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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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CHAMBER BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANVILLE COUNTY MAP CAMPAIGN

The Granville County Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors is pleased to announce plans for the publication of a new official street map and resource guide. The map will include Granville County and the municipalities of Butner, Creedmoor, Oxford, Stem and Stovall.

This full-color street map is one of the Chamber's most vital tools for marketing our county to visitors, new residents and prospective residents, as well as recruiting and relocating businesses. More than 5,000 copies of the publication will be distributed. There will also be an on-line version.

The Board is pleased to partner with COMMUNITYLINK, a reputable map company, who partners with Chambers across the United States.

Members of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce will be contacted by representatives of COMMUNITYLINK and offered the opportunity to advertise in this very special Chamber publication. Marketing Consultants from COMMUNITYLINK will begin contacting Chamber members soon. If businesses wish to confirm the company representatives as those endorsed by our Chamber, please call either of the Chamber offices — 693.6125, 528.4994.

Participation in this project benefits our entire business community. The Board appreciates the support of our membership in this project, which is sponsored solely by advertising dollars.

Spring 2007 Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup APRIL 14 - 28

The beauty and greenness of spring will soon be here. You can make spring in North Carolina even more beautiful by participating in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's *LITTER SWEEP* roadside cleanup that will take place **APRIL 14 - 28**. This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate support for a clean North Carolina and Granville County by organizing a community cleanup during *LITTER SWEEP*.

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Easley has issued a proclamation naming **April 14 - 28** *LITTER SWEEP* time in the state. NCDOT crews, local governments, Department of Correction inmates, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, churches, civic organizations, schools, businesses and concerned citizens across the state will be cleaning roadsides.

The Chamber has received comments and discussed the increasing trash that is littering Granville County roads. Hopefully, many businesses and groups will use this designated time to work together as a community to have a clean and beautiful Granville County.

It is very simple to participate. Cleanup supplies can be picked up from a local NCDOT maintenance yard — **919.693.8164** — **Teresa O'Briant**. Orange safety vests, orange trash bags, blue recycling bags and gloves are available. After the cleanup is completed, make a call to the local NCDOT maintenance yard and ask for the trash-filled orange bags to be picked up from the roadside.

Participating groups may request a certificate of appreciation from NCDOT and may also win an award for the most Unusual Litter, First, Second and Third cash prizes will be given.

For more information call: **The Litter Sweep Hotline at 1.800.331.5864** or visit their website, **www.ncdot.org/~beautification**. Forms, posters and telephone listings are available from local AAH Coordinators or the web site.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 19 AT BANDAG

Human Resource Committee member Kristina Blalock with Community Immediate Care, hosted March's HR Committee Meeting at Granville Health System. The program was given by the Granville Medical Sleep Lab on "Sleep Disorders." This was an informative session, delicious lunch and great networking.

April's meeting will be hosted by Travis McLendon at Bandag, 505 West Industry Drive in Oxford. Travis invites all HR members to mark this date on calendars – April 19th – and plan to attend for lunch and a program.

Wanda will send an e-mail notice one week prior to remind all Chamber Human Resource Committee members.

Government Forum Group

Presentation by Labor Commissioner Cherrie Berry

The Chamber's Government Forum Group met in March at the Granville County Economic Development Commission's office. EDC Director Leon Turner gave a Granville County update and Linda Sigmon, Director of Oxford Downtown Economic Development, gave an Oxford update. The meeting was full of interesting facts and positive news to the 20+ attendees.

April's meeting will be held Friday, April 13th at 8:00 a.m. at Creedmoor City Hall in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Committee co-chairs Pat Kiesow and Lois Pauluzzi have arranged for North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry, to be our guest speaker.

This will be an outstanding meeting. Government Forum Meetings are open to the public. We hope to have an outstanding attendance!

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Monthly Membership Meeting

The Chamber's Monthly Membership Meeting will be an Open House hosted by Our Children's Place on Thursday, April 26 from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. at a location to be announced near Deerfield Cottage (at the back of the Murdoch Center campus).

Our Children's Place is a non-profit organization designed to allow children, at 4 years of age and younger, to live with their mothers in a community-based facility while

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
4	3:00-5:00 pm	Oxford Downtown Businesses' Easter "Bring Your Own Basket," 603.1116 for information	Downtown Oxford
6		Holiday – Good Friday	
9	10:45 am	Ribbon Cutting — Relay for Life Benefit	Oxford Bar & Grill
10	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
10	6:30 pm	Leadership Granville Graduation	Thorndale Country Club
11	8:00 am	Ambassador Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
13	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee Meeting	Creedmoor City Hall
13	6:00-8:00 pm	Night of the Arts	Mt. Energy Elementary School
14	10:00 am-noon	Night of the Arts	Mt. Energy Elementary School
19	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Mtg.	Bandag
20-22		Thorndale Country Club's Season Opener — Call 919.693.6716 for information	Thorndale Country Club
26	4:30-6:00 pm	Business After Hours/Open House Update on Deerfield Cottage Project	TBA
30	6:30-8:30 pm	Granville County United Way Banquet	First Baptist Church, Butner

the women serve their sentences for non-violent offenses.

