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Membership Drive Starts Soon

It is time once again for our annual membership drive. You should soon receive a membership guide in the mail.

Our mission statement says it all. "The Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce works to promote favorable economic growth and vitality for our membership and business community by marketing the region to new individuals as well as businesses and producing economic impact from tourism."

Here are a few of our membership services and benefits.

- We offer members advertising/marketing opportunities including the Chamber Chatter Newsletter, the Chamber website and your listing in the Business and Professional Directory.
- Opportunities for event sponsorship that showcase your business.
- Reduced Community Room rental fees and exhibitor/vendor booth fees.
- After 5 program.
- Ribbon cuttings for members only.
- Networking opportunities including the Annual Membership meeting.
- Tax deductible business expense.

How does your investment work?

It provides funds to coordinate Chamber events including the Grant County Farm and Home Show, Shape Up Milbank, Farley Fest, Fireworks Display, the Milbank Christmas Promotion and much more.

It provides for a staffed office and the opportunities to refer individuals to Chamber members.

It provides funds to promote the Milbank Area via printed maps, resource guides, city brochures, business directories, new resident packages and Ol' Mill Bucks.

It provides the member an avenue to become involved in the economic impact of the Milbank area.

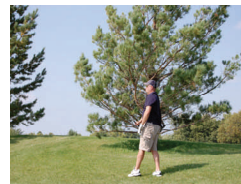
Treat Street will be October 31st from 4-6pm

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



2009 Chamber Golf Scramble

Our 2009 Chamber Golf Scramble was held on September 10th, on a great late summer day! We had a great turn-out and a lot of fun! Chamber members had an opportunity to play some golf, have some fun and network all at the same time. This is a great annual event, please consider joining us next year! The winning team was the team from Unzen Motors, members included Gordon Munson, Jerry Kathman, Theresa and Mike Dornbusch.



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 Therapies

Big Stone Therapies provides Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Occupational Health, Massage Therapy, Certified Athletic Training and Speech-Language Pathology to patients throughout South Dakota and Minnesota. Big Stone Therapies, Inc. is dedicated to providing excellence in rehabili-

tation services by optimizing health and function for families and businesses within their communities through caring hands-on healing.

BST places an emphasis on a hands-on and functional approach to rehabilitation. We believe in being engaged, interactive and intellectually involved with each customer.

For more information you may contact their clinic in Milbank

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A Word From the City

Looking out the window it is clear to see that the feeling and look of fall is definitely in the air. While this time of year brings many wonderful activities, it also brings with it the chores associated with the upcoming winter. As the days grow colder and shorter we will see more and more neighbors out cleaning yards, gutters and gardens. I would like to take a couple minutes to talk to you about the first of those chores, yard clean up. There are a couple reminders that if followed by the members of the community will make for a much easier transition to the winter months and the snow that will surely follow those months.

First, please take the time to bag and haul away your leaves. This town is blessed with wonderful trees and with those trees comes some responsibility. With these trees comes an overabundance of leaves to rake in the fall. I would like to remind you of the proper way to dispose of these leaves. First, what not to do, please don't blow your leaves into the gutter along the side of the street and leave them there for the street sweeper to pick up. This practice dramatically increases the time that it takes to do the fall clean up on the streets. If it is easier for you, there is no problem with blowing them to the street and picking them up once you have a pile of them. Next, where should you dispose of the leaves once you have picked them up? The City of Milbank has a yard waste pile at the city rubble site. The hours for this rubble site are 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

By working together, we get the fall cleanup completed quickly and truly make Milbank a Wonderful Place to Live.

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You'll Like Milbank!



Call to schedule your Chamber After 5!

Calendar of Events

September

- 23, 24, 25** Triple Dip Lodge Combined Appeal Fund-raiser. \$1 of every meal purchased goes to Grant County Combined Appeal!
- 26** Community Shred at Visitor Center
Free will donation for Combined Appeal
Bring any personal papers you would like to be shredded.
- 26** City Goes Country at Lake Farley Park
- 27** Grant County Combined Appeal Community Pancake Breakfast
Visitor Center from 9am - 1pm

October

- 2,3** NAIW - SD Council Meeting Hosted by Milbank Area Insurance Professionals
- 3** MHS Homecoming: Parade at 10:30, Game at 1:30
- 7** Ribbon Cutting and Open House for Street Graphex at their new location at Tyler Computer. Open House from 5-7. Ribbon Cutting at 5:15.
- 12** Columbus Day / Native American Day
- 31** Halloween / Treat Street on Main St. from 4-6pm

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!**