

BLACK RIVER CURRENTS

Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber
Newsletter

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We are Going Back to the Future...



Its time to make your plans to attend the Annual Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber Awards Banquet planned for March 2, at the Kingstree

Recreation Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with the program beginning at 7:00. Door Prizes will be given out during the social hour and during the program.

This years Skit will delight you as you go back in time and meet many of the people in Williamsburg County's history. Come see how Marty McFly and the Professor try to keep Biff from causing too much trouble in the county.

We hope you will showcase your business by decorating a table this year. Call the chamber office if you need a table sponsor form or for more information.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased from the Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber office. Tickets will go on sale February 15. Call early to reserve yours as they tend to sell quickly.

Tables should reflect the theme of the banquet or to promote your business. Gifts should reflect the mission and purpose of the business or group.



Thanks to our Sponsors

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Remember Marty, your future has not been written, it can be anything you want it to be!

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UpComing Events

Great American Cleanup

March 1- May 30

Call the Chamber office for information on how you can get involved





Come See Me Weekend planned for March 20-21



The Williamsburg Historical Society in conjunction with the Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber, The Black River Artist Guild and the Williamsburg County Tourism Board invite you to participate in the first Come See Me Weekend. Activities planned are as follows:

- **Saturday's Activities**

- 11:00 a.m.: Re-enactment of the Revolutionary Battle of the Lower Bridge (Hwy 377)
- Re-enactors will be camped at Cooper's Country Store on Friday night
- Rededication of the historical highway marker
- BBQ lunch following the battle at Union Presbyterian Church (Must have ticket for lunch.) *Tickets must be purchased by March 15.*

- **Sunday's activities**

- 2:30p.m. -4:30: Arts Festival, Williamsburg Historical Museum
- 2:00—5:00 Open House at Thorntree

- **March 25- 27**

- Williams Muscadine vineyard and Farm will have school children on March 25, tours and demonstrations on March 26 and church youth groups on March 27.



Williamsburg Funeral Home receives Image Award

The January Image Award Winner is committed to meeting the needs of Williamsburg families during the loss of a loved one. Founded in March of 1961 Williamsburg Funeral Home has been serving families in Kingstree and Williamsburg County for almost 50 years. Billy Horton presently serves as President and General Manager and is a 1971 graduate of Kentucky School of Mortuary School in Louisville Kentucky. William B Horton III also a licensed funeral director has been employed since 1993. As Funeral Service professionals Billy and "B" Horton take pride in assisting families as plans are made for services tailored to meet individual wishes.

Beth Horton, Billy's wife, is currently taking classes to meet requirements to become a licensed funeral director. As a family operated funeral home, Billy and Beth along with their son "B," are committed to provide lasting memorial to a loved one and to be a source of comfort and support at a difficult time. In addition to the Hortons, JoAnne Sires, Beth's mother, Sam Clarkson and H.K Heins complete the staff at Williamsburg Funeral Home.

Besides the usual assistance, Williamsburg Funeral Home offers a chapel that seats 200 people, and an annual

memorial service. The service held the Sunday afternoon after Thanksgiving serves as a memorial to loved ones lost during the year. After the service each family is given an ornament that can be put on the memory tree in the funeral home or taken home and added to the family tree. The message of the memory tree is one of hope for getting through the holidays with out a loved one.

Williamsburg Funeral Home, a tradition of commitment, compassion, and caring. For more information visit their website at www.williamsburgfuneralhome.com.



On January 6 members of the National Guard from Hemingway, Johnsonville and surrounding areas were honored at a departure ceremony before leaving for a nine month deployment to Afghanistan. The Chamber was asked to provide hand warmers for the soldiers. Thanks to Firestone Building Products, Williamsburg First National Bank, Michaele Duke and Ken Wooten for donating the hand warmers.

We care about Williamsburg County



We Love our Chamber Members Luncheon



The Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber invites you to come by for a light lunch on Tuesday, February 9 anytime from 12:00 until 1:30p.m. Email the chamber at lspipey@ftc-i.net if you plan to attend so we can prepare for the meal. Thank you for always supporting the HomeTown Chamber!



Keep Williamsburg Beautiful- Can -Do- It



Keep Williamsburg Beautiful and the Kingstree Fire Department will sponsor an aluminum can recycling contest for all third grade classes during the Great American Cleanup. Classes are to call the Chamber office to register for the competition. Aluminum cans will be collected at school from March 1 through April 30th. Cans should be flattened and stored in plastic bags. Cans will be brought to the Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber on May 3rd or 4th from 10 until 4:00 pm to be weighed. Each member of the winning class will receive GAC T-shirts. Call the Chamber at 355-6431 for more information.

Mardi Gras Madness and \$5,000.00 Giveaway



Williamsburg Regional Hospital Foundation presents The Band of Oz, Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 8:00 pm at Sunset Acres. Cost is \$30.00 for singles and \$50.00 for couples. Tickets for the \$5,000. drawing are \$50.00 each. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at Williamsburg Regional Hospital or from the following Foundation Board Member: Dent Adams, Neal Anderson, Diane Boyd, Joanne Brown, Alan

Chandler, Stephanie Evans, Paul Headley, Virginia Jonte, James Lane, Ida Martin, Harrison McKnight, Glenn Rose, Martha Scott, Karen Scott, Leslee Spivey, Scott Williamson and Teri Wilson. Call Tammy Erwin at 843-426-2508 for information.

Chamber Welcomes New and Renewed Members



Welcome to our new and renewing members. Thank you for your continued support. Come by anytime for a visit.

New Member Delouise's Therapeutic Massage

Renewing Members: Town of Stuckey, Paul Headley, Wadford's Machine Shop, Department of Social Services, Williamsburg First National Bank,

Help us Keep in touch with you!



The Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber is currently updating its email addresses. In this fast paced society email can help keep us connected and help remind members about programs and upcoming events. Please send your current email addresses to whctc@ftc-i.net.

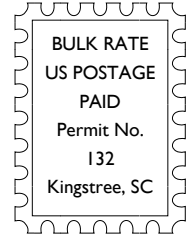


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February 2010 Chamber Calendar of Events



February 8	Deadline for award nominations	Chamber office
February 9	Chamber lunch, 12:00 –1:30	Chamber office
February 10	Tourism Board Meeting 2:30	Chamber office
February 14	Valentines Day	Shop local for your loved ones!
February 16	Chamber Board Retreat 12-5:00	off site
February 20,	Mardi Gras Madness	Sunset Acres 8:00
March 1	Great American Cleanup Begins	
March 1	Banquet Setup Begins 1:00 p.m.	Kingstree Recreation Center
March 2,	Chamber Banquet	Kingstree Recreation Center

Williamsburg HomeTown Chamber Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster economic development, community renewal, and a unified spirit to make the county a more prosperous, more beautiful and a better place in which to live and work.

