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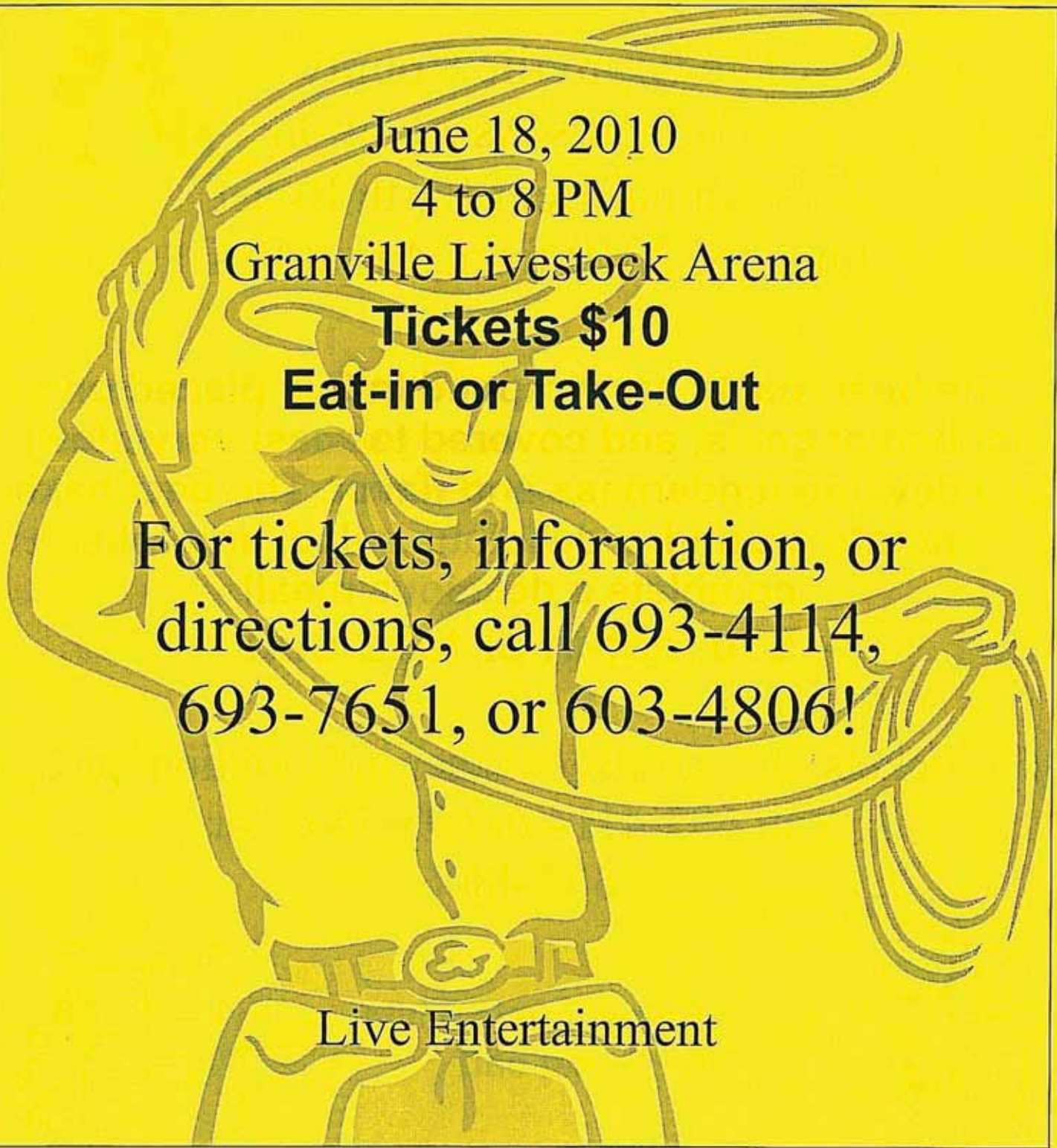
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Rafael E. Negrón, M.D., FAAOS, received his degree in medicine from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. He completed an internship in medicine at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY and a General Surgery internship at the University of Puerto Rico. Dr.

Negrón joined the US Air Force in 1983, serving as a Flight Surgeon. After completing his Orthopaedic Surgery Residency in 1990, Dr. Negrón served as a Chief of Orthopaedics. Dr. Negrón then opened a private practice in 1996 in Puerto Rico. In early 2008, Dr. Negrón opened Kerr Lake Orthopaedics in Henderson, NC. Dr. Negrón is a Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Negrón and his wife, Mayra, have 4 children and reside in Henderson, NC.



