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Happy Spring Everyone!

Spring was my Dad's favorite season. As a lifelong farmer, he always said, "Absolutely anything is possible in the spring!" I believe that's true no matter your field of work, and hope that this spring leads you to great adventures, joys and successes.

We want to send out a "Million Thanks" to all who purchased Chamber Bucks during the Love of Local Chamber Buck sales! As we were selling, we got to hear lots of great stories on how people are spending their bucks. Businesses throughout town are telling their side of the For Love of Local program with reports increased sales and foot traffic. A common thread from both has been big smiles! We hope you continue to have fun spending the $1,000,000 of Chamber Bucks that are floating around the community! Hats off to the City Commission for creating this plan to share CARES money with our community members while benefiting local businesses.
Our sincere hope is that the takeaway from this project will be that you all have discovered (or rediscovered) the treasure we have in our local businesses and the joy of doing business with your friends & neighbors – and that these relationships will continue to grow. This kind of local support will cause our local businesses to thrive. A

vibrant local economy is our goal, and Valley City is well on its way with your support! Thank you!!!

As always, we are grateful to each of our renewing members, listed below!
I wish you a very Happy Easter and a blessed spring!

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A Message From Your Chamber Board President

I hope this nicer weather finds you happy, healthy and in good spirits. Covid sure has put us in challenging times, but as North Dakotan's do, we adapt and overcome.

I want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the chamber staff and city staff for all the hard work that went into the For the Love of Local campaign. I have heard many positive comments and feedback from local businesses and shoppers alike, so we are most certainly achieving our goal for the campaign. Thank you to all who braved the bitter cold to participate in the program as well. Now, get out and spend those Chamber Bucks! One very important piece of shopping local "if you think you can't find it in Valley City, just ask." Did you know that many of our local businesses will special order items for you? Yep, they most certainly will! I order fabric, sewing notions, uniforms, formals, suits… so, just ask! I know you will be pleasantly surprised. While remodeling of some apartments, we had Handy Hardware order some showers for us. I had no idea they would do that until I ASKED! Huge shout out to Megan at Handy Hardware! 😊

As we look forward to summer, we are in full swing planning RALLY IN THE VALLEY!!! Lots in the works for making this the best Rally ever! If you are interested in being a vendor; craft, or food, please contact the chamber office during business hours.

Quickly following Rally in the Valley, we have Crazy Daze Wednesday, July 28th! Crazy Daze is sure to be just that….CRAZY! Deals galore are sure to be found during that most CRAZY of DAZE □ □ And, again, if you are interested in being a craft or food vendor, please contact the chamber office during business hours.
I look forward to safely seeing you out and about this summer.

Tanya Couture,
Chamber President

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For The Love Of Local Chamber Buck sales are done, but the shopping is not!! Keep spending those bucks at our local businesses. The promotion goes through the end of April and the bucks are good at all participating Valley City businesses. Beginning May 1, the bucks go back to being good at Chamber Member businesses only. Please see our website for a complete listing of those businesses and the program details. www.valleycitychamber.com.

We would like to thank all the businesses who are taking Chamber Bucks and who are having additional promotions during this time. We would also like to thank The City of Valley City for contributing funds for this promotion and helping to make it a success. A HUGE thank you to our Chamber board members for all of their extra time and contributions to this!

Ambassador Visits

McDonald's celebrated their grand opening January 21st in Valley City. They are located right off exit 292 on the south side of the Interstate, next to Love's Travel Stop. If you haven't already, stop in and welcome them to town.

Many customer service awards were given in February and March.

The first one being for **Kris McLean** at **Dutton's Parlour.**
"When you walk into Dutton's Parlour, you immediately feel welcome when Kris greets you with a cheerful "hello" and a big smile. She is very thoughtful, she wants to know your name, often remembers ones name, what one's usual order is and has trained her staff well in prompt customer service (with a smile)"

The second customer service award was given to **Penney Leifson** at **Miller Motors**.
"I went to get into my car and noticed there was a pool of oil underneath the drivers side. I went to Miller Motors and Penney took the vehicle inside to determine if it should be driven out of town. She determined it was not safe and immediately arranged for a vehicle for me to drive to my appointment. In addition, she left my vehicle in the shop so it would be warm when we got back. She wanted to make sure my puppy would not be getting into a cold vehicle. She went above and beyond helping me with my needs"

Megan, Joan, Doug and Joel at **Handy Home & Hardware** also received a Customer Service Award. *"Whenever I stop at Handy Hardware I am greeted by name, asked if there is something I need help with. When I call they process my request and have it waiting for me. If I need help with anything they take the time to answer my questions and help in whatever way is needed. It is a great hometown hardware store!*

Ken Schuldheisz at **High Plains Water** received a customer service award. *"My water softener started making loud noises and I was worried about a fire. Ken came on his day off (Thanksgiving) to make repairs within 30 minutes of my call. That is customer service!"*

If you have received outstanding service and would like to nominate someone for a Customer Service

award and have our Ambassadors pay them a visit, please fill out this form.

Thank you to our renewing Chamber Members!!

