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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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ANNUAL NEW TEACHER BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 7:30 AM • GRANVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Chamber membership is invited to attend the annual New Teacher Breakfast on Friday, August 15th, 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at Granville County's newest school, Granville Central High School, Sanders Road, near Stem.

Granville Health System will be this year's breakfast sponsor and will be providing a delicious menu for attendees. The approximately 100 new teachers will have an opportunity to meet local government and elected officials, business owners and Chamber members. Also, a short program will precede self-introductions as the teachers share information about their school assignment and institution from which they graduated.

Gift bags are given to the new teachers, which include donated items (pens, pencils, notepads, cups, mugs, gift certificates, etc.) from local county businesses. Any business who is interested in contributing items should contact the Chamber at 693.6125, 528.4994, or granvillechamber@embarqmail.com.

Granville Health System and the Chamber extend an invitation to all Chamber members to welcome these new teachers to our county and the school system. Please let us know by phone or email (above) the number from your business who plan to attend.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, AT NOON • VGCC – South Campus – Meeting Room

The Women in Business Committee has been busy planning our next meeting and the October anniversary meeting. Janet Stallings, Fidelity Bank, has planned a very informative program for our Tuesday, August 19th, 12:00 noon meeting. Local attorney, Jim Cross of Royster, Cross and Hensley and Kimberly Tatum of Tatum and Edwards, CPA will be presenting a program on Women and Finance.

Lunch will be available for \$10/person, catered by Simply Delicious Catering. Reservations are required by August 12th to Theresa Haithcock, 528.4994 or Wanda Garrett, 693.6125.

Granville Health System is continuing sponsorship of the program and will be providing door prizes.

This much-requested program topic will prove to be interesting and very informative. We hope you and your co-workers will plan to attend. Watch for program details of the October anniversary meeting — Tuesday, October 7.

OXFORD'S SIDEWALK SALE

AUGUST 1 & 2

Downtown Oxford merchants will be holding their annual Sidewalk Sales Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2. The sidewalk sale is timed to coordinate with North Carolina's tax-free weekend, as preparation for a new school year begins.

Merchants will be offering goods on the sidewalks or in the air-conditioned comfort of their stores. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to sell baked goods. For additional information, contact **Linda Simon, Director of the Downtown EDC**, at 603.1116.

GRANVILLE COUNTY CHAMBER'S SECOND EVENT IN CREEDMOOR

ALIVE AFTER FIVE

FEATURING "THE CASTAWAYS" • THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 • 5:30 'TIL 8:30 PM

The Chamber's second Alive After Five of 2008 will be held Thursday, August 28 from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the former Kayser-Roth building, Hwy 56, Creedmoor. This location was used for the first time last year and proved to be an excellent choice. The grassy area, shade trees and enormous space were perfect! We express our appreciation to Boyd Taylor, owner of Creedmoor Business Park, LLC, for allowing us to use the property.

Make plans to come early, bring a chair and be entertained by the music of **THE CASTAWAYS**, a well-known and very popular beach music group. We expect a **HUGE** crowd to attend.

The Castaways are the premier party band in the Carolinas and Virginia. A reputable band known throughout the South, The Castaways possess over forty-five years of experience in the beach music industry. From its beginning in Durham in 1961, The Castaways have been pleasing audiences with their unique flavor of beach, soul and rock 'n roll for generations of fans. Their previously released CD, "The Castaways - Generation Six" has received great reviews as it has showcased the variety of vocal styles and song selections that The Castaways can offer. The original tune "Two Steps Forward" has become a favorite among shaggers. As recipients of a 2006 Carolina Beach Music Award, The Castaways have proven to be a favorite among fans both young and old!

The band's members are Karen Clayton, lead vocals, Timberlake; John Arthurs, guitar, vocals, Pittsboro; Barry Brantley, drums, vocals, Durham; Guy Brooks, bass guitar, vocals, Henderson; J. T. Long, saxophone, vocals, Durham; Ben Shaw, trumpet, trombone, vocals, Raleigh; and Jim Weaver, keyboards, vocals, Clayton.

The Castaways name has a long heritage and is well remembered throughout the beach music community. As the band moves closer to the half-century mark, they are again hitting the road promoting new songs, new singers and true Carolina Beach Music. With seven members on stage, the Castaways bring a full

sound that includes live horns and versatile vocals covering a variety of music. No tricks or gadgets — what you see is what you hear!

Forty-five years have passed since The Castaways came into existence. Though the names and faces have changed, the musical spirit has remained. Looking back through time, the band has created its own history. They'll be capturing some of this heritage and sharing with attendees at our event on August 28th.

The Chamber is extremely grateful and proud to recognize this year's **SPONSORS** for all three Alive After Five events:

Presenting Stage Sponsors: Harris, Inc.; Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

Boardwalk Sponsors: Downtown Oxford Economic Development Corp., Embarq, Granville Health System, Progress Energy.