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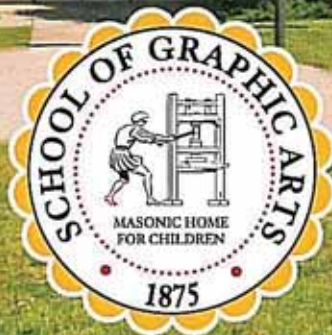
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COURSE	ROOM	DAYS	TIME	HOURS	START	END	INSTRUCTOR	FEE
NOTARY PUBLIC	7107	TW	4:30-8:30 PM	8	5/25	5/26	SPENCE	\$65+BK
LIFELINE OF YOUR BUSINESS	7107	TH	9 AM-NOON	3	6/3	6/3	PONDER	FREE
N.C. AUTO EMISSION & CONTROL	4110	MT	1-5 PM	8	6/7	6/8	BREWER	\$65
NOTARY PUBLIC	7107	T	8 AM-5 PM	8	6/15	6/15	SPENCE	\$65+BK
NOTARY PUBLIC	7107	T	8 AM-5 PM	8	7/20	7/20	SPENCE	\$65+BK
N.C. VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION	4110	MT	1-5 PM	8	8/2	8/3	BREWER	\$65
TEN STEPS TO STARTING A BUSINESS	7107	T	6-9 PM	3	8/3	5/3	MCLAMB	FREE
NOTARY PUBLIC	7107	M	8 AM-5 PM	8	8/9	8/9	SPENCE	\$65+BK
NOTARY PUBLIC	FRANKLIN	W	8 AM-5 PM	8	7/14	7/14	SPENCE	\$65+BK
NOTARY PUBLIC	SOUTH	T	8 AM-5 PM	8	8/3	8/3	SPENCE	\$65+BK
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VGCC Occupational Extension classes are organized to meet the job-related needs and interests of the community. Classes can be arranged at the suggestion of local citizens, businesses and industries. If you are interested in a course that is not listed, please contact the Director of Economic and Workforce Development at (252) 738-3324. All students (unless they are 65 years or older) will be required to pay a registration fee, which is due on the first day of class. Pre-registration is required. *Before registering in these classes that run concurrently with curricula, it is STRONGLY recommended that the student has understanding of subject and/or prerequisites met.

Fee 1 - \$2.00 SECURITY FEE Fee 2 - \$2.00 SECURITY FEE; \$1.25 INSURANCE FEE

MAIN CAMPUS — To Preregister, call (252) 738-3324

COURSE	LOCATION	DAYS	TIME	HOURS	START	END	INSTRUCTOR	FEE
OSHA VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE OUTREACH	MAIN	MT	TBA	10	TBA	TBA	TBA	\$50+BK+Fee 1
CDL CLASS "B"	7104	SA	8 AM-5 PM	80	6/19	8/22	KNIGHT	TBA
COMMERCIAL CLEANING	TBA	TW	6-9 PM	42	TBA	2/25	FLEMING	\$120+Fee 1
SUBSTITUTE TEACHING	TBA	SA	9 AM-4 PM	30	5/1	8/5	ADCOCK	\$120+Fee 1
INTRODUCTION TO PLC*	5114	MT	10 AM-2 PM	80	5/24	8/4	TERRY	\$175+Bk+Fee 2
HYDRAULICS/PNEUMATICS*	8100	WF	10 AM-2 PM	80	5/26	7/31	HUDSON	\$175+Bk+Fee 2
FABRICATION TECHNIQUES*	8100	TTH	6-9 PM	64	5/25	8/4	HUDSON	\$175+Bk+Fee 2
INTRO. TO MEAL PREP.	MASONIC HOME	MW	6-9 PM	24	5/17	6/14	CHEF DAVID	\$146.25
INTRO. TO MEAL PREP.	MASONIC HOME	TTH	6-9 PM	24	5/18	6/10	CHEF DAVID	\$146.25

SOUTH CAMPUS — To Preregister, call Jason Snelling at (919) 528-4737

COURSE	LOCATION	DAYS	TIME	HOURS	START	END	INSTRUCTOR	FEE
INTRO. TO SPANISH	SOUTH	T	6-9 PM	24	5/25	7/20	NEEMS	\$65
BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE	SOUTH	M	6-9 PM	24	6/7	8/2	SNIPES	\$65
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING	SOUTH	TTH	6-9 PM	30	6/1	7/1	COPLIN	\$120
BLUEPRINT READING	SOUTH	TBA	6-9 PM	18	TBA	TBA	TBA	\$65
TECHNICAL WRITING	SOUTH	TBA	6-9 PM	24	TBA	TBA	TBA	\$120
PLUMBER ASSISTANT TRAINING	SOUTH	TBA	6-9 PM	36	TBA	TBA	TBA	\$120

