

BUSINESS *Update*

Business news and information brought to you by the Kinston Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce

► At the CHAMBER

Don't miss these dates

March 25

Tonight! 68th Coastal Plains Livestock Show and Sale awards, bidder dinner and live auction! If you plan to attend the dinner or need more information please call Tammy Kelly, county extension director, or Eve Honeycutt, livestock agent, at the Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Service, 252-527-2191.

April 4

Nomination Deadline for the 2008 Administrative Professional of the Year. Go to www.kinstonchamber.com for details.

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Nomination Deadline for 2008 Small Business and Minority Business of the Year. Go to www.kinstonchamber.com for details.

April 8

Ribbon cutting at Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital, PA beginning at 10 a.m. In addition to the official ribbon cutting on Tuesday April 8, they will be having an open house on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Refreshments, door prizes, hospital tours, microchip demonstrations, free ID tags for your pet, free toys for your animal, activities and prizes for children, and much more. You can call now to set up an appointment time or for surgery at 524-3384. Their first day of business will be Monday, April 7, at 7:30 a.m. They hope everyone can come out to the grand open house on April 5 and join them for the official ribbon cutting on Tuesday, April 8.

April 9

Ribbon cutting at Adriana's beginning at 10 a.m.

April 17

Small Business, Minority Business and Micro Enterprise Business Awards presented at the noon Kinston Rotary club luncheon meeting beginning at 1 p.m.

Kind words from a Chamber member

Membership in the Kinston Chamber of Commerce has helped us in three important ways. One, we are more aware of events taking place throughout the community.

Two, we are able to network with others whose paths we might not have otherwise crossed. And three, we are visible to newcomers and visitors who may need our counseling services. Our business investment in the form of a Chamber membership yields high dividends all year long.

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► Chamber HAPPENINGS



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The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce's 2008 Wake Up Lenoir Series began March 12 with a panel discussion featuring Mike Jarman, Lenoir County manager, foreground; Scott Stevens, Kinston city manager, center; and Mark Pope, county economic development director, seated. Addressing a crowd of more than 50 people, Mr. Jarman and Mr. Stevens explained that having trust between the two local governments and working together help make positive things happen in our community. During the presentation audience members had the opportunity to participate and ask questions. The Wake Up Lenoir President Club members are: Advantage Printing, Coastal Connections Marketing, Kelly Services, Down East Protection, Neuse Sport Shop Inc., The Beauty Box, Grady Dental Lab and Perry Management.

► Festival on the NEUSE

Pig cookin' contest, annual downtown festival coming April 24-26

Thursday, April 24

Caswell Center Foundation Golf Tournament, Falling Creek Country Club 1 p.m.

Friday, April 25

1st Annual Paint Out and Juried Exhibition, Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Gazebo

27th Annual Wil King Hog Happenin', Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Vietnam Veterans Memorial Area Chamber Classic Burger Bash 6 p.m.

Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party, Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Main Stage 6:30 p.m.

Pride of Kinston Riverfront Party Presents Hip Pocket Band, Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Main Stage 7 p.m.

Hog Happenin' Showmanship Competition, Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Vietnam Veterans Memorial Area 7:30 p.m.

Pigmainia Parade, Heritage Street and Neuseway/Tiffany West Park 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Walk of Honor/SALUTE! Opening Ceremony Walk of Honor 10 a.m.

Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Main Stage 11 a.m.-until

The Nature Center/Planetarium/Big Daddy Train Trolley Ride to/from Park to Nature Center 10 a.m.-until

1st Annual Paint Out and Juried Exhibition Community Council for the Arts Neuseway/Tiffany West Park Gazebo Area 10 a.m.-until



Kid's Fest, hosted by Partnership for Children of Lenoir and Greene Counties and Community Council for the Arts 10 a.m.-until

CSS Neuse II Living History Event Experience Naval life as it was during the War Between the States at the CSS Neuse II 10 a.m.-until

KDS Drag Car Show (The Kinston Drag Strip will have cars on display.) 10 a.m.-until

Kinston Indians Autographs 10 a.m. parade

7th Annual Arc Bark Parade and Amateur Dog Show 11 a.m.

"Let the Feast Begin!" BBQ plates for sale, Farmers Market and Neuseway Tiffany West Park Gazebo Area 11 a.m.

