

## The Informer August 2007

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**Mission Statement:** *The Alexander County Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote and coordinate the efforts of commerce, industry and the professions in order to maintain and strengthen a healthy business climate and to improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Alexander County.*

### Third Annual New Teacher Luncheon

Sponsored by the Alexander County Chamber of Commerce

August 16, 2007, 12 noon at the ACHS Cafeteria

Help the Chamber welcome our new teachers to Alexander County.

Cost to sponsor a teacher is \$35.00

To sponsor a teacher, donate an item for a door prize, or to include items for the goody bags, contact the Chamber at (828) 632-8141 or e-mail [delder@alexandercountychamber.com](mailto:delder@alexandercountychamber.com).



The Chamber of Commerce is supporting The Foothills Lifestyle Expo, a great way to reach new customers throughout the foothills region. The Expo features three separate groups of exhibitors:

1. Outdoors & sports - The Foothills Outdoor Expo
2. Home and garden - The Foothills Home Expo
3. Seniors, "Boomers" & retirement—The Foothills "Our Generation Expo"

The Expo is set for August 24-26, Friday - Sunday at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Hours are Friday 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Friday kickoff session is **FREE** to all Chamber members. The Lifestyle Expo is the first Foothills Outdoor Festival event. To exhibit, get the facts at <http://www.foothillsofdoor.com> or call toll free 888-437-8055. Please see insert for free Chamber pass.

### 4th Annual Chamber of Commerce Street Dance Set for September 15th

Are you looking for a way to spend a Saturday evening that is **fun for the entire family** and, best of all, **FREE**? Then the fourth annual Chamber of Commerce Street Dance and Car Show is for you! Last year's dance was attended by hundreds of people of all ages who rocked and rolled in the streets of downtown Taylorsville. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 from 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Vintage cars, trucks, tractors, and motorcycles will be on display and will receive awards based on viewers' choice. Events scheduled for the evening include a dunking booth, a cake walk, good food, a 50/50 raffle, children's entertainment, and, of course, dancing in the streets. A wide variety of refreshments will also be available. Sponsorships of the event will be \$300.00.

If you would like to enter your vehicle, help sponsor this event, be a vendor, or volunteer to help, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 632-8141. Vehicles need to be in place by 5:15 PM; however, we ask that they not arrive earlier than 4:30 PM.



**Don't Miss Out On the Fun!**  
**Come Out On September 15th as the Streets of Taylorsville**  
**Fill with People, Music, and Fun!**

*(photo courtesy of Presentations on the Web)*



## July Business of the Month Oriental Cafe



Oriental Café in Taylorsville was named Business of the Month by the Alexander County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above, left to right: front row - William Cheung, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Denise Elder, restaurant owner Hei Meng “Helen” Cheung, and Kevin Cheung; back row - Chamber Board member Glenn Fox, restaurant employee Heather Morlock, and Chamber Board members Marvin Bentley and Gail Drum. Oriental Café has been in business since 1991 and was established by Mrs. Cheung and her late husband Yiu On Cheung. The young couple came to Taylorsville while en route to Georgia from Maryland 16 years ago and loved the Taylorsville area. Sons William, age 9, and Kevin, 14, help their mother in the business, which is located next to the Food Lion shopping center on Highway 90 West in Taylorsville.



### THUMBS UP!

A big **THUMBS UP!** is in order for the Taylorsville Rotary Club. The Rotary Club has been nominated to receive the 2007 Nine Who Care Award that is sponsored by WSOC-TV, Channel 9 News from Charlotte, NC. The winners will be announced on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. The Rotary Club was nominated for their care and concern for the children of Alexander County. Each week during the school year, Rotarians meet to fill back packs with food for needy children to take home with them on Friday. For some children, this is the only food they will receive while not in school. The students then bring the back packs with them to school on Monday to be used for the next week. This program has made a big difference in a lot of little people’s lives. Congratulations and good luck to the Taylorsville Rotary Club for their nomination for the 2007 Nine Who Care Award. This back pack program, along with many other programs that the Rotary Club volunteers for each year, is a true example of a group that really does care!