FRANKLIN CAMPUS — To Preregister, call Anthony Pope at (919) 496-1567

COURSE	ROOM	DAYS	TIME	HOURS	START	END	INSTRUCTOR	FEE
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING	5215	TWTH	9 AM-3 PM	30	6/16	6/25	MCNAMARA	\$55
BIOWORK / cGMP (PRE-REGISTRATION: 5/24)	306	MW	9 AM-NOON	48	6/7	8/9	BURTNESS	\$120+BK
BIOWORK / cGMP (PRE-REGISTRATION: 5/24)	306	MW	6-9 PM	48	6/7	8/9	BURTNESS	\$120+BK
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING	TBA	MW	9 AM-NOON	30	6/14	8/24	TBA	\$120
SERV SAFE	TBA	TW	8:30 AM-5:30 PM	16	6/29	6/30	LAMBERT	\$65
CPR	TBA	F	9 AM-4 PM	6	6/25	6/25	TBA	\$65
BUILDING WELDING SKILLS	206	TTH	6-9 PM	60	6/1	8/5	OAKLEY	\$175
MEDICAL CODING/CERTIFICATION PREP.	5119	MW	6-9 PM	24	7/19	8/11	MINOR	\$65

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CATEGORY	ROOM	DAYS	TIME	START	END	HOURS	INSTRUCTOR	FEE
MAIN CAMPUS Day Classes - To Preregister, call (252) 738-3324, or 738-3417								
ACCOUNTING: QUICKBOOKS	7100	TH	9 AM-1 PM	7/8	8/12	24	STRICKLAND	\$65
DATABASE: ACCESS 2007	7100	F	9 AM-1 PM	6/11	6/25	12	TBA	\$65
GRAPHICS: POWERPOINT & PUBLISHER	7100	TTH	1 PM-4 PM	6/8	7/1	24	SABAL	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL 2007	7100	W	9 AM-1 PM	5/19	6/23	24	PEACE	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. ESSENTIALS	7136	M-F	9 AM-NOON	6/7	8/27	174	SABAL	\$175
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET	7100	W	9 AM-1 PM	6/30	8/11	24	PEACE	\$65
MAIN CAMPUS Night Classes - To Preregister, call (252) 738-3324, or 738-3417								
ACCOUNTING: QUICKBOOKS	7100	T	6-9 PM	6/1	7/20	24	STRICKLAND	\$65
DRAFTING: AUTOCAD	7136	T	6-9 PM	6/15	9/21	45	BLAYLOCK	\$120
GRAPHICS: CREATING WEB PAGES	7100	T	6-10 PM	7/27	8/10	12	PEACE	\$65
GRAPHICS: POWERPOINT & PUBLISHER	7100	W	6-10 PM	7/7	8/11	24	TBA	\$65
INTERNET: SOCIAL NETWORKING & PC SECURITY	7330	T	6-9 PM	5/18	7/6	24	GILL	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL	7100	TH	6-10 PM	7/1	8/12	24	PEACE	\$65
KEYBOARDING: BEGINNER'S TYPING	7136	MW	6-9 PM	6/14	7/7	24	SABAL	\$65
PHOTOGRAPHY: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & PHOTO EDITING	7100	M	6-9 PM	5/24	7/19	24	ALLEN	\$65
SPEADSHEETS: INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL 2007	7136	MW	6-9 PM	7/19	8/4	18	SABAL	\$65
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET	7100	TH	6-10 PM	5/20	6/24	24	PEACE	\$65
FRANKLIN CAMPUS Day Classes - To Preregister, call (919) 496-1567								
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL 2007	5111	T	9 AM-1 PM	7/6	8/10	24	DAVIS	\$65
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMP. & THE INTERNET	5111	T	9 AM-1 PM	5/25	6/29	24	DAVIS	\$65
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMP. & THE INTERNET	5111	W	NOON-4 PM	6/23	7/28	24	DAVIS	\$65
GRAPHICS: CREATING WEB PAGES	5111	TH	9 AM-1 PM	TBA	TBA	12	DAVIS	\$65
FRANKLIN CAMPUS Night Classes - To Preregister, call (919) 496-1567								
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL 2007	5111	TH	6-10 PM	7/8	8/12	24	TBA	\$65
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMP. & THE INTERNET	5111	TH	6-10 PM	5/27	7/1	24	TBA	\$65
ACCOUNTING: QUICKBOOKS	5111	TBA	6-10 PM	TBA	TBA	24	TBA	\$65
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY	5111	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
SOUTH CAMPUS Day Classes - To Preregister, call (919) 528-4737								
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMP. & THE INTERNET	130	T	9 AM-1 PM	6/8	7/13	24	CLARK	\$65
KEYBOARDING: KEYBOARDING BASICS	130	W	9 AM-1 PM	5/26	6/9	12	TBA	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: MS WORD & EXCEL 2007	130	TH	9 AM-1 PM	6/24	7/29	24	CLARK	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: POWERPOINT	130	F	9 AM-1 PM	6/11	6/25	12	TBA	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: EXCEL LEVEL II	130	W	9 AM-1 PM	6/16	6/30	12	CLARK	\$65
SOUTH CAMPUS Night / Weekend Classes - To Preregister, call (919) 528-4737								
ACCOUNTING: QUICKBOOKS	130	TH	6-10 PM	5/27	6/1	24	RICHARDSON	\$65
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMP. & THE INTERNET	130	W	6-10 PM	5/26	6/30	24	BACON	\$65
COMMUNICATION: EMAILING BASICS	130	TBA	6-9 PM	TBA	TBA	12	TBA	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: MS WORD & EXCEL 2007	130	M	6-10 PM	6/4	7/26	24	BACON	\$65
WARREN CAMPUS Day Classes - To Preregister, call (252) 257-1900, ext. 3686								
WINDOWS: MICROSOFT WORD & EXCEL 2007	407	T	9 AM-1 PM	5/25	6/29	24	SLOANE	\$65
KEYBOARDING: BEGINNER'S TYPING	407	W	9 AM-1 PM	5/26	6/30	24	SLOANE	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: POWERPOINT	407	W	9 AM-1 PM	7/14	7/29	12	SLOANE	\$65
WARREN CAMPUS Night / Weekend Classes - To Preregister, call (252) 257-1900, ext. 3686								
WINDOWS: BEG. GUIDE TO COMP. & THE INTERNET	407	TTH	6-9 PM	5/25	6/17	24	BUFFALOE	\$65
INTEGRATED SOFTWARE: POWERPOINT	407	MW	6-9 PM	6/2	6/14	12	TBA	\$65
KEYBOARDING: BEGINNER'S TYPING	407	TTH	6-9 PM	7/13	8/5	24	BUFFALOE	\$65