Shagger Sponsors:

Currin Building Supply, Inc.; Duke Energy; Express Employment Professionals;

Lewis Electric of Oxford, Inc.; McDonald's/Endrusick Enterprises; SunTrust Bank.

Sand Dollar Sponsors: Altec; Cardinal State Bank; Carolina Sunrock; City of Creedmoor; City of Oxford; Coca-Cola; Coley Bunch Nursery; Creedmoor Fuel Service, Inc.; Fidelity Bank - Creedmoor & Oxford; Fishing Creek Nursery & Florist; Flextronics; Jimmy Williams & Associates/Nationwide Insurance; Paul Williford, Broker, Coldwell Banker Advantage; Remax in the Country; School of Graphic Arts; Simply Delicious Catering; Sunrise Biscuit Company; Verizon.

Concession Vendors: Chick-fil-A; Coca-Cola; Domino's Pizza; Harris, Inc.; McDonald's; Munchin' Marvin's Bar & Grill; Pat's Grill on Wheels; Pig Out Express; Texas Roadhouse Restaurant.

Media: Butner-Creedmoor News, Oxford Public Ledger, Daily Dispatch, Mike Brooks TV Production & Entertainment, US98.3.

EIGHTH ANNUAL OXFORD TOP 50 CAR SHOW

HIX FIELD - AUGUST 2

The City of Oxford's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the eighth annual Top 50 Car Show Saturday, August 2 at Hix Field. Registration may be done prior to the event, or the day of the event. "Oldies, newies, diamonds in the rough, motor cycles and model cars" are encouraged to enter.

Registration will be held from 9:30 'til 11:00 a.m., with judging beginning at 11:00. There is an entry fee of \$10; model cars, \$2.

Visit their website, www.oxfordparksandrecreation.com for additional information about this great family event. Other contact information is: 603.1135, 693.6593 or ligcbg@yahoo.com.

"GRANVILLE TODAY" PUBLICATION

The third edition of our Chamber's "Granville Today" publication is in the works. We have once again partnered with The Daily Dispatch to produce this community magazine, which is an incredible marketing tool for the Chamber and its members. "Granville Today" also includes a Membership Directory.

Representatives from The Dispatch are contacting members about advertising opportunities. The book has a broad distribution and will be an asset for those who support it by advertising. We appreciate the support of Chamber members in this project.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Manpower's Lois Pauluzzi will be host for the Thursday, August 21 meeting of the Chamber's Human Resource Committee. The lunch meeting will be followed by a program topic of interest to HR managers. Program details and specific information will be provided in a reminder email to committee members one week prior to the meeting.

In June, Diane Chappell of Plastic Ingenuity hosted the lunch and provided the program. Following the customary July break, we look forward to the meeting hosted by Manpower.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber's Board of Directors is pleased to welcome the following new members:

STATE FARM INSURANCE, represented by **Paul Odland** at his Chapel Hill office, 6350 Quadrangle Drive, Suite 140, 27517. This well-know agency offers insurance and financial services. Contact Paul at 919.490.0108, telephone or paul.odland.gu8a@statefarm.com. He and another State Farm representative, **Phil Morrow**, are anxious for their agency to be involved in Granville County.

You'll want to sample the catering and restaurant services offered by **PIG OUT EXPRESS**. The restaurant is located at 5126 North Roxboro Road in Durham, 27704. They also provide catering to your event. Call them at 919.961.0788, or fax to 919.477.BBQ1 for information. Also, **Joel Ragland** may be reached by email at joel.ragland@aol.com. In the meantime, visit their website, www.pigoutexpress.com. Be sure to visit their booth at our *Alive After Five* event in *Creedmoor* on August 28.

We are happy to have a southern end lodging facility to join us — **COMFORT INN. Pradip M. (Paul) Patel** is our contact for this hotel located at 1585 Hwy 56, Creedmoor 27522. For reservation information, call 919.528.9296 (fax 919.528.2904), or email Mr. Patel at pmpatel75@gmail.com, 24/7. Additionally, information may be obtained from their website, www.choicehotels.com.

Have you wondered what's opened in the building next to the Courthouse in Oxford? — **VINTAGE CHARM**. You'll want to visit a new home décor retail shop at 111 Main Street, owned by **Debra Connelly**. Debra has a wonderful variety of "cottage style" home décor items and accessories. Their hours of operation are Tuesday – Friday, 12:00 noon until 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Call them at 919.693.3700 or contact them at dgarky@mindspring.com.

GOVERNMENT FORUM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

The Chamber's Government Forum will have the pleasure of visiting the Cooperative Extension Service – Granville County Center for the August 8th meeting at 8:00 am. The Extension Staff will be making a presentation on their program offerings and goals and objectives as they relate to programming areas.

