASTLINE BAND in Creedmoor.

SPONSORS

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

BOARDWALK SPONSORS: Progress Energy, Embarq, SunTrust Bank, Downtown Oxford Economic Development Corporation and Whitco Termite and Pest Control.

SHAGGER SPONSORS: BB&T, Currin Building Supply, Inc., Knight Custom Homes, and RBC Centura – Creedmoor and Oxford.

SAND DOLLAR SPONSORS: Altec; Deuard and Judy Bowden; Campbell Orthodontics; Carolina Pediatric Dentistry; Carolina Sunrock; City of Creedmoor; City of Oxford; Coley Bunch Nursery; Coldwell Banker Advantage; Creedmoor Fuel Service, Inc.; Duke Energy; Fidelity Bank – Oxford and Henderson; Fishing Creek Nursery and Florist; Granville County Sheriffs Department; Granville Medical Center; Jimmy Williams & Associates – Nationwide Insurance; Lewis Electric of Oxford, Inc.; Dr. Marcia Lewis; Kimberly Strouse Tatum, C.P.S., P.A.; Mark Hicks Builder; Solectron; Time Warner Cable; Tobacco Road Sports; D. B. Williams Construction Co., Inc.; and Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Co., LLP.

MEDIA SPONSORS: The Butner-Creedmoor News, Oxford Public Ledger, The Daily Dispatch, WLUS-FM 98.3, and Mike Brooks TV Production and Entertainment.

Chamber members who are participating as Concession Vendors are Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, Harris, Inc., Jon's Main Street Bar & Grill, Lunch on the Go, Munchin' Marvin's Bar & Grill, Penguin Concessions, Simon's Pizzeria/The Great American Hero, and Tony's Country Café.

There is no charge to attend. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from the concession vendors. Come early, bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music!

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 7:30 A.M. • Business Before Hours

The Monthly Membership Meeting for Chamber members will be held Thursday, September 21st at **Best Care Pharmacy's** 108-B Industry Drive, Oxford location.

Cindy Fink and the staff invite members to enjoy breakfast with them and hear an informal presentation of their business operation and a tour of the facility.

We appreciate **Best Care** inviting us to be their guests and hope that many of you will plan to attend. Please indicate your intention to attend by contacting one of the Chamber's Offices, 528.4994, glenda@granville-chamber.com or 693.6125, granvillechamber@earthlink.net. See you Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 a.m.!

GOVERNMENT FORUM COMMITTEE

Friday, September 8, with State Legislators

Make plans to attend the monthly Government Forum Meeting on Friday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chamber's Boardroom, 124 Hillsboro Street, Oxford.

Jim Crawford, NC House, and Doug Berger, NC Senate, will be the guest presenters at this informal gathering. It will be an event members will want to attend to hear updates on state government.

Committee members and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

FYI: Gary Honeycutt has served for a number of years as chairman of the Government Forum Committee. He is stepping down from this role and would appreciate leaving it in "good hands." Please contact the Chamber if you are interested in serving as chairman of the Government Forum Committee.

THANK-YOU, GARY, for a super job!

LITTER SWEEP ROADSIDE CLEANUP

SEPTEMBER 16 - 30

The splendor of all in North Carolina will soon be here. You can make it even more beautiful by participating in the N C Department of Transportation's LITTER SWEEP time in North Carolina. NCDOT crews, local government, Department of Correction inmates, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, churches, civic organizations, schools, businesses and concerned citizens across the state will be cleaning roadsides. Working together we can reach our goal of clean and beautiful communities in North Carolina.

Cleanup supplies can be picked up from local NCDOT maintenance yards. Orange safety vests, orange trash bags, blue recycling bags and gloves will be available. Some counties will also have pickup sticks. After the cleanup, call the local NCDOT maintenance yard to ask for trash-filled orange bags to be picked up from the roadside.

Participants may win an award for the most unusual litter found on NC's roadsides during the fall litter sweep. Information and forms may be obtained by calling 1.800.331.5764 or visiting www.ncdot.org/~beautification.

KUDOS

The Chamber's recent New Teacher Breakfast would not have been such a wonderful success without the sponsorship of **COLDWELL BANKER - Wallace Peiffer** and his staff. The delicious breakfast, prepared by **SIMPLY DELICIOUS, Debbie Vaughan**, door prizes and attention to every detail were appreciated.

