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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS...

June 2003

Division Focus

The Education Division has been a stalwart of the Chamber for several years. Cochaired by **Margaret Mallard** of Bank of America, and **Tim Ware** of the Mid-East Commission, the Division's members are currently involved in two major potential projects: one, partnering with the Noon Rotary to offer a strong Leadership Day program to area high school students, and, two, an adult spelling bee (for businesses/corporations) as a way to raise money for an, as yet, unidentified worthy educational entity. The members of the Educational Division include **Wesley Beddard, Allison Bedsole, Criss Blackstone, Kelly Crisp, Chet Jarman, Tim Klugh, Linda Lockhart, Walker Lynch, Dr. Anthony Parker, Pam Shadle, Judy Tunstall, and Shannon White.** Thanks for all that you are doing for our community.

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**First "Music"
a Success!**

The inaugural "Music in The Streets" event held May 16th was a definite success for event-goers and merchants. More than 1000 people walked the streets on a beautiful evening, listening to musicians strategically placed along Main Street. Merchants saw a great deal of "buying" traffic and the restaurants were very busy. The next scheduled such event, sponsored in part by the Chamber, along with The Downtown Merchants Association and The Arts Council, is June 20th. Plan to support your fellow Merchants and Chamber members.

From the Executive Director

Since January, things at the Chamber have changed. Not perfect, yet, but changed. Many of our business systems are now in place to assist our growing membership, and our communication services (newsletter, e-mail, website, and now Cable TV) have catapulted us into the 21st Century. Yes, we still have work to do. Thanks for all your encouragement. One of the basic elements of our growing success is the evolution of our Work Divisions, the seven groups of volunteers who put together the projects, ideas, and events that make up our Chamber's Program of Work. It has been exciting to see these groups come together and grow in their work and direction. Beginning with this issue, we will be focusing on one Division each month to hi-lite the excellent commitment to getting the job done that our volunteers have shown. This month, our focus is on the Educational Division co-chaired by Margaret Mallard and Tim Ware. Remember, you can also see summaries of the Divisions' work on the website, and can provide us with feedback there, too. www.wbcchamber.com

In Memoriam

*On May 1st, our good personal friend and friend of the Chamber, **Bill Morgan** died suddenly. Bill's enthusiasm for educating and helping small business people was well known. He was co-chair of the Business & Industry Division and was working to get that work group back on track as part of our Program of Work. We've lost a friend, but still have many good memories of working with him. Our respects and condolences go out to his co-workers at Beaufort Community College and to his family.*

New Chamber Cable TV Show

Amazing. Last month we told you the story of moving into the 21st Century with our new website at www.wbcchamber.com and now we're on Cable TV with a regular program! Entitled "Beaufort County News and Views", hosted by Lee Hemink our Executive Director, the show can be seen on Cable 7 (in the Cox Communications viewing area) Thursday and Monday evenings at 7pm. This schedule may change depending on programming needs at the Greenville studio.

The weekly 30-minute show will feature Chamber people and businesses in addition to events, culture, recreation, civic, history, and all the many other wonderful things about Beaufort County. **Tom Thompson** of the Economic Development Commission was Lee's first guest, speaking about what it takes to get new business into the County and other aspects of the importance of economic development. Later in May, **Lynn Lewis** of the Beaufort County Developmental Center (BCDC) was scheduled to wear two different hats on the show, one in her role with the BCDC and another as a key volunteer and leader with the Bath Tri-centennial planning.

If you would like to be on the show and talk about what things are happening at your business or with key community events and items of interest to Beaufort County, you may call Lee at 946-9168 or e-mail him at lhemink@wbcchamber.com with your suggestions. If you have questions that he can ask people on the show, please send those also. This is another excellent benefit of being a Chamber member take advantage of it!

Great minds must be ready not only to take the opportunities, but to make them.

C.C. Colton

Mission

The role of the Washington Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce, is to represent and advocate business interest, promote economic growth, provide leadership in community affairs, support cultural, educational, recreational and civic endeavors that enhance the quality of life for the people of Beaufort County and provide services and programs for its members.

Summer Festival

We're gearing up for this year's Summer Festival, July 25-26, on the beautiful Washington waterfront. This year we'll have the Cypress Landing Jazz Band and the varied sounds of Sammy O'Banion in addition to the usual Beach sounds of the Embers.

Tee-shirts are now on sale at the Chamber offices.

Business After Hours

This month's Business After Hours is sponsored by Beaufort Community College. Individual Chamber member, **Judy Jennette**, is coordinating this event for the college. See the insert for details. We encourage our member businesses to take advantage of these BAH opportunities to promote their business and network with many other members and businesses. Right now, sponsors are still needed for:

August 19th	September 16th
January 20th	February 17th

Business Briefs

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We're going to bring back "Business Brief" as part of the Newsletter. Here are the details of how it works: FAX or e-mail any 2-3 sentence announcement or item about your business to the Chamber office **by the 12th of the month** for publication the following month. Announcements should contain information of interest to the general public and may not include prices, rates, etc for products or services. These are FREE announcements about your business. Editor reserves the right to decide appropriateness of submitted material and can not guarantee publication in a specific issue. Please FAX to 946-9169 or e-mail to lhemink@wbcchamber.com in the Chamber's hi-tech Communications Center.

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Chamber 2003 Calendar of Events

June 10	Business & Industry Division Meets
June 10	Board Meeting
June 17	Business After Hours Sponsored by Beaufort Community College
June 24	Education Division Meets
July 8	Business & Industry Division Meets
July 8	Board Meeting
July 22	Education Division Meets
July 25-26	Summer Festival Sponsored by the WBC Chamber of Commerce
August 12	Business Industry Division Meets
August 12	Board Meeting
August 19	Business After Hours WE NEED A SPONSOR!
August 26	Education Division Meets
September 5-7	New Officer Installation and Annual Board Retreat - Nags Head
September 9	Business and Industry Division Meets
September 9	Board Meeting
September 16	Business After Hours WE NEED A SPONSOR!
September 23	Education Division Meets
October 14	Business & Industry Division Meets
October 14	Board Meeting
October 17	Golf Tournament @ Cypress Landing
October 21	Business After Hours Sponsored by the NC Estuarium
October 28	Education Division Meets