## Thanks for the Renewals July

Bethlehem Pharmacy  
Campbell Law Firm  
Craftmaster Furniture  
The Enola Group (FIPP)  
Glenn Fox Photo  
Iredell Memorial Hospital  
Lucky Dawg Bath & Groom  
Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams  
Piedmont Cardiology Associates, PLLC.  
Piedmont Natural Gas  
Schneider Mills  
Taylor-King Furniture, Inc.  
The Taylorsville Times  
Thomas Insurance/Taylorsville Office  
Western Piedmont Council of Governments  
J. David Whitener

## Matheson Park Fitness Stations Ribbon Cutting



The Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for the new fitness stations that were installed along the walking track at Matheson Park. The stations were purchased through an Eat Smart, Move More N.C. grant and were dedicated on Friday, July 13. Pictured above, left to right: front row—Hannah Starnes, Miranda Jansen, Eric Griggs, Lauren Wasmund, Kelly McGhee, Mayor Guy Barriger, Dr. Richard Dickey, and Matt Cooksey; back row - Angelia Bowman, Margo Mosley, Lynne McGhee, David Robinette, Chamber Administrative Assistant Kendra Sweat, Vanessa Jansen, Jaylyne Wasmund, Chamber Board member Brook Biddy, Arland Mays, April Galloway, Sandy Starnes.

## Mountain State University Identifies Hickory Metro Higher Education Center as Next Expansion Market

Mountain State University, based in Beckley, W.VA., has identified Hickory as the newest location for its next campus expansion. The private college will offer classes at the Hickory Metro Higher Education Center (HMHEC) beginning this fall where students can complete a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership or begin a master's degree in Strategic Leadership, two programs not currently available through any other college or university at HMHEC. Mountain State is the first out-of-state college or university to offer classes at the HMHEC. Mountain State will offer primarily traditional, face-to-face classes at the HMHEC for both the bachelor's and master's degree. Classes are specially developed for working adults. Mountain State is a regionally accredited university and was recently licensed by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. More than 6,000 students attend Mountain State, and approximately 1,000 of those attend at one of three branch campuses located in Martinsburg, W.Va., Monaca, PA., and Altamonte Springs, FL. For more information about the Organizational Leadership and Strategic Leadership degrees offered this fall at the HMHEC, contact Jane Everson at 828-324-6966 ext. 2004, or visit [www.hmhec.org](http://www.hmhec.org).

## Announcements

- The **Spilled Bean Coffee House** is now offering select pre-made salads and sandwiches from Café Gouda. For more information call 632-5007.
- Students enrolled in **Alexander County Schools** will return to class on Monday, August 27.
- The **Taylorville Lions Club Fair** will be held from August 28 - September 1. For more information, please call 632-2226.
- The **United Way of Alexander County** will host multiple car washes on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will be held at Peebles parking lot located on Hwy 16 South near Wal-Mart, Taylorville Saving Bank Hiddenite Branch located on Hwy 90 East and Taylorville Savings Bank Bethlehem Branch located on Hwy 127. Volunteers are needed for this event. For more information or to volunteer for this event, please call the United Way at 632-9565. Cost.....donations.
- Mark your calendars for the **Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts**, Saturday, September 22.

## Who Ya Gonna' Call?

### *Important information for consumers*

#### **Remove your name, address and telephone number from lists:**

For pre-approved credit card applications: (888) 567-8688

For telemarketing calls/Do Not Call registry: (888) 382-1222 or visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

For most national advertising mailing & telemarketing list: [www.dmaconsumers.org](http://www.dmaconsumers.org).

#### **Consumer assistance/debt management:**

Free annual credit report from one or all of the national consumer reporting companies, (877) 322-8228 or [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

Equifax: (800) 685-1111 or [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com).

Experian: (888) 397-3742 or [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com).

Transunion: (800) 916-8800 or [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com).

#### **Charties:**

Before you give to an organization, be sure to contact the following:

Better Business Bureau: (704) 927-8611, [www.charlotte.bbb.org](http://www.charlotte.bbb.org) or [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

NC Secretary of State: (888) 830-4989, [www.sosnc.com](http://www.sosnc.com).



## A Thought for Today

People forget how fast you did a job -  
but they remember how well you did it.

-Howard Newton



## Alexander County Blood Drives

August 6 - Shiloh Lutheran Church  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

August 14 - Mt. Herman Baptist Church  
3:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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