Leevers North
Leevers South
Liquor Locker
RKS Sales & Service
Central Avenue Healthmart Pharmacy
Valley Officeworks
ARC Thrift-E-Shop
Bills Variety Eats & Catering
Connect Church
James Lochow CPA
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Prairie Frame Shop
Enterprise Electric INC
Bridge City Dentistry
Wade's Service Center
McLean Frames
Ground To Sky
Bridges Arts Council

Dakota Rose Floral
Pain Relief Center
Valley City Veterinary Hospital
Valley Sales
Puklich
Abused Person's Outreach Center
Maple River Grain & Agronomy
Cornerstone Rental
Valley City Public Works
Bridge City Cruisers
Classified Directories
Woodland Steakhouse Bar & Grill
Real Deals
New Life Assembly Of God
Wendel Auto Body
Valley Service
Barnes County Ambulance
Urban Couture
D & B Portables

Please welcome our NEW Chamber Members!

McDonald's
Spud's Signs & Graphics
Spud's Performance
Valley Auto Parts NAPA
Lucky's Septic Service

DMV Corner

Vehicle

Driver

DMV Services

The DMV is providing title work by appointment from 9-11 and 12-3. Renewals can be done in person or via phone. If you need services outside of that time frame, please call the DMV at 701-845-3812. You can schedule appointments online at dot.nd.gov.

The Drivers License Division is currently traveling to Valley City the first and third Wednesday of each month. Services are available by appointment only by going online to dot.nd.gov or calling 1-855-633-6835.

Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation

The Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation would like to invite you to join in a **Pilot Project** conversation, a precursor to our upcoming community event this summer **The Longest Table**.

The Pilot Project will be held at *Alley Beans* on **Thursday, April 15th**. Each conversation is limited to 18 people and registration is required.

CLICK HERE **to register for the 8:15-9:30 am conversation. Coffee and treats will be provided.**

CLICK HERE **to register for the 11:45-1:00 pm conversation. Lunch will be provided.**

Please see the attachment for more information on The Longest Table and the Pilot Project. Contact Andrea Nelson for more information or questions.

Thank You,

Andrea Nelson
DIRECTOR
Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation
250 West Main ST
Valley City, ND 58072

Jamestown Cancer Support Group

Help for Hope and Healing

OUR MISSION:

Helping Cancer patients on the journey to hope and healing

Jamestown Cancer Support Group is a non-profit, all volunteer organization which offers assistance with transportation costs to cancer patients and their friends and families. We also try to match other needs that cancer patients may have with volunteers who can help.

Serving the Counties of

- Barnes
- Dickey
- Eddy
- Foster
- LaMoure
- Stutsman

Here's how YOU can help

If you are willing to volunteer to help cancer patients and their caregivers, please contact Jamestown Cancer Support Group and join our team. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Here's how we can help

If you have been diagnosed with cancer and need help with transportation costs, someone to talk to, or some other type of assistance, please contact the Jamestown Cancer Support Group.

Email:
HHH@jamestowncancersupport.org

Website:
jamestowncancersupport.org

Facebook:
jamestowncancersg

Call or Text:
Laurel Haroldson – **701-269-9543**

Write:
Jamestown Cancer Support Group
PO Box 1756
Jamestown, ND 58402-1756

Jamestown Cancer Support Group Board of Directors

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The Jamestown Cancer Support Group is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please let us know if you have any upcoming events that you would like us to add to our weekly Eblast. Please email chamber@valleycitychamber.com
if you would like to have a flyer inserted in the Newsletter, the cost will be $30.
Please view our website calendar for a full listing of events.

Rally In The Valley

Head out to beautiful downtown Valley City Saturday June 19th and take in the events. There will be vendor booths, a parade, car show, great food, a duck race and more!

If you are a vendor (food or craft) and would like to sign up:

2021 Rally Vendor Form

If you would like to be in the Parade:

Parade Entry Form

Would you like to be a sponsor of Rally?

Rally Sponsor Form

Questions? Please email or call The Chamber, chamber@valleycitychamber.com or 701-845-1891. The forms are also available on our website at ***www.valleycitychamber.com***

Silent Auction: Bids are written on a sheet of paper. At the pre-determined end of the auction, the highest bidder wins the items. Items are NEW/GRAND PRIZE WORTHY donations. Ex: TV, overnight stay at hotel, furniture.
Norwegian Auction: Participants buy numbered tickets during the event. They then place any number of tickets into a bag near the desired item. If their numbered ticket is chosen, they are the winner. Items are NEW/GENTLY USED donations: Ex: books, household items, jewelry, pet supplies.

COMMUNITY HEARTSAVER CPR/AED and FIRST AID class

For anyone in the community needing CPR/AED and/or FIRST AID certification, please sign up. It is available for the general public by the Valley City Cardiac Ready Community team.

It will be on May 17th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Health Education Center at CHI Mercy Health hospital. You will be scheduled for a time (approximately 1 hour) to check off skills. Cost is $25.
You will also be required to take an Heartsaver First aid CPR AED online (cost $30) at https://shopcpr.heart.org. It HAS to be the American Heart Association class.

If you are a daycare provider, you will need to take the Pediatric Heartsaver First aid CPR AED online. You **MUST** bring your certificate to class.

Call Alana at 701-840-1009 for further information. THANK YOU!
For more info: mercyhospitalvalleycity.org

Chamber Committee Meeting Dates

Ag Committee
2nd Thursday of each month
Commerce Meeting
4th Friday of each month
Ambassador Visits
2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month
Board Meeting
3rd Friday of each month

Valley City Sales Tax Collections

2019
November $185,654
December $232,158
2020
November $167,345
December $224,492

(Dates are subject to change, please verify with the Chamber for meeting times and formats)