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Time for the 2009 Farm & Home Show!

We are excited that the preparations have begun for our 2009 Farm & Home Show! This year's show will be January 16th and 17th. If you have not yet turned in your application, you better hurry! We have opened up the remaining spaces to those on our waiting list and they will fill up quickly! We are expecting a great show just like in years past. We will have lots of great businesses, food and door prizes. We will be having our Farmers Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, January 17th at the Visitor Center. We will be meeting with our awesome Ag Committee guys to iron

out all the details soon. You will be getting a form in the mail soon giving your business the opportunity to purchase tickets for the breakfast. You may give those tickets away to deserving farmers who shop in your business or we can give them away for you. What a great way to show your appreciation for all that they do for our community! We also ask that you consider donating a door prize to be given away at the Farm & Home Show. These are always a big hit and greatly appreciated. So mark you calendars, get in your applications and we hope to see you there!



PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE FARM & HOME SHOW



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We will begin working on our Business Directory soon. We have several businesses who have paid their dues but did not return the information form for the directory.

We would really appreciate having those forms. It will save us a lot of phone calls!

If you have any questions or need a form sent to you just give us a call!

From the Executive's Desk

As we enter a new year I am reflective and optimistic. This amazing community has seen many great things happen in 2008. We have had new businesses join our community, a number of businesses have expanded physically as well as increased their workforce. The Milbank Schools had another great year academically as well as great success in their extra-curricular activities. Many success stories there! Milbank was the host of the State Legion Baseball Tournament this year. The volunteers and committee that organized the tournament did an amazing job, amidst a horrible storm, they managed to get the field ready so they could play ball again. It is those stories that make this community such a great place to live and do business.

We are getting geared up for the Annual Farm & Home Show January 16th & 17th. This is a good event for Milbank, as we get to showcase the businesses and vendors in this area, to the thousands of people that attend the show each year. It is a time honored tradition for people to get out in the winter to visit with friends and family. We all watched as another phase of the Mill reconstruction was completed with more stages scheduled to be completed in 2009. We are excited about the tourism opportunities with the Mill. This will be a great addition to the numerous sites and activities in the area. Plans are underway for Farley Fest 2009! There will be some new things added this year and the excitement of all the familiar events will continue to grow. Look for details in the coming months. We are anxious to hear good news on the Big Stone II project. This project will be a really good thing for this area and we will continue to show our support for it. The Chamber is also excited about the proposed Veteran's Memorial Park. The Memorial Park will be another chapter to an already amazing story! The "You'll Like Milbank" story!

We wish each and everyone of you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Laura & Megan

Featured Business: Avera Milbank Medical Center

6 full-time physicians providing services in general medicine, obstetrical care and also specializing in surgery. In-house laboratory testing and x-ray services. A large number of nuclear tests can be performed at the clinic through mobile units. Variety of out-reach specialty services offered at the clinic including allergy,

cardiology, urology, orthopedic and audiology.

Visit their website at
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Mon-Fri: 8-5
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A NOTE FROM THE CITY OFFICE

Happy Holidays from the City of Milbank!! I was asked and think that this newsletter could serve as a wonderful way for the city to give updates and remind citizens of important happenings around the community. So hopefully you will be seeing a regular update from me or other individuals involved in the city to help create awareness about what is going on in the community.

The weather the past few days has reminded us we still do live in South Dakota and that around the holidays every year it will start to snow. So I thought that a quick review of the laws that pertain to snow might be helpful this time of year. First, snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalks in a reasonable amount of time. This is an ordinance that I could use your help on. If we are missing a sidewalk or haven't done a good job of getting someone to clean their sidewalk off, please let me know. The second law is that individuals are prohibited from placing snow or ice in the public right of way once the streets have been cleaned. This very simply means that if the snow plow has cleaned the street in front of a business or residence, you can't shovel or blow the snow back into the roadway. The last law that I would like to talk about is the parking of vehicles in the roadway while the snow is being removed. If there is more than 2 inches of snow accumulation and the snow plows are moving snow, you can't park in the roadway. If your vehicle is plowed around because it is in the roadway, you will receive a parking ticket and your vehicle will be towed.

Looking forward towards this spring and summer we will once again be busy with projects this construction season. We have two street projects in the works this year. One, south of 4th Ave. on 2nd St. and the other is north of 4th Ave. on 9th St. This summer will also be exciting as we continue to develop the parks around our community. We will be adding an additional section of bike path as well as continuing to develop the Windmill Park and Veteran Memorial Park. Recently some students from SDSU completed a project that provided us with six different designs for the memorial park. These proposals are on display in the Visitors Center please stop by, take a look and let one of the committee members know what you think.

Finally, we will be conducting some long range planning in the next few months in order to help set the priorities for the next five to ten years. Please consider how you would like to be a part of this planning as your input is necessary for the overall success of this process.

Happy Holidays,
Jason Kettwig - City Administrator

Remember the City and Chamber offices will be closed at 3pm on the 24th of December, and all day on December 25th and 26th and January 1st.

**COME IN TO THE VISITOR CENTER TO SEE THE
DIFFERENT DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR THE NEW
MEMORIAL PARK. BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS,
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR THEM!**



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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

20 Final Christmas Promotion drawing Zems 2pm

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year!

16 & 17 2009 Farm & Home Show

Milbank Armory

17 Farmers Appreciation Breakfast

Milbank Visitor Center

You'll Like Milbank!



Want your event listed here? Call us!

Call to schedule your Chamber After 5!



South Dakota Trivia



- It is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory.
- Rumor has it the tradition of spreading saw dust on the floors of bars and saloons started in Deadwood, SD due to the amount of gold dust that would fall on the floor. The saw dust was used to hide the fallen gold dust and was swept up at the end of the night.
- Pierre, South Dakota is the only example of a state and capital in the U.S. that don't share any letters.
- Spearfish, SD holds the world record for the fastest temperature change. On January 22, 1943, at about 7:30am, the temperature in Spearfish was -4. The Chinook kicked in, and two minutes later the temperature was 45 above zero. By 9am the temp had risen to 54. Suddenly, the Chinook died down and the temp tumbled back to -4. The 58 degree drop took only 27 minutes.