



Welcome New Board Members

Steve Futch of Jones Gallagher Funeral Home and Doug Reddish of Reddish and White CPA will be representing the members of the NFRCC for the next three years on the Board of Governors. This is not the first time for either to serve in this capacity and they will both be a great addition to the board. Congratulations to Steve and Doug and thank you to our members who sent in your ballots and voted during our BOG election. Futch and Reddish will be sworn in as official board members at the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet, Saturday, January 22, 2011. Active members should have received their invitation in the mail some time during the first full week in December. We hope you will join us as we “Put on the Gritz” and welcome these new board members along with 2011 Chairman Jimmie Scott.

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2010
NFRCC BOG
2010 Annual
Membership
Banquet



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2. Call the Chamber office and request a job order form be emailed or faxed to you for completion.
3. You can also go online to www.employflorida.com to register, complete your own job advertisement, and search candidate resumes.

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Main Street Starke, Inc.



Main Street Starke, Inc. held the first Annual Christmas on the Square and Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, December 4, prior to the 2nd Annual Starke Night Light Parade that began at 6:00 PM. The Chili Cook-Off winner was Farmers Furniture and the Booth Design winner was Charlene Mains with her Rustic Chili booth. Thank you to everyone that participated. We hope to see this event grow next year in number of vendor booths and Chili Cook-Off contestants.



Join us next year for the
Annual
Christmas on the Square

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ribbon Cutting Anytime Fitness	2	3	4 Starke Parade @ 6
5	6	7	8 Open House Health Dept.	9	10 Lake Butler Parade @ 7	11 Melrose @ 10 AM Keystone Hgts. Parade @ 6
12	13	14 Noon TDC Main St. @ 5:30	15 Heart of Florida @ 11 AM	16	17	18 Lawley @ 10 AM
19	20	21	22	23	24 Chamber Office Closed	25
26	27 Chamber Office Closed	28	29	30	31 Chamber Office Closed	

JANUARY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 BOG Workshop at Chrissy's 9-Until	12 Woman's Club Lunch	13	14	15 Say I Do Fashion Show Grand Opening Anytime Fitness
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Chamber Annual Banquet
23	24	25	26	27 Workshop BCBCC @ 7	28	29
30	31 FloridaWorks Annual Meeting					

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Understanding that our partners' needs and resources vary, the Bradford Business Partnership Program offers many ways to become involved. Components of our program include: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and School Site sponsorships. Whether making a financial contribution, offering job training to our students or volunteering in our classrooms, we have a way in which your organization can make a difference in the lives of Bradford County Public School students.

Our students are the future leaders of our community! Our students are your future employees! Talk to us today about how the Bradford Business Partnership Program can benefit you, your employees, and our students!

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8 October 2010

To Our Loyal Supporters,

As you may know, the Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc, a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, will be holding its largest Fund Raiser of the year on April 30 and May 1, 2011. This is VetFest '11. VetFest is a 2 day music festival, and will be held at Dixieland Music Park in Waldo, FL again in 2011.

Some of the best bands from all over Florida will be donating their time and performances for the enjoyment of the guests and visitors to VetFest '11. VetFest 2010 had more than 20 of Florida's best performers on the stage at Dixieland Music Park during the three day festival, including Local Traffic, Boss Hawg, QuikDraw, Willie & the Po' Boys, Flashback, John McMillan, Phil & Charlotte Cay, and many, many more.

There were nearly 50 vendors of all types at VetFest 2010, and most of those are returning for VetFest '11.

It takes a lot of money in advance to put on a festival of this caliber. Advance costs include printed promotional materials, radio, magazine, and newspaper advertising, the cost to rent the site, audio and lighting production, food and beverages for all the performers and volunteers, T-Shirts, and much, much more.

In order to make this event a success we need sponsors to help us. This is the fifth year for this music festival and the second year at this location in Alachua County, Florida. This could easily become an important economic event for Waldo and Alachua County. We need your help to make this possible.

Please consider becoming part of VetFest '11, and all of the future VetFests. Help the Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. in its efforts to raise funds for Veterans causes, and help us to build VetFest into an event that can be an economic plus for the area.

Below is a list of Sponsorship level costs and benefits for VetFest '11:

Basic Sponsor:	\$200.00	3'x6' banner
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Thank you for your time and consideration. Once again, please consider becoming part of VetFest '11. Your assistance will be invaluable.

Please call Mr Jim Mitzel, President of HVMF. Inc. at 352.215.9217 to discuss this further, and make all checks payable to the Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. Your sponsorship donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Jim Mitzel, President
The Hampton Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

President's Award Winner: Capitol Projects/Beautification



Downtown Improvement and Beautification Projects Keystone Heights Community Redevelopment Agency

More info: (352) 473-4807 • mayorhildreth@aol.com

The City of Keystone Heights (pop. 1,400) is a relatively new CRA that receives approximately \$50,000 in annual revenue. The small size and low level of funding has not stopped them from maximizing their ability to make improvements downtown. In less than four years, they have completed three projects and are in Phase II of their fourth, which includes new signage at the City beach, a new parking area, new trees lining the business corridor and an extremely successful façade grant program. It was a major cooperative success, not only in the results, but in the funding partnerships that were involved.



**Kiwanis Club of Starke
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The Kiwanis Club of Starke is one of the most active clubs in Bradford County and the Florida District. The Kiwanis are always trying to make the world a better place through service to our youth. It is through that service that we seek to make the world a better place one child at a time. The Kiwanis accomplish that goal through multiple fundraisers to support activities, child assisting charities, and scholarships. Through the Kiwanis, we encourage leadership and nurture our children to become the leaders of tomorrow. If you have heard of "Terrific Kids", K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club and Aktion Club, and you believe in what you have heard, then come be a part of the Kiwanis of Starke.

Membership dues are \$125.00 a quarter. Included in the membership is fun, fellowship, service, leadership, and satisfaction in fostering a more secure future through the development of leaders. Also included is a lunch at the Western Steer Steakhouse during our Tuesday meetings. Your membership dues buy you lunch on Tuesdays.

We also understand that business owners and management are busy and cannot attend meetings regularly. It is for this reason that we are now offering "Corporate Membership". Through the Corporate Membership you can do what you have always wanted to do, and allow your business partner or other designated employees attend meetings in your absence.

If you are interested in joining the Starke Kiwanis, come to a meeting at the Western Steer Steakhouse on Tuesdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm. We look forward to meeting you, and hopefully recognizing you as a **KIWANIAN** in the near future.

Contact President Barry Warren by calling (352)494-3326 if you have any questions.



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