

CHAMBER NEWS

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Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce

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Fall/Winter Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9 am - 2 pm

Volunteer Needed

Are you community service oriented? Would you like to represent our town to visitors and newcomers? The Chamber is looking for a volunteer four hours one day a week? Please stop by or call the Chamber 943-3770.



Joan Bogan, Librarian, works at the public access computers as Dennis Wallace, Susan Smith and Shelly Spencer, Assistant Librarian, look on.

TriCounty Telecom Provides Library High Speed Internet Access

Submitted by Terry Raupe

High speed wireless internet access is available at the Belhaven Public Library through a joint effort between TriCounty Telecom and the library. The library was providing four public access computers for use by its patrons; but with heavy usage, the slow speeds were presenting a problem. Speed is no longer an issue since the installation of TriCounty Telecom's wireless service

Susan Smith, Chairman of the Belhaven Public Library Board of Directors, said, "Dennis Wallace, TriCounty Telecom CEO, saw a need and responded. Mr. Wallace worked with the local library board and the BHM Regional Director, M. J. Carbo, to give library patrons the advantage of high speed wireless Internet. We want to thank him and TriCounty Telecom for their support and dedication to keeping our community updated with the latest technologies."

The library has set up an internal wireless network for visitors to use to connect their laptops to the wireless service and for the public access computers provided by the library. With speeds ranging anywhere between 1 to 5 Mbps, the free hot spot in the library offers access to the public who may not have internet access in their homes. And by reducing the load on the library's network, TriCounty Telecom has helped the library free up bandwidth to use for administrative needs.

Joan Bogan, Librarian, said, "Wireless Internet has been a great benefit to the library, especially for the Intracoastal travelers coming through town. They really appreciate it. Also, students who have laptops can visit the library to work on school projects. Adult students have found it especially convenient."

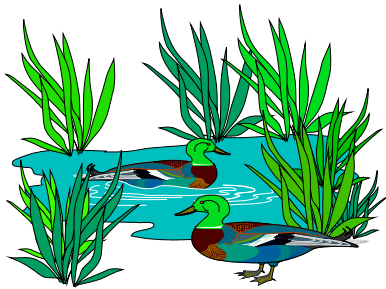
According to Bogan, over 750 people visited the library in July.

"TriCounty Telecom is pleased to provide high speed access to the library at no charge," Wallace said. "We feel it is not only a benefit to our local citizens but to visitors as well."

TriCounty Telecom, located in Belhaven, provides local telephone service in the Pinetown, Pike Road and Sidney exchanges of Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties. Cable TV, Internet access, Web Hosting and Design and long distance are also telecommunications services offered by TriCounty Telecom. Dennis M. Wallace, Jr. serves as Chief Executive Officer.

New/Renewed Chamber Membership 2007-2008

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Belhaven Public Library	Julian P. Goff	Pungo Machine, Inc.
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Friends of Goose Creek Need YOU!

On Saturday, November 3rd, Friends of Goose Creek State Park is holding their bi-annual road side cleanup along Camp Leach Road. Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up. The current chairperson is retiring so if you are interested in heading up this project, please let us know.

Vests, trash bags, gloves and "pick-up sticks" are provided. Please meet at 9 a.m. at the Goose Creek Visitors Center. For further information, please call 923-2191.

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*

**Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting**

**September 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
All Members Welcome**

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. FREE!

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.

Fall 2007 knitting class geared to all levels at the Belhaven Sr. Center. Will meet each Tuesday from Sept. 11 - Nov. 13, 2007. Please call 943-2992 for additional information.

September 4 - December 13 on Tuesdays & Thursday 10 am - 12 Noon Fitness & Nutrition Class at the Belhaven Senior Center Registration fee is \$25. (Citizens 65+, NO registration fee.) Katherine Espenshade, Instructor. This class is sponsored by Beaufort County Community College Division of Continuing Education.