Great Neuse River Rubber Duck Race Riverfront by Farmers Market 3:30 p.m.

Chuck Davis African American Dance Ensemble Grainger Hill Performing Arts Center 7 p.m.

Kidz R Us opens

Kidz R Us Child Care Center ribbon cutting took place on Friday, March 7, at 1 p.m. Several people were on hand, including Councilman Jimmy Cousins, as owner Julia Smith cut the ceremonial ribbon. Kidz R Us, at 1800 Old Snow Hill Road, is a childcare center servicing children ages 6 weeks through 12 years. They have been in the childcare field for over 12 years and committed to providing quality childcare. Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. The staff is highly qualified and ready to provide the best of care for your child.

Upcoming ribbon cuttings

Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital, PA
Tuesday, April 8
10 a.m.
N.C. 11, Grifton

Faithful Friends is a full service veterinary hospital, that is family oriented offering high quality medicine and surgery with compassionate care.

Directions: On N.C. 11 travel towards Greenville. The office is approximately 1 mile from Grifton. The entrance is on the right hand side.

Adriana's
Wednesday, April 9
10 a.m.
222 N. Heritage St.

Adriana's Gifts and Home Décor is located in beautiful Downtown Kinston on 222 North Heritage St. Join us as we officially welcome them to Downtown Kinston and browse their extraordinary shop that is filled with wonderful gifts and accessories for your home.

► Progress UPDATE

Kinston — We're on the way... and here's why

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce this rare opportunity to attend a full-length, motion picture premiere...



Imagery Pictures Presents SUNSET

A full-length motion picture produced and written by **Will Vernon and Ryan W. Thomas** Friday April 11, 2008 7 PM Community Council for the Arts 400 N. Queen Street, Kinston 252-527-2517

The public is invited to attend this free premiere of a motion picture made by two young men whose families live in Lenoir County. Will Vernon is the son of Rick and Jane Vernon and Ryan Thomas is the grandson of William and Ida Mae Howell

Sponsored by

Kinston Area Film Council, Kinston Convention and Visitors Bureau and Community Council for the Arts

About the film

Creative inspiration is challenged as a young artist named Josie struggles to balance her goals with the responsibility of taking care of her grandfather, Nathan, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's. New doors open and a potential relationship surfaces when an art dealer named Ian shows interest in Josie's work. As the story progresses, both Josie and Ian are reminded of the true motivation behind what drives them to connect to the world around them.

► Chamber AT WORK

Administrative Professional Award lunch set

The 2008 Administrative Professional of the Year Award will be presented on Administrative Professionals Day, April 23, at a luncheon banquet to be held at Southwood Christian Church, 1027 Hwy. 58 South, at 12:30 p.m.

The luncheon provides an opportunity for organizations and businesses in Kinston and Lenoir County to honor their administrative professional with a delicious lunch, entertainment and door prizes.

The cost for the luncheon is \$25 per person.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the 2008 Administrative Professional Luncheon President's Club members:

Advantage Printing, Coastal Connections Marketing, Corporate Resources, Embarq, Fasco Inc., Perry Management and The Beauty Box.

Maximize your membership

Learn how you can maximize your Chamber of Commerce membership. We will help you to utilize your membership in a way that gives you the biggest return on your membership investment.

Join us at our next informational program scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2. The session will conclude at 10 a.m. with a light breakfast being served. Register for this breakfast gathering online at www.kinstonchamber.com April 2 Event Calendar listing or by calling Jean at 527-1131.

President's Club

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Harvey Fertilizer and Gas Progress Energy Lenoir Memorial Hospital

Silver

Advantage Printing Best Diamond Packaging Coastal Connections Marketing Corporate Resources Down East Protection Systems Embarq First Flight Federal Credit Union Fasco, Inc. Grady Dental Lab Kelly Services Lenoir Community College Minges Bottling Group, Inc. Neuse Sport Shop Inc. Perry Management, Inc. Sylvia Chiropractic Center The Beauty Box U.S. Cellular

LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLAYMAKERS

presents

"Cinderella: A Tale Retold"

beginning at 8 p.m., March 27-29
 and at 2 p.m. March 30
 in the Waller Auditorium.

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For ticket information call 527-6223, ext. 928.