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CHART UPDATE

There is nothing more important this month than the health and welfare of our citizens along the Gulf Coast who suffered so much during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Our hearts and prayers pour out for their survival and the endeavors to put lives back together. Many organizations and local businesses are sponsoring fundraisers to collect donations to help those in need. I encourage each of you to give in some way to help our neighbors to the South.

Bill Schmidt
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BOBBY CAHOON CONSTRUCTION, INC. – Bobby & Theresa Cahoon

CHINA GROVE PLANTATION – Michelle Peele

BFK NETWORK – James Mason & Larry Prescott

QUADRANT CONSTRUCTION AND CEDAR PEG LOG HOMES – Gwinn Hedrick

RIVERWINDS CONDOMINIUMS – Gwinn Hedrick

INDIVIDUAL – Patti McAbee

COMING EVENTS

~~~~~SEPTEMBER~~~~~

**NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 -- 9:00am - 12:00 noon** At the Inland Waterway Treasure and Provision Company, Hodges Street, Oriental. **Buy, Sell & Trade—not limited to nautical stuff.** If you would like to sell, bring your own table & chairs. Call Jimmy Smith for further information 249-1797.

**PAMLICO COUNTY SHRINES GOLF TOURNAMENT -- SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24** at Minnesott Golf and Country Club. Contact the Pro Shop for any additional information @249-0813

**"10 HOUR OSHA GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY TRAINING" Seminar – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27 AND THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29 – 8:00am-5:00pm.** Seats at this seminar are now filled. This seminar will be repeated. Please contact Jerry Prescott at 745-7348 or email [jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us](mailto:jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us) for further information.

~~~~~OCTOBER~~~~~

“BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE NC MILITARY BUSINESS CENTER (NCMBC)” LUNCH & LEARN- TUESDAY OCTOBER 4 – 11:00am-1:00pm (Rescheduled from September 13) At The Don Lee Center in Arapahoe. Reservations are required. Contact Jerry Prescott at 745-7348 or email jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us to sign up for this event. \$6.00 includes lunch.

WHEN KILNS FLY ... FRIDAY OCTOBER 7 – 11:00AM The Bay River Pottery will be moving their big kiln by crane, on October 7 at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed by a celebration and visits to the new studio at the Pottery. The 6' x 8' propane kiln will travel across the driveway over the top of the new studio, among the trees and back down on its new slab. Admission: covered dish if you want to stay for the party. Details at 745-4749 or at www.bayiverpottery.com

PIG PICKIN' GRAND OPENING PARTY – SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 – 4:00PM at the Cartwright House Bread and Breakfast. Join Debbie & Durl Evans to celebrate the “official” opening of their Inn. All are invited to come see the Inn and to meet new and old friends.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 – 7:30AM at the Small Business Center in Bayboro.

3RD ANNUAL HABITAT GOSPEL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCT 15, FROM NOON TIL 6PM at the Moose Lodge in Grantsboro. Come listen to five great groups, from old-time bluegrass to Southern acapella gospel. No ticket is required, just walk in, and if you have a good time, you can make a modest donation to Habitat. Lots of activities for the kiddies, excellent Habi-hotdogs, a cakewalk and lots of family fun.

LUNCH AND LEARN – PROPERTY, CASUALTY, AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNER – THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 – 11:30AM – 1:00PM at the Village Restaurant in Oriental. Jimmy Robinson from Robinson & Stith Insurance will present information that will be most helpful to small business owners. Lunch from the Thursday Buffet, \$8.00 Open to all who are interested. Reservations requested; call the Chamber at 745-3008, Bill at 249-2165 or Mim at 617-2505.

