

► Chamber **HAPPENINGS**



Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital ribbon-cutting

Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital celebrated its new building and expanded services with a Kinston-Lenoir Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting on March 10. We had a great turnout of community members. They treated attendees to a tour of the new facility and state of the art equipment. Faithful Friends Veterinary Hospital, PA, is a full-service animal hospital and will take emergency cases, as well as less urgent medical, surgical and dental issues. Dr. Ivy Oakley 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. For more information, contact Faithful Friends directly at 252-524-3384.

► Education Foundation **NEWS**

The Lenoir County Education Foundation is asking businesses, agencies and institutions across the county to encourage their employees to dress down in order to build up the fund that finances a grant program for local teachers.

Friday is JEANS (Joint Effort for the Advancement of New ideas in Schools) Day – when employees will pay \$5 to be able to wear jeans to work for the day.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward funding mini-grants for teachers in Lenoir County.

For years, the Education Foundation has awarded mini-grants to educators throughout Lenoir County as a way of improving education and encouraging new ideas in the classroom.

Last year, 24 mini-grants worth \$10,305 went to teachers at nine different schools.

Two fundraisers support the program: the adult spelling bee is held in the fall; this year, JEANS Day replaces the musical production “Stages” as the spring fundraiser.

The fundraising goal for the one-

day event is \$5,000.

Participants for JEANS Day have already started signing up, including Chick-fil-A, Judy Jones State Farm, Lenoir County Cooperative Extension, Lenoir County Public Schools and Self Help Credit Union.

Businesses interested in supporting the Lenoir County Education Foundation by taking part in JEANS Day can register by calling the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce at 252-527-1131 and indicating the number of employees who will be participating.

► Chamber at **WORK**

Nominations due for 2014

Administrative Professional of the Year

Nomination must be submitted to the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2. It is imperative that all submissions be made by this time. The selection committee needs the time to adequately review the nominations and make their selection.

The 2014 Administrative Professional Award will be presented at your business location on Tuesday April 22, by the selection committee. Recipient will receive a plaque, flowers and a gift at that time. He/she will also be featured in The Free Press on Administrative Professional Day (April 23). To nominate someone, please go to www.kinstonchamber.com or call the Chamber at 252-527-1131.

The Chamber encourages you to view the list of member restaurants at www.kinstonchamber.com, under the Find a Business tab, when choosing a location to take your administrative assistants out to lunch.

The Chamber thanks the following Administrative Professionals of the Year President's Club members:

Gold: CopyPro Inc.

Silver: Century Link and Perry Management Inc.

**Business After Hours
with N.C. State Veterans Home**

Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m. at 2150 Hull Road
Everyone is welcome to attend the March Business after Hours this month at the new N.C. State Veterans Home. This is a great networking event, so be sure to encourage co-workers to attend and to bring plenty of business cards. The N.C. State Veterans Home opened in March 2013. Its mission is to provide quality healthcare services in a professional and ethical manner, ensuring the trust, confidence and respect of their veteran residents, their families, employees and the communities they serve. Treating their residents with the dignity and respect they have earned and deserve is important to them. It has 100 total beds available, all of which are private rooms with private bathrooms. They are certified for Medicare, Medicaid, V.A. and most private insurances. The home hopes to establish relationships with local business and community organizations.

**Ribbon-cutting with
Riverbank Animal Hospital**

Wednesday April 9; 1-1:30 p.m. at 1559 Hwy 258 S
Please join the Kinston-Lenoir Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon-cutting celebrating Riverbank Animal Hospital and their new veterinary offices on Highway 258 S. Dr. Julie Garren, Dr. Ray Randall and Dr. Lisa Cheeseman are the veterinarians at Riverbank Animal Hospital. They enjoy seeing all breeds of dogs and cats. They are a walk-in only clinic so if you are in the area and your pet needs anything, stop by to see them! Their services also include boarding and grooming.

Please call them at 252-523-2122 for more information.

► Save
THE DATE

**Business After Hours
with Capps Promotions
& Capps Trailers**

April 24
5:30-7 p.m.
5557 Hwy 70 East

Capps Trailers has been providing quality, competitively-priced trailers to the community and beyond since 1997.

Capps is currently expanding their showroom to better serve their customers' needs and expectations. Please save the date for this exciting Business after Hours networking event.

**President's
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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
Heritage Elite Estate
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

Cook teams, vendors and sponsors at the festival ... oh my!

This is going to be our biggest Festival yet!

Come for the BBQ, stay for the fun!

Over 20 exciting events and activities. The Sauce Boss Competition is back for seconds and Chef Vivian Howard of PBS' hit series, "A Chef's Life," is hosting the festi-

val's first ever Southern Sides Competition.

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.

Planning an event or

family reunion? Place your order not to purchase bulk BBQ.

If you are interested in joining the BBQ Cook off completion or would like to be a vendor or sponsor, go to www.kinstonbbq.com for information or call the Chamber at 252-527-1131.