PUBLIC SERVICES

CLASSES SCHEDULED UPON REQUEST. TO REGISTER, CALL (252) 738-3273

VGCC Public Services courses are scheduled upon request and are often taught at the requesting agency's facility. For more information on how to arrange a class to meet your specific needs, call VGCC at (252) 738-3273, or (252) 738-3225. Public Service courses are now available for code enforcement officials. If you would like a schedule emailed to you as courses are added, please mail your request to tyndall@vgcc.edu

COURSE	DATES	DAYS/TIMES	HOURS	INSTRUCTOR	ROOM	FEE
MECHANICAL INSPECTION III	MAY 15-16	SAT. & SUN., 8 AM-5 PM	16	MAIDON	7107	\$65
LAW & ADMINISTRATION	JULY 23, 24 & 25	FRI., 6:30-9:30 PM; SAT., 8 AM-5 PM & SUN., 8 AM-NOON	15	GRAHAM	7107	\$65
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS CE	MAY 22	SAT., 8 AM-3 PM	6	KEPLAR	7107	\$65
ALL TRADES CODE CE (REHAB)	JUNE 4	FRI., 9 AM-4 PM	6	MATTHEWS	7107	\$65
MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS CE	JUNE 5	SAT., 8 AM-2 PM	6	MAIDON	7107	\$65



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May 2010

Upcoming Events

May 6: 2010 Small Business Luncheon at noon. The Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce along with the Franklin, Granville and Warren County Chambers and the VGCC Small Business Center will host this luncheon and recognize the 2009 Small Businesses of the Year for each county. Sponsor for the event is CenturyLink. Contact the Chamber for information at 252-438-8414.

May 11: 2010 Safety Banquet 6:30 p.m. at Middleburg Steakhouse. Contact the Chamber about Safety Award Applications and for information about the banquet at membership@hendersonvance.org or 252-438-8414.

