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A message from your EVP:

This month we want to start by extending a huge bunch of gratitude to everyone who was involved in fighting the flood waters. We appreciate the incredible team of City, County, Corp of Engineers and all the partners that helped through this time and are continuing to do so.

On this new and drier week, we have even more to celebrate as it is “Small Business Week.” Please look for extra ways to thank and show your support to the many wonderful small business in our community! Here in Valley City while “Shopping Local” you will not only get wonderful customer service, great products, easy shopping access – you get to enjoy the feeling of community and friendship. I promise you that online shopping will not give you the same warm fuzzy feeling or build wonderful friendships! Enjoy and take time to appreciate these businesses.

Thank you to all the renewing Members again this month!
Happy Small Business Week!

Kay

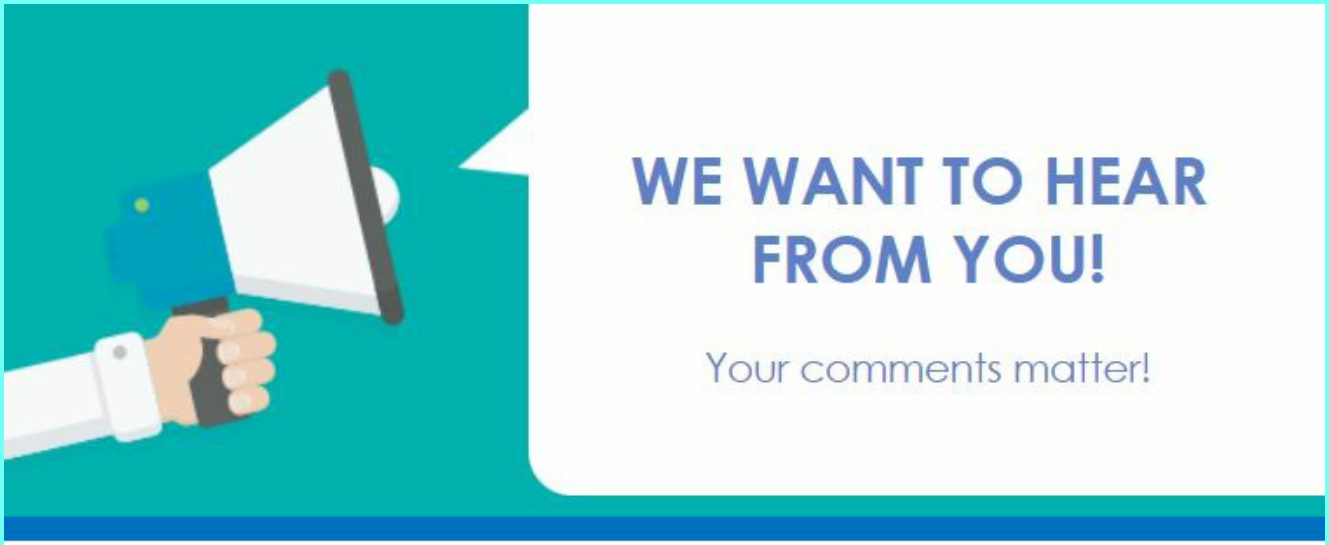
Renewing Members:

Pizza Ranch
City Lights
Sheyenne Valley Career & Technical Center
Vining Oil & Propane
DRN Readitech
Sabir’s Dining & Lounge
Bobby & Deb Koepplin

Mobility PLUS Rehabilitation
LaValle Flooring Inc
Alley Beans

If you haven't already taken our survey, please take a moment and help us serve you better!

Survey Link



The Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce wants your feedback. Please complete the short survey linked above. Help us to better serve our Members and our Community by learning what's important to you.

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2022 Rally in the Valley

Come out and enjoy lots of festivities in beautiful Valley City!