We also thank the following Chamber member businesses who contributed items for the 125 new teacher gift bags:

Anderson Homes, BB&T, Back2School, Bailey Wright Realty, Best Care Pharmacy, Caliente Expressions Tanning Boutique, Campbell Orthodontics, Carolina Animal Hospital, Carolina Pediatric Dentistry, Coldwell Banker Advantage, Community Immediate Care, Domino's Pizza, Education Liturgy Bookstore, Granville County, Granville County Chamber of Commerce, Granville County Library System, Granville Insurance Agency, Granville Medical Center, JMD Graphics, Dr. Gordon Leden, McDonald's, Mallard Homes, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Nationwide Insurance - Larry Mitchell, N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, Oxford Junior Woman's Club, Professional Pharmacy, RBC Centura, Revlon, School of Graphic Arts, Ship on Site, Drs. Marcella and Sid Sockwell, The Daily Dispatch, The Links at Thorndale, The Road to Fitness, Time Warner Cable, Triangle Home Health Care, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

SOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, September 18, at Noon

South Council members will experience a special treat on Monday, September 18 via the invitation of VGCC's South Campus - Cecilia Wheeler. Wheeler and her staff have invited South Council members to come see what the buzz and construction at VGCC's South Campus is all about. She will give an instruction and construction update and a tour of the facility. Lunch is being sponsored by new restaurant member, **SONIC**.

Glenda Bragg is sending out formal notices, but reminds interested persons to **RESPOND** to her by September 11 at 528.4994 or glenda@granville-chamber.com.

We look forward to this opportunity and to seeing you there!

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Next Meeting September 21st

The Human Resource Committee met August 17 at the Granville Economic Development Commission with Director Leon Turner and Assistant Debra Weary hosting. Turner gave an interesting and informative update on Granville County.

The September meeting - Thursday, September 21 at 12:00 noon - will be held at South Granville Medical Center (1614 NC Highway 56, Creedmoor) with Christina Blalock hosting the event.

All Human Resource members will be notified of lunch and program details one week prior to the meeting via e-mail.

Heritage Festival to be Held in Oxford

A Heritage Festival will be held on September 23 that will bring people together from a variety of background to celebrate our heritage. The strains of pure jazz with **Parrish Anderson** will ring through the streets, joined by the sweet gospel sounds of the **Melody Voices of Praise** and the **Flat Creek Male Chorus**. Several antique dealers will have displays on Main Street.

You can continue to look into the past by visiting the **Granville County Museum** and the **Shaw Museum** - both open until 4 pm. In the Men's Garden Club Park there will be a **plant sale and a silent auction**. Included will be some rare specimens such as a variegated Japanese maple tree. **Handmade quilts** will be displayed in the Library and children can spend their time listening to **story tellers** in the Hugh Curran Park. The **Farmer's Market** will have fresh vegetables and baked goods. For lunch visit a downtown restaurant, or enjoy barbecue and fried chicken from **Bill Ellis' Barbeque**.

In afternoon stop by **Stovall's Gifts** to taste North Carolina wines. Be sure to visit the rest of the downtown shops which will be open and ready to assist you with your shopping. You are invited to stop by the information booth and pick up a walking tour brochure of Oxford, wander through the streets, perhaps stopping at Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church to gaze at the beautiful stained glass windows. Take a carriage ride down Main Street to enjoy some of the old homes that make our city special. This is a day crafted to meeting friends, neighbors and newcomers, while experiencing the charm of historic downtown Oxford, NC.

EXPO!SURE 2006 to Be Held Tuesday, October 10

EXPO 2006 promises to be bigger and better to benefit your business. Join us as an EXPO Exhibitor on Tuesday, October 10 from 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Vance-Granville Community College's Civic Center.

The \$215 Chamber member fee (\$380 non-Chamber members) includes exhibit space, draping, eight foot skirted table, two chairs, signage and two boxed lunches for vendors at noon. Exhibitors may set up on Monday, October 9, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 11, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

EXPO 2006's strategic advertising campaign 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 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 their company's products and services; **3)** providing a time when area business leaders and customers from across the region can meet, face-to-face.

The final two hours of the event, 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., will again be a "Business After Hours" to enjoy food sampling (prepared and donated by Chamber members businesses) and provide another opportunity to meet potential customers. Great prizes, totaling \$1,000.00, will be drawn at the end of the event.

EXPO '06 sponsors are appreciated! They are:

GOLD: Wake Electric and Progress Energy.

SILVER: Time Warner Cable, School of Graphic Arts/Masonic Home for Children, Vulcan Construction Materials, and Granville Medical Center.

MEDIA: The Butner-Creedmoor News, Oxford Public Ledger, The Daily Dispatch, The Warren Record, The Franklin Times, WLUS FM98.3, WIZS 1450, WAAR 1520-AM and Country 102.

How can you afford NOT to participate? Join with exhibitors on Tuesday, October 10th at Vance-Granville Community College.

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