May 20: Speed Networking – Location – The Silo. 5:30 – 7:00pm

May 27: “Meet Me in the Street” featuring The Konnection Band. Brought to the local community by Harris Incorporated of Henderson. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. along Breckenridge Street in Downtown Henderson.

June 2: Twelfth Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament. Rain date is June 3. For sponsorship opportunities or information, contact the Chamber at 252-438-8414 or e-mail info@hendersonvance.org.

July 22: “Meet Me in the Street” featuring the Band of Oz. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. along Breckenridge Street in Downtown Henderson.

September 9: Meet Me in the Street” featuring The Embers 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. along Breckenridge Street in Downtown Henderson.

October 2: The Arc 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 info. or to be an exhibitor, contact the Chamber at 438-8414 or e-mail membership@hendersonvance.org.

Small Business Luncheon May 6

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 will sponsor the 2010 Small Business Week Luncheon in a collaborative effort again this year. The event will be hosted by the Henderson-Vance Chamber and will take place at the Henderson Country Club on Thursday, May 6.

This annual spring luncheon is part of a national effort to educate communities on the importance of small businesses to the local economy. A quote from the United States Small Business Administration says “We recognize that small business is critical to our economic recovery and strength, to building America’s future, and to helping the United States compete in today’s global marketplace”. Local statistics show that small businesses employ about 48% of local workers.

The luncheon will feature keynote speaker Joyce Siler, Assistant Director of Client Services with the Women’s Business Center of North Carolina. Siler will conduct a brief seminar presentation 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 whose mission is to promote economic self-sufficiency for all women of North Carolina through entrepreneurship. The center is specifically designed to provide tools and opportunities to help women entrepreneurs achieve their goals.

The event will conclude with the presentation of the Vance County Small Business of the Year. This will be the ninth consecutive year that the Chamber has presented this award.

Franklin, Granville and Warren County will also award 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 fee for the event will be \$10 per person and includes lunch and the seminar. For more information or to register, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 438-8414 or rsvp@hendersonvance.org.



Joyce Siler,
Asst. Director of Client
Services
NC Women’s Business
Center

Golf Tournament June 2

Sponsorships are available for the Twelfth Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament sponsored by BB&T. Gold Sponsor is Maria Parham Medical Center. The event will take place at Kerr Lake Country Club on Wednesday, June 2 with a rain date of Thursday, June 3.

All Chamber members are invited to participate in this Captain’s Choice (Superball) tournament. One of the Chamber’s most popular fundraisers, this event is a great way to network with other Chamber member businesses.

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“As a member of the North Carolina Chamber and a voice for you, our members, we believe an informed membership is extremely vital to encourage our political leaders, at all levels, to consider the impact on business as they make decisions. The NC Prosperity Project is a means of disseminating that information to you. Hopefully this newsletter will provide valuable information to you about issues and challenges that business and industry are facing.”

Bill Edwards, President, Henderson - Vance County Chamber Of Commerce

NC Prosperity Project (NCP2) Provides Tools to Businesses

With 19 announced retirements already (and nearly 20 other legislative races expected to be hotly contested in November), there will definitely be changes in who serves in the NC General Assembly next year. These are the elected state leaders who make our laws, set our tax rates and decide on public investments such as roads and schools – and, they will also draw new legislative district maps that will shape the composition of the General Assembly and our Congressional delegation for the next decade.

What’s not yet certain is what organizations will be most engaged during the upcoming elections when new leaders are selected. Make no mistake about it – the organizations that do the best job of being informed, involved and organized during the 2010 elections will play a stronger hand in shaping NC’s future!

North Carolina needs elected representatives who understand what it takes for businesses to be competitive and successful to spur economic recovery and keep and create jobs. Unfortunately, many of the legislators who are retiring from the state legislature were knowledgeable about business issues – about what employers need and what our state needs to be globally competitive to attract and retain the best jobs for the future.

That is why we must be informed about and involved in the 2010 elections – and why our members and their employees must be as well.

Employees report that they look more than ever to their employers for information on what the “key issues” are and where political candidates stand on them. Polling shows that voters increasingly want to know if a candidate’s stated position on key business issues would adversely impact the companies for which they are employed. Even so, only a small percentage of employees actually receive any communication from employers about voting or key issues that would impact their ability to succeed and grow. The North Carolina Prosperity Project (NCP2) provides the tools to bridge this critical gap.

NCP2 is a free, non-partisan, voluntary program provided through the North Carolina Chamber for local Chambers and their members. NCP2 offers local Chambers and businesses the technology and tools to share information with employees about voting, key issues and candidates’ voting records and positions on these issues.

