

► Chamber **HAPPENINGS**



**Business after hours at N.C. State Veterans Home**

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Business after Hours at the N.C. State Veterans Home. The brand new facility and friendly staff provided an excellent setting. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. The veterans home opened in March 2013. Its mission is to provide quality healthcare services in a professional and ethical manner, ensuring the trust, confidence and respect of its veteran residents, their families, employees and the communities it serves. Treating its residents with the dignity and respect they have earned and deserve is important to officials of the N.C. State Veterans Home. It has 100 total beds available, all of which are private rooms with private bathrooms. The beds are certified for skilled and intermediate nursing home care. They are certified for Medicare, Medicaid, VA and most private insurances. Eligible veterans must have been honorably discharged from service and must have lived in the state for two years prior to admission. Employees of the veterans home look forward to meeting the short and long-term healthcare needs of the veterans of Lenoir and the surrounding counties. They also look forward to establishing relationships with local business and community organizations. Please call 252-939-8000 or stop by for a tour at 2150 Hull Road.

**It's BBQ Festival time again in Kinston!**

BBQ, BBQ, BBQ. Did we say BBQ? Did you know North Carolina's largest BBQ cook-off festival is right here in Kinston on May 2-3? When you're waiting for your BBQ or after you've had your fill, you will not be lost for things to do. 2014 is going to be our biggest Festival yet! Come for the BBQ, stay for the fun!

Over 20 exciting events and activities, including the Arts and Crafts Market, amusement rides, wine garden, the Chamber of Commerce's Burgers and Brew Bash, Art fest, Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party, The Deluge at the Red Room, Karaoke with KG, Ring City Roller Girls, The Holiday Band on the main stage, Ghost Walk, showmanship competition, National ATV riders meet and greet, and FIREWORKS! Whew! And that's just FRIDAY! Check



the website at [www.kinstonbbq.com](http://www.kinstonbbq.com) for the full schedule.

There are many events for the whole family, and your friends. Place your order to purchase bulk BBQ.

Accepting Vendor, Sponsors and Cook Team applications. Go to [www.kinstonbbq.com](http://www.kinstonbbq.com) for information and the schedule of events or call the Chamber at 252-527-1131.

► Save **THE DATE**

**Ribbon-cutting with Riverbank Animal Hospital**

Wednesday, 1-1:30 p.m. at 1559 Hwy 258 S  
Please join the Kinston-Lenoir Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon-cutting celebrating Riverbank Animal Hospital and their new veterinary offices on Highway 258 S. Dr. Julie Garren, Dr. Ray Randall and Dr. Lisa Cheeseman are the veterinarians at Riverbank Animal Hospital. They enjoy seeing all breeds of dogs and cats. They are a walk-in only clinic so if you are in the area and your pet needs anything, stop by to see them! Their services also include boarding and grooming. Please call them at 252-523-2122 for more information.

Their task is to provide excellent quality, compassionate care, and life-long health for your pet. They look forward to welcoming you and your four-legged friends to our animal family. They have an exceptional staff of talented doctors and support technicians with particular interests in all aspects of animal care.

Their family-oriented staff is committed to providing you with state-of-the-art veterinary care while maintaining an atmosphere of respect, support, and continued education. Please come and tour their new facility anytime. They look forward to serving you and your pets' needs. For more information on the event please contact the Kinston-Lenoir Chamber of Commerce at [www.kinstonchamber.com](http://www.kinstonchamber.com) or 252-527-1131. For more information on Riverbank Animal Hospital please contact them directly at [www.riverbankpet.com](http://www.riverbankpet.com) or 252-523-2122.

**Business After Hours with Capps Trailers & Capps Promotions**

Thursday, April 24 from 5:30-7 p.m.  
5557 Hwy 70 East

Everyone is welcome to attend the April Business After Hours this month at the newly expanded Capps Trailers and Capps Promotions. This is a great networking event, so bring a friend and be sure to encourage co-workers to attend and to bring plenty of business cards.

Capps Trailers carries a wide variety of top of the line durable trailers from various manufacturers to include anything from boat trailers, dump trailers, enclosed trailers, light and heavy duty equipment trailers, as well as utility trailers. They have one of the largest inventory selections east of Raleigh. Their time and energy is focused on individualizing the trailer that will meet your specifications. Because of their comprehensive network of trailer manufacturers, they are able to process all special order requests in a timely fashion. They are located 5 miles east of Kinston in Dover on U.S. 70 East.

Capps has boat and RV storage. They are an authorized trailer dealer for: Cargo South, Carolina Trailers, Carry-On Trailers, EZ-Loader, Featherlite, Hudson Brothers, P.J. Trailers and Road King.

You can also get promotional items you need. Capps has you covered!

► Red Carpet **PROGRAM**

**New to Kinston?**

New to our community? Let the chamber help you feel at home!

Stop by to receive a newcomer package of information that will help you learn more about your new community.

We also help individuals and families feel welcome with our Red Carpet Program.

Call 252-527-1131 or go to [www.kinstonchamber.com](http://www.kinstonchamber.com) for more details.

► President's **CLUB**

The Kinston-Lenoir President's Club is comprised of numerous local businesses of varying sizes all with the goal of contributing to the Chamber's goals and projects. The President's Club consists of three levels of membership: Platinum, Gold and Silver.

The Chamber has an opening for Platinum level membership, which includes sponsorship of all events and programs with recognition and major sponsor status. Our current Gold level members include Copy Pro, Inc., Harvey Fertilizer and Gas, and Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Our Gold level members receive sponsorship of two signature events and three additional programs and events.

Our Silver level members include BB&T, Century Link, Charles Hughes Construction, Cherry Energy, Coastal Connections Marketing, Corporate Resources, Down East Protection Systems, Duke Energy, Infinity Network Services, Kinston Public Services/Electricities, LIB Graphic Solutions/Lions Industries for the Blind, Minges Bottling Group, Inc., Perry Management, Inc., Spirit AeroSystems, Spring Arbor of Kinston, Wells Fargo, West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., and Woodmen of the World. Our Silver level members receive sponsorship of one signature event and two additional programs and events.

Many businesses are interested in making a higher-level investment to the Chamber through sponsorship. President's Club Sponsorship provides businesses the opportunity to demonstrate their community involvement while receiving expanded visibility. Marketing your business through the President's Club makes it possible for your business to reinforce your message and to build a network of customers that will help grow your business.