

CHAMBER NEWS

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Newsletter Inserts:

- ⇒ TriCounty Telecom Health Fair
- ⇒ Cookies for the Troops
- ⇒ BCCC Job Fair
- ⇒ SEOP
- ⇒ Estuarium Photo Seminar
- ⇒ Handel's Messiah
- ⇒ Southview Greenhouse

**SOME INSERTS ARE
DOUBLE-SIDED**

“Real People. Real Power.”

Tideland Electric Membership Corporation has quite a story to tell and now it's available for reading. The electric cooperative has published its history in a new 138-page book entitled “Real People. Real Power.” It traces Tideland's roots back to 1935 with the formation of Pamlico Power and Light in Engelhard by P.D. Midgett, Jr. It goes on to discuss other rural electric pioneers like Bill Bulluck who managed Beaufort County's Woodstock EMC; Herbert Harris, Sr. who presided over Pamlico-Beaufort EMC based in Grantsboro, and R.S. “Stanley” Wahab who persuaded fellow islanders to form Ocracoke EMC. By the late 1970s all four companies had merged to form Tideland EMC. Today the not-for-profit cooperative serves over 22,000 accounts in Washington, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Dare and Craven counties.

“The Tideland story is one of service: those in need of service and those who have committed themselves to providing that service for over 70 years,” remarked Tideland chief executive officer Bill Stacy. “That's why we chose the title “Real People. Real Power.” It's a tribute to the men and women, members and employees, who did more than electrify rural areas. They brought hope and opportunity to entire communities.”

The book was compiled and authored by Heidi Jernigan Smith, Tideland's director of public relations.“ This first printing is really a jumping off point. We hope, now that it's published and readily available, to hear from people throughout the communities we serve who may have a story, photo or information to add.” said Smith. Plans are already in place to print an expanded edition in 2008.

Tideland EMC is distributing copies of “Real People. Real Power.” to all the libraries in the counties it serves. A limited number of copies will also be made available for sale by calling the cooperative at 252-943-3046. Books will sell for \$15 each plus \$3 for shipping. Anyone wishing to contribute materials to the planned second edition should call Heidi Jernigan Smith at

NC ESTUARIUM MARCH CALENDAR

Art Exhibit: Quilts and wall hangings made by the Pamlico River Quilters Guild are on display. This beautiful fabric art has a natural theme that reflects the unique estuarine environment of the area.

March 3 - Nature Photography Seminar 10:00-4:00. \$50.00 program fee. This seminar is taught by Sol Levine, a professional nature photographer. Topics range from choosing a camera to getting close-up shots of wildlife. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Bring a bag lunch. Call 252-948-0000.

March 14 - Local History Forum 1:00-2:00- The Terra Ceia Community is a vital part of Beaufort County. The public is invited to learn about this unique area and share their memories. No program fee.

March 28 - "War Zone: World War II off North Carolina's Outer Banks" by Kevin Duffus 1:00-2:00. \$2.00 program fee. Mr. Duffus is a researcher, author and documentary filmmaker who specializes in North Carolina maritime history. He will speak from a collection of eyewitness stories of merchant sailors, Coast Guard recruits, and coastal residents who survived the events. He will also be available for a book signing session. Please call for pre-registration.

The Estuarium is located at 223 E. Water Street, Washington, NC, and is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00-4:00. Admission is \$3.00 adults and \$2.00 students. **Please call ahead for program information as space may be limited.** The Estuarium is a Partnership for the Sounds facility, an organization promoting eco-tourism and sustainable economic development in the Albemarle-Pamlico region. www.partnershipforthesounds.org. For more information, contact estuary@beaufortco.com or 252-948-0000.

The Belhaven Fourth of July Celebration

The **65th Annual 4th of July Celebration** will be held on Wednesday, July 4th with the street dance held on Tuesday, July 3rd. Various positions are open to include assisting with the pageants for Miss and Little Miss Independence, assisting vendors, helping with the parade or children's games. Food/Craft vendor applications and Little Miss Independence application may be downloaded from the Chamber website - www.belhavenchamber.com. A schedule of events will be available shortly. For additional information, please call Malanie at the Raynor Firm 252-943-6111 or Margie at the Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce 252-943-3770.



