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Dr. Robinson has worked to serve the patients of Henderson, Oxford and the surrounding communities since 1994. Prior to moving to this area, she worked as a general surgeon at Kings Mountain Surgical, P.A., in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina. She is board certified as a general surgeon by the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Robinson resides in Oxford and has one child.



Robert F. Noel, Jr., MD, FACS

Dr. Noel has worked to improve the health of our community since June of 1999 and is the third generation of Noel surgeons at Maria Parham Medical Center. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Wake Forest University, and graduated from medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with honors in 1989. He completed his surgical residency at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington, including a two year NIH research fellowship in trauma and burn care. He is board certified as a general surgeon by the American Board of Surgery and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Noel lives in Henderson, is married and has three children.



Duane F. Tull, M.D., FACS, FASMBS

Dr. Tull joined NCSA in September of 2009. He comes to Maria Parham Medical Center from the Sacred Heart Hospital in Pennsylvania. Dr. Tull completed his undergraduate degree, a BS in chemistry, at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia. He then went on to earn his medical degree at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Dr. Tull specializes in both General and Bariatric Surgery. He and his wife have recently moved to the area from Pennsylvania.

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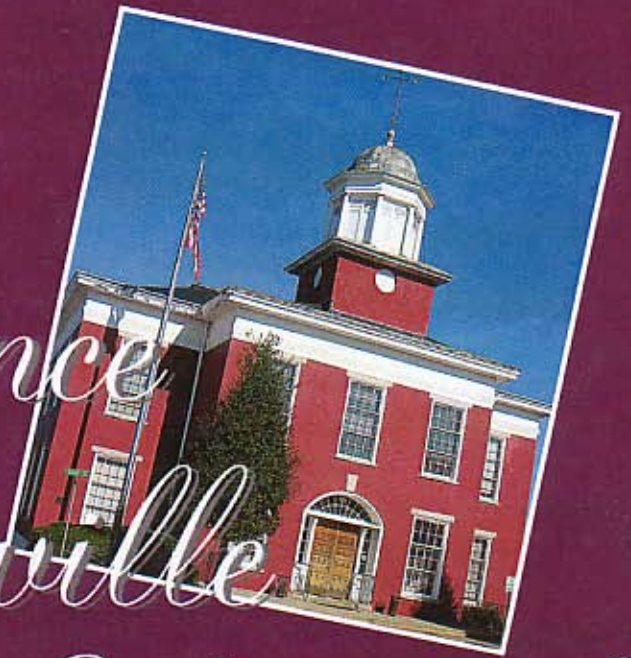
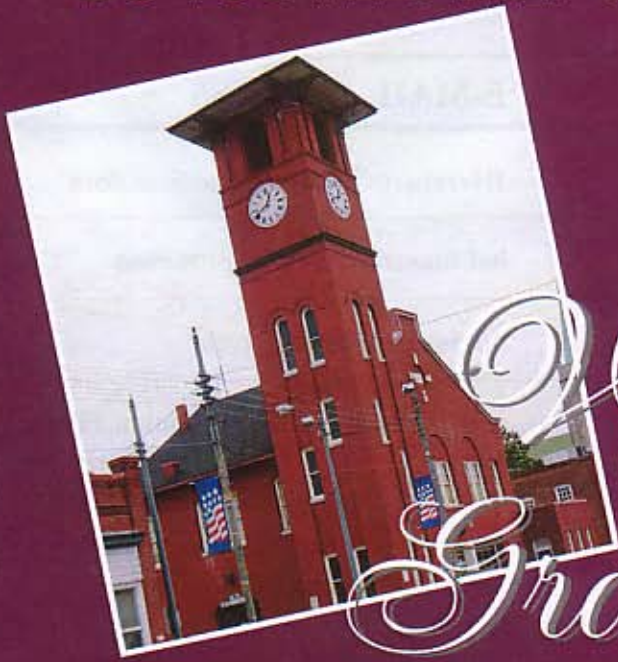
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July 2010

Upcoming Events

July 22: "Meet Me in the Street" featuring the Band of Oz. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. along Breckenridge Street in Downtown Henderson. For information, call the Chamber at 252-438-8414.

July 23: Ribbon Cutting at 3:00 p.m. for Success and Beyond Global Enterprises located at 121 Young Street in Henderson. For information, call the Chamber at 252-438-8414.

September 9: Meet Me in the Street" featuring The Embers 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. along Breckenridge Street in Downtown Henderson. For information, call the Chamber at 252-438-8414.

