



BUSINESS Update

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▶ YP HAPPENINGS

These upcoming events are organized by the Young Professional of Lenoir County:

Back to School Bash
6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27
Fairfield Park

Come out and have fun on our inflatables, enjoy some Chick-fil-A, and grab a back sack from Self Help Credit Union filled with school supplies. This is a free event open to the public.

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Family Hayride at Moore's Farm
7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, family and colleagues to enjoy a relaxing evening with a hayride. There will also be a corn maze for the adventurous folks. The price is \$7 for each person, both members and non-members.

For more information, call the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce at (252) 527-1131. To register, call the Chamber or go to www.kinstonchamber.com.

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Young Professionals of Lenoir County, an extension of the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce is a professional society open to men and women ages 21-39. Events are held bi-monthly and focus on personal growth, social networking, professional development, mentoring and community outreach. To learn more about YPLC, visit www.kinstonchamber.com or join our group on Facebook.

Living the GOOD LIFE Living the Good Life Expo and Food Tasting

today, Sept. 25, at Vernon Park Mall
3 to 8 p.m. (Tasting begins at 4 p.m.)

Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, along with Lenoir County Cooperative Extension, Vernon Park Mall, Tourism Development Authority (VisitKinston), Lenoir County SPCA, The Free Press, and Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party proudly present the **LIVING THE GOOD LIFE Expo and Food Tasting**

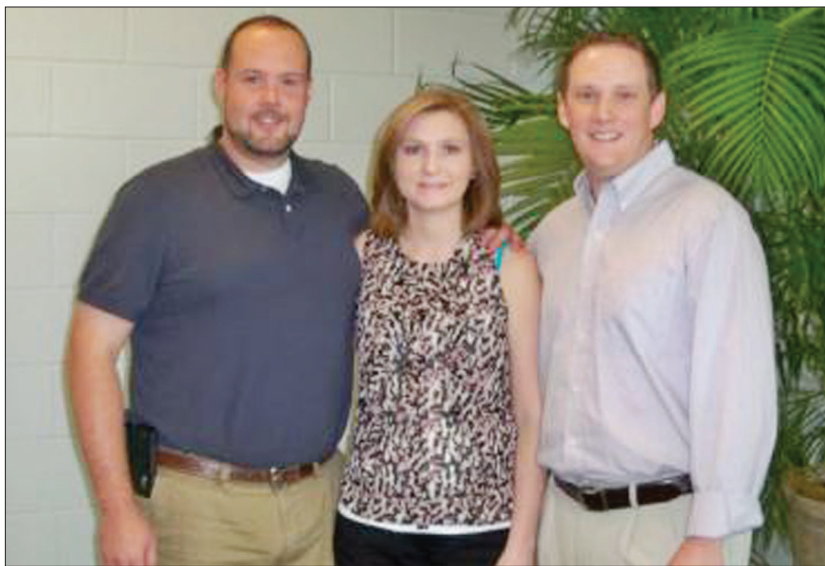
Event Sponsor: Heart-Healthy Lenoir Project
New this year: PETS and THE GOOD LIFE!

Living the Good Life features a variety of business vendors, displays, exhibits, door prizes and more.

TASTING THE GOOD LIFE CULINARY CHALLENGE

By purchasing a \$5 bracelet, attendees will be able to sample delicious soups, entrees, appetizers and desserts prepared for the Culinary Challenge. Those sampling will cast their People's Choice vote for their favorite dish.

▶ At the CHAMBER



Red Carpet Program

Jessica and Chris Decker are welcomed to town by Kinston Mayor B.J. Murphy, right, who is also a host with the Red Carpet Program, which connects prospective new Lenoir County homeowners with host families. Referring a newcomer to the Red Carpet program earns you dinner for two at the Chef and the Farmer thanks to owners Vivian Howard and Ben Knight. For details about this programs contact Laura Lee Sylvester at the Chamber office — phone, 252-527-1131 or email, lsylvester@kinstonchamber.com

▶ Save the DATE!

2012 Adult Spelling Bee
4:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9
King's Restaurant

The Adult Spelling Bee funds the Teacher Mini Grant program. If you want to join the fun with a four person team or would like to sponsor a team, go to www.kinstonchamber.com for more details and a registration form.

For information contact Brandon Donaldson at the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce office — phone 252-527-1131, Ext. 104, or email bdonaldson@kinstonchamber.com.

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Chamber Business After Hours
Hosted by the Hampton Inn
Kinston
5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

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Ribbon Cutting
Farmers Furniture
9:30-10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4
702 Plaza Blvd.

▶ Chamber CHAMPIONS

Chamber Champions is a volunteer program for those Chamber members who want to go above and beyond the current membership investment schedule. The program gives members the opportunity to contribute an additional 20% to support Chamber member driven programs and projects. Thank you to the following Chamber Champions!

- St. Peter Church of Christ
- Alco Electric
- Continuum Home Care & Hospice
- Pink Hill Elementary School
- Bellissima Salon
- Tuner Home Inspections
- Southland Wholesale Flooring and Design
- Foss Recycling

President's Club

Gold

Harvey Fertilizer & Gas
Lenoir Memorial Hospital

Silver

- BB&T
- Century Link
- Cherry Energy
- Coastal Connections Marketing
- Corporate Resources
- Down East Protection Systems
- Kinston Public Services/ElectriCities
- Minges Bottling Group, Inc.
- Perry Management, Inc.
- Progress Energy
- Spirit AeroSystems
- Spring Arbor of Kinston
- Wachovia Bank/Well Fargo
- West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.