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Coming up...

Women's Day

Saturday, November 8th

Watch for more details!

Greetings From Your President

By Dawn Riley, NDWS



Greetings! Here we are at the change of the season again, where has this year gone? I would like to start with saying “THANK YOU MICHELLE WOBBERMA” for all of your hard work you have done

over the past six years as a Chamber Board Member and as the President of the Chamber of Commerce for the past 2 years. We all appreciate your dedication and hard work.

Every year at this time the Chamber goes through change, just like leaves on the trees changing colors the Chamber Board changes members every fall. I have been a board member for 1 year, previous to being a board member I was the EVP for the Chamber. I am looking forward to this next year and working with the new and current board members.

My goal for the year to come is to make sure our members know who we “The Chamber” are. Far too often we hear “I have never had a visit from the Chamber” or “I don’t know who the Chamber Board Members are”. I want our Chamber members to know who we are and what we do. We are here for our members, and they need to know that.

The Valley City Chamber is here to promote and meet the needs of business and industry and to create the best community in which to live, work and do business.



Remember to
SHOP LOCAL!

July 2014: \$173,676

July 2013: \$165,698

June 2014: \$216,195

June 2013: \$268,483

2014-2015

Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dawn Riley, President
North Dakota Winter Show

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Sheyenne Care Center

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VCSU

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Chamber Member Spotlight



We are looking forward to the Chamber Member Annual Meeting, on October 20th, at Sheyenne Riverbend Farm and we hope to see you there! A complimentary supper being served from 6:00 to 6:30, followed by the Annual Meeting. Please watch your mail for more details.

Remember, it is the policy of the Chamber to refer Chamber Members first.

Have a great month!

~Kay~

Thank you to our members who have renewed their membership in the Valley City Area Chamber. We look forward to working together and serving you this year!

- BeMobile, Inc • Concept Denitstry • Curves •
- Sheyenne Riverbend Farm • VCSU Theater •

Thank You!
for Your Support!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pizza Ranch
1066 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701)845-4455

You'll love the wide selection of salad, pizza, chicken and fixin's plus delectable desserts. It's "Buffet Your Way", and it's what makes us famous!

Wellness at Revelations of Beauty
12076 26th St. SE.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701)490-2897

The primary focus, is the wellness and healing of patients. Working from the inside out, focal points include chronic disease, preventative education, and healthy maintenance.

Thrivent Financial
New Agent: Scott Wilmes
160 2nd St. NW.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701)845-2894 / (701)840-3910

Scott will assist in assessing your current situation and develop a customized financial strategy to help you reach and protect your goals.

The Snowman Competition is almost here!

Competition begins November 22, 2014

There is a limited amount of snowmen available. If you are interested in renting a snowman this season contact the Chamber office at 845-1891 or email at chamber@valleycitychamber.com



Annual Chamber Board Retreat



Dr. Margaret Dahlberg of VCSU pictured with Kay Vinje Chamber EVP.



Chamber Board Members pictured with Mayor, Bob Werkhoven and City Commissioner, Eldred Knutson.



The Annual Chamber Board Retreat took place on September 26th, 2014. This all day meeting takes place as an opportunity for the Chamber Board to discuss the upcoming years events, programs, review the budget, meet new elected Board Members, and to get updates from the community.

Thank you to all who were able to attend.



Advertising in the Newsletter
SIZE OF AD (on the pages of the newsletter)

Business Card \$25
 1/8 Page \$50
 1/4 Page \$90

\$40/insert. We ask that 220 copies be dropped of at the Chamber office by no later than 3 pm on the 25th of the month.

BUSINESS

AFTER HOURS



Pictured (L-R): Kay Vinje, Nancy Bjerke, Brent Thomsen, Jenn Moore, Dawn Thomsen, Sandy Knudsen, Dalene Brock, Tami Kratz, Reed Anderson, and Dave Weshnevski.



Nancy Bjerke

September's Business After Hours was hosted by Curves on September 18th from 5pm-7pm. The re-grand opening and ribbon cutting was a celebration of the new equipment and new ownership.

