

News & Bulletin

2024 WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Dwight Gane – Dwight is employed and is co-owner of Pine Crest Golf Club. He graduated from Lumberton Senior High School and is also a graduate of the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He is a member of the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton and is also a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Dwight is married to Elizabeth Tudor Gane and has two sons, David & Daniel.



Libby Davis - Libby is the Manager of Jernigans of Lumberton. She is a graduate of Lumberton High School and Robeson Community College with a business degree. Libby is married to Rodney Davis, has one daughter – Laykin, two sons – Jackson & Reid.



Jennifer Hickman – Jennifer is employed with Flo-Tite Valves and Controls. She earned her Business and Marketing degree from NC State University as well as her MBA degree from Campbell University. Jennifer is a board member of CIS and attends the First Presbyterian Church. She is married to Tamara Kemp and has six children, Lennon, Alexis, Avery, Hayden & Alaina as well as lots of pets.



Mark A. Petersen – Mark is administrator of Robeson Pediatrics, PA. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at UNC Pembroke and has his MS Ministry degree from Richmond Graduate University. Mark is the Administrative Pastor at Powerpoint Church in Lumberton, is on the UNC Pembroke Foundation Board and is also on the UNC Pembroke Braves Club Committee. He is married to Katie Lowry Petersen and has four children, Marissa, Robert, Katelyn and Benjami



Eric West – Eric is an attorney and owner of Eric West, Attorney at Law, PLLC. He is a graduate of Lumberton Senior High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Communications & a minor in Business from Appalachian State University. He also earned his Juris Doctorate from Samford University-Cumberland School of Law. Eric is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, the Robeson County Bar Association, American Land Title Association, the Robeson County Republican Party and attends Hyde Park Baptist. He is married to Sherry West and has a daughter Avery and a son Cooper.



James Bass – James is employed by the Givens Performing Arts Center at UNC Pembroke. He earned his B.A. in Arts Management and his M.A. in English Education from UNC Pembroke. He received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Fayetteville State University. He also has a Certificate of Leadership from Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University. James is married to Paula Bass and has three daughters – Annika, Layne & Quinlyn. He is a member of the Association for Performing Arts Professionals, North Carolina Presenters Consortium (State), Rotary Club of Lumberton, Director of GPAC Advisory Board, on the Board of Directors of the Robeson County Arts Council and on the Board of Trustees for the Robeson County Public Library.



Latricia Freeman – Latricia is employed with Southeastern Life Center, Inc. She graduated from Lumberton High School and is a two-time graduate of The School of Social Work at UNCP. She has obtained her MSW and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist. Latricia is also an adjunct professor at UNCP and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers.



Tito Massol – Tito is employed with CenterWell Home Health. He is a Life, Health, Property and Causality Insurance Licensed Agent and a Real Estate Broker. Tito is a Trustee on the Robeson Community College Board, a member of the Lumberton Kiwanis Club and is a past board member of the Robeson United Way and the Robeson Church and Community Center. He is married to Terri Massol, has a son-Antonio and a daughter-Helena.

THE LUMBERTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Debbie Branyon-Chairperson - First Bank

Jennifer Stephenson-Past Chair- Speech Pathology Services of Robeson, Inc.

Crystal Collins - Chair-Elect - Lumbee Guaranty Bank

Tamara Kemp -Treasurer-Tamara Collins Kemp, CPA, PLLC

Scotty Thompson- Robeson Community College

Jay Britt-Robeson County Farm Bureau

Linda Branch – 7th Wave Properties, LLC

Denise Prutzman – Denise's Culinary Creations, LLC

Suzanne Abbott - Abbott Insurance Services, LLC

Rose Avant – Rodan & Fields

Donna Davis-Tomlinson's Dept. Store

Kelly Floyd-Floyd Mortuary & Crematory, Inc.

Adrian Lowery – Housing Authority City of Lumberton

Mark Morse – Chick-Fil-A

Anna Rowland-United Bank

Tito Massol – Centerwell Home Health

James Bass – UNCP/GPAC

Eric West – Eric West, Attorney

Dwight Gane – Pine Crest Golf Club

Jennifer Hickman – Flo-Tite, Inc./Max-Seal

Mark Peterson - Robeson Pediatrics, P.A.

Libby Davis – Jernigan's

Latricia Freeman – Southeastern Life Center, Inc.

LUMBERTON CHEVROLET BUICK GMC HUMMER CUTS THE RIBBON!



Pictured left to right are: Linda Branch, Past Chamber Chair, Councilman Leroy Rising, Donald Britt, Body Shop Manager, Sharon Britt, Bill Shotwell, Executive General Manager and Bo Biggs.

The Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting today for the new expansion of Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC Hummer's Body Shop! Bill Shotwell, Executive General Manager, stated "We are proud to announce the massive expansion of our body shop. Led by Body Shop Manager Donald Britt and his team-the expansion added 12,400 sq. feet to the existing building. We are now the largest body shop within 200 miles including state-of-the-art equipment for all body parts. Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC works on all makes and models. We recently received the "Best of the Best" Customer Satisfaction Award from Allstate for being in the top 2% in the nation, located across from Lumberton High at 500 Linkhaw Road. With this new expansion, Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC plans to add more jobs to our county.

Congratulations to Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC Hummer on their new addition to their body shop and thank you for your commitment to better serve the needs of our community!

REGIONAL MODULARS CUTS THE RIBBON!



Pictured: Bender Chavis - General Manager cutting the ribbon along with his wife Tanya, Debbie Branyon - Chamber Chairperson, Mayor Bruce Davis, Councilman Eric Chavis, Jason King-Assistant - County Manager, Tyler Wright - Regional Vice President, and many members of the Regional Modulars team.

The ribbon was cut for Regional Modulars on February 28th, its one-year anniversary. Regional Modulars is part of a national chain of 70+ retail locations and is the only one of its kind in the company. The company has nine locations in the Carolinas, but two of the nine are in Lumberton and can serve all of NC and SC with manufactured and modular homes.

Bender Chavis, General Manager of Regional Modulars, noted that the team is constructing homes as far as 4.5 hours away from Lumberton at the moment, but is excited to see that the local business is increasing. Bender attributes their success to the team's determination to provide an exceptional customer experience. Tyler Wright, Vice President, stated that modular homes offer many of the benefits of site-built construction including exterior elevations, build quality, customization, finance opportunities, and resale value, but typically come in at a better price per square foot and are often fully constructed and ready to move into more quickly. To expedite the process further, Regional Modulars has been acquiring property locally and is offering land/home packages that are move-in-ready immediately.

The business celebrated with the ribbon cutting as well as serving a delicious brunch to all attendees. Several drawings were held, and many won gifts. The business is located at 307 N. Roberts Avenue in Lumberton. They can be reached at 910-827-8270. Give them a call today or stop by to tour their display models.

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Students of Excellence



Pictured l to r are Cindy Kern- LACC Executive Director, Megan Goins-Early College Counselor, Heather Williams-LSHS Counselor, Merle Summers-Education Chair Lumberton Chamber, Hannah Inman- Early College-10th Grade, Matthew, Foil-Senior LSHS, Olivia Parnell-13th Early College, Debbie Branyon-Chamber Chairperson, Valerie Hammond-AIG Specialist and Deborah Stone-LSHS Counselor

Special guests for the March meeting of the Lumberton Chamber Board of Directors meeting were The Students of Excellence from Lumberton Senior High School and Early College along with their Counselors. The group enjoyed a wonderful lunch and received a gift card and a plaque for their achievements.



Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce
Annual Spring Tournament
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