October 2: The Assoc. of Vance County will host Colorfall Festival on Saturday, October 2 with a rain date of October 9. To be held along Breckenridge Street on Embassy Square from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interested vendors contact Nancy Ormond at 252-213-1343.

October 12: 2010 Business EXPO to be held at the VGCC Civic Center from 2:00 until 7:00. For sponsorship information or to be an exhibitor, contact the Chamber at 438-8414 or e-mail membership@hendersonvance.org.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

If your Chamber Member business is celebrating an anniversary or milestone for years of service to the community, we'd like to know about it! Just call the Chamber at 438-8414 or e-mail communications@hendersonvance.org so that we can put your information here in our FOCUS newsletter and in the Business Outlook, a quarterly publication done with The Daily Dispatch. This special service is only available for Chamber members, and it's FREE!!

2009 Small Business of the Year

The Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce along with the Franklin, Granville and Warren County Chambers and the Vance-Granville Community College Small Business Center sponsored the 2010 Small Business Luncheon in a collaborative effort again this year. The event, sponsored by CenturyLink and hosted by the Henderson-Vance Chamber, was held at the Henderson Country Club on Thursday, May 6.

Recipient of the 2009 Small Business of the Year was Henderson Wellness Center. The business recently expanded to include an urgent care center. Henderson Wellness Center offers chiropractic services, acupuncture, treatment of back and neck pain, sports injuries and the new urgent care services. Urgent care services offer persons the opportunity to be seen on the same day without an appointment. The business is owned and operated by Dr. Brandon Taylor and is located at 414 Dabney Drive. To contact the office, call 252-430-8000 or check them out on the web at www.taylor-chiropractic.com.



Pictured above is Dr. Brandon Taylor, (second from left) and the staff of Henderson Wellness Center, 2009 Small Business of the Year winner. Larry Liles of CenturyLink, sponsor of the event, is left of Dr. Taylor.

This was the ninth consecutive year that the Chamber has presented the award which recognizes a member business with 50 employees or less. An anonymous committee is charged with the task of deciding the winner from among those businesses that are nominated.

Franklin, Granville and Warren County also awarded Small Business of the Year honors for their counties.

Former recipients of the Vance County award include Franklin Brothers Nursery & Greenhouses Inc., Ballet Arts, Interiors, Fogg's Exxon, Vance Furniture, Gray's Gourmet, The Peanut Roaster and Raemac Transportation.

The luncheon featured keynote speaker Joyce Siler, Director of Client Services with the Women's Business Center of North Carolina, who conducted a brief seminar entitled "Common Mistakes Small Business Owners Make". The Women's Business Center of North Carolina is a partnership program between the Institute of Minority Economic Development and the U. S. Small Business Administration. The event concluded with the presentation of the 2009 Vance County Small Business of the Year.

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Young Leaders Trained 23rd Year of School of Excellence

The Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, Vance County Schools, and Vance-Granville Community College recently co-sponsored the 23rd year of School of Excellence from June 15 through June 18.

School of Excellence is a leadership development program for rising tenth graders from these local area high schools: Crossroads Christian School, Kerr-Vance Academy, Northern Vance Senior High School, Southern Vance Senior High School, Victory Christian School and Vance County Early College High School. Students are selected by the administration of each school based on academic ranking and proven leadership ability. The program utilizes team building exercises, job shadowing opportunities and speakers from the community. It also offers leadership building activities.

Participants in the 2010 School of Excellence are: Northern Vance High School: Logan Brinker, Ethan Byrom, Spencer Ellis, Megan Glasscock, Brittney Hawkins, Jessica Kincaid, Kaitlyn Moody, Jacob Ruggles, Travon Scott, Tanaua White, Grant Woltz, Sameal Young. Southern Vance High School: Alexandra Bercik, Felicia Branch, Annie Bullock, Wes Collier, Arthia Harris, Jadavia Hunt, Reginald Liggon, Maria Ruiz, Morgan Richardson, Jonathan Sanders, Ebony Smith, Jackson Thompson. Vance County Early College High School: Vincent Ragland II, Kendell Williams. Kerr-Vance Academy: Kendall Thomason, Sam Long. Crossroads Christian School: Drew Dunsford, Julia Parrish.