GOOSE CREEK STATE PARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH 2007

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| Saturday, March 3
Shadows in Space & On the Moon On this very special evening the moon will rise with a total lunar eclipse in progress! Meet by the picnic shelter across from the park's Environmental Education and Visitor Center at 5:45 p.m. be prepared to walk a short distance to get the best view of the eclipse as Bill All, of Carolina Skies Astronomy Club, shares fascinating facts about how shadows cause events such as this. Please arrive on time. | 5:45 – 7:45 p.m. | Astronomy in the Park |
| Sunday, March 4
Learn about flight in nature, build your own kite, and get helpful tips on how to fly it. Bring a standard dowel three feet long by 1/8 inch in diameter. All other materials will be provided. This program is designed for ages 6 and up. Due to limited space, call 923-2191 to register. | 3 – 4 p.m. | Go Fly a Kite |
| Saturday, March 10
It's Not Easy Being Green The world of frogs is a fun place to explore, and where better than in the swamps of Goose Creek? We'll have an hour filled with stories, crafts and a hike in the swamp to listen for the spring peepers. No registration is required, but children must bring an adult. Meet at the Environmental Education and Visitor Center. | 10 – 11 a.m. | Tot Discovery: A Program for Ages 3 – 5 |
| Sunday, March 11
Prepare for warmer weather by creating your own colorful t-shirt design. Bring your own shirt and if you have something special to print on your shirt, bring that too. This is a messy program, so wear clothes that you don't mind being painted. Due to limited space, you must call 923-2191 to preregister for this program. | 3 – 4 p.m. | Spring T-Shirt Printing |
| Saturday, March 17
Come and be fascinated by the otherworldly lives of our nighttime neighbors – owls. Learn about the many ways owls are adapted to performing precision tasks in the dark of night. After the presentation, join the ranger on an owl prowling in hopes of hearing one. Hoo-o-o knows, we may even get to view one of these fascinating birds! Due to limited space, you must call 923-2191 to preregister for this program. | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | Owl Prowl |
| Saturday, March 24
Hop Into Spring! With Easter just around the corner, it's a great time to focus on rabbits and their habits. We'll have a fun craft and story time followed by a rabbit exploration. No registration is required, but children must bring an adult. Meet at the Environmental Education and Visitor Center. | 9 – 10 a.m. Tot Discovery | Ages 3 – 5 |
| Saturday, March 24
What better way to decorate your Easter eggs, than NATURALLY! We will dye Easter eggs the whole family can enjoy using all natural products. Please bring your own ready-to-decorate eggs to the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Due to limited space, call 923-2191 to preregister. | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Natural Easter Egg Dyeing |
| Sunday, March 25
Shake the winter blues with a stroll along our Forest to Field Habitat Trail. We'll look for hints of spring and talk about the many different preparations animals are making for the arrival of warmer weather. Meet in the Environmental Education and Visitor Center. | 3 – 4 p.m. | Spring Fling Hike |
| Sunday, April 1
This is not the latest Hollywood swamp creature scary movie. Come and see what creepy crawly critters call a swamp home. Learn how animals adapt and survive in Goose Creek's hardwood swamp environment. After the presentation, join a ranger for a stroll down the Palmetto Boardwalk. Don't worry, swamp creature repellent will be provided!!! Meet in the Environmental Education and Visitor Center. | 3 – 4:30 p.m. | Swamp Things!! |

Community Events Calendar

Pantego Academy Historical Museum" located in Pantego on 46 Academy St. open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons 2 pm to 5 pm

Effie-Raye Arts Society Wants You!! For membership information please call Terry Pike at 943-2566.

Fight it Together - Every 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Marion L. Shepard Cancer Center. It's a support group designed specially for cancer patients and caregivers. Learn how to work together and strengthen your relationship. A lunch will be provided for all participants. Please call 252-975-4308 ext. 109 for information or to sign-up.

Knitting Class - The knitting class will take place every Tuesday at the Belhaven Seniors Center from 6:30 pm until. This class is geared for all levels. There is a cost of \$1.00 donation to the Belhaven Seniors Center per class. For more information please call 943-2992.

