

Chamber Chatter

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"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."

Hometown Holiday Promotion



Our first Holiday drawing took place Saturday, Nov. 29th. Linda Pauli from Milbank was the lucky winner of \$1000 in Ol' Mill Bucks. She was present at Hartman's Family Foods.



There will be three more Saturday drawings; Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th. There will also be daily drawings for \$50 in Ol' Mill Bucks. Winners will be announced on KMSD during the morning show. You need not be present anywhere and do not need to call in for the "daily prize".

PLEASE!

Membership invoices were sent out in October!!! Take a minute to renew and return your forms with your contribution. If your employee numbers have changed just make the necessary corrections and adjust your payment. Your membership in the Chamber helps maintain sustained growth in our community which benefits everyone.

Deadline to return your form/payment is Dec. 31st!

Thanks for your support!

Spotlight on Small Business

Over the last year, the Chamber along with the Grant County Review has been sponsoring a free banner advertisement to current members.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please let us know! Sometimes we have a hard time getting an email response!

All that is needed is a short write up and a photo. If you would like an example, let me know and I will email you one to follow.

This is absolutely free!

Thank you to all businesses that are participating in this year's Hometown Holiday Promotion! You understand how important this event is to our community! Participating businesses include:

Berens Grocery, Bien Pharmacy, Bing Stone Radio, Casey's General Store, Milbank Radio Shack, Elli's Purses, Family Dollar, First Bank & Trust, Food-n-Fuel, Grant County Review, Great Western Bank, Hardees, Hartman's Family Foods, ITC, Judy's Hallmark, Lantern Inn, Lewis Family Drug, Linda's Fashion, Milbank Eyecare Center, Milbank Ford, Millstone Family Restaurant, NAPA, Pizza Ranch, Runnings, S&D One Stop, Seehafer Hardware Hank, Spa Jo's Total Image Salon, Taco Johns, The Flower Shoppe, and Valley Office Supplies



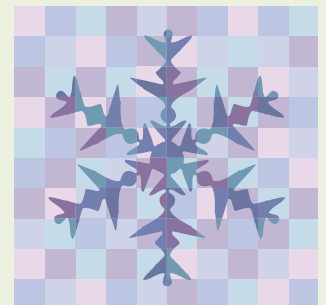
Winter Travel Tips:

If you are stranded in your vehicle:

- *Stay with your vehicle, call 911
- *Run engine sparingly, keep a downwind window cracked, keep exhaust pipe clear of snow, never go to sleep with engine running.
- *Keep feet off the floor when heater is not on, use newspapers, maps or removable car mats for added insulation. Do mild exercises to stay warm.
- *Eat high calorie food before sleeping to stimulate metabolism.
- *Tie a colorful banner to the antenna.
- *Keep gas tank near full at all times.

Survival Kit:

- *Shovel and flashlight with extra batteries
- *First aid kit
- *Non-perishable, high calorie, high protein snacks
- *Candles, matches, extra clothing and blankets
- *Cell phone with full battery
- *Windshield scraper
- *Brightly colored cloth to tie on antenna



Community Room Fees

We have implemented one small change going forward. The cost of the room will no longer include tax.

Therefore, cost for members will be \$10 per hour (\$25 non-member) **plus tax.**

2015 Farm & Home Show

This year's show is scheduled for January 16 & 17. Letters and applications have been sent to those who have participated in the past. The deadline to respond is Friday, Dec. 5th. If the Chamber has not heard back from you by that date, letters will be sent to those on our waiting list! Remember, in order to get the discount rate your membership dues must be paid!



New Members:

Edward Jones/Curt
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2015 Tentative Schedule of Events

Jan- Chamber Hosted After 5, Farmers Breakfast, Farm & Home Show

Feb- Lunch & Learn, Chamber After 5?

March- Women's Night Out Shopping Extravaganza

April- Chamber After 5?

May- Lunch & Learn

June- First Friday event, Farley Fest

July- First Friday event

Aug- First Friday event, Nat'l Night Out, Farmers Market begins, Rock Concert

Sept- Farmers Market continues, Golf Tournament, Movie in the Park, Annual Chamber Meeting

Oct- Farmers Market continues, Treat Street, Chamber After 5?

Nov- Holiday Shopping Open Houses, Holiday Promo, Chamber After 5?

Dec- Holiday Promo continues, Lunch & Learn

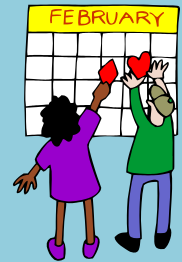
Sponsorship Opportunities for your business: Farley Fest; concert, Q-fest, Burnout, and Fireworks. Rock Concert.

Promotional Opportunities for your business: Farm & Home Show, Women's Night Out, Holiday Promo, Chamber After 5's

Door Prize Opportunities for your business: Farmer's Breakfast, Golf Tournament

(These opportunities allow your business to be spotlighted. You will be contacted by the Chamber before these events; however, you don't have to participate in all (that is not the intent). We offer a wide variety of events so that you can pick which ones fit your promotional needs).

Example: one business may sponsor the Fireworks, and give a door prize for the golf tournament. Another may sponsor the Burnout, have a Farm & Home Show booth, and participate in the Holiday promo. And a third business may give door prizes for the Farmers Breakfast, Golf Tournament, and host an After 5. The idea is to participate in whatever works best for you!



Toffee Chex Mix

- 1 C. Butter
- 2 C. Brown Sugar
- ½ C. Corn Syrup
- 10 C. Various Chex Cereals
- 1 Bag Pretzels
- 1 Can Mixed Nuts

Bring the first 3 ingredients to a boil for 2 minutes. Place the cereal, pretzels, and nuts in a large roasting pan. Pour syrup mixture over and stir. Place in a 325 degree oven for 8 minutes. Cool on parchment paper, break apart and store in an air tight container.

Old Mill Bucks

If you are in need of Old Mill Bucks, please call or email the office in advance if possible. This will prevent you from having to wait should I be busy or out of the office. Thanks!



After 5 Events

*Socialize and Network! Visit and Brainstorm!
That's what and After 5 is. Be the first to call the Chamber to schedule one in February and we will supply a door prize! This is a great way to highlight your business to fellow Chamber Members. Give the Chamber a call today!*

Pictures with Santa will be Thursday Dec. 4th at First Bank & Trust from 3pm-5:30pm.

Cookie Contest is Sat. Dec. 6th at Seehafer Hardware Hank. Judging at 2pm. Drop off entries by noon.

**I heard the bells
on Christmas day
Their old familiar
carols play,
And wild and
sweet the words
repeat
Of peace on
earth, good will to
men.**

Calendar of Events

December – Bingo Month

- 4-Toastmasters, Pictures w/Santa, First Bank & Trust
- 6-Holiday Drawing 2pm
- 13-Holiday Drawing 2pm
- 15-Lemon Cupcake Day
- 16-Alzhiemers Support Group
- 18-Toastmasters
- 20-Holiday Drawing 2pm, Cookie Walk Avera
- 22-Lions Club
- 24-Christmas Eve
- 25-Christmas Day
- 27-Nat'l Fruitcake Day
- 31-New Year's Eve



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