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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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LEADERSHIP GRANVILLE CLASS OF 2008-09

Leadership Granville's Steering Committee is busy planning sessions for the upcoming year's program. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Granville County Schools and Vance-Granville Community College, the program offers citizens the opportunity to acquire knowledge of the community and develop leadership potential.

Sessions are held from mid-September until early April. They include program topics such as: leadership assessment; history; agriculture; county, city, state and national governments; human relations; human services; health services; small business tour; arts; education; judicial system; northern and southern Granville tours.

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee so participants represent a cross-section of interested, motivated and committed participants from all segments of the community. Interested persons should contact the Chamber for information and registration form.

This year the Steering Committee is being led by Debra Weary, Chairman (Granville County Economic Development Commission); Donna Hosch, Vice-Chairman (City of Oxford); Annie Nesbitt, Secretary (Granville Health System); George Summers, Treasurer (retired); and Eleanor Fowler, Facilitator (retired).

Committee members are: Kathy Arrington (retired), Jo Ann Averette (Granville County Clerk of Court), Charles Easton (Granville County Cattlemen's Association), Gus Gillespie (Granville County Schools), Hubert Gooch (Granville County Commissioners), Monique Powell (Vance-Granville Community College), Cecilia Wheeler (Vance-Granville Community College/South Campus), Jim Wrenn (Hopper, Hicks & Wrenn, LLP) and Ginnie Currin (Granville County Chamber of Commerce).

2007 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD PRESENTED TO HOUSE OF RIBEYES

BRENT and SUSAN STEWART, OWNERS

An area event recently recognized small business owners from Granville, Vance, Warren and Franklin Counties at a luncheon sponsored by EMBARQ, the Chambers of Commerce from each of the above mentioned counties and the Small Business Center of Vance-Granville Community College.

The House of Ribeyes, which began their operation in 2003, was chosen as Granville County Chamber's recipient of this honor. Brent and Susan Stewart began operation of this popular restaurant at 102 Roxboro Road in Oxford in 2003. Their dedicated staff consists of 5 employees Sunday – Thursday, and 11 employees Friday and Saturday. This increase from their original staff of 3-4 Sunday – Thursday and 6 Friday and Saturday is due to the delicious menu and popularity of the restaurant.

The nominator's comments state that, "Brent and Susan have provided our community and neighboring communities with a top-notch restaurant with excellent food, excellent service, a wonderful environment and a fun place to dine and mingle with friends. It shows how hard work, great product and excellent service can pay off!" Additionally, "Great downtowns and communities have great restaurants to draw people in — they have accomplished this."

The Small Business Week luncheon also featured a presentation by Dr. Barnsley Brown, "Beating the Business Burnout Blues" and door prizes provided by local small business owners representing the four counties.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2		Ribbon Cutting for The Holt Agency – Nationwide Insurance relocation	Hillsboro Street, Oxford
3	8:30 am	Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
5, 6, 7		PreddyFest, Bluegrass Festival (rpreddy@touchnc.net, or www.PreddyFest.com for information)	Franklinton
6	7-10 pm	Butner Chicken Pickin'	Downtown Butner
7	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Butner Chicken Pickin'	Downtown Butner
7 & 8		Tour de Cure	Masonic Home for Children
10	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	VGCC-South Campus
11	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	VGCC-South Campus
13	8:00 am	Government Forum	Chamber Boardroom
13	11:00 am-6:30 pm	Granville County Crimestoppers Fried Chicken Dinner	National Guard Armory
19	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting, hosted by Plastic Ingenuity	Plastic Ingenuity
20	7:00 am	Oxford Business & Professional Chain's Golf Classic 2008. Registration at 7 am; Tee-Off at 8:30 am. Call 693.7942 for information.	Bull Creek Golf Club, Louisburg
20	9:00 pm	Movie "Shrek 3"; call Linda Sigmon, 603.1116 for information	Downtown Parking Lot behind Courthouse
20	4-8 pm	Granville County Cattleman's Earth Roast Dinner. Tickets: \$10.	Granville County Livestock Arena
25	12:00 noon	Monthly Membership Meeting, hosted by Hiren & Rita Patel — lunch, tours and fellowship	Best Western, Linden Avenue, Oxford

LITTERING IS ILLEGAL!