March 2, 2007 - Bluegrass concert co-sponsored by The Effie Raye and BC Arts Societies at 7 p.m. at Southside High School. Featured band is Kickin' Grass.

March 17, 2007 - Preventive Medical Screening sponsored by TriCounty Telecom held at the Boyette Civic Center. Call 1-877-763-3344 to schedule your appointment.

March 19, 2007 - Nominations for Distinguished Citizen, Junior Citizen, & Small Business Person of the Year Deadline. Please mail or bring your nomination to the Chamber.

March 22, 2007 - Prime Media Productions, ESPN, and Wine and Words are sponsoring a Business after Hours/ Open House at Back Bay Café at 413 Pamlico Street, Belhaven from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. There will be door prizes with a grand prize of a free commercial production valued at \$600.00. Everyone is welcome.

April 7, 2007 - Terra Ceia Community Choir and Beaufort County Community Orchestra's 18th annual performance of **Handel's MESSIAH** at the First Baptist Church, Washington, at 8:00 PM.

April 12, 2007, Thursday - Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet, at the Pungo Christian Academy. Surf & Turf dinner will be catered by Keyzer's Catering. Our guest speaker is author & "Baby Boomer" humorist BobLee Swagger. Tickets are \$25.00 a person. For more information call Margie for more information - 943-3770.

April 14 - 28, 2007 - Litter Sweep. Please volunteer for NC Department of Transportations Annual Spring Roadside Cleanup. Please call the Litter Sweep Hotline 1-800-331-5864.

Belhaven Business Group Spring/Summer Shopping Services Guide is being planned. Interested in advertising your business? Call the Chamber for more information.

Do you have a special event you would like to see posted on our website, advertised in the newsletter, or on our Community Bulletin Board? Please send an e-mail to: info@belhavenchamber.com

BC AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES FOR MARCH

March 3 - Haw Branch Church of Christ 9 am - 1 pm

March 12 - Washington Assembly of God 4 pm - 8 pm

March 19 - Pungo Community Building 4 pm - 8 pm

March 21 - Beaufort County Community College 9 am - 3 pm

March 22 - Washington High School 8 am - 1 pm

March 26 - Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 27 - First Baptist Church - Washington - 12N - 6 pm

Any questions please call 946-4110 - Thank you

Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

**March 20th, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.
All Members Welcome**

North Carolina RX Program

North Carolina's governor, Mike Easley, has *extended* the NC prescription drug program NCRx, designed to help low income seniors cope with the costs of Medicare prescription drug premiums *until further notice*.

If you did not qualify for the Extra Help Assistance with the Medicare Part D, Prescription Drug Program, you may qualify for NCRx.

Applications are available online at www.ncrx.gov or you may pick up an application at The Belhaven Seniors Center. Call Belhaven Seniors Center at 943-2992 for further information regarding Governor Easley's program.

Chamber Chat

Magic 95.9

Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. We will be spotlighting businesses and promoting upcoming events in the area. Tune in to Magic 95.9 *The Music Lovers Station*



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**Nominations for Distinguished Citizen,
 Junior Citizen, & Small Business Person of the Year**

The Chamber is seeking nominations for this year's Distinguished Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year and Small Business Person of the Year. The winners will be recognized at the Chamber's Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet planned for Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Wilkinson Center.

To be eligible, nominees must be current, continuous residents of Northeastern Beaufort County for at least four years.

Additional criteria for consideration for an award are based on participation in church, civic, social, and fraternal organizations; contributions to his or her fellow man; service to the community at large; and, participation in the economic and cultural aspects of the community. Nominees for Distinguished Citizen and Small Business Person must be at least 18 years of age.

Young adults eligible for Junior Citizen of the Year must be of Junior High School or High School age and meet the above criteria.

All nominations must be submitted in writing, identifying the individual's criteria, and signed by nominator. We regret we cannot accept verbal nominations. Please mail all nominations to:

Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce
 Banquet Awards Committee
 P.O. Box 147
 Belhaven, NC 27810

Or bring nominations to the Chamber between 9 am – 1 pm Monday through Friday.

Deadline for nominations is March 19, 2007.

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