COASTAL TREASURE CHEST DEBUT – HOMEGROWNHANDMADE.COM – FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 at the Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

~~~~~NOVEMBER~~~~~

**PAMLICO CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5** at Minnesott Golf and Country Club. This year's tournament proceeds will go the 4H of Pamlico County for summer camp scholarships.

**PCC FALL Auction – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5** at Pamlico Community College. Sponsored by the PCC Foundation to raise funds for student scholarships and projects

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## **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

The 2005 Membership Survey is in the works. We have carefully designed this survey to take **less than** 30 minutes of your time.

Your Board of Directors very much needs your input to help the Chamber become what YOU NEED it to be, and asks that you please complete the survey when it comes your way.

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## **PAMLICO PRIDE**

T-Shirts and decals are still available. You can purchase these at the Visitor's Center.

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## **THE PAMLICO DIRECTORY - [www.pamlicodirectory.com](http://www.pamlicodirectory.com)**

Our membership website, The Pamlico Directory, is up and running.

[www.pamlicodirectory.com](http://www.pamlicodirectory.com) is a second Chamber of Commerce website, but contains information on all business members. Users can browse by category, or can search the directory by keywords to find locations, business hours, mailing addresses, phone numbers, website links, and descriptive information. In addition, the Chamber is providing pages for non-profit service organizations in the county such as 4-H and HeartWorks.

Every paid-up business member of the Pamlico Chamber of Commerce has a page where they can promote their business. These may include one photograph in addition to written information, and may be easily changed by the member owner of the page. Branches of larger businesses can tailor their mini-page to appeal just to Pamlico County users. In addition, for \$10/year, Chamber members may purchase an email address on the directory. The format of this email address will be [yourname@pamlicodirectory.com](mailto:yourname@pamlicodirectory.com)

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET ENTERED INFORMATION FOR YOUR BUSINESS, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Chris Bumgarner is the new publisher of the Shopper and Community Newspapers. He replaces Jim Bretzius who has recently retired. Welcome to our Chamber, Chris.

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## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

Chamber Membership Directories are available at the Visitor's Center in Grantsboro and at the Circle 10 Gallery in Oriental.

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## **CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are being accepted for the Business Person of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards. Please submit your nominations to Bill Schmidt [cap01sch@aol.com](mailto:cap01sch@aol.com) or 249-2165

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## **NEW "TRAIL" ON "HOMEGROWNHANDMADE" SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED**

[www.homegrownhandmade.com](http://www.homegrownhandmade.com) is the North Carolina Agri-Tourism website which introduces tourists and visitors to the historical, agricultural, artistic and events that are available in our state.

Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico Counties will soon have their own "trail." Bill Ellers of the Pamlico County NC Cooperative Extension Service has been working to gather the information from Pamlico County from businesses and organizations that qualify to be included. Funded by Golden Leaf grants, inclusion in the trail is at no cost to the business or organization, and all qualified businesses or organizations may participate.

Chamber members who will be included in the new trail include: [Bay River Pottery](#), [Pirate Queen Paddling](#), [The Cartwright House Bed & Breakfast](#), [Charlotte Garrett Studio & Gallery](#), and [Michael Brown, Chairmaker](#).

Visit [www.homegrownhandmade.com](http://www.homegrownhandmade.com) to visit some of the trails in North Carolina, including, for example: "From Front Porch to Back 40," "Discoveries Along the Blue Star Road," "Slippin' Round the Sounds," "Music, Millponds & Mousetraps," "Rock Stew Ramble," or "Reds, Whites, and Bleus of the Gourmet Trail."

It is still not too late – if you are or know of a business that may qualify to be included, please contact Bill Ellers at 745-4121.

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## **NCCBI (North Carolina Citizens for Business & Industry)**

NCCBI is a non-profit trade association and serves as North Carolina's State Chamber of Commerce and State Manufacturer's Association. The Chamber has received a one-year complimentary membership in NCCBI, and among the benefits are eight one-year subscriptions to [North Carolina](#) business magazine. One subscription will be kept available at the visitor's center. There are seven remaining subscriptions.

If you would like one of these complimentary subscriptions, please send an email or call the office. We just need your name, business name, and mailing address. Deadline? October 1.

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## **FROM THE ECC**

### **STUDY SAYS RURAL TOURISM LEADS TO HIGHER EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATES**

A new study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service looks at the socioeconomic impacts of rural tourism and recreational development. One of the key findings is that rural tourism and development leads to higher employment growth rates. During the 1990s, the average employment growth rate in rural "recreation counties" was more than double that of other non-metro counties. Although growth tended to increase housing costs, the study found that this was more than offset by increased earnings. Rural ski resorts and casino counties fared better than places located near reservoir lakes and communities in the Southern Appalachian mountains. Access the report at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ERR7/>. (Source: Southern Compass)

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## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The new membership committee for the Chamber met for the first time on September 7 at the Cartwright House Bed & Breakfast in Oriental. (We met at breakfast time and were treated to a delicious breakfast). The members of this committee are Debbie Evans (Cartwright House Bed & Breakfast), Carla Byrnes (B&B Yachts), Pat Elliott (Mariner Realty), Larry Prescott (Larry Prescott Photography), Valerie Calcavecchia and John LaGuardia (Village Health & Fitness), Barbara Ransom (Welcoming You), and Mim Miller.

This committee will be researching and recommending potential membership benefits, as well as will be calling on prospective new members. If you, or someone in your organization, would like to join this committee, propose a membership benefit, or recommend a new member, please contact any one of these folks.

The next Membership Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 7; time and place yet to be determined.

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## **2006 PAMLICO COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Please help spread the word**

The Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce and the Pamlico County Historical Association (actually that's Flo Daniels and Mim Miller) are working on the Pamlico County Calendar of Events for the remainder of 2005 and for 2006.

This information will be available at the Visitor's Center in Grantsboro and other places around the county as well as sent to folks who request tourism information by calling the Visitor's Center. The information will also be used to update North Carolina Tourism website, [visitnc.com](http://visitnc.com)

If your group has an event that is open to the public that should be included, please submit it no later than October 15. Include the name of the event, the sponsor, a telephone contact number, date, time, place, and any cost to attendees/participants. Please also indicate if the event is appropriate for children and if it is a "no alcohol" event.

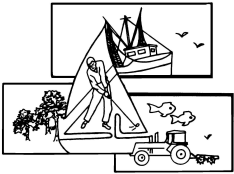
Information can be mailed to: Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 23, Bayboro, NC 28515 or emailed to Flo Daniels [flodan@pamlico.net](mailto:flodan@pamlico.net) or to the Mim Miller at [pamlicochamber@pamlico.net](mailto:pamlicochamber@pamlico.net).

We will soon be looking for corporate sponsors to underwrite the cost of printing these pamphlets. If your company would like to be contacted for sponsorship, please call Mim 745-3008 or email [pamlicochamber@pamlico.net](mailto:pamlicochamber@pamlico.net)

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## **JOB LINK CENTER**

The Pamlico County Job Link Center has relocated to the old Sawyer house behind the Small Business Center and Cosmetology School in Bayboro. Director, Gray Gaskins came by the Visitor's Center to explain the services provided by the Job Link Center: in addition to helping people to look for jobs, the center provides training for job seekers, pre-screening of applicants for employers, seminars, and a well stocked Resource Room.



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