

BUSINESS *Update*

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

www.kinstonchamber.com

► Chamber at **WORK**



Wally's Automotive ribbon-cutting

On the corner of 1300-A West Vernon Avenue and Hines Avenue behind the Sparkling Clean car wash, you will find Wally's Automotive. Wally Taylor is a new business owner who will do what it takes to earn your business. With over 20 years of experience in mechanic work, he offers great deals on new and used tires, new rims, brakes, oil changes and other mechanical needs. He would like to personally invite you to come out and take advantage of the great deals he has to offer Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. He is proud of his customer satisfaction and hopes to see you soon. For more information and prices, call 252-208-7771. Wally's motto is "Service and Repair at a Price That's Fair!"

► Membership **SERVICES**

Ambassadors are Chamber VIPs
Chamber Ambassadors are needed to help make new members feel welcomed, informed and pointed in the right direction. They are also there to help existing members stay enthusiastic. Ambassadors point members in the right direction and assist them in being involved in areas of interest. Ambassadors are an invaluable group of individuals who take time out of their jobs to help promote the Chamber, Lenoir County and the Chamber members. The Ambassadors are the Chamber's official representatives of the highest rank. What the Ambassadors have in common is their commitment in seeing that the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce is the best that it can be.



► Calling all **VENDORS**

BBQ Festival only two months away

The BBQ Festival is only two months away on May 2 and 3.

We are now accepting applications for arts, fine Crafts, food, Farmers Market and general vendors.

The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for festival vendors and cook teams, as well as entertainment and festival sponsors.



If you are a business and would like to place a gift item in the Hog Happen' BBQ Cook-off team welcome bags contact Laura Lee Sylvester at the chamber. This is going to be our

biggest Festival yet!

Be sure to put the BBQ Festival on your calendar. Invite your family and friends to come along to enjoy great barbeque, rides, vendors, car show, entertainment and so much more.

Go to www.kinstonbbq.com for information and the schedule of events or call the Chamber at 252-527-1131.

► Save the **DATE**

Grainger-Hill Performing Arts Center Business After Hours

Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m.
300 Park Ave.
Bring a fellow employee and your business card (for door prizes) and remember the 50/50 for the Education Foundation.
The Grainger-Hill Performing Arts Center is a regional cultural and civic center which serves audiences throughout a multi-county region. Its aim has been to bring the best performances possible to the people of Kinston-Lenoir County and Eastern North Carolina.
One of Kinston's famous landmarks, the Grainger Complex, 300 Park Avenue, is in Kinston's Hill-Grainger Historic District, which has been entered on the National Historic Register. It was built on a land grant donated by Jesse W. Grainger in the late 1800s.

Ribbon-cutting with Vick's Cleaners

March 5 from 10-10:30 a.m.
2600 N. Heritage Street
Come and celebrate their new location.
Vick's Cleaners has two locations serving Kinston and one location serving Snow Hill. A family-owned cleaners that has been serving Lenoir and Greene counties for four generations, it is the oldest cleaners in North Carolina, serving Eastern North Carolina since 1899! Being members of state and national associations keeps them ahead of their competition by furthering their knowledge on products, services and the industry in general. Stop by Vick's Cleaners for all of your dry cleaning and laundry needs. Their motto is: "Drop em & Leave em!"

Ribbon Cutting with Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital, PA

March 10 from 10-10:30 a.m.
5477 Hwy 11 North, Grifton
Join us as we help celebrate their new facility and grand re-opening. If you live in Lenoir County and the surrounding area, then you have picked the perfect site to find a veterinarian. Dr. Ivy Oakley Heath is a licensed veterinarian, treating dogs, cats, goats, llamas and sheep. Your pet's health and well-being is very important to them and they will take every step to give your pet the best possible care.
Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital, PA is a full service animal hospital and will take both emergency cases, as well as less urgent medical, surgical and dental issues. Dr. Heath is experienced in all types of conditions and treatments. Beyond first-rate pet care, they make their clinic comfortable, kid-friendly and a very calm environment so your pet can relax in the waiting room and look forward to meeting his or her own veterinarian.
Call them at 252-524-3384

► Did you **KNOW?**

"Think Lenoir County" TLC
www.thinklenoircounty.com
A message about supporting our local businesses. . .
"Shopping in my home community of Kinston/Lenoir County is a responsibility, honor and privilege. It is so easy to find just the right item whether a gift certificate for those that you aren't sure what to purchase or a gift item, and I truly have great success in buying locally. Our merchants provide a valuable service to our great community by providing quality products/services, paying local taxes, and supporting local causes. Their presence in our community helps to enhance the diversity of products and services, and it certainly saves me time and expense in not having to travel out of town.
I feel so fortunate to live in a community where quality service is valued by local businesses. The smile and warm welcome of a fellow citizen makes the shopping experience even more pleasurable!"
I encourage everyone to THINK LENOIR COUNTY first when shopping.
Sincerely,
Alice S. Tingle

President's Club
Gold

Copy Pro Inc.
Harvey Fertilizer & Gas
Lenoir Memorial Hospital

Silver

BB&T
Century Link
Charles Hughes Construction
Cherry Energy
Coastal Connections Marketing
Corporate Resources
Down East Protection Systems
Infinity Network Services
Kinston Public Services/
ElectriCities
LIB Graphic Solutions/Lions Industries for the Blind
Minges Bottling Group, Inc.
Perry Management, Inc.
Progress Energy
Spirit AeroSystems
Spring Arbor of Kinston
Wells Fargo
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.
Woodmen of the World

Support your Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce!

ECU MEN'S BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 vs. CHARLOTTE @ 7 PM

*First 1,000 fans receive a FREE purple & gold pompom!

*National Anthem sung by 82nd Airborne "All American Chorus"

*Men's Basketball Senior Day ceremony during pre-game!

FOR TICKETS CALL 800-DIAL-ECU OR VISIT ECUPIRATES.COM

