Chamber Member News

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A Message from your Event Coordinator

On this day in 1972, my mom gave birth to her first child. I've never been too consumed with age, like my dad always says, "it's just another day". This birthday however, has made me reflect on many things in life. big things, little things, all those things in life we should be thankful for and all the things we take for granted. 50 years young is something to be thankful for and here's to the next 50 years! (and thanks to everyone here at the Visitor Center for the surprise party!)

Besides my birthday, February to me means winter is almost over and we should be through the worst of the weather (no matter what Punxsutawney Phil Says) . It's been a harrowing winter, but It's a great month to shop local for those Valentine gifts! Valley City has many wonderful places where you can buy all kinds of fun things for those special people in your lives. I would encourage you to take advantage of our local stores. I seem to find something different I didn't know was available every time I step in somewhere local to shop!

We are working hard at the Chamber to bring you fun events and to take care of our members. Soon chamber members will have an opportunity to fill out an electronic survey and tell us what we can do for you as a Chamber. Be watching for that.

We also have some events on the horizon such as a Cocoa and Coffee Crawl on March 5th and the Ag Social March 9 which is done in conjunction with the North Dakota Winter Show. See below for more information on both. Also be on the lookout for information on the 2022 Rally in the Valley.

There are many hours that go in to bringing these events to the community and we have already begun preparing for those summer activities that everyone loves.

Please follow our Facebook page and our website for updates on everything the chamber has going on plus other events and happenings in Valley City and the surrounding area.

2021-2022 Board of Directors

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Chamber Staff

Kay Vinje
Executive Vice President

Tracey Compson
Event Coordinator

Amanda Rowh
DMV Coordinator

2022 Chamber Awards

It's time to nominate for the 2022 Chamber Awards. These awards are given annually to those businesses and individuals who help build and strengthen our community. If you know of a Chamber member business or individual who meets the below, please submit a nomination. Nominations can be done online, or via email to the Chamber at chamber@valleycitychamber.com. If you email, please include who you're nominating (business name or individual name), which award and why you feel

they meet the criteria.

Online Nomination

2022 Chamber Awards

Nominations are due online or in hard copy to the Chamber office by March 11, 2022
Presented at the Chamber Celebration and Awards on Thursday April 7, 2022

Business of the Year

2022 Valley City Chamber of Commerce Awards

- In business for a minimum of 3 years
- Growth in number of employees
- Increase in business activity
- Innovative in products or services offered
- Evidence of contributions to community projects or events
- Good history of employee relations
- Member of the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce

Community Image Award

2022 Valley City Chamber of Commerce Awards

- Improvement/ enhancement work must have been in progress during year of consideration
- Improvement/ enhancement work must have been completed by time of nomination
- Member of the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce

Community Spirit Award

2022 Valley City Chamber of Commerce Awards

An individual who in the last year has:

- Been a leader in our business community
- Contributed to the betterment of our community
- Been identified as a promoter for all that is good about Valley City

Hi-Line Award

2022 Valley City Chamber of Commerce Awards

An individual who over a period of years has:

- Been a leader in our business community
- Exceeded the day-to-day duties of their job or position
- Contributed to the betterment of our community
- Been resourceful, sharing information for the benefit of others
- Been identified as a promoter for all that is good about Valley City
- Served or is serving as a Chamber volunteer through committee or board.

To nominate a business or individual contact the Chamber Office:
701-845-1891 OR
chamber@valleycitychamber.com

VCSU
Center for the Arts

January 4, Kay, Tracey and VCSU Representative Board Member Tammy Jo Taft took a tour of the new VCSU Center for the Arts Building. The tour was conducted by VCSU President Al LaFave, and gave us an inside look at this beautiful, multi-million dollar facility.

The art facilities include a ceramics lab, printmaking, painting and drawing studios, a digital design lab, a digital photography studio and a woodshop. The music facilities include a 350 seat performance hall, a 100 seat recital hall/choral room, a band room, a recording and production studio, large and small practice rooms and faculty offices/studios.

What a welcome addition this to the VCSU campus and the City of Valley City!

For more information regarding this new space, you can go to **VCSU's Website**.

Ambassador Visits

Customer Service Award
CHS Dakota Plains Ag

On January 12, Dakota Plains Ag employees were the recipient of the Chamber Customer Service Award. A customer of theirs writes "All of the employees are eager to help pump your gas, clean your windows or provide any other service that is needed. Including garden products, propane or any of the products they offer. They are friendly and make every effort to insure the customer is satisfied."
Great work Dakota Plains Ag!!

Valley Officeworks

Valley Officeworks has a plethora of office and art supplies but did you also know they are a UPS access point for handling, shipping and dropping off packages? They can help you return packages, send packages and they can be a delivery point for your packages so you don't have to worry about not receiving your package. The only thing they don't do is read QR codes. if you have questions you can reach them at 845-5222 or stop in at their store located at 351 Central Avenue N in Valley City.

Ambassador Farewell

Normally the Chamber Ambassadors are welcoming new businesses or services, but on Tuesday January 25, 2022 they were saying farewell to pillars of the community George and Bonnie Dutton. After 38+ years of photography, yummy treats, food and drinks, George and Bonnie are retiring! We want to thank them for all of their service to this community and wish them well in retirement.