Presenting sponsor for this year's program was Walmart Distribution Center #6091. Other sponsors and hosts included: ACTS, Carolina Country Snacks, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Franklin Brothers Nursery and Greenhouses, Harperprints, Henderson Police Department, H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library, Lifeline Ministries, Satterwhite Point Marina, Vance County 911, Vance County Department of Social Services, Vance County Sheriff's Department, Vulcan Materials and Western Vance High School.

The organizers would also like to recognize the help of the following facilitators in team-building activities: Sean Grinstead, Mark Lawhorne, James Realon and Joy Suther. A graduation celebration and luncheon was held for participants on June 18 at the VGCC Civic Center. Walmart Distribution Center #6091 sponsored the graduation luncheon.

Speed Networking - Event Popularity Continues to Grow

The Chamber's Membership Committee hosted the second Speed-Networking event of 2010 on Thursday, May 20 from 5:30-7:00pm at The Silo Restaurant. The Silo provided a private room for the participants along with hors d'oeuvres. At least 12 businesses walked away with solid referrals as a result of the information sharing portion of the event.

The year's first event was held on March 23 and was also well attended. These events have become an increasingly popular function of the Chamber, offering yet another free marketing opportunity for Chamber member businesses.

The next event is scheduled for Thursday, July 15 at a location to be announced. Call the Chamber at 252-438-8414 to reserve your spot.

CenturyLink Wins Tournament

The Twelfth Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament was held at Kerr Lake Country Club on Wednesday, June 2 with twenty-two participating teams. The event was again sponsored by Grand Sponsor BB&T. Maria Parham Medical Center served as Gold Sponsor. This year's Chamber Challenge was won by a team from CenturyLink. Team members were Bill Adams, Randy Gilmore and Billy Davidson.

The second place team was sponsored by Boyd Chevrolet and included Mike Rainey, Hal O'Geary, Rusty Crocker and William Dickerson. The third place team was represented by Coca-Cola. Members included Kenny Abbott, David Stiller, Donald Sanford and Bob Gorham. Fourth place team was from Golden Skillet and consisted of Steve Wright, Jerry Tucker, Onnie Gore and Jim Wright.

Event sponsors included: BB&T, Grand Sponsor for the Twelfth year; Maria Parham Medical Center, Gold Sponsor; Coca-Cola and Harris Incorporated of Henderson, beverage sponsors; Ted Wheeler/Ted's Service Company, lunch and dinner sponsor; Leslie Ann Mills Photography and City Tire raffle sponsors. Other donations were made by U.S.98.3.

The tournament featured a number of skills contests, courtesy of many Chamber member businesses. Skills contests donors included longest drive sponsors were Document Systems, Maria Parham Medical Center, Jimmy Twisdale of VC Farm Bureau Insurance, The Rogers Group and A.R.E. Mechanical. Closest to the pin contests were sponsored by Harris Incorporated of Henderson, PSNC Energy and Liberty Kennels. Longest putt contests were sponsored by Satterwhite Point Marina and Express Employment Professionals.

The hole-in-one sponsor for the twelfth consecutive year was Charles Boyd Chevrolet-Pontiac-Cadillac-Buick-GMC, Inc.

Teams this year included BB&T, Maria Parham Medical Center, Charles Boyd Chevrolet-Pontiac-Cadillac-Buick-GMC, Inc, Coca-Cola, Vance-Granville Community College, Vulcan Materials Company, Harris, Inc. of Henderson, Golden Skillet, Wester Realty and Insurance, Kerr-Vance Academy, Team Chamber/Daily Dispatch, Premier Chiropractic, Southside Office Supply, Kittrell Job Corps, P&G Pet Care, CenturyLink, Kilian Engineering and Ted Wheeler/Ted's Service Company.

This year's gift bag donors included A.R.E. Mechanical, BB&T, Carolina Country Snacks, Carolina Sunrock, CenturyLink, Golden Skillet, Harris, Incorporated of Henderson, Jeff Ayscue Agency- Allstate Insurance, Jeff Perry- Edward Jones, Kerr Lake Orthopaedics, Maria Parham Medical Center, Middleburg Steak House, Paradise Family Dentistry, Quick Print, Southside Office Supply, Staffmark, United Way, Variety Wholesalers, Inc., Vance-Granville Community College, W.W. Properties and William L. Stark & Company.



Pictured above is the winning Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament Team sponsored by CenturyLink. Members are Randy Gilmore, Billy Davidson, and Bill Adams.

EXPO Spaces Filling Fast

It's time to mark your calendars for the 2010 Business EXPO! This year's event will be held on Tuesday, October 12 in the Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC) Civic Center. Sponsorships are available for the event.