NCP2 is about providing businesses with the opportunity and means to raise employee awareness about issues that affect businesses, jobs and the economy. It is about informing employees and empowering them to make up their own minds – to be informed participants in elections. NCP2 services are free for businesses, including a Web site and e-communication tools. For companies that want it, the NCP2 Web site can be enhanced and branded to match the look, feel and operation of their existing Web sites and e-communications for a fee.

Patrick J. Coughlin, president and CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, said this about the Moore County Chamber’s participation in NCP2: “The Prosperity Project does not tell people how to vote. It empowers employees and prepares them to be better-informed voters, while respecting their individual beliefs and their right to choose... We are proud to be the first local Chamber of Commerce in North Carolina to align ourselves with this effort. This partnership will allow the Chamber to concentrate on our core mission, providing quality services to our members, while simultaneously creating a dynamic and educational web site.”

You are encouraged to visit the NCP2 Web site at www.northcarolinaprosperty.org and the Moore County Chamber’s co-branded NCP2 site (go to www.moorecountychamber.com and click on “Quick Links” and “Chamber’s Prosperity Project”.) The Web sites currently include useful information about the elections, registering to vote, elected representatives and top issues. Details such as voting records for state lawmakers will be added in the coming months.

To learn more about NCP2 or sign up for free (or enhanced) NCP2 services, contact Joe Stewart at the North Carolina Chamber at jstewart@ncchamber.net or (919) 836-1413.

As a valued-added service available to all Chamber Federation partners, Joe is also available to attend Board, Government Affairs Committee, or other meetings of your members to conduct a targeted briefing on state legislative races in districts within your area.

CenturyLink Expands Service Area

As of April 2010, consumers and businesses in Vance County now have access to broadband services from CenturyLink High Speed Internet. The CenturyLink service now allows them to quickly access the Internet, download movies and share photos or video with friends and family.

CenturyLink recently installed High-Speed Internet equipment in the Townsville community on Highway 39 North in Vance County.

CenturyLink High-Speed Internet service is delivered on a dedicated line from CenturyLink's central office to the customer's home or business and is backed by unsurpassed customer service and technical support.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring additional High Speed Internet service to Vance County. We know our customers want and need high speed internet service, and we are glad to be able to provide it over our reliable, secure network. CenturyLink is dedicated to expanding broadband services to our North Carolina customers," said Larry Liles, CenturyLink's Area Operations Manager.

"We have some great promotional offers in place with prices as low as \$14.95 per month for consumers when they bundle High-Speed Internet with qualifying voice services, so this is the perfect time to sign up for our High Speed Internet service," said Earl Walker, Area Operations Supervisor. "Century Link also offers savings bundles enabling consumers to save up to \$240 per year over cable when they combine High-Speed Internet, Digital TV from DISH and Unlimited Local and Long Distance Calling."

Consumers and Businesses, who want to obtain more information about the new service, or place an order, can visit www.centurylink.com or call 252-492-9608. CenturyLink is a leading provider of high-quality voice, broadband and video services over its advanced communications networks to consumers and businesses in 33 states. CenturyLink, headquartered in Monroe, La., is an S&P 500 Company.

EXPO 2010 Set for October 12th

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.

There are two sponsorship levels. Gold Premier Sponsorships are \$1,000 and will allow interested businesses to become EXPO co-sponsors with the VGCC Small Business Center and participating Chambers. Also included at this level is exposure in EXPO publicity, exhibit space and lunch. Silver Premier Sponsorships are available for \$500 and include publicity, exhibit space and lunch. The deadline for sponsorship is Monday, May 3.

Registration for Chamber members is \$225 and for non-Chamber members, is \$385. 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.

Take Advantage of "Member Spotlights"

In October of 2009, the Chamber added a new benefit to your Chamber membership called "Member Spotlights". This special listing allows you to publicize your upcoming public sales, special events, special products and/or services in a special section of the Chamber web site homepage. But the best part is, it's FREE with your Chamber membership!

Criteria set for each listing is 50 words or less typed in a Word or text document using 10 pt size. The name of the company is listed first and then the complete description of what you're spotlighting. Entries are listed monthly. The deadline is the 25th of the month preceeding the month that the entry should appear. Entries are listed alphabetically on the page with the company name in bold and the description in normal type. All entries are uniform in appearance.

Don't forget to take advantage of this valuable benefit every month. To have your entry listed, just send the information as listed above to info@hendersonvance.org or call Sylvia Edwards at the Chamber at 252-438-8414 if you have questions.



