



BUSINESS Update

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

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► At the **CHAMBER**

Play a role in Centennial

The Chamber is currently seeking items for inclusion in the Chamber's Heritage Exhibit to be displayed at the Community Council for the Arts in November.

These items will be on loan to the Chamber for the exhibit.

The exhibit will be photographed to be included in the Chamber's Heritage Time Capsule, which will be dedicated during a special Heritage Time Capsule Ceremony.

We are looking for a wide range of artifacts from individuals and various organizations around the community. The exhibit will offer a glimpse of what life was like in Kinston over the past 100 years.

Centennial Corner

Another aspect of the celebration, Centennial Corner honors all men, women and businesses who through the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce have shaped our community.

We will be celebrating 100 years at a special Centennial event on Oct. 31, showcasing the new commemorative park with a walkway of engraved bricks, beautiful trees and specially designed benches.

If you are interested in purchasing an engraved brick for yourself or your business, contact Laura Lee Sylvester soon at 252-527-1131.

► Chamber **HAPPENINGS**



Ribbon cutting: Furniture Fair

Recently, the Chamber of Commerce helped Furniture Fair celebrate the opening of its new location at 2429 North Heritage St. at the Kinston Plaza with a ribbon cutting. Furniture Fair offers furniture, mattresses, appliances and electronics from name-brand manufacturers like Ashley, Broyhill, Lane, Sealy, Simmons, Tempur-pedic, Sony, LG, Toshiba, Maytag, Whirlpool and many more. They have been a part of life in Eastern North Carolina for more than 59 years.



Ribbon cutting: Springleaf

Many well-wishers helped Springleaf celebrate its new name with a ribbon cutting. Springleaf Financial Services (formally American General) is at 4167 W. Vernon Ave. in the Kinston Pointe Plaza. Branch Manager Len Gravel introduced his employees and described their services.

► Young Professionals **NEWS**

Events

■ Tuesday, Oct. 11— Education Foundation Spelling Bee, 5 p.m. at King's. Test your spelling skills or volunteer to judge as other teams try to spell their way to victory!

■ Thursday, Oct. 13 — Find Your Inner Artist, 5:30 p.m. at Community Council for the Arts. Wonder what creativity you have hiding inside you? Come out to this special event to explore all the aspects of the Art world!

Info

Want to learn more about the Young Professionals of Lenoir Coun-

ty and see what they are up to? Go to www.kinstonchamber.com/young-professionals to see the latest YP news, events and info.

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 bimonthly 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.

► For your **INFORMATION**

Job Boost II (Subsidized Employment)

Employers who are interested in receiving a wage subsidy for new employees up to \$10 per hour or 75 percent of the total hourly wage should contact Gay Humphrey with Lenoir County Department of Social Services regarding the Job Boost II program. Ms. Humphrey can be reached at (252) 559-6233.

► Business **EXPO**

Living the Good Life Expo and Food Tasting 3-7 p.m. today, Vernon Park Mall

Sponsored by: The Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce along with Lenoir County Cooperative Extension, Vernon Park Mall, Tourism Development Authority (Visit-Kinston), The Free Press and Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party.

► Chamber **CHAMPIONS**

Thank you, 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 percent to support Chamber member driven programs and projects. Individually the amount is small but collectively our Chamber Champions have contributed over \$4,000!

As a Chamber Champion, they receive recognition throughout the year and a Chamber Champion icon next to their business name on the Chamber's online business directory.

Thank you to the following Chamber Champions!

- Chris Hill
- Bright Floor Cleaning Service
- George Graham
- Chef & the Farmer
- McDonald's

► Education **NEWS**

2011 Adult Spelling Bee Tuesday, Oct. 11 King's Restaurant 4:30 Registration 5:30 Competition begins!

The Adult Spelling Bee helps fund the Teacher Mini Grant program.

We are looking for teams of 4 people that simply want to have fun and help us raise the money needed to support our schools, teachers and students.

Each team will need a \$150 sponsor. An additional \$50 will get your team 3 Buy Words that will "buy" your way to the next level if you miss a word. (All sponsorship money goes to the mini grant program.)

Back again this year is the SPIRIT award for the best dressed team/table. Be sure to come looking your best! The mystery judge will be looking for excellent "Team Spirit" to take away this award.

Register at www.kinstonchamber.com — Headline News .

For information contact Brandon Donaldson, 252-527-1131 extension 104 or email bdonaldson@kinstonchamber.com.

This year's event sponsors: Wachovia/Wells Fargo Bank.

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