This event, now in its 20th year, offers businesses an excellent opportunity to showcase their products and services as well as meet the hundreds of potential customers who pass through the aisles over the course of the event. There are approximately 80 booths available inside the Civic Center and limited spaces in the outside lobby as well as outside in front of the building can also be reserved.

Registration for Chamber members is \$185 and for non-Chamber members, is \$300. Electric hook-ups are available for an additional \$10. EXPO 2010 is being coordinated by the Henderson-Vance County Chamber, Franklin County Chamber, Granville County Chamber and Warren County Chamber along with the VGCC Small Business Center. The public exhibit will take place from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given away during the event. For more information, to reserve your exhibit space or to secure your sponsorship, contact the VGCC Small Business Center at (252)492-2061, ext. 239 or 240 or the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce at (252)438-8414 or by emailing membership@hendersonvance.org.



The Peninsula at Kerr Lake (Top Left)

The Peninsula at Kerr Lake held a ribbon cutting on June 22 to celebrate their opening. The Peninsula is a gated community developed by Coldwell Banker Advantage. It is located 2 miles north of Townsville, N.C. on Rock Spring Church Road off Highway #39. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by dinner for all those in attendance and tours were also offered. For information on property at The Peninsula, call Gayla Strickland at Coldwell Banker Advantage - Henderson at 252-431-6250.



Thirty-One Gifts (Above)

Thirty-One Gifts celebrated their new Chamber membership with a ribbon cutting on Friday, June 4. The company sells products that are exclusive to Thirty-One and provide style and convenience at an amazingly affordable price. They offer a key product line, a "direction" line for teens and a uniquely crafted "31kid" line for children and moms. To contact consultant Heather Tabor, call (252)204-1305 or go to www.mythirtyone.com/htabor/.



Saint-Gobain Containers (Middle Left)

Saint-Gobain Containers celebrated 50 years as a local business, Chamber Member, employer and community supporter at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 27. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon at the plant's location at 620 Facet Road.

The Teacher Store (Bottom Left)

The Teacher Store held a ribbon cutting on May 6 to celebrate moving to their new downtown location at 135 S. Garnett Street beside Interiors & Gifts, Too. The company is a retail center for various educational materials and supplies and offers access to tutoring services as well. The company is owned and operated by Angie Hopper and can be reached at 252-436-0037.

Ambassador Spotlight

The Chamber's Ambassador Club is composed of volunteers from Chamber member businesses. These volunteers attend ribbon-cuttings, maintain contact with Chamber members, volunteer at special Chamber events and act as liaisons between the Chamber and its members. Each Ambassador and the business they represent get exposure in the community and in Chamber publications. This section is to introduce two of our newest Ambassadors.

Name: Gina Eaves

Business: The Daily Dispatch, employed for 2 years.

Favorite Music: I grew up singing twangy Bluegrass lyrics and still leap to a banjo's beat. A road trip stop in Memphis introduced me to the Blues, enamoring me with the likes of BB King. "Old Country" that vanished during the late 1980s rates among my favorites, specifically artists like the long haired hippy, Willie Nelson. And, what southerner doesn't enjoy Southern Rock?

Hobbies: Road trips, Story-telling/Creative Writing, Guitar Strumming, Singing and Unsuccessful Diets.

Pet Peeve: Unsuccessful Diets

Favorite Quote/Philosophy: "Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward." Kurt Vonnegut

Why you like being an Ambassador: I am thrilled by the numerous activities and resources the Chamber offers to its members and the Vance County community. Serving as an Ambassador allows me a more active role in these events, making me a more engaged community member.



Gina Eaves
Chamber Ambassador

Name: Bob Campbell

Business: Optimum Lighting, employed for 2 years.

Favorite Music: "Anything" before 1980, and anything but Aerosmith

Hobbies: Keeping Jan amused.

Pet Peeve: People who don't do what they said they would do.

Favorite Quote/Philosophy: "I make progress by having people around me who are smarter than I am and listening to them. And I assume that everyone is smarter about something than I am." Henry J. Kaiser

Why you like being an Ambassador: The opportunity to be part of a positive dynamic.



