

CHAMBER NEWSFLASH

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAMBER



We have been very fortunate to have so many Martin County citizens and business leader participate in the events and functions that the chamber initiates. This chamber newsflash is testimony of the involvement of our communities in chamber events. We strive to have enough different types of activities to appeal to a large group of people. It is our wish that the events are not only fun, but also meaningful to the participants.

Our Annual Banquet will be at the Bob Martin Center on January 31st. We have a great evening planned for all of you and we hope that we will have enough seats for everyone. You may call the Chamber Office at 792-4131 or Gay Perry at 792-4904 at the EDC Office here in the NCTelecenter to make your reservation. Our guest speaker will be Keith Crisco, Secretary of Commerce. Hope to see you there!

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LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



The Martin County Chamber of Commerce and the Martin County Economic Development Corporation sponsored their annual Legislators Breakfast at the NC Telecenter on September 21. Senator Clark Jenkins and Representative Edith Warren spoke about the state budget cuts that are affecting the N. C. school systems . Over 70 people enjoyed a great breakfast catered by Tim Roberson of the Filling Station Restaurant in Robersonville.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

On September 14th, Rob's Auto and Diesel Repair had a ribbon cutting. Rob has moved from U.S. 17 to the Old Action Auto site on Washington St. and now has ample room to service multiple customers at one time. Their telephone number remains the same at (252) 792-9997.



Pictured are Rob, Theresa Griffin and their daughter Robin



Billy Barber, Georgette Chilton, David Whitley, Norman Stocks (owner), Mayor Frank Measamer, and Libby Jenkins.

His & Ours Skating Rink in Robersonville celebrated its grand opening on Tuesday, October 25. Located in the former Be-Lo Market building in Robersonville on Highway 64 Alternate, the skating rink is a large recreational facility with a Christian atmosphere. The center is open most days from 10 am to 10 pm and 1-5 pm on Sundays. Admission is \$5 and on Tuesdays it is only \$2.

PHOTO CONTEST

Three students from Martin County were awarded \$100 each for their winning photos taken in our county. More than thirty students participated in the contest through summer break and fall. The students were asked to take pictures of Martin County that showed the beauty of our area seen through their eyes.

Kelby Roberson, who is a junior at The Oakwood School in Greenville, won for grades 9-12 with his photo of a group of horses. The only animal photos that were considered were those of horses because they are the county's official mascot.

Savannah Connell, an eighth grader won the 6-8 grades category. She is a student at Jamesville Middle and won with her architecture photo of the gazebo at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Marylou Daniels, a fourth grader won for grades 3-5 with her wetlands picture. Her picture was of Yarrell Creek taken from Screaming Bridge.



Pictured left to right: Director David Whitley, Kelby Roberson, a junior at the Oakwood School in Greenville with his parents, Ricky and Linda Roberson of Williamston; Savannah Connell an eighth-grader at Jamesville Middle School and her mother from Jamesville, Melissa Connell; Marylou Daniels a fourth-grader with her parents Craig and Debbie Daniels from Williamston.



Kelby Roberson (1st Place-Grades 9-12)



Savannah Connell (1st Place -Grades 6-8)



Marylou Daniels (1st Place - Grades 3-5)

1ST ANNUAL 5K TURKEY TROT



Jessica Wells having fun



Walter Whitfield with Martin Community College

WILLIAMSTON - Martin County 's first 5K Turkey Trot was a success. The event was sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce and held at Martin Community College on Saturday, November 19th.

More than 75 participants of all ages turned out for the event. The focus of the event was to promote health awareness. Prior to the race a training clinic was held at Martin General Hospital presented by Dr. Dean McCall, physical therapist, and Stacie Markel-Clark, registered dietician.

Two bands (Jamesville, South Creek and Williamston middle schools) were on hand to perform for the event.



Overall winners: Jonathan Price , Gary Manning, Ann Marie Manning, and Narda Meggison. Not pictured Justin Edwards and Kathryn McGee

Overall Male Winners

1. Justin Edwards - 24 yr (13:48)
2. Jonathan Price - 16 yr (14:09)
3. Gary Manning - 40 yr (15:37)

Overall Female Winners

1. Ann Marie Manning - 16 yr (6:24)
2. Kathryn McGee - 25 yr (16:25)
3. Narda Meggison - 49 yr (17:12)



Willie Wiggins crossing the finish line

New Members

1. Accents Flowers & Gifts (252) 792-0372
2. Wafa Badwan (individual)
3. Center for Family Violence (252) 809-4290
4. His and Ours Skating Rink (252) 795-3299
5. Coburn Outboard, Inc (252) 661-2292
6. E. J. Hayes Alumni Association (252) 3273
7. Mercedes Funeral Mansion & Cremation Services, Inc. (252) 217-7473
8. Quality Home Staffing, Inc. (252) 809-4765
9. Rob's Auto and Diesel Repair (252) 792-9997
10. Herbert Sexton (individual)
11. Tripp's Florist ((252) 792-1416)
12. The Family Wellness Center (252) 215-9011
13. GTC Services, LLC (252) 789-4951
14. Jenkins Antiques ((252) 792-1766)
15. Herbert Sexton ((252) 809-2162)



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