The NC Department of Transportation spent \$16 million last year picking up litter from the state's roadsides. Nationwide, about 25,000 accidents can be attributed to roadway debris annually. The NC State Highway Patrol reports that two out of three tickets they issue for unsecured loads are issued with motorists' safety in mind.

Citizens share a responsibility to keep North Carolina's roadways clean and green. Though you may not intentionally litter, if you do not secure items in your truck bed, you are contributing to roadside litter. Careless drivers could wind up picking up their own litter. It is illegal under North Carolina law to haul an improperly secured load. Penalties for littering include up to a \$2,000 fine, community service work and one point on a motorist's driver's license upon conviction.

Here's how everyone can join the fight against litter:

1) Secure your cargo – Items that come from uncovered trucks litter our highways and cause dangerous driving

conditions. In North Carolina, 50% of litter is blown, not thrown.

2) Swat-A-Litterbug – If you see someone littering, or trash blowing from an open-bed truck, you can report them. Make sure you get N.C. license plate number, type of littering, date, time and location. Next, Call *HP and report the incident, or access the online report form at www.ncdot.org/~beautification or call 1.877.368.4968.

3) Adopt-A-Highway – Adopt a two-mile stretch of roadway and agree to clean it four times a year. The NC Department of Transportation will provide you with trash bags, safety vests and gloves. You will receive two recognition signs along your section. For additional information, call 1.800.331.5864, or visit the web site, www.ncdot.org/~beautification.

4) Obtain A No Litter Specialty Tag – Help support our anti-litter efforts. Visit NCDOT litter efforts at www.ncdot.org/~beautification for more information.

—NC Department of Transportation,
Office of Beautification Programs

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

YOU'RE INVITED... TO A COOKOUT!

Wednesday, June 25

Hosted by Best Western Inn & Suites
12:00 Noon 'Til 2:00 P.M.

Hiren and Rita Patel cordially invite members of the Chamber to attend a special lunch at their business, 1000 Linden Avenue, Oxford. Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings will be served around the pool (weather permitting) Wednesday, June 25, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Guests may dine inside in the breakfast area or in the meeting rooms.

The Patels have recently renovated business-class rooms and the breakfast area and are hopeful that attendees will notice these improvements, as well as visit their conference/meeting room facilities. A special donation announcement will be made during the lunch of mattresses to a local community organization. They will also have information about their summer promotions.

Reservations should be made by June 18th to granvillechamber@embarqmail.com, 693.6125, or, to 528.4994.

The Chamber appreciates the Patels' invitation to lunch and is hopeful that many members will attend.

DIRECTIONS: Exit 204 off I-85. Go south on Hwy. 96. Turn RIGHT at New Commerce Drive (at auto center), then RIGHT at Best Western Inn & Suites sign.

GOVERNMENT FORUM

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Friday, the 13th will be a lucky day for attendees at the Government Forum as they will hear presentations from **Representative Jim Crawford** and **Senator Doug Berger**. The 8:00 a.m. gathering will be held at the Chamber's 124 Hillsboro Street, Oxford office. Interested citizens are invited to attend. Following the presentations, questions and comments will be accepted.

May's program was presented by a representative of North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper's office on "Identify Theft." What a spectacular, eye-opening program!

The Government Forum topics are exceptionally interesting. Co-chairs Pat Kiesow and Lois Pauluzzi have done a wonderful job of organizing speakers for each month. Won't you join us in this informal setting and become better informed?

