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A fond farewell to 2015 and a grand welcome to 2016!

"Watch Me Work" Initiative

At this year's Annual Banquet for the Granville Chamber of Commerce, the incoming President, Angela Allen, launched the "Watch Me Work" initiative. Through this initiative she plans to highlight local programs, businesses, organizations, or industries that focus on the great jobs, careers and skills that we have right here in Granville county. And, it is the hope that through this series, it will inspire you to participate in making our community a better place to live, work and play in.



This Month's Spotlight: CTE Program at Granville Public Schools

Did you know that our students in Granville County are learning about careers right here in our community? "Guest workers" visit GCPS classrooms to share a skill and inspire students to consider a career that they are passionate about through pursuing appropriate training/education.

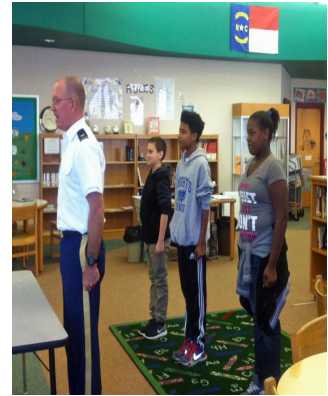


Past "guest workers" have included (pictured from top to bottom) Rob Rivers, former NASA test pilot, Donald McCoy, Retired IBM Engineer, James Dutra from The Harvest Restaurant, Natalie Russell, Vet tech (GCPS graduate) and Colonel Skip Lewis from JF Webb High School.

To learn more about Career & Technical Education or to become a "guest worker" in Granville Public Schools, contact Tamara W. Rodebaugh at 919-575-9429 or rodebaughtw@gcs.k12.nc.us.



To be considered for a future "Watch Me Work" spotlight, please contact Angela Allen at 919-693-6125 or angela.allen@granvillecounty.org



Awards Banquet highlights

The Chamber's 74th Annual Banquet reflected a busy Chamber year filled with over **50 program offerings**, which attracted a total of **6,000+ participants** and welcomed **56 new Chamber members** during 2015.

The occasion also celebrated and recognized the volunteer spirit and service of a local business owner and pharmacist, Gary Bowman. Bowman was presented the prestigious John Penn Citizen of the Year Award, named after Granville County native and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Attendees were privileged to hear keynote speaker Scott Mason, WRAL TV, better known as "THE TARHEEL TRAVELER." Mason shared many stories from his visits all over the state and clips from some of his best known and remembered ones.



Leadership Granville Class sponsors Book Drive

The Leadership Granville class of 2015-2016 has chosen to create a Reading Center for the Boys and Girls Club of Granville County by having a Children's Book Drive. The reading center will be set up in their new location at the old Santa Fe Tobacco warehouse in Oxford, NC.

Leadership Granville is a program that offers residents of Granville County and surrounding areas the opportunity to obtain a deep understanding of the rich history of the Granville community. It also offers citizens a chance to become personally and professionally accustomed with county structure and life, which can benefit their commitment to the

community. Each graduating Leadership Granville class completes a project to give back to the community.

If you would like to help with the Leadership Granville class project by donating a book(s) for school age individuals 18 and under, there will be collection boxes at the following locations:

Granville County Chamber of Commerce Oxford office
Granville County Administrative Building
Stovall's Gifts
KARTS in Henderson
Fidelity Banks in Oxford and Creedmoor
Drake Dentistry
Granville County Senior Centers
Granville County Schools Central Office
Vance Granville Community College Administration
Butner-Creedmoor News
Butner Town Hall
Butner Public Safety



The class will be collecting books through Monday, February 15, 2016. Thank you so much for your investment in the future of our young children in Granville County!

For information, please contact Granville Chamber of Commerce at 919-693-6125.

A direct Chamber connection opportunity--join the Ambassador Team!

Bill Allen, Ambassador Chairperson, invites anyone interested in being more involved in Chamber promotion and planning to visit the next Ambassador meeting Tuesday, February 16 at 8:00 am to see if this role is a fit for you! The meeting will be held in the Chamber's boardroom, 124 Hillsboro St., Oxford. Danish and coffee will be provided. For more information on the Ambassador Team or to RSVP contact: Toni Anne Wheeler, Membership Coordinator @ 919-528-4994 or tawheeler@granville-chamber.com.

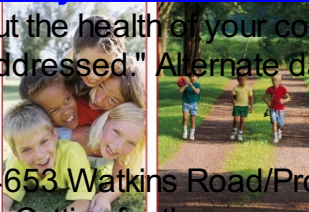
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job description and application forms.

February Calendar of Events

Feb. 2; 5 - 7 pm

Community Health Forum

Granville County Expo Center; 4185 US-15S, Oxford

RSVP and FMI: 919.690.2115;

~ "Please join us to learn more about the health of your community and provide your valuable input on which priorities should be addressed." Alternate date: Feb. 9, 5-7 pm

Feb. 3; 4 pm

Breedlove's Collision and Towing - 4653 Watkins Road/Providence Community, Oxford. 15th Anniversary Celebration with Ribbon Cutting for the new addition and tire services.

