

Celebrating 21 Years as an Official Main Street Community

# Bonaparte Riverfront News

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## *Taste of History... centerpiece for Civil War Experience*

The Taste of History dinner theater will be the centerpiece for Bonaparte Main Street's first Civil War Experience weekend to be held throughout downtown Bonaparte on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. The three course dinner and portrayals will be held in the Whiteley Opera

House, on Saturday evening only, June 11, starting at 6 p.m.

Reservations are required and tickets are \$20.

The tables for the dinner will be set by locals to reflect the stories, characters or the era of the Civil War. Performers will

be in costume and character recounting their histories between each course and serving guests their dinner as well. Promotion Chair Dana Mabe is creating the menu in the hopes of using some old recipes from the time.

To expand on the annual Taste of History, a weekend event has been organized to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Re-enactors have been invited to camp on the North and South sides of the Des Moines River, respectively. A horse drawn wagon will be available both days to transport visitors back and forth across the river at no charge. A petting zoo will be on site along with sutlers, vendors, and displays throughout Bonaparte's National Historic Riverfront District.

To make reservations for the dinner call the Bonaparte Main Street office at 319-592-3400.

## *Vendors wanted for Civil War Sesquicentennial*

Bonaparte Main Street would like to invite all area groups and organizations to participate in the Civil War Experience, Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, by sponsoring an appropriate 1860's era activity or booth.

This is a unique opportunity to raise some money at a cost of \$25 for the weekend without electricity or \$35 with electricity. For more information, ideas, or to reserve a space contact Gianna Barrow at 319-592-3580.

## *Twyla Peacock is new Main Street Manager*

Twyla Peacock of Keosauqua has been hired to the position of manager for Bonaparte Main Street.



Twyla will officially begin her duties on May 2 bringing with her years of experience in customer service, volunteerism, community and civic involvements, and business ownership.

Board of Directors President, Ken Burns stated, "I am excited for the future growth of our Main Street program. The dynamic of our Main Street board of directors is always one that displays the passion held by each committee chair. I know that our board looks

forward to the new dimension Twyla Peacock will bring to the mix. Her years of experience working with both business leaders and the general public can only serve to enhance the quality of what we do for Bonaparte and the surrounding community. We welcome the addition of Twyla Peacock as our Main Street manager."

## *Help sponsor Union and Confederate flags in our downtown*

Bonaparte Main Street is looking for sponsors for Union and Confederate flags to fly throughout Bonaparte's downtown during the Civil War Experience. A free standing sign will be placed in front of the Opera House to identify contributors and in whose name, if applicable, the flags are sponsored i.e.; "In Memory of John Doe by John Jr. and Jane Doe."

To support a flag, please send a \$20 check to Bonaparte Main Street at PO Box 51, Bonaparte IA 52620 with the information you wish to be included by May 25, 2011.

# New Faces in Downtown Bonaparte



Sue and Ken Burns have opened "Burns Gallery & Tea Emporium" at 509 First Street in Bonaparte. Open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., the couple provides a blending of art and fine teas for your enjoyment in their shop or to purchase for your home.



Lezlee Miller has opened "The Repeat Boutique" at 102 Washington Street in Bonaparte with new and gently used clothing, jewelry and accessories. The Repeat Boutique is open Wednesday thru Friday from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

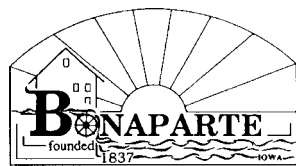
## City-wide Garage Sales May 27 and 28

Bonaparte's city wide garage sales are scheduled for May 27 and 28 from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. both days. If you are planning on have a sale during this time, contact Mendy Wenke at 319-592-3753 to have your location placed on a map, free of charge.

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## Our mission...

The mission of Bonaparte Main Street, Inc. is to improve the quality of life in Bonaparte by supporting existing businesses and cultivating an atmosphere for new business. Bonaparte Main Street, Inc., is dedicated to the preservation of our community. Your tax deductible contribution is an investment in Bonaparte's future and will be used to preserve and enhance the economic structure of Bonaparte. Your contribution makes you a member in good standing of the Bonaparte Main Street program which is affiliated with the Iowa and National Main Street programs.



### MAIN STREET

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**Emperor** - Glen Warner, Hugh and Rita McCoy, Roy and Gianna Barrow.

**Napoleon** - Larry and Mary Ellen Moore, Richard and Betty Eis, Mollie and Gervase Bentler, Carl Watts.

**Josephine** - Connie and Marshall Meek, Ilene Meek, Gary and Sam Dinsmore, Mary Meek, Glen and Wanda McCracken.

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