



BUSINESS Update

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► Save the DATE!

Ribbon Cutting Auto Pro

1100 West New Bern Road 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan 23

Please join us to celebrate Auto Pro's new location at 1100 West New Bern Road, near Skinners Bypass

Auto Pro is a preowned car lot that is proud to serve the people of Lenoir County.

Auto Pro of Kinston was opened by Brian Lancaster of Farmville, who has 25 years' experience; Robby Ashton of Kinston, who has 20 years' experience; and Lynn Wright of Kinston, who has 14 years' experience.

They can handle everyone's financing needs no matter how good or how bad the credit.

Store hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.

Shop online at www.auto-pronc.com.

Business After Hours Neuse RiverKeeper Foundation

5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 Hosted at the Chamber of Commerce

301 N. Queen St.

Please join the Neuse RiverKeeper Foundation's Business after Hours hosted at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The Neuse River Foundation was one of the first water quality groups to be created in eastern North Carolina. The Neuse Riverkeeper was tasked with monitoring the Neuse River for pollution sources, attracting public attention and being a visible symbol of the Foundation's presence on the Neuse River.

This Business After Hours will also present the Christmas Parade winners.

► At the CHAMBER

Goodbye 2012

As the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce begins a new year, it is time to take a brief look back at 2012. Go to www.kinstonchamber.com to find the 2012 Annual Report.

We also want to thank those members that will be leaving our Board of Directors:

Outgoing 2012 Executive Committee members

Kevin Zoltek, Past Chair

Walnut Street Securities

Barbara LaRoque, VP of Community Development

Lenoir Memorial Hospital

Jane Wynne, Chairperson of Membership Services

Field Controls

Justin Hill, Chairperson of Young Professionals

Lenoir Community College

Beck Hines, Member at Large

SMC Home Finance

Full Board members leaving after their 3 year term

Jay Alphin

Quality Machine & Weld, Inc.

Jeff Thomas

Evans and Associates

Carolyn Craig

Harry Cummings/Century 21

Jimmy Cousins

Individual Member

Gary Whaley

E&R Inc.



Hello 2013

The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce has an aggressive Plan of Work for 2013. You can view the entire plan at www.kinstonchamber.com

Please welcome the 2013 Chamber Board of Directors:

Executive Committee

Stephen Hill, Chair

Mother Earth Brewing

Tammy Kelly, Chair Elect

Lenoir County Cooperative Extension

Armistead Mauck, Past Chair

Cherry Energy

Ben Knight, VP of Finance

Chef and the Farmer

Robert Pressly, VP of Membership Services

Pressly's Laundry and Dry Cleaners

John McPhaul, VP of Special Projects

Chick-fil-A

Bobby Merritt, VP of Governmental Affairs

Lenoir Community College

David Wilfong, VP of Manufacturing

Domestic Fabrics & Blankets Corp.

Curtis Smith, VP of Agri Business

T. C. Smith Produce Farm Inc.

TBA, VP of Community Development

Jack Harrell, VP of Diversity Affairs

A. Jack Harrell, DDS

Daniel Sale, VP of Business and Tourism

Sale Auto Mall

Scott Crocker, VP of Young Professionals

W.A. Moore Insurance

Kendra Warren, Member at Large

Tidewater Transit Co.

John Marshal, Member at Large

White & Allen P.A.

Michael Dunn, Member at Large

Dunn and Dalton Architects, P.A.

Margaret Williams, Membership Services Chairperson

the little bank

Ashley Pierce, Young Professional Chairperson

Self Help Credit Union

Board of Directors

Don Blake

Spirit AeroSystems

Daniel Sale

Sale Auto Mall

Russell Rhodes

Neuse Sport Shop

Caroline Roberts

Coastal Connections Marketing, Inc.

Ben Knight

The Chef and the Farmer

Wil Hardy

Wil Hardy Insurance Agency Inc. State Farm

Jamie Creel

Integrated Container Corp

Robert Pressly

Pressly's Laundry and Dry Cleaners

John Crenshaw

BB&T

Alice Tingle

Individual Member

Lyndon Fuller

Discovery Insurance Co.

Dr. Deborah Grimes

Lenoir Community College

Barbara Smith

FASCO Inc.

Alan Stadiem

H. Stadiem, Inc.

John McPhaul

Chick-fil-A

Chris Blizzard

Blizzard Building Supply, Inc.

Keith Hayes

Jake A. Parrott Insurance Agency, Inc.

Deborah Hood

ERA Humphrey Realty Group

Stuart Lindley

Discovery Insurance Co.

John Marshall

White & Allen P.A.

Jonathan Marston

Kinston Country Club

Trent Mooring

Mother Earth Brewing

Danny Rice

Woodmen of the World

► Chamber at WORK

Consumer debt workshop set

The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce and Lenoir Community College Small Business Center will present a workshop designed to help consumers become debt free.

Participants who bring a list of balances and monthly payments (and a calculator) can develop their own debt elimination plan.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 31

Time: 9 a.m.-noon
Location: Room 313, LCC Small Business Center, 327 N. Queen St., Kinston

Admission: Free; but pre-registration recommended

Call: 252-522-4676 ext. 2021

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.
Woodmen of the World

► Chamber HAPPENINGS



Ribbon Cutting: Tractor Supply

The Chamber welcomed another great new business to our area. Tractor Supply Company supplies unique products to support its customers' rural lifestyle, from welders and generators to animal care products and men and women's workwear. You can also find pet supplies, animal feed, power tools, riding mowers, lawn and garden products and more. You can find Tractor Supply at 1030 W. New Bern Road; phone, 252-208-0933; or email, www.tractorsupply.com.

Kinston CRAVES Magazine

Restaurant Menus and Valuable Coupons from participating Advertisers!

LOOK FOR IT IN YOUR PAPER IN FEBRUARY!

For details on how to get your restaurant menu online, call 252-559-1055