



VINTON AREA CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

Your Vinton Area Business Connection

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From the President's Desk . . .

The Vinton Chamber is gearing up for the summer season with new and fun filled events.

On May 15th we all had a taste of things to come from the Vinton Wine and Food Festival. It was a first class event that left many looking forward to next year. Special thanks to Stephanie Brown, Chairperson, and her committee for the spectacular job of planning and organizing this event.

On June 19th, plan to meet us at the Farmer's Market for the kickoff event of the "Mingle at the Market" summer concert series. We have two bands for the first event, Bad Casper and Wilburn. I want to thank Chris McCarty, the chairperson for the series and the committee, for all the hard work that has gone into planning these events. Let Chris know if you are interested in sponsoring an event or volunteering. These events will be a lot of fun, so come out and support the Chamber!

Remember the Fall Festival is right around the corner. Shana Meadows will be the chairperson for this event, so if you are interested in volunteering or being a sponsor, please contact Shana. Thank you Shana for all your hard work.

Thanks for all of your support. Remember, membership is a big key to the success of the Chamber, so invite your friends to join.

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Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Chamber Events . . .

July 22, 2010

FREE 1 hour Appointments Available from 9 am- 3 pm

- *Business & Sales Growth Counseling with Sandy Ratliff,
Business Services Manager*

Topics Include:

- *Accessing new markets & getting new customers*
- *How to sell VA government & locate BIDS/RFP's*
- *How to download & review BIDS/RFP's*
- *How to register to eVA, Virginia's State
procurement system*
- *Getting SWAM certified*
- *Run reports to determine product/service market,
customer/agency targets and private sector markets*
- *Using social media to build awareness of your
business*

*Call Sandy Ratliff at 276-676-3768 or e-mail
sandy.ratliff@vdba.virginia.gov*

*Appointments will be at the Vinton Area Chamber of
Commerce office (116 S. Poplar Street, Suite 1-A Vinton,
VA 24179)*

August 5, 2010

Session 1: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Session 2: 1:00pm- 3:00 pm

Using Social Media to Grow Your Business



You are Welcome to Bring your Laptop!

Presentation by Sandy Ratliff of the Virginia Department of Business Assistance on the Use of Social Media to grow your Business

Location: Vinton Chamber of Commerce office

116 S. Poplar Street, Suite 1-A, Vinton

RSVP: No later than Friday, July 30th, 2010 to

540-343-1364 or e-mail info@Vintonchamber.com

Cost: \$5 Chamber Member, \$10 non-member

Would you like to be a Sponsor of seminars? If so, please contact the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce at 540-343-1364.

Mingle at The Market!

Summer Concert Series

At the Vinton Farmer's Market

21 & Up Event, ID Required, Adult Beverage Garden



- *June 19th, 2010 7:00pm-11:00pm Gates open at 6:30
Featuring Bad Casper & Wilburn*
- *July 10th, 2010 7:00pm-11:00pm Gates Open at 6:30
Featuring Burning Bridges*
- *August 14th, 2010 7:00-11:00 Gates Open at 6:30 pm
Featuring Superhold*
- *September 11th, 2010 7:00-11:00 Gates Open at 6:30
Featuring Fuzzy Logic*

*Bring your own seating, and sit back, relax, enjoy the
music and have fun with your friends in Vinton!*

(Sorry, but No Pets Allowed)

Welcome to the
Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce!



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Did you know that the Chamber was
created 60 years ago, by W.H. Harris?

Did you know the Chamber created a
Vinton Map in 1980?

Thank you for joining us in celebrating

**The Vinton Area Chamber of
Commerce's**

60th Anniversary!

Join us On the Web to stay up
to date on Events, News, &
Member Benefits!

<http://www.vintonchamber.com/>

Advertise with the Chamber!

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce now
publishes a **monthly** electronic newsletter!

Chamber members can advertise their products &
services thru the electronic newsletter with a
business card size ad (3.5"Wx 2"h) for just
\$25.00. Just supply us with a jpg or tif or your
business card.

Due to space we need to limit the ads to 4 per
month. If you would like to take advantage of
this, call 540-343-1364 or e-mail
info@vintonchamber.com

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote a healthy business environment for the Town of Vinton. The Chamber takes a leadership role in researching, addressing and resolving critical issues impacting area business owners. The Chamber improves the business and community environment in order to create a more profitable and dynamic atmosphere for all.

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