Community Grant Round

NOW OPEN

https://valleycitynd.org/pages/svcf-grant-opportunities

Our 2022 Community Grant Round is now open!

Grants are awarded to qualifying organizations in Barnes, Ransom, and Griggs Counties that focus on:

- Basic Human Needs
- Education
- Arts, Culture, and Creativity
- Community Building
- Rural First Responders

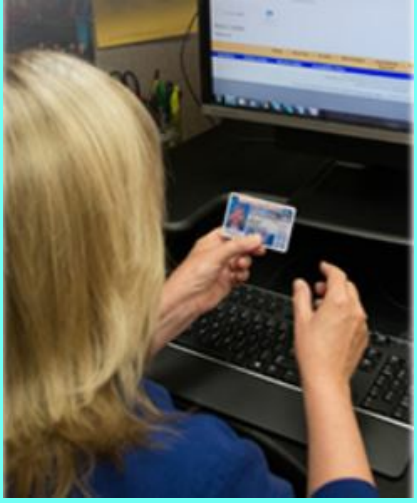
DMV Corner

The DMV now prints titles!

The Valley City Motor Vehicle office is now 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!

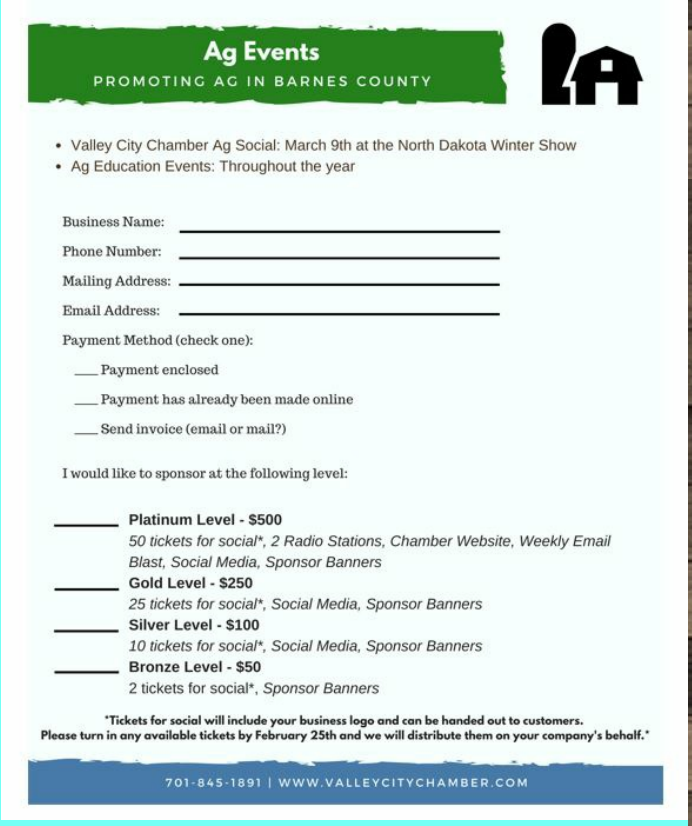
Ag Social

The 2022 Ag Social brought to you by the Chamber of Commerce and the North Dakota

Winter Show will be held on the opening day of the Winter Show.

Wednesday March 9th beginning at 4pm in the South Exhibit Building, there will be appetizers, entertainment, music and awards given for the ND Ag Hall of Fame, ND Crop Show Honoree, Rutledge Kane Award and Ag Essay Winners. There will also be an Ag related speaker.

If you would like to be a sponsor of the Ag Social and other Ag Events, you can do so online at www.valleycitychamber.com or you can contact the Chamber at 701-845-1891.



Cocoa and Coffee Crawl

Saturday March 5th The Chamber along with local businesses will be hosting a Cocoa and Coffee Crawl.

For $10 you can participate and go from business to business and try their homemade beverages and sign up to win prizes and vote for your favorite. You will also get a commemorative Cocoa and Coffee Crawl mug to keep!

Those who want to try the cocoa, coffee and teas can sign up at at the Chamber Of Commerce or online.

Businesses who want to take part and make a homemade beverage can sign up as well.

Online registration is available now!

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

Get your Valentine a sweet treat!
Please contact Wild Prairie Bakery if you would like to place an order.
Order by February 11. 701-490-3393

Valentine's Day Specials

MINI CAKES $12.50

- Red Velvet with Cream Cheese Frosting, topped with Chocolate Covered Strawberries
- Berry Bliss ~ A trio of Blueberry, Strawberry & Raspberry Cake Layers with Lemon Buttercream Frosting, Topped with Fresh Berries
- Wedding Cake ~ Nostalgic taste of White Almond Cake with a delectable Almond Buttercream, Raspberry Mousse filling optional
- Death By Chocolate ~ Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Mousse Filling, Chocolate Buttercream & Godiva Chocolate Hearts

MINI CHEESECAKES $2.50

- Oreo with Oreo Crust
- Chocolate Cheesecake with Oreo Crust
- Mocha Cheesecake with Oreo Crust
- Peanut Butter Cheesecake with Oreo Crust & Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Turtle Cheesecake with Pecans & Oreo Crust
- New York Vanilla with Oreo Crust & Chocolate Covered Strawberries
- Vanilla Cheesecake with Choice of Topping (Strawberry, Triple Berry, Cherry, Velvet Top)
- S'Mores With Chocolate & Marshmallow on a Graham Cracker Crust
- Red Velvet Cake Cheesecake

MINI TARTS. $2.50

- Lemon Tart with Fresh Berries
- Strawberry Dream with Velvet Top
- Banana Cream with Velvet Top

Welcome New Chamber Member!!