Museum Announces Summer Events

Lectures, Workshops, Demonstrations

This summer the Harris Exhibit Hall will not have an exhibit. The Museum will be trying something different — a variety of lectures, workshops, demonstrations, etc. Many diverse programs are planned, with free admission. Pre-registration is requested as there is limited space for most of the events. Contact the museum by phone, 919.693.9706 or by email, pam@granvillemuseumnc.org.

The Granville History Museum in the “old jail” will be operating on regular schedule: Wednesdays – Fridays, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The gift shop in the Harris Hall will be available most of these hours.

Some of the summer program topics are: civil war author/historian; children’s author; Mama Dip; Blackbeard, Shipwrecks, Treasures and Pirates; quilt artist; painting and students’ paintings; county doctor author/musician; basics of photography; dulcimer making and playing; book reviews; potter; Indian artifact collectors; starlight stories and solar safaris; Native American lore; Earth Rocks; Weather Watchers; It’s a Plant’s Life; African-American Quilters Circle.

If you’re interested in attending these incredible program offerings, please visit the Museum’s website for additional information: www.granvillemuseumnc.org.

CENTRAL CHILDREN’S HOME DAY SLATED FOR JUNE 21

Festivities for the annual Central Children’s Home Day Celebration will begin Saturday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. with a parade. This year’s event occurs on the same day as the Masonic Home for Children’s St. John’s Day, due to leap year.

The same participants will be involved in the parade — Hillside High School Band, The New Attraction Band, floats, buffalo soldiers, as well as many other entries.

Campus activities will begin at 12:00 noon. Attendees will be able to visit the booths set up on the campus by 11:00 a.m. For additional information about the event, please contact Maggie Sawyer at 693.7617.

Gertrude Washington and Helen Amis are serving as chairpersons for this year’s Central Children’s Home Day.

BUTNER CHICKEN PICKIN’ JUNE 6 AND 7 • GAZEBO PARK ON CENTRAL AVENUE

The chickens are on the way! Mark your calendar so you will not forget to come out and join in the food and fun. Some of the best barbecue chicken in the south will be cooked during the Barbecue Cook-Off Contest. Also, vendors will be selling corn-on-the-cob, funnel cakes, blooming onions, hot dogs, hamburgers, fish, jewelry, candles, crafts, shoes, pies, cakes and barbecue pork — just to name a few! Persons needing vendor or cook-off contest applications should contact Marshall or Betsy Dixon at 919.575.6691. Vendor spaces are 12’ x 12’ for \$25. Cook-off spaces are also 12’ x 12’ for \$25.

The Top 100 Car Show is the biggest attraction of the day, with over 200 cars. There are Dash Plaques for the first 100 entries, plus 100 award plaques and/or trophies for those winning the various divisions. Jimmy Walker is the contact for applications — 575.0399.

WANTED: Adults and kids for the Crowing Contests. Call Carolyn Cheek (575.4405) if you would like to put your name on the list. In addition to crowing, there will be lots of music and singing on stage all day. Bring a lawn chair, sit in the shade and enjoy the day!

Friday evening, June 6, a Street Dance will be held at Body Fitness Gym on West C Street, behind SunTrust Bank. THE KONNECTION BAND, sponsored by Carolina Sunrock, will play a variety of music for entertainment and dancing from 7 until 10 p.m. South Granville Athletic Association will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

The weekend events are sponsored by Butner Citizens Planning Ahead. Butner is located just one mile off I-85 at Exit 189. Travel into Butner until you see the barricades. Parking is available to the left and right of the barricades.

ST. JOHN’S DAY CELEBRATION DRAWING NEAR JUNE 21 • NEW PARADE TIME: 9:30 AM

The streets of Oxford will be filled with the sites and sounds of St. John’s Day 2008 on Saturday, June 21. “North Carolina’s biggest and best Shrine parade will start a bit earlier this year, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 21,” according to information from the Masonic Home for Children.