This will be an opportunity for our community to hear information about the project and the facility, Deerfield Cottage where this program will be housed.

Please plan to attend, enjoy refreshments and receive information about Our Children's Place. The meeting location will be announced in local media and via e-mail blasts.

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Granville County Chamber of Commerce, along with the Warren and Vance County Chambers and VGCC's Small Business Center, are joining to recognize each county's Small Business winner.

An Embarq sponsored luncheon will precede this recognition on Tuesday, May 8 at 12:00 noon at the Henderson Country Club.

Nomination forms were included in March's "BRIGHTLEAF" and are also available on the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com. We hope to receive many nominations by the April 16th deadline.

Past winners are: Cardiovascular Care, Dr. Allen Kindman; Stovall's Gifts, Julia Stovall Overton; and Preferred Communications, Robert (Bob) Meeker.

THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT!

The Chamber recently received a nice comment from Alyne O'Keefe, manager of the Royal Pavilions Apartments of Creedmoor, Inc. We wanted to share her comments with our members.

"When I first decided to join the Chamber, I was new to the area and knew little to next to nothing of Creedmoor. I was entrusted with a 28 Unit Income Based Senior HUD property known as Royal Pavilions Apartments of Creedmoor Inc. And, I had four vacancies to fill.

I attended as many Chamber functions as my schedule would permit. I networked, introduced myself, exchanged business cards, shared flyers, and, in general, got Royal Pavilions' name known.

Less than a year later, I am proud to say that Royal Pavilions Apartments of Creedmoor Inc. achieved 100% occupancy. We even have a wait list of those wishing to move when there is an availability. When asked what made the difference in helping us to fill up, I respond, "The Chamber."

In my heart, I am so grateful to have found The Chamber and I say "Thanks" to Glenda and all the rest who have helped make this possible."

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

The Chamber's new South Council Chairman is also a member of our Ambassadors Group. We would like to share some information with our members about **PAUL WILLIFORD**, this month's Ambassador.

Paul's family has been in Granville County for over 150 years. He has been in the county since 1987. He and his wife, Michelle, married in 1991. They have two daughters, Whitney and Mariah.

Prior to becoming involved in real estate, Paul was a paid fireman for the City of Oxford for twelve years. He has been in real estate for three years, and is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Advantage.

Paul enjoys hunting and raising hunting beagles (which he uses for rabbits and to compete in field trials). He also enjoys spending quality time with his daughters. Their older daughter has a horse, and the younger one is involved in sports and dance competitions.

His favorite quotes to live by are: "Every day is a holiday, and every day is a picnic" and "Don't let anyone live in your head rent-free."

Paul comments that he was raised to always give back to his community so there will always be some for someone else. As a member of the Ambassadors Group and as chairman of the South Council, he is doing just that — meeting new people and giving back to his community!

The Chamber is fortunate to have Paul as an active member! We thank him for his commitment to our Chamber and to Granville County!

GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM CEO AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Granville Health System (formerly Granville Medical Center) is in the process of implementing changes which will "enhance our mission to provide quality health care services that effectively contribute to the well-being of the people and communities we serve."

L. Lee Isley, Chief Executive Officer, is interested in speaking to organizations so he may introduce himself and speak about the strategic direction the Health System is taking.

For additional information, please call Ms. Ferrell Newton, 919.690.3405.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

OXFORD COMMUNITY PROJECT is a non-profit organization which offers support services to Granville County Schools. Former Granville County School Superintendent, **Janice Davis**, is the contact for this group. Their office is located at 116 College Street in Oxford, where they may be reached at 919.690.8838 Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Janice welcomes the opportunity to give information about the project. Contact her also at davisjo49@hotmail.com.

A new member in the Insurance Category is **THE HOLT AGENCY/NATION-WIDE INSURANCE**, located at 122 Bank Street in Oxford. Represented by **Anthony Grissom**, they offer all insurance products — auto, home, business and life. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Grissom may be reached at telephone, 919.692.1515, fax, 919.692.1516 or at grissoal@nationwide.com. Their staff looks forward to being involved in our Chamber.

