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A message from your Event Coordinator:

The last couple months have been busy for us here at the Chamber. Rally in the Valley was in June and even though it was hot an windy, that didn't keep people from coming out and enjoying all of the festivities. The parade was fabulous, the car show had some great entries as usual, the food was delicious and there was even a hugely attended street dance to end the night.

The list of people to thank is HUGE!! We would like to thank everyone who braved the June weather to come out and take part. We need to give a huge shout out to the Bridge City Cruisers Car Club for all the work that goes into the car show portion. They are a great bunch of people that we have the pleasure of collaborating with for this event. If there are any of you who might be interested in joining them, they are always looking for new members. We also need to thank the City of Valley City especially the Public Works individuals who do a lot of behind the scenes work for all of the events that go on in town. A special thanks to Brandy Johnson for patiently assisting with all of the city forms and requirements that go along with the events. Also, thanks to James Jenson, Re/Max and Chance Fraze, Valley City Town & Country club for the use of their golf carts. We put on MILES this day and that makes the load a little easier.

Crazy Daze was after Rally in July and that too was a huge success. We had many shoppers and many vendors in town and there were a lot of great deals to be had. Back after a several year hiatus were Bison Burgers! These were served up by the

Trap Club and were a HUGE hit by the masses!! We welcome them back in years to come and hope to make it a tradition once again!!

Last but certainly not least, thanks to all of the Chamber Member businesses who support these events! Please make sure to support those businesses who help make these events possible!

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2022 Rally in the Valley Recap

Rally in the Valley 2022 is a wrap. It was hot and it was windy, but that didn't stop many from heading out to enjoy the day's festivities.

Many gathered for the parade, car show, class reunions and more. We would like to thank everyone who attended, participated, assisted and sponsored this event.

We look forward to a fabulous 2023!

Crazy Daze

Crazy Daze was held Wednesday July 27th.

It was a beautiful day downtown and around Valley City. People of all ages were out and about for great food, crazy deals, bouncy houses and more.

Thanks to everyone who shopped, ate and took in the day. Also thanks to the vendors who set up and the sponsors who help make this day a great success!

Ambassador Visits

Wyatt Friestad Customer Service Award

Wyatt Friestad also works at Smith Lumber and was awarded a Customer Service Award on July 20th.
Wyatt's happy customer writes:
"I went to Smith Lumber to pick up more paint as I was painting our garage. As I picked up the gallon of paint, the bottom one fell to the floor and exploded! Picture this, paint all over the floor, on other paint cans and on shelving (not to mention myself dripping and standing in paint!). Wyatt came to my rescue with towels, rags and water and helped get the mess cleaned up. He also got paint on his

Tanner Nielsen Customer Service Award

Tanner Nielsen formerly of S&S Electric, now Smith Lumber received a customer service award on July 20th. His customer writes:
"I had purchased a weed blower while Tanner was employed at S&S Electric. That weed blower had a malfunction and needed a part. Tanner ordered the part but it has not arrived. He brought his own weed blower for me to use until the part arrived (same brand as mine). Recently I needed a weed eater. He stopped at my house today to offer his weed eater for me to use until we found what I needed. That is customer service at its best. He went beyond that extra step"

Awesome job Tanner!

clothes but said it was no big deal and was glad to help. What a fine, outstanding boy Wyatt is! Thanks Wyatt for your caring customer service!"

Way to go Wyatt!

Smith Lumber - Grand Re-Opening

Just 18th through the 22nd Smith Lumber had their Grand Re-opening. They had a bucket sale and Friday they ended their Grand Re-Opening week with a BBQ Cookoff and Brockopp Brewing was on hand with refreshments. Be sure to stop out and visit Tim, Brenda and all of their staff. They have new items being stocked on a regular basis and if they don't have what you want, ask them about it! They can likely order it for you!