Hughes Insurance Agency

Hughes Insurance Agency, located at 217 South Garnett Street, held a ribbon cutting on March 24 to celebrate the opening of the business. The company specializes in insurance including health, life and supplemental. Owned and operated by Scott Hughes, the business can be reached at 252-226-2010 or by e-mail at ashughes2006@yahoo.com.



Dataforge

New Chamber member Dataforge held a ribbon cutting on March 24 to celebrate the opening of their new offices at 217 South Garnett Street in Downtown Henderson. The company offers a variety of computer and internet services including service and sales for home, business & government, sale and repair of desktops, notebooks, servers, printers, new custom built computers, tune-ups, hardware upgrades and repairs, virus and spyware removal, data backup and recovery, web site design, hosting & management. The company is owned and operated by Phil Hart and can be reached at 252-438-4000 or at www.dataforge.us.

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!!

CELEBRATE A RIBBON CUTTING FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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!

TEI Graduates 17

On March 23, a graduation celebration was held for the 2009-2010 session of Teacher Executive Institute (TEI). The annual program, now in its 16th year, concluded with a dinner and ceremony at Middleburg Steak House.

Rep. Michael Wray, who represents Vance County in the N.C. General Assembly, was the featured speaker for the evening. He praised all of the program participants for their leadership in the educational field. He also encouraged them to continue to be leaders in their important work with students each day in the classroom. Wray added that he admires the educators for their efforts in their profession and in seeking to improve by participating in a program like the Teacher Executive Institute.

Each graduate was presented a handsome framed certificate by George Fowler, executive director of the Vance County Public School Foundation, and Lisa Bolton of Walmart Distribution Center in Henderson, which sponsored the graduation and dinner.

TEI provides Vance County classroom teachers, counselors and media specialists with opportunities to tour local businesses, learn about the facilities and take part in informational seminars to broaden their skills base. The results strengthen the partnership between the professionals in education and the business community. The program offers educators a chance to network and share ideas with one another and also talk with business leaders about how they can work together to prepare students for the future work force.

TEI is funded by the Vance County Public School Foundation, a nonprofit organization funded by private contributions, foundation grants and local business donations. The program is co-sponsored by the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce.

Following are the corporate sponsors for the 2009-2010 session of the TEI program:

Gold: CenturyLink, JCPenney Co., Progress Energy, and Walmart Distribution Center #6091;

Silver: Carolina Quality, Poplar Creek Partners and Dr. Beverly Tucker;

Bronze: AAA Gas & Appliances, Barnett Properties, Golden Skillet, Henderson Family YMCA, J.M. White Funeral Service, Rose Oil Company, Sylvan Learning Center, Vance County Farm Bureau and Vance-Granville Community College;

Event Sponsors: CenturyLink, The Daily Dispatch, Durham Coca-Cola, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Harperprints, Inc., Henderson-Vance County Chamber, JCPenney Co., KARTS, Maria Parham Medical Center, Progress Energy, Vance County Public School Foundation, Vance County Schools and Walmart Distribution Center #6091.



Front row from left, Evangeline Mitchell of Early College High School; Donesha Bolden of Dabney Elementary School; Sylvia Jefferson of New Hope Elementary School; Jessica Hall of Aycock Elementary School; Kimberly Brown of L.B. Yancey Elementary School; and Iris Iyoda-Lacson of Clark Street Elementary School. Back row from left, Ann Hanson of Zeb Vance Elementary School; Sharon Spain of E.M. Rollins Elementary School; Wendi Leas of Southern Vance High School; Robin Bowen of E.O. Young Jr. Elementary School; Shawn Richards of Western Vance High School; Susan Johnson of Vance Charter School; Robert Haworth of Northern Vance High School; David Stuckey of Carver Elementary School; McShell Edmonds-Evans of Henderson Middle School; Mary Williams of Pinkston Street Elementary School; and Alice Hinson of Eaton-Johnson Middle School.

Business After Hours

Embroidered Image, Simply Delicious Catering, For Your Occasion Party Rentals & Harris Incorporated of Henderson co-hosted a Business After Hours on Thursday, April 15 from 5:30-7:00pm. The event was held at the Embroidered Image location at 691 Bearpond Road. Attendees enjoyed food, beverages and fabulous door prizes and were shown a sampling of what the business offers including in-house embroidery, in-house screen printing, in-house custom vinyl monograms, wall decals, window decals & personalization.

