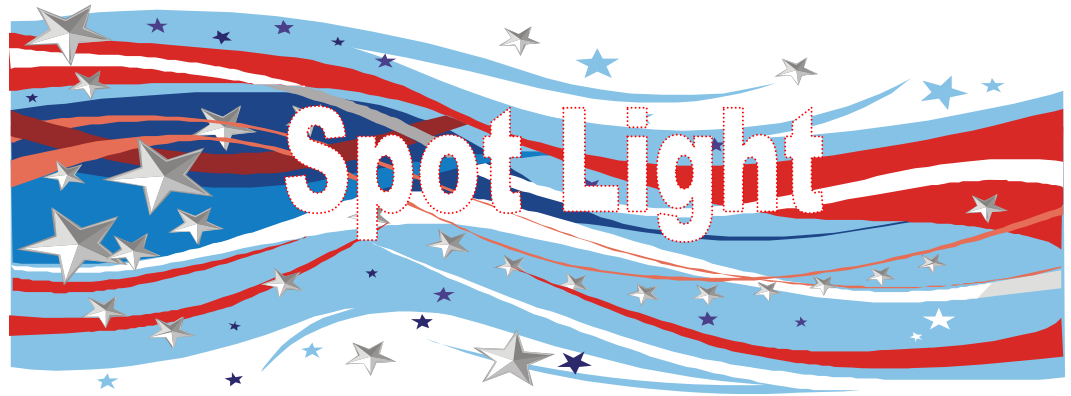


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Our Country Day

Lake Area celebrates Independence Day—"Past, Present, and Future" two-day event for the whole family.

July 3, the Street Dance starts the festivities with a live band, "Gonzo Gator and Friends," playing from 8:00 pm until 11:30 pm. The dance will be held in the parking lot of Keystone Village Plaza on SR-100. This event is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, July 4, a full slate of events and activities are scheduled

throughout the day leading up to a spectacular fireworks display at dark.

7:30 5K run starts

9:00—4:30 Arts and Crafts fair with food vending stationed in the Theme Park next to City Hall

10:00 Baby Crawl Races

George Britt will be performing songs at the Theme Park during the day

11:00 Parade begins down South Lawrence Blvd.

1:00 "Top Dog" contest at the gazebo in Natural Park



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6:00—10:00 Performance by "WildFire" at Twin Lakes park

9:30 Pyrotechnical Show Begins at Twin Lake Recreational Park

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Lake Butler July 4th

Lake Butler Rotary Club is sponsoring the Fourth of July festivities at Lakeside Park and Lake Butler Community Center.

7:00 One Mile Run

8:30 5K Run

9:00—1:00 Custom Classic

Cars displayed

Carnival games, bounce house, train rides, a watermelon eating contest, and food concessions will be available throughout the day. A DJ will be on hand along with bluegrass band " Old Time Way" and

southern rock band "JustUs"

The fireworks will begin at dusk over the lake.

More details on booth space call Maggie Wetzel at 386-496-2020

Welcome New Chamber Members



Welcome to our newest chamber members. We hope you will take advantage of all the networking opportunities and events that are sponsored by the chamber to help your business succeed.

Timbuktu Enterprises, Inc.

Contact person:

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AFLAC

Contact person:

Joel Toigo

4th Annual Starke Bike Fest



The 4th Annual Starke Bike Fest was held June 5 and 6, on Call Street in Downtown Starke. This was a first for the event being moved from the fair grounds and billed as "Free and in the Streets". The event committee felt with the tough economic times that no entry fee was the best direction to steer the event. The bike fest was considered a success even though the weather was a major factor. There were filled motels, and out of town folks in our community making the local merchant's cash regis-

ters ring, at restaurants and businesses. The Bike Fest Committee will be meeting to discuss next year's event. The Bike Show was a great addition to this years event and will become larger as the festival matures. There were over 20 entries in the show, with winners given trophies in each category.

Main Street Starke and the NFRCC would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make this event and especially the City of Starke for all of the weeks of preparation before the event and the help during the event. We want you to know how valuable you are and how much we appreciate each of you.

See you next year!





President's Breakfast

Friday, June 19, FloridaWorks sponsored the President's Breakfast at Chrissy's Olde Time Meeting House Café. Bill Booth was our featured speaker sharing some very valuable information on identity theft, personally and in the workplace. The President's Breakfast is a great opportunity to network with other business people and to learn about what is available to you in your community. There were over 25 chamber members and downtown merchants in attendance. Notices will be sent out about the next scheduled President's Breakfast

and the location. FloridaWorks is the name to remember when you think employment needs, new hires or training for current employees.

Call Susan Brown at 904-964-WORK (9675)

www.floridaworks.com

Friday Fest Cruz In Last Friday of the Month

The Cruz In begins at 5:00 on Friday, June 26 and is over around 9:00 pm.

Call Street will be closed from Walnut Street to Cherry Street during the event.

Steel Country will be performing that evening on the stage located on Thompson Street.

Many of our downtown merchants

are open during the Cruz In and we encourage you to stop in those establishments and make those local cash registers ring. While you are downtown enjoying the classic cars, stop by and take in a movie or have dinner at one of the downtown restaurants.

May Cruiser of the month was Jack Edwards, with his 1931 Model A. Photo at right.



July 3—Chamber Office Closed for Holiday

July 13—Main Street Board Meeting, 12 Noon, NFRCC

July 23—NFRCC Board of Governors Meeting, 12 Noon, Conf. Center

July 27—631st Ceremony

July 27—ABRWB meeting

July 31—Friday Fest Cruz In

Bradford County Development Authority will not hold a monthly meeting in July.

Bradford County Tourism Development Council will not hold a monthly meeting in July.

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"A great place to do business!"

Who Are We?

The Chamber of Commerce is a member-based organization that is designed to enhance the growth, development, economy, beauty and quality of life in Bradford, Union and Southwest Clay Counties.

How Does the Chamber Work?

Our group is made up of over 275 members, both individuals and businesses, who support the President and staff. The President and the programs of the Chamber are governed by a member-elected Board of Governors. The board also helps carry out the goals and objective that are set each year. Meanwhile, the staff conducts the day-to-day business of the Chamber and works on those goals that require full time attention.

Shop Local Program

Save your local economy...one store at a time.

the 3/50 project™

SAVING THE BRICK & MORTARS OUR NATION IS BUILT ON

3 What three stores would you miss if they disappeared? Stop in. Say hello. Pick up something that brings a smile. Your purchases keep them in business.

50 If half the employed population spent \$50 each month in locally owned stores, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue.* Imagine what would happen if 3/4 the employed population did that.

68 For every \$100 spent in locally owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and *nothing comes home*.

1 The number of people it takes to start a trend...*you*.

Pick 3. Spend 50. Save your local economy.

For more information, visit the350project.net