Our Catering and Restaurant list just increased with the addition of new member **Chick-fil-A at Henderson**. The business, owned and operated by **Joshua Towne**, is located at 200 Trade Street in Henderson. Towne and Marketing Director Melanie Brewer has already been involved in last month's Business-After-Hours. Visit their location Monday – Saturday, 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., and contact them at 252.436.0010 by phone; 252.436.0012 by fax; or, by e-mailing 01758@chick-fil-a.com and hannroosmom@earthlink.net.

The **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**, represented by **Bryan Renn**, has patient service programs, education on cancer prevention, and a resource database for local assistance. Bryan is available Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by phoning 919.321.9006 or faxing 919.341.3443. Persons are also encouraged to visit their website, www.cancer.org or contact him at BRYAN.RENN@CANCER.ORG. Their Relay for Life is coming up in May. Watch for details!

We welcome a full-service dining (with private meeting room available), sports bar, shag club, take-out service and express lunch facility — **OXFORD BAR & GRILL**. **Kirby Kim** and **Sati Chibbra's** new business venture is located at 108-A East Industry Drive in Oxford. Hours or operation are Monday – Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Thursday – Saturday,

11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.; and Sundays, 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m. Contact information is telephone 919.693.1645; fax 919.603.1647; jkk919@yahoo.com and lighthouse@vance.net. **Nancy Smith**, Marketing Director, invites everyone to their Ribbon Cutting on Monday, April 9 at 10:45 a.m., followed by special-priced lunch menus benefiting a local Relay for Life Team. Visit their website for information on this and other events such as shag lessons, DJ nights, etc., at www.obg919.com.

EAGLE PCS, INC. is a brand new computer service and repair business at 139 Hillsboro Street in Oxford. Owner **Rick Harris** and his staff offer computer service, repair, sales of new and used equipment and networking Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Visit their store front location or call 252.767.6897 for information on their services. You may also visit their website, www.eaglepcs.net or contact Harris at rickh@eaglepcs.net.

In need of some new furniture? New member **VANCE FURNITURE COMPANY, INC.** invites everyone to visit their showroom at 325 South Garnett Street in Henderson and see their furniture selection and get information on their service. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For additional information, visit their website, www.vancefurniture.com or call 252.438.3911, fax 252.438.6176. **Craig Bailey** (chb@vancefurniture.com) and his staff will be happy to assist you.

Stephanie Harris has opened her office for mental health and small business consulting at 1419-A College Street in Oxford. **INFINITE HORIZON, INC.** is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for business. Harris may also be contacted by calling 919.603.1811 or faxing to 919.603.1911. She looks forward to being involved in the Chamber and our community.

A unique hair salon has opened at 100 Broad Street in Oxford — on the corner of Hillsboro and Broad. **Cynthia Naef** is the owner of **SALON MATISSE**, specializing in hairstyling, waxing and nails. She is open Monday through Saturday. Arrange an appointment by calling 919.693.1363 or e-mailing her at salonmatisse@aol.com. For a new spring look, prom or special occasion hairstyle, give SALON MATISSE a call.

2007 ALIVE AFTER FIVE EVENTS

Thursday May 10, Oxford "The Band of Oz"	Thursday August 23, Creedmoor "The Embers"	Thursday September 27, Oxford "The Fantastic Shakers"
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The Chamber's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the dates and performers for our 2007 "Alive After Five" events.

The first event will be held Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Oxford's Downtown Parking Lot (behind Main Street/Courthouse). The first event of the series will feature "The Band of Oz."

The second event will be held in Creedmoor at a new location, the former Kayser-Roth parking lot at 2150 Hwy. 56 East. "The Embers" will be the entertainers that Thursday evening, August 23.

The final event will be held in Oxford, featuring "The Fantastic Shakers" and will be held Thursday, September 27.

We will need approximately **60 VOLUNTEERS** to coordinate each event (serve beverages, check ID's, sell tickets, etc.) We are counting on businesses and community organizations to continue their incredible support by volunteering. The success of these events is dependent on everyone taking a turn.

Look for more details to follow in the local newspapers and radio station, as well as the Chamber's "BRIGHTLEAF," posters and on the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com.

Please mark your calendars now.

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*You Are Invited to a Special Luncheon
on May 24, 2007*

*The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County
The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
The Granville County Chamber of Commerce
The Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce*

*Invite office managers, administrative assistants,
and human resource managers
to attend
Lunch and Program
by Denise Ryan, Firestar, Raleigh
"Lessons from the Lands Down Under"
Thursday, May 24, 2007, 12:00 noon
Henderson Country Club
Lunch: \$10.00*

*Please reply to the Granville County Chamber of Commerce
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