Curves, in Valley City opened in April 2002, with Dawn and Brent Thomsen taking ownership in May of 2011. Founders, Gary and Diane Havin, started Curves back in 1995 in Texas and it has grown to be the world's largest fitness franchise. Curves is a 30-minute exercise circuit comprised of 12 new hydraulic resistance machines. Most of the hydraulic machines used in the circuit generate a "double positive" workout, meaning two different (opposing) muscle groups are being worked at the same time. Between each machine there is a mat to walk, jog, or for the really ambitious individuals to incorporate the Jillian Michaels movements between stations. These mats are designed to allow your muscles to cool down but keep you moving and your heart rate up, thus improving strength training, cardio, and aerobics with a warm up and cool down all in 30-minutes.

If that hasn't perked your interest, the reasonable costs may, \$49/month without a 12 month contract, or \$39/month with a 12 month contract. There is also a Mother/Daughter special, to add on it is only \$15/month. Lastly, Curves does participate with most insurance fitness reward programs. In addition, Curves offers Zumba classes Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Tuesdays at 7 am for an additional fee of \$1 per class for Curves members and \$3 per class for non-Curve members (times may vary depending on instructor availability). All who came had a wonderful time and enjoyed tasty food, and other samples of the Curves brand meal and snack bars.

REGULAR HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday

6 am—1:30 pm
&
3 pm—7:30 pm

Thursday

6 am—1:30 pm
&
3 pm—7 pm

Friday

6 am—1:30 pm
&
3 pm—6 pm

Saturday

September Customer Service Award: Shirley Willson



Congratulations to Shirley Willson of Leever's Foods on being selected as the September Customer Service Award Winner! Shirley was nominated by Bonnie Benson. Bonnie had so many wonderful and thoughtful things to say about Shirley's customer service over the past three years:

Pictured (L-R): Dave Weshnevski, Deb Koeplin, Sandy Knudsen, Rick Idland, Lisa Olstad, Shirley Willson, and Chad Grabinger.

"Three years ago it became possible for me to do my grocery shopping in the morning instead of on the weekends or in the evening. It only took a time or two of going through the checkout line where Shirley was cashier for me to seek her out whenever it is time to check my groceries. She is efficient without rushing me through which is the number one reason I go through her line. Plus she has made me aware of the possibility of extra savings I have missed when going through the weekly ads and making out my shopping list. Thank you, Shirley! On two separate occasions there has not been a carry out person nearby and she has carried my groceries out to my pickup for me. She is a professional at her job- efficient, courteous, thoughtful, helpful, considerate, and friendly. A lot of those things that are absent from customer service now days, Shirley carries out every day. She is an asset to her employer and I appreciate her for her good service."

~Bonnie Benson

The Ambassadors are always looking for businesses to visit! Have a new employee? Moved or remodeled? Have something you'd like to share? Why not invite the Ambassadors for a visit? Contact the Chamber at 845-1891 for more information!

Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce September Ambassador Visits



Eagles Nest Bookstore

Retiring Employee, Elaine Walls
New Store Manager, Dinah Heinze

248 Central Ave N.
701-845-1519

Need a good book? Exchange your used books for other used books you haven't yet read. They also offer "Pride of Dakota" products. Lotions, pottery, coasters, calendars, mugs, bath gels, and so much more.



Pictured (L-R): Sandy Knudsen, Lori Jury, Steve Hammel, Dinah Heinze, Mary Simonson, Elaine Walls, Sue Kapaun, Dave Weshnevski, Scott Wilmes, and Kay Vinje.



Pictured (L-R): Lori Jury, Kay Vinje, Paul Aslakson, Scott Wilmes, Sue Kapaun, Sandy Knudsen, and Dave Weshnevski.



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Thrivent partner, Paul Aslakson and Thrivent agents, David Bjornson, and Scott Wilmes.

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Community School of the Arts

We have classes and activities for artists of all ages and abilities...check us out at csa.vcsu.edu

- Private music lessons: violin, guitar, and beginner piano currently available
- The community orchestra is looking for additional members
- Youth ceramics class: Sat. Oct. 11, 18, and 25; 10:00am-noon

To register for these and other opportunities, contact Connie 845-7267 or connie.reiten@vcsu.edu

Chamber Committee Meeting Dates

(dates subject to change)

Tuesday, October 7 - 11am
CVB Meeting

Tuesday, October 9 - 7:30am
Ag Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 8 - 11:00am
Ambassador Committee Visit
**Lunch provided*

Thursday, October 16 - 7:00am
Commerce Committee Meeting

Friday, October 17 - 7:00am
Chamber Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 22 - 10am
Ambassador Committee Meeting

If you are interested in serving on a Chamber committee, please contact the Chamber at 845-1891.

We appreciate your ideas and efforts!