BOOKKEEPING

New To Valley City!

At Mint and Honey Bookkeeping our mission is to arm small business owners with knowledge and expertise to build empires for the glory of God and our communities.

Services:

- Monthly Bookkeeping Packages
- Personalized Trainings
- Industry Specific Classes
- Xero, QuickBooks, and PowerChurch Certified

Benefits:

- Flat Rate Pricing
- Discounted Software Costs
- $1M Insurance Coverage
- Monitored Cyber Security
- Video Reports

701-895-4988

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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.

2022
Events & Happenings

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

7 P.M. Every Wednesday
Win Prizes every Round

This weeks Topics:

1. Love, Valentines, Marriage
2. Bob Saget
3. Know Your Apps
4. Farm Equipment
5. Lightning Round
6. On the Edge of Extinction

Brockopp Brewing 114 E Main Street, Valley City

Job Service staff will be on site to offer

- Job Seeking Assistance
- Veteran's Services
- Information on Training Programs
- Resume Building Assistance
- Limited Unemployment Insurance Assistance
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Services

JOB SERVICE IS COMING TO YOU

Beginning February 10 then every other Thursday, 10 a.m. - noon

Valley City
Barnes County Development Corp.
250 W. Main Street

Call 701-239-7300 for more information

Job Service North Dakota is an equal opportunity employer/program provider.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request.

Fingal Wildlife Club

Chartered 1949

"Fun Nite"

Friday February 11, 2022

Lunch To Be Served at 7:00 PM

Games & Raffle's Start at 8:00 PM

Fingal Hall– Fingal ND

1 - $500 Scheels Gift Card *(With Ticket)*

2 - $100 Cash Prizes *(With Ticket)*

Drawings for Cash Prizes Begin at 10 PM

$10 Per Ticket In Advance

$15 Per Ticket At The Door

Need Not Be Present To Win Cash Prizes

NORTH DAKOTA COWBOY HALL OF FAME

27TH ANNUAL MEETING

of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame

FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2022

EAGLES CLUB • VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY NIGHT
Live Music by
Exit 262

SATURDAY NIGHT
Music by
Special Guest TIGIRLILY

TICKETS

FRIDAY EVENING $30/person
Social, Banquet and Entertainment

SATURDAY EVENING $60/person
Social, Banquet and Entertainment

WEEKEND PASS $80 by Feb 1st

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Grand Stay 701-490-3500
271 Winter Show Rd

AmericInn 701-845-5551
280 Winter Show Rd

Econo Lodge 701-845-5333
455 Winter Show Rd

REQUEST NDCHF BLOCK

EVENT REGISTRATION WWW.NORTHDAKOTACOWBOY.COM

BROUGHT TO YOU BY NDCHF DISTRICT 11 & 12 TRUSTEES

Outdoor Adventure Day!

Saturday, February 12
1pm - 3 pm

FREE FOR EVERYONE

Information booth at Jefferson Elementary

Sled at Charlie Brown hill
Walk the Jefferson Elementary mile
Fly a kite
Make a snow volcano
Enjoy hot cider or hot chocolate
Warm up at the firepit
And more outdoor fun!

Weather related announcements will be made on Facebook (@barnesonthemove) and on KOVC.

ON THE MOVE

barnesonthemove.org
845-8518

Purchase tickets at the Country Club or call Chance at 701-845-4626. Ticket price is $50

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
The
ROARING
20's Dueling Pianos Gala
Come join us for a night of fun food and drinks!
Doors open at 5:30 for a no host Cocktail hour
A steak dinner will be served at 6:00
Midwest Dueling Pianos will take the stage at 7:00
Valley City Town & Country Club
VALLEY CITY
TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

New Date!
OUR FASHION & FINANCE
EVENT IS NOW
FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00 PM
JOIN US FOR OUR FREE EVENT!
ENJOY FASHION, FOOD & FUN!
REGISTER AT:
HTTPS://BIT.LY/FASHIONFINANCEFEB
BLUSH BOUTIQUE
NOME SCHOOLHOUSE

North Dakota Winter Show concert

Tim Montana with opening band Tripwire.

The concert is Saturday March 5th.
Showtime is 7pm with doors opening at 5:30

Tickets can be purchased at [NewsDakota.com]

The North Dakota Winter Show begins Wednesday March 9th

NDWS event information can be found here, or by contacting the Winter Show offices at 701-845-1401

TRIPWIRE

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
Board Meeting
3rd Friday of each month 8:30am

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