



Chamber Chatter

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TREAT STREET THIS SATURDAY!

We are very excited about Treat Street this year. It will be on Saturday from 4-6pm. There will be many new events this year for all to enjoy. KMSD will be playing spooky music on Main Street to set the mood. There will be a tent set up where children can come and enjoy Halloween stories by the fire. A hunted bus will be parked on the street for the brave ones to walk through! There will be many more decorations around to make a more festive atmosphere. This is where we need your help! If you are a Main St. business, please consider dressing up your storefront for the occasion. Just something as simple as some corn stalks tied to your lamp post will make it a more magical night for the little ones. We hope you will participate in decorating as well as handing out candy. Anticipate about 1000 kids to come through. If you are not available to hand out candy but would like to donate money to buy candy, please contact the Chamber office. In the event of inclement weather, Treat Street will be moved to the big Quonset on north Hwy 15. (old R&J BBQ) It will be announced on KMSD if we have to move.



Watch for membership information in your mailbox soon!

Visit the Farmers Market
Saturdays at the Visitor
Center from 9am - 1pm
Ends October 31st!
All vendors welcome!



From The Director's Desk

It's hard to believe that we are beginning another "new" year at the Chamber! Megan and I are really excited about the upcoming year and the great opportunities that we have to promote the businesses and this area! Couple of new things for you all to think about. We have added a link to the website that will allow our Chamber members to list any job openings that you may have. Please contact the office with the details of the position that you have and we will put the listing on the website. What a great and easy way to get the word out about your opening. If you have not checked out the website please do, www.milbanksd.com. It really looks good and has many great features. **If you would like a logo or photo attached to your business listing, email it to us and we will get it on there. Please send it in a jpeg or pdf file.** We also would like to remind you that we are happy to post an event on our calendar of events. Just email or call us with the details. We want the calendar of events to be a community calendar, an easy place for people to check out what is going on in the community and area.

Our Annual Meeting will be Nov. 9th, at noon. We will be hosting it at the Visitor Center! Please watch for your invitation! We will take nominations for 2 positions on the board. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please let the Chamber office know by Nov. 2, as we will need to get ballots ready for the Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Laura

Featured Business: Bill's SuperValu

Bill's SuperValu is a full service grocery store featuring a hot deli, fresh bakery, produce and meat. Bill's has been serving the Milbank area since 1954. Their moto is, "Where shopping is a pleasure."



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Milbank, SD 57252

Phone: 605-432-4543

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Website: www.billssupervalu.com

Store Hours

Monday-Saturday: 7:30am-10pm

Sunday: 8:30am-6pm

THE STORY OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in).

The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

By A.D. 43, Romans had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the four hundred years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain.

The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of "bobbing" for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

By the 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 All Saints' Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. It is widely believed today that the pope was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday. The celebration was also called All-hallows or All-hallowmas (from Middle English Al-holowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween. Even later, in A.D. 1000, the church would make November 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels, and devils. Together, the three celebrations, the eve of All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls', were called Hallowmas.



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You'll Like Milbank!



Calendar of Events

October

31 Halloween / Treat Street on Main St. from 4-6pm

November

7 MHS School Play "Our Town" 7:30pm at MHS Theater

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**13 Milbank Area Hospital Fundraiser - Bowser and Blue
National Guard Armory. Doors open at 6:30pm.**

18 Free Children's Flu Shot Clinic 2-7 at MHS

22 Holiday Open Houses 12pm - 4pm

26 Thanksgiving

27 Lighted Parade & Santa's arrival to Milbank

28 Cookies & Milk with Santa

Visitors Center 10am - 12pm

28 First Holiday Ol' Mill Buck Drawing 2pm

Want your event listed here?

Call us - 432-6656!

Call to schedule your Chamber After 5!

**Have you gotten your 2009-2010
Business and Professional Directory yet?**

**Stop by the chamber office and pick
yours up or give us a call and we will
deliver one to you!**