



Chamber Chatter

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Chamber Golf Scramble

It is time for the 6th Annual Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble. It will be held at Pine Hills Golf Club on Thursday, Sept. 10th. It will be an 18 hole, 4 person scramble. Registration starts at 11:30AM and tee off is at 12:30PM. The scramble is limited to the first 18 teams or 72 golfers. One person on each team must be a member of the Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce and only one person per team may be under a 10 USGA handicap. The cost is \$40 per person and includes 18 holes of golf and dinner. Mulligans will be sold individually at

2 for \$5. If you would like to purchase a ticket for dinner only, the cost is \$15. There will be lots of door prizes and individual hole prizes. This is a great event whether you are a serious golfer or just want to enjoy a fun day networking. Pick your teams and give us a call at the chamber to sign up. Please register by Tuesday, 9/8 so we can have an accurate meal count.

Don't miss this fun event and opportunity to network with your fellow Chamber Members.... Remember you don't have to be a "Golfer" to participate!



Farley Fest was a great success! Thank you to all who volunteered your time and resources!

Visit the Farmers Market Saturdays at the Visitor Center from 9am - 1pm

All vendors welcome!



From the Executive's Desk

Wow, it doesn't seem like Summer should be winding down already. Where did the time go? As we start to look toward fall and all that it brings, I would like to remind Chamber Members that we will wrap up another year at the Chamber. Our fiscal year ends in September and our Membership year begins in October. We will be getting Membership info out to our current Members and any potential Members. Please be watching for this information. We are also looking at doing a monthly billing for Memberships, all Chamber events and promotions so that you can spread your payments over the course of 12 months, versus a payment each time there is a promotion or an event. We hope that this will make is more feasible for more Members to participate in more events and promotions. We would also like to remind Members that we have two positions on the Board of Directors that will be open, we will have our election during our Annual meeting in Oct. Please be thinking about possible candidates. Let us know if you have suggestions or ideas for people to serve on the Board. Our community is full of great people that would ideal for this position. Thank you,

Laura

Did you know that all you have to do is call the Chamber if you have an event or out-of-town visitors and would like to see the Visitors Center after hours or on the weekend? We would be happy to make arrangements for the building to be open! Just give us a call!

Featured Business: Big Stone Radio

Big Stone Radio is the home to 4 stations; 1510 KMSD in Milbank, Power 106 in Watertown, 1350 KDIO in Ortonville and Pheasant Country 102.9 in Sisseton. Our Milbank station, KMSD is located at 15096 SD Hwy 15.

KMSD hosts many fun community events such as the recent "Milbank Dog Days" and the upcoming "City Goes Country". They are the voice of the Milbank Bulldog Sports!! Tune-in and listen to "Your Hometown Radio!"

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SAVING THE BRICK & MORTARS OUR NATION IS BUILT ON

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What three independently owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared? Stop in. Say hello. Pick up something that brings a smile. Your purchases are what keeps those businesses around.

50

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

68

For every \$100 spent in locally owned independent 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*.

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

Pick 3. Spend 50. Save your local economy.





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Labor Day Trivia



- Peter McGuire is considered the Father of the Labor Day holiday. An Irish-American cabinet maker and pioneer unionist proposed a day dedicated to all who labor at a meeting of the Central Labor Union on May 18, 1882.
- In September 1883, New York workers staged a parade up Broadway to Union Square. Few, if any, workers got the day off. Most were warned against marching in the parade with the threat of getting fired. Despite the warning, more than 10,000 workers showed up for the march.
- Twelve years later, on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland, long a foe of organized labor, but under voter pressure, signed a Labor Day holiday bill designating the first Monday of September for the holiday.

Calendar of Events

September

- 7 Labor Day
- 8 MBA meeting - Pizza Ranch at noon
- 10 6th Annual Chamber Golf Scramble
- 22 Autumn begins

Want your event listed here? Call us - 432-6656!

**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!**

Call to schedule your Chamber After 5!