

Monthly NewsGram

"Charting Our Course To Prosperity"
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CHART UPDATE

Enough already! What we need is some beautiful fall weather to bless us here on the Inner Banks. That's right, we are now a part of a new brand known as Inner Banks (IBX). I'm sure the stickers will be coming soon! To paraphrase from the first Inner Banks newsletter, the Foundation of Renewal for Eastern North Carolina has retained Venture East Travel and Tourism Partnership to focus on Eastern North Carolina, home to dozens of tourism venues whose true potential has been under-realized due to lack of funding and awareness. The new trademark, IBX, is to provide a brand image by which to market and promote the region as one of the best places in the US for family fun, culture, history, and an expanding array of recreational and specialty tourism venues. Our region must do a better job in competing with established brands such as Research Triangle, the Triad, the Grand Strand and even Tidewater/Hampton Roads. The key is to bring much needed economic renewal to the region. Pamlico County needs to work hard to insure we are a vital part of this new endeavor.

This past Saturday Debbie and Durl Evans had a terrific bash at their newly renovated Cartwright House Bed and Breakfast in Oriental. Following a brief ribbon cutting, Chamber members and other guests were treated to tours of this lovely and charming house and a BBQ on the lawn. We welcome the Evans' as one of our newest members of the Chamber. I think you'll be seeing them becoming very involved in our community.

Mark December 13 on your calendar. That's our annual Chamber Christmas Party and Toys for Pamlico Kids extravaganza at Taylor Lodge at Camp Seafarer.

Hope to see you at our fall Chamber events.

Bill Schmidt
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MARINE MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL REPAIR -- Greg & Candy Bohmert

DAVCO ENERGY SYSTEMS, LLC. – Scott Davenport

NEW PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Patie McAbee, a returning member, has graciously volunteered to be the Program Chairman for 2006. She has returned to Oriental after an absence of some years. If you would like to host an After or Before hours during 2006, Patie would be most pleased to hear from you.

TOYS FOR PAMLICO KIDS IS UNDER WAY!

The annual TOYS FOR PAMLICO KIDS CAMPAIGN got off to a start on October 6 with a meeting headed by Camp Seafarer's Martha Goldfinch. The Chamber will be collecting donations again this year, and the Department of Social Services has graciously agreed to take on the job of distribution. Volunteer elves will be needed for this effort. Please contact Martha Goldfinch if you can help.

COMING EVENTS

~~~~~OCTOBER~~~~~

**3RD ANNUAL HABITAT GOSPEL FESTIVAL -- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**, (has been postponed)

**SEMINAR: EASY ONLINE WEB DESIGN, MONDAY OCTOBER 17 6-9pm** at the Small Business Center. Presenter: David Williams. David started his first business at the age of 15. In his early twenties, began to climb the corporate ladder with a Fortune 500 company. At the age of 38, he walked away from his seven day a week corporate position. Come to hear David tell how you can get a web page up and running. To enroll or for more information, please contact Jerry Prescott at 745-7348 or email [jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us](mailto:jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us)

**CHAMBER NOMINATING COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 1:00** at Tideland EMC. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to be considered for the Board of Directors please send an email to us at [pamlicochamber@pamlico.net](mailto:pamlicochamber@pamlico.net) or call Bill Schmidt 249-2165.

**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. Come to eat, to network, and to meet other Chamber members. 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.

**CANDIDATES FORUM FOR TOWN OF MINNESOTT BEACH IN PAMLICO COUNTY –Thursday October 20, 7:00pm** at Minnesott Golf and Country Club. Of the county's nine municipal elections, the elective offices for Minnesott Beach are some of the most heavily contested races. Voters will have the opportunity to submit questions to the eight candidates who are running for four seats on the town's board of commissioners and to the two mayoral candidates. Sponsored by The Pamlico News.

**PAMLICO PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN BARBECUE – FRIDAY OCOBER 21 – 11am-1pm** at Bayboro United Methodist Church. The PPFC will be serving barbecue plates that will also include coleslaw, baked beans, a roll, dessert and sweet tea. For \$5 in advance you can eat at the church, or can arrange to have plates delivered to local businesses. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call Pamlico Partnership for Children at 745-7850.

Pamlico Partnership for Children, Inc. is a non-profit organization that receives SMART START state funds. SMART START serves children 0—5 through a variety of programs that help to provide access to high quality and affordable childcare, health care and other critical services.

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

**CANDIDATES FORUM FOR THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL IN PAMLICO COUNTY – THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 – 7:00pm** at The Old Theater Community and Civic Theater in Oriental. This is one of the most heavily contested municipal elections in the county's history. Voters will have the opportunity to submit questions to the 13 candidates who are running for 5 seats on the town's board of commissioners. Sponsored by The Pamlico News.