On hand again will be Lancaster’s Barbeque and vendors from around the state “cooking up” BBQ, fried chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, chicken fingers, French fries, cotton candy and a variety of desserts. Open to all Master Masons is a stated communication of Orphans Lodge No. 761, held on campus at the Masonic Center at 8:00 a.m.

St. John’s Day is a day for the whole family, as the kids can enjoy rides and games on the campus. Your trip to The Home needs to include a visit to the children’s cottages for an Open House Tour and a chance to view the history of The Home with a trip through the Cobb Center at Dunn Cottage Museum and the Sallie Mae Ligon Archives.

Entertainment concludes the day with two of the state’s most popular traveling bands — THE CRAIG WOOLARD BAND (who performed at May’s Alive After Five) and THE PIZAZZ BAND — performing on the main stage at the Home.

For more information, visit the St. John’s Day webpage, www.mhc-oxford.org/stjohn, or, call The Home at 1.888.505.4357.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE MAY EVENT REPORT AUGUST EVENT: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, CREEDMOOR

The first ALIVE AFTER FIVE of 2008 was a tremendous success! Even the uncertainty of the weather (most of the day!) did not hamper attendance! We appreciate the public’s patience as we “weathered the storm” and proceeded with the much-anticipated event!

The crowd was indicative of the popularity of the Chamber’s Alive After Five events. Many, many VOLUNTEERS are to be commended for their commitment. Also, we are so grateful to the INCREDIBLE SPONSORS. Without the continued support of many of these businesses and the new businesses who came on board this year, the events would not be possible.

Our second Alive After Five will be held August 28 in Creedmoor with the popular “CASTAWAYS BAND” performing. THE CASTAWAYS are an extremely popular group, and we anticipate an overwhelming crowd! Mark this date on your calendar!

Volunteers will again play a key role in the success of Alive After Five. Please consider taking a turn at the check-in-tables or serving beverages. Contact one of our offices for information, 528.4994 or 693.6125.

SAFETY AWARDS BANQUET RECOGNIZES COUNTY WINNERS

The North Carolina Department of Labor, the Granville County Chamber of Commerce and the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Safety Awards Banquet recently. North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry and her staff presented awards to the following Granville County businesses:

SILVER AWARDS

(Criteria: Rate of days away from work must be at least 50% below the industry average.)

First Year: Carolina Sunrock (Butner & Kittrell Quarry and Muirhead Distribution Center)

Second Consecutive Year: Carolina Sunrock (Butner Concrete Plant)

Third Consecutive Year: Clayton Homes of Oxford

GOLD AWARDS

(Criteria: Rate of days away from work, job transfer or restriction must be at least 50% below the industry average.)

First Year: Bandag, Inc.; Carolina Sunrock (Land Development, North Raleigh Concrete and Kittrell Equipment)

Fourth Consecutive Year: Altec Industries, Creedmoor Manufacturing Division

Seventh Consecutive Year: Carolina Sunrock, Corporate Headquarters

Eleventh Consecutive Year: CertainTeed

Our Newest Chamber Member Is...

HOWARD JANITORIAL SERVICES, owned by **Jimmie Howard**. His flexible work hours will benefit your every need. He offers low-moisture carpet cleaning, floor stripping, gym floor and hardwood refinishing and contract general cleaning. Mr. Howard is located at 1190 Still Meadow Drive in Creedmoor and may be reached at 919.528.5832, or, at howardjanitorial53@yahoo.com.

Mr. Howard is excited to join the Chamber. Please show him your support by contacting him for your janitorial needs. He'll appreciate your business!

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH

Diane Chappell, Plastic Ingenuity, will be the host for the Human Resource Committee Meeting at 12:00 noon on June 19th. Committee Members will receive an email confirmation of the meeting with program and location details.

In their usual grand style, **Frances Garrett (Clayton Homes)** and **Don Jenkins (City of Oxford)** hosted the May meeting. We appreciate the commitment of this group of HR Managers as they gather monthly to share ideas and needs with their peers.

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