



Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce

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Laurinburg After Five! Concert Series Dates Announced

Warm weather means that the annual *Laurinburg After Five!* Concert Series presented by Budweiser is close to beginning. The Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce is ready to kick off the 2010 season on Thursday, May 13, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Avinger Hill at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Concerts are free and open to the general public.

The Goldrush beach band will perform the year's first concert. Performing together for 32 years, Goldrush remains as strong as ever. Through the years, Goldrush has entertained audiences from Washington, D.C. to Florida with a variety of music that ranges to beach, country, oldies and rock and roll. They've had the privilege to share the stage with music greats like Jackie Wilson, James Brown and Percy Sledge to name a few.

All the band members grew up in the Lumberton area, and recorded their first single, "Those Golden Days," at the Music Mill in Nashville, Tennessee in 1981. Keyboard player John Hodges wrote "Sugar Darlin'," which reached the top 10. The band also recorded a remake of "Unchained Melody" with Frankie Walters on lead vocals. The song was released on the "Getting' Ready for Showtime" CD from KHP Music.

Along with the music, guests can expect great drinks from Budweiser. The company has been a partner in the *Laurinburg After Five!* series since its beginning, and Budweiser will offer up several options for thirsty guests. Each month, Budweiser will also bring along a collection of specialty drinks. Guests can enjoy dinner with their drinks, too, as food will be available cooked-to-order from Golden Corral and Thee Other Guy's Barbecue.

Besides adults, kids will have a new reason to come to the event. Pauline Gruver with Hospice of Scotland County will have a 13' x 13' bounce castle in the new "Kids' Zone". The inflatable castle allows children to jump as they would on a trampoline. Gruver says for a \$3 donation to Relay for Life, children will be able to jump for the duration of the concert. The Junior Service League of Laurinburg will be at future concerts to do hair coloring and temporary tattoos for children, too. Finally, children can cool off with Italian ice water in both cherry and lemon flavors.

Other concerts will run the second Thursday June through September. The upcoming acts include the Saddle Creek Band on June 10, Sea Cruz on July 8, the Tim Clark Band on August 12 and Jim Quick and Coastline on September 9. This year's lineup has moved away from straight beach music, though. The Saddle Creek Band will perform more country and southern rock music, while the Tim Clark Band will perform more rock.

Vending opportunities are still available for future events. Co-sponsors for Laurinburg After Five include Campbell Soup, Murphy-Brown, Junior Service League, Precision Contractors, WLNC Hometown Radio, Service Thread, Butler Manufacturing, B&B Construction, Comfort Inn, FCC, Scotland Health Care System,

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