

# BUSINESS *Update*

Business news and information brought to you by the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce

## ► Welcome new MEMBERS

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**Cory Lawson, CEO**  
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 Kinston, NC 28501  
 (252) 520-6740  
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**Wendell Swartzentruber**  
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 Montezuma, Ga. 31063  
 (will be relocating to Kinston soon)

**Blake Rouse**  
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## ► Chamber HAPPENINGS



Submitted Photo

Kinston Mayor Buddy Ritch, fourth from left, and store manager Russell Hill cut the ribbon to welcome CARQUEST, one of Kinston's newest businesses located at 809 Mitchell St. Many people were on hand to help the CARQUEST employees celebrate their opening. With its corporate headquarters in Raleigh, CARQUEST Auto Parts is the premier supplier of replacement products, accessories, supplies and equipment for virtually all makes of automobiles, as well as light and heavy-duty trucks, off-road equipment, buses, recreational vehicles and agricultural equipment. Additionally, the company distributes and sells tools, equipment, chemicals, paint and accessories.

## Upcoming ribbon cuttings

**Wednesday, June 25**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Precision Healthcare Services**  
**400 Glenwood Ave,**  
**Suite 10**

Our mission is to provide quality mental health and substance abuse services in excellence to adults and children. Our programs include: Community Support, Day Treatment, Intensive in Home, Outpatient services. Day Treatment is an intensive program for clients requiring a significant amount of support. Services are offered five days a week from 9am until 5:00pm. Our Day Treatment program focuses specifically and intensively on treating dual diagnosis, with clients coming for services five days a week. Outpatient Services are less intensive, designed for clients who have completed the Day Treatment or Day Rehab programs. Our Residential Center is on the way that will provide day care for clients' children while they receive treatment. The Outpatient service also supports clients' housing needs; coming soon we will have a house for women and their children participating in the program.

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**Wednesday, July 2**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Kinston Fire Station**  
**No. 1**

After more than 40 years of service, it became imperative to replace the Kinston Fire Station No. 1.

The facility had become severely outdated and failed to meet modern safety and health mandates. These included ADA requirements such as access and capabilities for use by handicapped patrons. There was no way for handicapped patrons to access the second floor, nor utilize bathroom facilities. Additionally, there was no way to remove the carbon monoxide exhaust generated by fire apparatus in the proximity of offices.

Fire apparatus had grown in size over the years, which resulted in mere inches of clearance for responding units. The inability for apparatus to drive through bays from the rear of the station necessitated units having to block traffic in order to back into the station. Several near misses occurred as firefighters were almost struck by passing vehicles.

In an effort to continue to provide consistently equal protection to the total community, it was apparent that we needed a more central location that would allow us to be equally responsive to the service requests of the majority of our community as well as the downtown business district.

Please help us celebrate this beautiful new facility and the people that protect us.

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**Wednesday, July 9**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Nissan of Kinston**  
**4051 W. Vernon Ave. in front of Wal-Mart**  
**(Celebrating new ownership)**

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**Monday, July 14**  
**10 a.m.**  
**24/7 Fitness**  
**704 D Plaza Blvd.**



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The Kinston-Lenoir Chamber of Commerce and The Free Press hosted a panel discussion recently on economic development. Experts in the field explored Lenoir County's footing in the competitive business of job creation. On the panel were, from left, moderator Charlie Kraebel of The Free Press; Bruce Parson, economic developer with the N.C. Global TransPark; Adrian King, executive director of Pride of Kinston; Donna Phillips, a senior economic developer with the North Carolina Department of Commerce; and Kathy Howard, associate vice president of North Carolina's East Region. Thank you to the following Chamber of Commerce President's Club Members: Harvey Fertilizer & Gas, Lenoir Community College, Minges Bottling Group Inc. and Sylvia Chiropractic Center.

## Leadership Lenoir class takes on hands-on project

Leadership Lenoir "Hands On Lenoir Project" celebration, dedication and graduation at the Nature Center Park

The goal of Leadership Lenoir is to identify potential community leaders and to provide them with the information and encouragement needed to spur action and involvement. Leadership Lenoir graduates are challenged to apply their talents throughout the community by becoming an active part of a Chamber, other professional associations, civic clubs, public boards and service organizations.

This year's Leadership Lenoir class would like to invite you to see their Hands On Lenoir Project. The class organized the placement of picnic tables around the

playground area of the Nature Center Park. With the growing popularity of this park, the class observed a need for additional seating and picnic areas near the playground. The sponsors of this year's project are Caswell Center, US Cellular, Billy Page, Progress Energy, Danny Smith Landscaping and Drainage, and ERA Montague and Associates, Inc.

Please come join us, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, at the Nature Center Park for the dedication of the picnic tables to the park and for the graduation of the 2008 Leadership Lenoir Class.

Thanks to the following Leadership Lenoir Presidents Club members: Best Diamond, Dow East Protection, Lenoir Memorial Hospital and Kelly Services.

## ► At the CHAMBER Wage & Hour workshop set today

**Wage and Hour Laws in NC**  
**Tuesday, June 24**  
**2-4 p.m.**

Kinston Chamber Of Commerce in partnership with the N.C. Department of Labor's Wage & Hour Bureau and Lenoir Community College Small Business Center will host a class on the Wage & Hour Laws in North Carolina in Room 313 of the Kinston Enterprise Center, 327 North Queen St.

Donald R. Anderson, senior investigator for Department of Labor's Wage & Hour Bureau, will present topics that will include: Record Keeping, Minimum Wage, Tipped Employees, Overtime, Youth Employment and other Rules and Laws required for Employers under the Wage & Hour Act.

If you have not signed up yet and are interested in attending this session later today, please call Greg Hannibal at 252-522-4676, Ext. 2021, or Linda Murray at 252.522.4676, Ext. 2022 to see if space is available.

## Save this date ...

for next month's Business After Hours at

### The Beauty Box Salon and Spa

at Lenoir Crossing,  
 207 Airport Rd., Suite C  
 Kinston  
 Thursday  
 July 17, 2008  
 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

## President's Club

**Gold**  
 Harvey Fertilizer and Gas  
 Progress Energy  
 Lenoir Memorial Hospital  
**Silver**  
 Advantage Printing  
 Best Diamond Packaging  
 Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep & Suzuki of Kinston  
 Coastal Connections Marketing  
 Corporate Resources  
 Down East Protection Systems  
 Embarq  
 First Flight Federal Credit Union  
 Fasco, Inc.  
 Grady Dental Lab  
 Kelly Services  
 Lenoir Community College  
 Minges Bottling Group, Inc  
 Neuse Sport Shop Inc.  
 Nissan of Kinston  
 Perry Management, Inc.  
 Sylvia Chiropractic Center  
 The Beauty Box  
 U.S. Cellular  
 West Pharmaceutical Services

LCC PlayMakers will be presenting the comedy...

# "Greater Tuna"

*Directed by Dr. Kim Turnage*  
*Starring Mitch Butts and Josh Ormond*

**Tickets are \$6.00**

**July 11-12**

**8:00 p.m.,**

**July 13**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Waller Auditorium**

For more information, call 527-6223, ext. 928.