Bob Campbell
Chamber Ambassador

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CELEBRATE A RIBBON CUTTING

Has your business recently expanded or relocated? Let the Chamber of Commerce be a part of your celebration. We'll invite local dignitaries, Chamber Board members and Ambassadors. We'll even provide the ribbon and the official Chamber scissors! We'll publish a photo in the Chamber's FOCUS newsletter, in the Business Outlook, a quarterly publication of The Daily Dispatch and on the Chamber's website located online at www.hendersonvance.org. They'll also be coverage in The Daily Dispatch. This special service is only available for Chamber members, and it's FREE!

Kennametal Wins Gold for 23rd Year

On Tuesday, May 11, the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce and the Granville County Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Labor hosted the 2010 Safety Banquet for businesses in Vance and Granville Counties. The banquet was held at Middleburg Steakhouse. North Carolina Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry addressed the crowd of approximately 50, mostly industrial business owners and employees, before handing out the awards.

Local employers and their employees were recognized with awards for maintaining exceptionally safe working conditions for an extended period of time during 2009.

The Kennametal Henderson Plant won a Gold Award for the 23rd

Consecutive Year. To qualify for a gold award, the accident rate (rate of days away from work and job transfer or restriction) must be at least 50% below the industry average.

Altec industries, Creedmoor Manufacturing Division and Bridgestone Bandag Tire Solutions won the prestigious One Million Hour Awards. Recipients must have one million hours, or multiples thereof with no lost time accidents.

At the end of the evening Berry quipped that she had asked the chef at Middleburg, known for its steaks, how they prepared their chicken for dinner. The chef replied, "We tell them right up front that they are not going to make it."



Pictured above are employees of Kennametal with NC Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry after receiving their 23rd consecutive Gold Award.

Welcome New EDC Director

The Henderson-Vance County Economic Development Commission has hired Guido Esselborn as Executive Director.

Esselborn, a business development consultant, previously worked as a state trade director in Germany and as trade specialist and director of a state office for the Department of Commerce in the Middle East.

"Mr. Esselborn's background in economic development at the international, state and local levels will be advantageous in this important role with Henderson and Vance County," said Jerry Ayscue, Vance County Manager in a statement announcing the hiring. "In this global economy, it is anticipated that his international experience will be valuable to our local industrial development efforts. We look forward to having an individual of his caliber to work with us during these difficult economic times."

Glass Plant Celebrates 50 Years

Employees of Verallia North America's Henderson plant (formerly Saint Gobain Containers, Inc.) recently celebrated their facility's 50th anniversary of operations with a special luncheon. More than 250 guests, including employees, retirees, family members, community leaders, and representatives of Verallia's executive team were in attendance to honor the occasion.

"We dedicate this event not only to our current employees –but to all of the individuals who have worked here during the past 50 years," said Plant Manager Pat Hogan. "The collective dedication and effort of this group of people have made it possible for this plant to now enter into its sixth decade of service."

Built by Laurens Glass Works as its second manufacturing facility, the first glass containers were produced on May 4, 1960. Since that time, the Henderson plant has experienced many changes over the years. During the early days, when production was focused on the carbonated beverage business (decorated returnable and then non-returnable containers), the plant employed more than 1,000 people who operated five glass furnaces and 12 production lines.

However, as demand for glass bottles in the carbonated beverage industry eventually declined, the plant retooled to service other businesses and markets. At one point during this transition, the Henderson facility was down to one furnace and only three production lines.

Within the last 10 years, production has rebounded with the addition of pickle and condiment products –and most recently, more products from the spirits industry. This product mix has helped stabilize the operation to its current configuration of two furnaces, five production lines and 275 employees.

Today, the Henderson plant manufactures approximately 1 million glass containers per day for Food, Beverage and Spirits (FBS) customers throughout the eastern U.S. With a dedicated workforce, quality operation and loyal customer base, Henderson is poised for many more milestones in the future.

Konnection Band Kicks Off 2010 Series

The Konnection Band got things started for the 2010 "Meet Me in the Street" free concert series on Thursday, May 27.

The well-known local six-member band added extra heat to downtown with their mix of rock, funk, R&B, beach and country music and proved to be a hit with the diverse crowd of more than 1200 in attendance.

"The band performed well in spite of the issues caused by the weather," said Paul Harris, president of Harris Incorporated of Henderson. The company along with Budweiser is once again the presenting sponsor of the concert series.

The second concert is scheduled for Thursday, July 22 with The Band of Oz and the third and final concert for the season is on Thursday, September 9 with The Embers.

George's Restaurant and Community Workforce Solutions served up pizza and hot dogs and McDonald's served parfaits and turnovers for the hungry mob while Coca-Cola and Harris Incorporated took care of their thirsts.

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