September 5 - November 7 on Basket Weaving Class Wednesday 9 am - 12 Noon at the Belhaven Senior Center. Registration fee is \$35.00 (Citizens 65+ -NO registration fee). Jean Bowen, Instructor. To register please call 252 940-6299. Please make checks payable to BCCC. This class is sponsored by Beaufort County Community College Division of Continuing Education. Materials are the responsibility of the student.

September 14-16, 2007 (Rain Dates Sept. 21-23) First Annual Fall Trail Ride sponsored by Ponzer Volunteer Fire Department. Ride along the beautiful Intercoastal Waterway, along forested trails and open fields. Camping facilities are available at Riverside Campground (horses welcome). For non-riders in the family, bring a boat and/or fishing tackle. For Trail Ride reservations call 252-944-0100 or 252-943-5371; Riverside Campground 252-943-2926 or email lou@armstrongincorporated.com or MeganBen3@yahoo.com.

September 15 - 19, 2007 DOT's Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup Organize volunteers who are interested in sprucing up your community & showing pride in NC. Choose a state road you would like to clean and contact the Adopt a Highway coordinator at 1-800-331-5864. Win a prize \$250, \$100 or \$50 for the most unusual litter found on the roadside. To enter, the contest, visit www.ncdot.org/littersweep to print a form. Mail the form with a photo of the litter with the person(s) who found it. Please call and reserve your supplies with your local NCDOT county maintenance yard. A copy of all information is available at the Belhaven Chamber of Commerce.

October 28, 2007 Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. Children's Fall Festival and Art Expo featuring the art of kindergarten thru 8th grades from Mattamuskeet Elementary & Middle Schools, Northeast Elementary, Bath Elementary, Pungo Christian Academy, and Terra Ceia Christian School. There will be a lot of fun FREE activities and snacks for children of all ages.

November 24, 2007 - Belhaven's 3rd Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade. Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with a Gingerbread Making House contest for children. Live Nativity scene with choral groups & musicians will be at the corner of Main and Pamlico Streets. Lineup for the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade will be at 5 p.m. with the Parade starting at 6 pm.

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

NC Estuarium September 2007 Calendar

Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-4:00. The Estuarium is closed on Sunday.

"Water, Land and Nature in Coastal North Carolina" by New Bern artist Carl Hultman. This multi-media exhibit of paintings includes landscapes, wildlife, florals, portraits and seascapes of the region.

River Roving Educational River Tours- Learn about the history and habitats of the Washington waterfront. These boat tours cruise the Pamlico River Wednesday through Friday at 10:15 and 12:45, and Saturdays at 10:15. No admission fee or other cost is involved for the tour, but advance reservations are required. Children must be at least 8 years old to ride; a responsible adult must accompany children under 16. Call 252-948-0000 for reservations.

September 11- Seashells of the Atlantic Shore- View a short video on the mollusk life cycle and bring you favorite shells to be identified.-1:00-2:00- \$2.00 program fee. (Adults and Children)- Call for reservations.

September 18-20- Maritime Education Days with the Beaufort County Schools.

September 22- "Frogs Make Our World More Interesting" Smithsonian Institution frog specialist Ron Heyer, PhD presents a special program. He will talk about frogs found in our area of North Carolina, and his current frog research projects that take him worldwide. 1:00-2:00- \$2.00 program fee- (Adults and Children) Call for reservations.

September 25-November 13- "Drawing and Painting from Nature"- 1:00-3:00- \$25 fee for eight week class which explores watercolors with a natural theme. Reservations required. Materials list available. Call 252-948-0000.

September 29- Connecting to the Environment through Drawing- Artist Kelly Adams teaches a field workshop about drawing from nature. Learn about the basics of drawing and work outside to connect with the environment surrounding the Estuarium. 10:00 -1:00- \$12.00 program fee. (Adults) Call for reservations.

For more information, contact estuarium@embarqmail.com or 252-948-0000.

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Hunting & Fishing Licenses
Pungo Food Mart
Mondays - Saturdays 6 am to 8 pm

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