~~~~~NOVEMBER~~~~~

ANNUAL PAMLICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5 at

Minnesott Golf and Country Club. An unforgettable day is planned for your golfing and culinary enjoyment. Please make plans to join us for an afternoon of fun. Teams will be pre-flighted based on handicaps. Flight winners will be determined and prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of play by all teams. *Prizes include: Trophies & Minnesott Golf and Country Club Gift Certificates. Raffles for 2 rounds of golf at Taberna, The Emerald, Cypress Landing, Fairfield Harbor, RiverBend, Carolina Pines, and Quaker Neck* A delicious deep-fried turkey dinner will be available for golfers between 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please call Terry Bobbin at the Minnesott Golf and Country Club (252-249-0813) by November 2 to register and to allow time for flighting and tee time scheduling. Proceeds from \$50 per person registration fees will be used to provide scholarships to 4-H camp for Pamlico County youths in 2006. For more information, call Ben Hollowell at 745-5115.

PCC FALL AUCTION FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5 – 10am to 2pm at Pamlico Community College, Highway 306 Grantsboro. Sponsored by the PCC Foundation to raise funds for student scholarships and projects. *If you would like to donate any of the following items: Artwork and quality crafts, fishing and boat charters, Services, vacation packages, quality jewelry, quality household items, or vehicles and boats, please call Joan Delamar Gracie at 252-249-1851, ext. 3010 or email jdgracie@pamlico.cc.nc.us.* Barbecue will be cooked by Dr. Altman, plates \$5.