Come join the group as we visit this agency which provides so much information and assists so many individuals.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 & 2		Oxford's Sidewalk Sale	Downtown Oxford
2	9:30 am	Top 50 Car Show	Hix Field
5	8:30 am	Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
8	8:00 am	Government Forum	Cooperative Extension Service Office
12	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
13	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
15	7:30 am	New Teachers Breakfast	Granville Central High School
18	12:00 noon	South Council Meeting	VGCC-South Campus
19	12:00 noon	Women in Business	VGCC-South Campus
21	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	To be announced
21	3:00 pm	Tourism Development Authority Board Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
23	12:00 - 9:00 pm	Goshen Summer Extravaganza	Oak Hill Heritage House
28	1:00 - 8:00 pm	Granville Industrial & Business Club Golf Tournament	South Granville Country Club
28	5:30 'til 8:30 pm	Granville County Chamber's Alive After Five	Creedmoor Business Park, Hwy. 56 East

GRANVILLE INDUSTRIAL & BUSINESS CLUB'S

GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 28 – SOUTH GRANVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

The Granville Industrial and Business Club has planned another spectacular Captain's Choice Golf Tournament. Reservations will be accepted for the first 92 players. Advance payment will confirm reservation, and the entry form must accompany payment.

The Shotgun start will be at 1:00 pm, with a social at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. There will be a \$5,000 prizes for hole-in-one, sponsored by F. O. Finch Insurance and a new 2009 Chevrolet vehicle for hole-in-one, sponsored by Ellington-Brim Chevrolet.

All proceeds from the tournament benefit Granville County Schools and Vance-Granville Community College Scholarships.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Debra Weary at the Granville Economic Development Office, 693.5911, debweary@nc.rr.com.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

AUGUST 1 – 3, 2008

This tax-exempt weekend applies to both state and local sales and use tax, including remote sales (mail order, internet, telephone, etc.). The poster provides information on the application of sales and use tax for the sales holiday period provided by G.S. 105-164.13C. During the sales tax holiday period, retail sales of specified articles of merchandise are exempt from both state and local sales and use tax.

The sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 1 and runs through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 3.

A poster of taxed and non-taxed items, as well as a layman's explanation of terms is available from the North Carolina Retail Merchants Assoc.'s website, www.ncrma.org.

NEW EMPLOYEE IN OUR SOUTH OFFICE... THERESA F. HAITHCOCK

The Chamber is pleased to announce that Theresa F. Haithcock is our new employee in our South Office location. Theresa received an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Louisburg College in 1977. Shortly thereafter, she began working with GTE as a Senior Clerk. After a short job as Service Representative, she assumed the role of Service Request Representative with Verizon South, Inc., where she has worked for the past thirteen years.

As a skilled professional with 30 years of experience, she has "a strong desire to contribute to the productivity and proficiency of a progressive organization." She has worked independently and in a fast-paced environment. The Chamber's Board of Directors is pleased to have Theresa join our staff. Her personality and skills are sure to be an asset to our organization.

"YOUR TOWN, OUR TOWN" GRANVILLE COUNTY FEATURE

"Your Town, Our Town" is a short video segment produced by Time Warner Cable in partnership with our Chamber of Commerce. Time Warner has produced these videos for several area counties.

A committee was formed to brainstorm about information and sites to be included. This process began about one year ago to "capture what things make Granville County special." Following these sessions, Time Warner developed a script to accompany the video and a shot sheet so production could begin. Filming for the Granville County video was done in late May.

A Premier Event was held in late July. The audience included elected officials and film location representatives. Copies of the video will be available sometime in August for a small fee. It will be an ideal recruitment tool and informational piece. The Chamber is grateful to Time Warner for their generosity and the opportunity to partner in such a worthwhile project.

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AT SOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

MEET JAY TILLEY, NEW EDC DIRECTOR

What a treat! You'll want to be among the first to meet Granville County's new Economic Development Director, Jay Tilley at our South Council Meeting Monday, August 18. A boxed lunch (small fee), catered by Simply Delicious, will be available to enjoy prior to Tilley's presentation.

Tilley, a native of Durham, is married to the former Marilee Marshall from Shallotte, and they have three children. He is retiring from the NC Department of Commerce, having been employed there since 1994. Previous employment was with the Johnston County EDC and the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. Jay is a graduate of Northern High School, Chowan College, UNC-Wilmington and the Public Managers Program Certificate, at NC State University.

The meeting will be held at VGCC's South Campus Meeting room at 12:00 noon. Meeting details will be sent via email or letter to South Council Members. However, interested persons are welcome to attend. Please call 528.4994 or 693.6125 to make a reservation.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

In a recent issue of "The Messenger," a report from "The Bookstore" includes an update from Rev. Harrison Simons on its programs, activities and conferences. At the end of the report, Harrison shares his thoughts about doing business locally and supporting merchants.

"That brings us back to earth in Oxford where we must strengthen our own outreach ministry and increase the sales to cover the cost of our operation and outreach because we are one of the few Episcopal bookstores in the country that is not financially supported by parish or diocese. That is all the more reason why your support and your purchasing visits to this Oxford store, and all downtown Oxford stores is so important. If this community doesn't support downtown businesses, then downtown will disappear. So stay home this summer, save gas, shop locally, and read a good book – or two – or more."

Let's all make an effort to support our Granville County businesses. They are the backbone of our communities.

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