

# CHAMBER NEWS

A Newsletter for Members of the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce

May 2008

## *Upcoming Events*

May 31, 2008, 10:00 am - Noon  
Burgaw Train Depot - Circa 1850  
"Learn About the Past"

Dickerson Street, Burgaw

Speakers: Mike Taylor, Dir. of Pender Co.

Library and Pete Cowan, Mayor of Burgaw

Sponsored by the Pender County Historical Society

## *Blueberry Reminders*

Friday, June 20, 2008

3rd Annual Blueberry

Open Golf Tournament

River Landing Golf Club, Wallace

For information, contact Donna Best-Klingel at 259.9817 or visit [www.burgawchamber.com](http://www.burgawchamber.com)

Saturday, June 21, 2008

NC Blueberry Festival

Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

Downtown Burgaw

(next to the historic train depot)

OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES!

For information, contact Barry Klingel at

259.7549 or 232.3832, or via email:

[burgawpm@earthlink.net](mailto:burgawpm@earthlink.net)

## *Welcome New Members*

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## *The Chamber's First General Membership Meeting*

The first General Membership Meeting took place on Thursday, April 10th at Pender Adult Services. Approximately 40 members attended. President Pete Cowan started the meeting by recognizing the sponsors, Peele Construction and Exit Realty. Cowan then went on to talk about the importance of the chamber and the impact it can have on a business. Executive Director, Donna Best-Klingel gave a quick overview of the Administrative Luncheon, Pender County Schools 2008 Career Expo and the Coastal Small Business Awards that will take place in June at UNCW. Dana Scalici, Director of Agent Development for Exit Realty spoke to chamber members about her company's philosophy on success as well as the importance of community involvement. John Lyon, AT&T Regional Director for External Affairs and this year's Blueberry Golf Tournament Chairman gave an update on the upcoming golf tournament and recognized current sponsors. Barry Klingel, Burgaw Postmaster and Blueberry Car Show Chairman talked about the history of the car show and it's affiliation with the Blueberry Festival. The evening ended with Shannon Pearce of First Citizens Bank winning the door prize - a business card ad for an upcoming chamber newsletter.



A big THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals for contributing to the success of the membership meeting: Peele Construction, Exit Realty, Coastal Beverage, Pender Adult Services, Beverly Pickett, Barry Klingel, Mayor Pete Cowan, Sue Cowan, Jennifer Mathews and Kay Warner.

Our next general membership meeting will take place in July. Details will be forthcoming.

*Exit Realty was the General Membership Meeting & Business After Hours Sponsor - Pictured Left to Right: Dana Scalici - Director of Agent Development, Debra Futch - Exit Realtor, and Tammy Barnes - Broker-in-Charge*

## *The Pender Post Has a New Editor*

The Pender Post announces the appointment of Andy Pettigrew to the position of editor. Mike Todd served as editor of The Post since October 2006, and will be leaving at the end of April to continue his education. Pettigrew, who has been with The Post since August 2006, will assume editor duties on May 1. Prior to becoming editor, Andy was sports editor and chief photographer for The Post, while also covering Pender County schools and other news.

"We wish Mike the best in completing his journalism degree from UNC," said Becky High, publisher of The Post. "We appreciate everything he put into the job of editor."

Pettigrew will continue to serve as chief photographer. "I'm very excited about the opportunity. I've learned a great deal from Mike and I wish him much success," Pettigrew said. "We are going to continue to work hard to make The Pender Post the best community newspaper in this area."

## A Health Life Together

Meet the Lacers, Marion and Bill, a delightful couple full of vim and vigor, with an immense love for family and enjoying each day to the fullest. They are both 84 years young and have been married for 65 years. Before moving to Currie, the couple lived in Boulder, Colorado for twenty years. They loved hiking in the mountains on the weekends and attended exercise classes five days a week. Sundays they attended church and now attend St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Burgaw.

Marion and Bill Lacer have always led active lives that included a variety of exercise programs and healthy eating habits. Shortly after moving to Currie they started going to Pender Adult Services to use the wellness center and attend the fitness classes offered. They are now active at Fitness Fusion.

Marion is a breast cancer survivor. She has had a knee replacement and a hip replacement, but it was only a short time before she returned to Pender Adult Services for Yoga and Pilates which she continues today. Walking is also a favorite exercise. Bill said, "She has been rebuilt."

When you do the right things, eat well and exercise regularly, you don't see yourself as a person that is going to have a heart problem. Bill did. While exercising in Boulder, he started to feel bad. They left the gym and went immediately to the doctor. He was admitted and had quadruple heart bypass surgery. Bill was back exercising two weeks later.

Bill is the "walker" in the family going out three times a day for 45 minutes each trip. Bill goes to Pender Adult Services and walks two

miles, outside when the weather permits or on a treadmill, and does backward walking for a minimum of ¼ mile to help with balance. He also works on the machines that help strengthen his upper and lower body.

The Lacers are a devoted family, have a wonderful time and live a life style that promotes good health, with exercise and healthy eating habits. We salute you.



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## Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year Award



We invite you to participate in the annual selection process to name Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneur of the Year. Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the achievements entrepreneurs make to the creation of new jobs and economic opportunities in the Burgaw Area.