SEMINAR: HOW TO SPEAK BEFORE A GROUP AND LIVE TO TELL ABOUT IT, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 – 6-9pm at the Small Business Center. Presenter: Kathy Sprau. If you attended the April 2005 Administrative Day Professional Day luncheon you will recall what a wonderful speaker Kathy is. She will share her secrets of successfully speaking before a group. She resides from Greenville, NC and has taught at East Carolina University. To enroll or for more information, please contact Jerry Prescott at 745-7348 or email jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us

~~~~~DECEMBER~~~~~

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**SEMINAR: HOW TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS. THURSDAY DECEMBER 8 – 6-9pm** at the Small Business Center. Presenter: George Sappenfield. To enroll or for more information, please contact Jerry Prescott at 745-7348 or email [jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us](mailto:jprescot@pamlico.cc.nc.us)

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 & 10.** in Oriental.

**ANNUAL CHAMBER MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY – TUESDAY DECEMBER 13** at Taylor Lodge, Camp Seafarer.

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

Our membership website, [www.pamlicodirectory.com](http://www.pamlicodirectory.com) is slowly being completed. **MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE YOUR PAGE ON THE DIRECTORY COMPLETED.** If you have not yet entered information for your business, please do so as soon as possible.

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**NC BOATING LIFESTYLE**

The September issue of NC Boating Lifestyle magazine featured several articles about places in Pamlico County, including a cover depicting River Dunes. Kenneth Ballantyne has sent us some complimentary copies. You may pick one up at the Visitor's Center.

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## **VISITORS CENTER**

In the past, only Chamber members were allowed to put promotional materials in the Visitors Center display area. Now that the Historical Association owns the building and runs the Pamlico County Visitors Center, there is some discussion by them that this policy may change allowing any business to put materials in the Center. If you have concerns with this matter, please contact Flo Daniels or George Peacock to express your views. The small Chamber of Commerce office in the Visitors Center will stock reasonable quantities of all member's brochures and cards to be used for referrals and inquiries, but the office will not accommodate displays of materials. Circle 10 Gallery in Oriental also serves as a Visitors Center in the county and we recommend you contact them if you are interested in displaying your business materials there also.

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## **FREE ADVERTISING – AN OPPORTUNITY -- MatchForce.com**

The recent NCMBC lunch and learn sponsored by the PCC Small Business Center and the Chamber at Camp Don Lee was excellent. One item that was a real attention getter was the website [www.MatchForce.org](http://www.MatchForce.org). What are the benefits of registering your business on this site?

- \* Matches NC businesses to military business opportunities
- \* Matches military buyers to NC suppliers
- \* Matches businesses to NC job seekers
- \* Generates workforce profile for business recruitment
- \* Registering and posting are easy--and FREE

Two local businesses that are already registered and on the site: Pamlico Parts—NAPA and Broad Creek Construction Contact Jerry Prescott at the SBC or Holly Powell, Manager of the Military Business Center at Craven Community College for assistance if you are interested in doing business with the military in NC.

\*\*\*\* **NEWS FLASH** \*\*\*\* Jerry is in the process of setting up a matchforce sign up workshop at the SBC. This will be a short (1-2 hours) session with computers available for participants to actually register on matchforce. Holly will be available at this session. We will keep you informed of the planned date and time for this workshop \*\*\*\*

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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 30. Include the name of the event, the sponsor, a telephone contact number, date, time, place, and any cost to attendees/participants. Information can be mailed to: Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 23, Bayboro, NC 28515 or emailed to Flo [flodan@pamlico.net](mailto:flodan@pamlico.net) or to the Mim at [pamlicochamber@pamlico.net](mailto:pamlicochamber@pamlico.net).

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## **FoR ENC – IBX**

On October 11, the Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, by unanimous vote, passed a resolution supporting the IBX/Inner Banks regional branding campaign initiative of the Foundation of Renewal for Eastern North Carolina. The Chamber looks forward to being a key player in promoting the region's wildlife, forests, sounds, rivers, waterways and beaches. Pamlico County is

in the heart of the region and with the completion of the highway 55 expansion project, we hope to expand and showcase our natural resources for an expanded base of tourism.

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**“OPENING THE DOOR TO RURAL ENTREPRENURSHIP”**

Jerry Prescott, Director of the Small Business Center will be attending a session sponsored by “The Rural Center” in Raleigh, which will focus on building local economies through entrepreneurship, “Opening the Door to Rural Entrepreneurship” November 11 in Ahoskie. The two purposes of the upcoming meeting are 1) to engage rural community and policy leaders in understanding and supporting their local entrepreneurs; and 2) to work with business service providers based in rural regions to build support networks that can grow and accelerate successful entrepreneurs who create jobs and wealth in their communities. The Rural Center will be building an Entrepreneurship Development System (“EDS”) in rural North Carolina. The Rural Center is one of only six EDS teams in the United States.

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**NEW LAUNCH OF “FALL EXPERIENCE” & “FALL FISHING REPORTS” ON VISITNC.COM**

This week, the Division launched its Fall Color/Fall Fishing campaign, communicating to travelers all there is to do in North Carolina. Included in this program are online advertising, public relations and the return of the popular Fall Color/Fall Fishing Experience to the homepage of VisitNC.com.

On VisitNC.com, the Fall Color/Fall Fishing Experience occupies the homepage. In addition to weekly updates for the foliage and fishing reports, this experience promotes fall events, scenic drives and tours, attraction information and leaf peeping tips. Featured content complements the experience on the homepage along with sample travel itineraries that will spark interest on the driving tours across the state.

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**LOCAL FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO AN ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

The Pamlico County Community Foundation is pleased to invite all Pamlico County residents to an Estate Planning Seminar to be held on Thursday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Oriental Harbor Club. Cocktail hour with hors d’oeuvres will commence at 5:30 with program to follow. First citizens Bank will sponsor the event. Speakers for the evening are Warren Bingham, Director of Major and Planned Gifts, North Carolina Community Foundation; Steve Sarver, First Citizens Bank; and, Mary T. Skinner, estate planning attorney with the firm of Emanuel & Dunn. Afterward there will be a question-and-answer session. Please RSVP: Sally Belangia 249-1462

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**NOMINATIONS**

Below is a nomination form for **Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year**. If you would like to nominate someone, please clip and mail or fax the form (or send an email).

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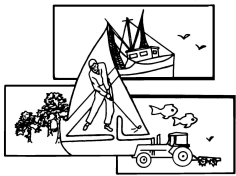
**NOMINATION FORM 2005**

**Here is my nomination for:**

**BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chamber Member** \_\_\_\_\_



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