South Central Transit Network

On July 20th the Chamber Ambassadors took a ride on South Central Transit Network's beautiful new Trolley. According to Transit Director Rod Graffing, Covid took a toll on their ability to obtain new transit vehicles. The new Trolley became available and has the same underside as their normal transit vehicles it just looks like a Trolley on the outside. It can hold up to15 people and they are doing city wide routes on Tuesday's and Thursday's. If the demand grows, they will expand those routes to other days and possibly weekends. If you have questions or

want the route schedule, you can visit their website at **www.southcentraltransitnetwork.org** or call the office at 701-845-4300.

DMV Corner

The Valley City Motor Vehicle office is a title printing office. What this means is in most situations you will now get your title when you come into the DMV office. It's more important now than ever to have an appointment when you come in for title work.

The Motor Vehicle office is open regular hours from 8am-11am and 12pm-4pm Monday through Friday. Title work is being done by appointment, but renewals can be done on a walk-in basis. To make an appointment, you can call 701-845-3812 or you can schedule online at www.dot.nd.gov.

The Drivers License Division travels to Valley City twice a month on the first and third Wednesday. They are located at the Grand Stay Hotel and do require an appointment. To make an appointment or if you have questions call 1-855-633-6835 or go online at www.dot.nd.gov.

Employment Opportunities

Seeking Employment or know someone who is? For a complete job listing please see the Valley City-Barnes County Development website at: https://valleycitynd.org/pages/vdg-workforce
Workforce Center is also open to assist you in your job search!
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9AM-12PM & 1PM-4PM, Appointments Preferred.

If you are a business who is hiring and wants to have your job listed on the workforce website, please contact Kara at recruit@hellovalley.com or call 701-490-3536.

Social Media

The Chamber wants to help you boost your business through Social Media! Please tag us on Facebook and Instagram!
https://www.facebook.com/vcchamber
instagram.com/valleycitychamberofcommerce
We would love to share your posts and make your business more visible!

Would you like to promote your business? We would like to help you do that. For only $30 we can add your flyer to our monthly newsletter! Please contact the chamber at chamber@valleycitychamber.com or 701-845-1891

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
Please view our website calendar for a full listing of events.

SHEYENNE RiverFest

AUGUST 6, 2022

Chautauqua Park Fort Ransom State Park

Register at www.vcparks.com or day of the event.

FRIDAY:

5:30 P.M. - Rosebud Visitor Center
Scenic Byway Drive with the Bridge City Cruisers

SATURDAY:

9:00 A.M. - National Fish Hatchery & Fort Ransom State Park
Kayak Launches *ending* at Chautauqua Park and Sportsman Landing

10:00 A.M. - Chautauqua Park
Riverwalk

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Chautauqua Park
Fishin' Hole Challenge - Bean Bag Toss
Booths Open

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Fort Ransom State Park
Kids Day at the Park - Booths Open
Booths Open

11:00 A.M. - Chautauqua Park
Canoeing 101 - Scott Tichy shared basic canoeing skills in hands-on demo

12:00 P.M. - Chautauqua Park
Raffle Drawings (do not have to be present to win)

$5 RAFFLE TICKETS - 5 FOR $20

3 Adult Kayaks	Moore Engineering, Grotberg Electric and Not in My House
Youth Kayak	Not in My House
Hand-Crafted Paddle	Made by Scott Tichy
Weber Grill	Valley Plains Equipment
Kayak Cooler	Handy Home & Hardware
Gift Cards	

WIN BIG!

VISIT THE ROSEBUD VISITOR CENTER OR THE GAUKLER FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER

Bank Forward
Prairie Frame Shop
Handy Home & Hardware

Chamber Committee Meeting Dates

Ag Committee
2nd Thursday at 4:30
Commerce Meeting
4th Tuesday at 4:00
Ambassador Visits
2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month

Valley City Sales Tax Collections

2021
March $273,062
April $193,480
2022
March $237,279
April $239,867

Board Meeting
August 26 at 8:30

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