Please take a few moments to nominate and recognize an entrepreneur in the Burgaw area. The Deadline for nomination submissions is May 2nd.

Incomplete nominations will not be considered. For additional information, contact Donna Best-Klingel at 259.9817. Winners will be honored at the Coastal Small Business Awards Breakfast to be held at the Warwick Center at UNC-Wilmington on Friday, June 13, 2008.

### MINIMUM NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Candidate must be an active member of top management for a company that has been in operation for at least two years.
- Must be a for-profit business.

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

All information held in strict confidence.

- One (1) nomination may be submitted per person.
- You may nominate your own business.
- Nominees should be Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce members.
- There is no cost to apply or to nominate a company.
- Please include a brief summary including the name and the telephone number of the business and why you chose to nominate this company.
- Please include your contact information in case we need additional information.



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## *Penderlea Homestead Day 2008 Commemorates The New Deal*

The Penderlea Homestead Museum, located at 284 Garden Road in Willard, will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Deal during Homestead Day on Saturday, June 14th, 10 am - 3 pm at the museum. The New Deal was a sequence of programs established under President Franklin D. Roosevelt between 1933 and 1938 that brought relief, reform and recovery to the people and economy of the United States during the Great Depression.

Homestead Day 2008 will include fresh cooked pork barbecue plates for \$5 and tours of the museum. Live bluegrass music will be performed by the Stony Creek Band and antique cars will be showcased. The highlight of the day will be homemade ice cream provided by museum member Harry Coleman. The ice cream will be made in one of two five-gallon ice cream freezers driven by a vintage 1940s McCormick-Deering LB throttle engine. Profits will benefit the museum.

Located across from Penderlea School, the museum is situated just off NC Hwy. 11, approximately 10 miles west of Burgaw and five miles south of Wallace. For more information about the museum, go to [www.penderleahomesteadmuseum.org](http://www.penderleahomesteadmuseum.org) or call 910.285.3490.

## *Pender County Springfest*

Join us for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Pender County Springfest on May 17 on the Courthouse Square. Come enjoy good neighbors, great food, and entertainment galore starting at 9 am Saturday morning. Or, if you'd like to get an early start on the festivities, there will be a street dance on Friday, May 16, after dark with part of Wright Street closed for the occasion.

As always everything at Springfest will be handmade, homemade, and home grown. All exhibitors have connections to Pender County. There will be lots of fun and excitement for all ages.

If you have skill, talent, or objects of art you would like to share with your neighbors as an exhibitor, please contact Vernon Harrell at 259-2112 or Ross Harrell at 259-4844. Exhibition space is free to anyone who lives, works, or owns property in Pender County.



### *Café Liardi Ribbon Cutting*

Front Row (left to right): Martin Beach, Burgaw Town Manager & Chamber Vice President; Sandra Spaulding Hughes, State House Representative, District 18; Mayor Pete Cowan; Gailyn Gagliardi, proprietor Café Liardi; Vanessa Berry, employee; Lynda Polinski, employee; Burgaw Police Chief Ed Gibson

Back Row (left to right): Tammy Powers, employee; Karlee Malpas, employee; Donna Best-Klingel, Executive Director Burgaw Chamber



The Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on Saturday April 12th for *It's All About Hem*. Attendees included family and friends of proprietor Betty Jacobs, Atkinson Town Officials, The Pender Chronicle, and Chamber Board Members.

Following the ribbon cutting, Betty gave a tour of her facility and talked about her love for sewing. The crowd was later treated to light refreshments which included homemade desserts and punch.

*Betty Jacobs, proprietor of It's All About Hem in Burgaw*

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### *Chamber Awards Scholarships*

The Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce scholarship program will recognize an outstanding senior from Pender High School and Heide Trask High School with a one-time \$500 award. The scholarship is a one-time grant to be applied to the educational expenses at an accredited 2 or 4-year College or university.

Students with the best record of scholarship, leadership, community service, and work-related experience, combined with good references and response to the essay question will be chosen for the award. Applications may be obtained from high school counselors. The application deadline is May 7, 2008.

The community is invited to support the chamber's effort to provide this educational opportunity for our youth. Persons interested in donating to the scholarship fund may do so by sending a check payable to the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1096, Burgaw, NC 28425.



*Paid for by the Elect Tom Roper Committee*

### *Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce*

**President** - Pete Cowan  
**Vice-President** - Martin Beach  
**Treasurer** - Frank Crisafulli  
**Secretary** - Rosemary Pittman  
**Executive Director** - Donna Best-Klingel

Board meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 12 Noon in the Burgaw Town Hall located at 109 N. Walker Street.

### *Advertising Guidelines*

This newsletter is distributed to members of the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce, distribution approximately 300.

Approved, camera-ready advertisements should be received by the first of the month preceding publication.

### **Ad Sizes**

1/8 pg. (3.5" x 2.25") - \$25      1/2 pg. (7" x 5") or (3.5" x 10") - \$85  
1/4 pg. (3.5" x 5") - \$45      Full Page Insert - \$100

### *Contributions to the Newsletter*

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