Feb. 9; 8 am

CHAMBER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

124 Hillsboro St., Oxford office

Feb. 16; 8 am

CHAMBER'S AMBASSADORS' MEETING

124 Hillsboro St., Oxford office

Feb. 16; 12 noon@ the Chamber's 124 Hillsboro St, Oxford office

LUNCH & LEARN "Career and Technical Educational programs in Granville Co."

Presented by Tamara Rodebaugh, Career Dev. Coordinator/GCPS

and Angela Allen, Chamber President, "WATCH ME WORK" - initiative for 2016 Chamber year. Bring your lunch and relax with the Chamber!

Feb. 16; 4 - 5 pm

"NAVIGATING THE CHAMBER"

An information session for new (and established!) Chamber members
Chamber Boardroom

Feb. 18; 8 am

Leadership Granville Steering Committee

Chamber Boardroom; Reba Bullock/Chairman

Feb. 18; 12 noon

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sponsor/host: Legal Shield/Bill Segreve

Location: TBA

Feb. 19; 8 am

SUNRISE FORUM

VGCC/South Campus

Enjoy a light breakfast

"VGCC UPDATE" ~ Dr. Stefanie Williams, VGCC President

The Chamber appreciates the decisions made by businesses to become a member. We hope everyone will review this list of new Chamber member businesses and consider them when in need of a product or service. They are, of course, listed on the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com. Anyone who requires assistance with information on any member's services, please contact Wanda or Toni Anne. SHOP LOCAL!



There's a NEW owner at the local Chevrolet dealership in Creedmoor ~ **VAN NESS CHEVROLET**/Christina Vanness. The Vanness family is very familiar with the automobile industry, as they own other dealerships. Drop by and visit them, their sales and service department staffs. FMI: 919.528.1519/phone or 919.528.3165/fax. clvanness@vannesschevrolet.com; www.vannesschevrolet.com. Everyone is cordially invited to BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS at Van Ness Chevrolet on Thursday evening, March 24th. Watch for details and put this date on all calendars! There'll be meet/greet, networking, hors d'oeuvres, beverages.

A place some of you may have already visited for a wonderful dining experience is **MAIN STREET OASIS RESTAURANT**, 130 Main Street, Oxford. Thanos Tsoumbos and Chancy are excited to become Chamber members and to offer their knowledge and services for your next night out meal, dining experience or event. Visit Main St. Monday - Saturdays, 4 'til 10 pm ~ "bar 'til last call." They may be reached by phoning 919.725.9268; emailing thanoschancy@gmail.com or by visiting their website, www.mainstreetoasis.com.

Need a watch battery or jewelry repair? We have just the new Chamber member who can assist ~ **DENISE'S JEWELRY BOX & GIFTS**, at 316-B Central Avenue in Butner. His unique store offers a variety of jewelry - and some estate pieces, gift shop and full-service jewelry repairs. A convenient location and friendly staff add to a visit with Denise Pipkin! She's open Tuesdays - Fridays, 10 am 'til 6 pm and Saturdays from 10 am 'til 2 pm. Contact Denise's Jewelry Box & Gifts at 919.575.6800 or dp27522@yahoo.com.


Ruth Ann Bullock provides legal and identity theft services for individuals, families, small businesses and as a group benefit thru her **LEGAL SHIELD** business. Ruth Ann provides this service daily, 8 am until 5 pm. She may be reached at 919.880.6262, or rbullock25@gmail.com. Feel free to visit her website for additional information -www.bullock44.legalshieldassociate.com. Ruth Ann has already started being active with our Chamber!

GRANVILLE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY has a new director ~ Julie Booth. This non-profit organization has a re-store at 121 Hilltop Village in Oxford, where their office is also located. Habitat is an incredible group! Visit their Restore and meet their new ED while browsing items offered for sale. You may even realize you have some things that you could donate to Habitat during your visit! Phone them @ 919.693.5694 or email habit4humanity.gc@gmail.com.

A new, family-style restaurant has open off I-85/Exit 191, between Butner and Creedmoor ~ **OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT**. Barry Mangum is the new owner/operator at this family restaurant at 1515 NC 56, to right after exiting off I-85. They are open 10:30 am until 9 pm. Reports from those who have already tried it out that OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT offers a delicious menu selection. For reservations and additional information, phone 919.528.1213 or email Barry at bmangum100@centurylink.net. Enjoy your visit!

We are happy to have **SUZANNE BORNEMANN** added to our list of Associate Members! Suzanne and her husband have returned to the area just recently. She is very interested in becoming involved and has already participated in several Chamber program opportunities. Join us in welcoming Suzanne - suzanne.bornemann@gmail.com.

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