For information on how your business can host a Business After Hours, call the Chamber at 252-438-8414 or e-mail membership@hendersonvance.org. Sponsorships are limited to one BAH per month, so call now to schedule yours.



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Ambassadors Hold Meeting

On Thursday, March 25, the Henderson-Vance County Chamber held its quarterly Ambassador Meeting at Golden Corral at 8:30 am. Golden Corral is one of the Chamber's newest members. "We really appreciate Manager Will Johnson opening up just for us. It is great to have a Chamber member that has breakfast meeting space as well," stated Rachel Hedrick, Director of Membership Services. Approximately 17 attendees were treated to a buffet that included pancakes, french toast, eggs, grits and other breakfast fare. Ambassadors used this time to sign up to volunteer at Meet Me in the Street events and the upcoming Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament. They also discussed keeping in touch with new members to aide them in making the most of their Chamber investment.

The Ambassador Club is composed of volunteers from Chamber member businesses. These volunteers attend ribbon-cuttings, maintain contact with Chamber members, and volunteer at special Chamber events. The employee and the business they represent get exposure in the community and in Chamber publications.

If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Ambassador please contact Rachel Hedrick at 252-438-8414 or e-mail membership@hendersonvance.org.



Ambassadors enjoy a breakfast meeting at Golden Corral.

Lighting Technology Update Held

The Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce hosted an informative luncheon entitled "Lighting Technology Update for Small Business". The luncheon was held at the Henderson Country Club on Thursday, April 8 at 12 noon. Progress Energy lighting experts discussed energy saving techniques, lighting technology and rebates that are available to small business. In these tough economic times, the information presented in this session proved very beneficial to the attending companies and offered opportunities to improve their bottom line.

The event was free to Chamber members and was underwritten by Progress Energy and Parkview Plaza.

Brewer Cycles Hosts Ride

Brewer Cycles will hold its 13th Annual Duke Children's Hospital and Health Center Charity Bike Ride on Sunday, June 6 with a rain date of Sunday, June 13.

Sign up will start at 11 a.m. that day. The ride will leave Brewer Cycles parking lot at 1:30 p.m. and will return around 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for riders and \$20 for passengers. Tickets will allow you to enjoy a leisure scenic ride through the country side, a delicious meal served after the ride, a chance at one of over 100 door prizes and lots of fun. All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds go to Duke Children's Hospital.

To register for the event, contact Brewer Cycles at 252-492-8553 or 1-800-948-3480.

Administrative Professionals Honored

The Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce hosted a special luncheon honoring administrative assistants and other professional support staff on Wednesday, April 21 at the Henderson Country Club.

The speaker for this year's event was John Formica of John Formica Enterprises, LLC who presented "How Do You Deal with Work When All of Your Sick Days are Used"? Formica Enterprises is a training and coaching firm specializing in leadership development, personal and employee performance, improved communication, team relationships, business and organization growth and customer service. Prior to starting his own training and coaching firm, Formica held numerous top management positions with service industry leaders including Walt Disney World Resorts, Hyatt Hotels, Hilton Hotels and Sunrise Senior Living Inc. During his 10 years at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL, Formica managed their top luxury resort properties and has since spoken to companies and business professionals all over the world. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University.

In his presentation, Formica used humor and energy to motivate employers and employees alike to be the best they can be and to do their best at every task.

The event was well attended with approximately 140 present.

The luncheon is sponsored each year by the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, the Granville County Chamber of Commerce, the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce and the Vance-Granville Community College Small Business Center.



Presenter John Formica talks to a crowd of over 140 at the 2010 Administrative Professionals' Luncheon

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After lunch, which is set for 12 noon, the tournament will begin with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for the top four teams, with other prizes being awarded for the longest drive, hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest putt.

A dinner and awards ceremony will take place immediately following the tournament. Sponsoring teams and individual registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of sponsorships are still available for the event and for individual holes. Prize donations are also accepted.

The rate for hole sponsorships is \$375, which includes meals, signage at the tee and publicity at the tournament for a four-person team. Individual entrants are welcomed (\$85 rate) and will be placed on a four-person team.

Patron sponsorship level requires \$100 or the donation of an equivalent gift item. Patron status includes sponsorship of an individual award such as longest drive, closest to the pin or longest putt. Member businesses can also participate as prize donors for items to be included in gift bags for each player at the tournament.

To register or for more information, contact Tournament Director Sylvia Edwards at 438-8414 or info@hendersonvance.org.

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The Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of the business community in those matters that affect the ability of local businesses to prosper and grow, and the ability of Henderson and Vance County to attract new businesses.

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