## Busy!

The Chamber hosts an update every Thursday morning on Magic 95.9 FM at 8:30 a.m. to let listeners know what is happening in the area. Station owner and disc jockey Bill Benjamin and I discuss these events.

This week I was telling him about all the events happening in Bertie County over the weekend. He remarked that he often hears people say that there is nothing going on around here. He tells them that is certainly not true. This past weekend was a prime example of if you thought nothing was happening you just did not have your eyes open.

Thursday night the Bertie Arts Council held an exhibition of the artwork of Bailey Phelps and a book signing by Phill "Butch" Bragg. The acrylics by Bailey Phelps were quite remarkable. Butch is quite the character and adventurer. His latest book is "Cornfield for Clouds" which details his adventure flying his biplane across middle America. Check out the artwork and buy "Cornfields for Clouds" at the Bertie Arts Council at 124 S. King S., Windsor.

This Saturday, Aulander held its Peanut Festival despite intermittent rain. The event was a success. A 5k Fun run began the event with a run through Aulander and out into the countryside and back. There were lots of vendors, crafts and entertainers during the day. Moonshine closed out the event with a great musical performance as always. Hats off to the good folks of Aulander for making their community better.

All the people of Aulander come together as one to put on a great free event. The community has suffered setbacks like many small towns in eastern North Carolina. Those setbacks such as the closing of Golden Peanut and Southern Bank have been countered by the opening of Family Dollar and Dolly's Chamber Chatter



Café.

We held a ribbon-cutting on Saturday, October 7th for the Baker Southern Peanuts Traditions at 704 East Church Street. This building was the old J.L. Morris auction house site. Extensive renovations have been made and now the building is a processing site with a beautiful showroom.

Danielle Baker is the owner of the business, and her staff has done an incredible job getting the facility ready for the ribbon cutting and grand opening. Quite a crowd assembled with lots of entertainment for the attendees.

Their products can be purchased on-site or online at bakerspeanuts.com or such national chains as Harris Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger and Publix.

The community of Indian Woods and Historic Hope teamed up with the Tuscarora Nation to commemorate 300 vears of Indian Woods. The theme was a "Love of Family and History." Community socials were held at Blue Jay Community Center on Saturday night and Historic Hope on Sunday night.

I did not get to everything that happened this weekend but remember when you think nothing is happening to open your eyes and explore. Bertie County has a lot to offer as well as does the rest of eastern North Carolina.

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## GRAND OPENING IN AULANDER



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Dolly's Cafe - Chat & Chew was officially opened Oct. 7 at and Sunday. Pictured from left are: Lester Lyons, Shirley Ly-111 West Main St. in Aulander. The cafe, which specializes ons Alarrah Powell, David White, Owner Jackie White, Pierre in southern cooking and catering, is open Friday, Saturday White, Antoine Wilson and Alice Lyons

## GRAND OPENING IN ROXOBEL

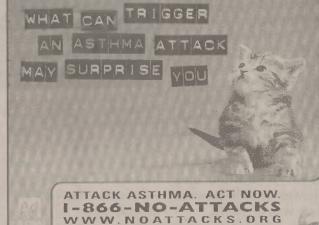


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Bakers' Southern Traditions Peanuts held a ribbon cutting in Roxobel Saturday. Pictured are Owner Danielle Baker, who is

accompanied by co-workers, friends and family.





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