Rally in the Valley will be Saturday, June 18, 2022

Activities include:

Breakfast at the Airport 7:30-9am
Bill Jansen/Optimist fun run/walk 8am
Parade 10am
Bridge City Cruisers Car Show 11am
Food and Art/Craft Vendors 9am-4pm
Games Galore 11am-4pm
Duck Race 3:30pm
Evening Street Dance featuring VC native Tim Heetland's band Haymaker

Other fun weekend happenings:

Citywide rummage sales
VC Saints baseball tournament
VCHS Class Reunions

Vendor Registration

Parade Registration

Car Show Registration

Ambassador Visits

SMP Health - St. Raphael
Matt Ahrndt, CEO

Wednesday April 13th the Chamber Ambassadors welcomed new CEO Matt Ahrndt along with taking a tour of the facility. Matt took over as CEO October 1, 2021.

SMP Health - St Raphael is a 170 bed skilled nursing facility that provides compassionate healthcare to the Valley City Community. They have a short-term rehab unit along with a dementia/Alzheimer's unit and a geri-psych unit. They are a non-profit, faith based organization with over 200 employees.

They have served the community for over 80 years and in October of 2021 They re-branded and changed their name from the Sheyenne Care Center to what it is now in honor of the archangel Raphael, patron saint of healing of which their chapel is named. They also have nursing facilities located in Jamestown, Fargo and Enderlin.

Per Matt:

These days, many local residents end up having surgery or get transferred for a hospitalization in Fargo. Make sure to tell the discharge planner at the hospital that you want to be discharged back to your local community. If you don't ask, you may be discharged to a facility in Fargo by default. If you or a loved one is needing rehab or looking to transition into a senior living community, don't hesitate to call us. The healthcare industry can be very confusing and overwhelming. We are here to answer your questions and assist you through the process.

Barnes County Museum and Valley City Barnes County Public Library Partnership

April 13th was also a visit to the Barnes County Museum. Recently the Museum and

the Valley City Barnes County Public Library created a partnership making the Museum a "branch" library featuring historic North Dakota Collections. It is a first of its kind collaboration that ends duplication of services and makes the historical collections available to the public like never before.

Barnes county Historical Society is the oldest Historical Society in the state founded in 1930 with parts of the collection going back to the 1890's with the Normal School Museum. It is one of five county museums in North Dakota open freely year-round with a full-time paid professional staff. They service as the collective memory for Barnes County housing photos, stories, artifacts and records relating to Barnes County History. They partner in tourism/tourist attractions along with partnering with other entities such as VCHS, VCSU, SHSND, ND Tourism, ND Humanities Council, ND on the Arts, ND Art Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Valley City Barnes County Public Library and more. They offer School and group tours and have lectures and music in the upper level. They also have a timepiece Give Shop that sells local souvenirs.

Customer Service Awards - RJ's Plumbing & Heating and Barnes County Ambulance

Myles & Ariel from **RJ's Plumbing** received a Customer Service Award. A happy customer writes: "I called Arial at RJ's Plumbing to inform her that my water heater spring a leak and water was rushing out of it. Ariel sent Miles up to turn off the water within 30 minutes. Miles returned at 1:00 to install a new water heater. It was replaced within 1 and a half hours once Miles started the installation. Also, I had to replace a stool in my basement bathroom a month ago and Ariel sent Miles up that same afternoon to replace it. I consider this great customer service. I was in need and they took care of my needs!"

Nice job Ariel & Myles!

The **Barnes County Ambulance** crew also received a Customer Service Award. Their satisfied customer writes: "I would like to nominate the Barnes County Ambulance for the Customer Service Award. Yes, that is their job. It's one thing to do your job, but to do that job with the care and concern they have of their patient is so very important. They do not care who you are or what you do, they are there to assist with the medical needs. I was the recipient of their care on February 4, 2022. I do not remember much of my experience, but I do remember they did their very best to get me to the ER in Valley City and to the hospital in Fargo. I remember them reassuring me all the way. They demonstrate their services with professionalism, care and concern. The Barnes County Ambulance is critical to the residents of Valley city. This is not just a job to them, it is a service that they provide to every patient that they have been called to assist in their time of need."

Great job Scott & crew!!

"Love on a Leash" Certified Therapy Dog

April 20, 2022 Suzette Trenda and Daisy the English Lab came to visit the Chamber Ambassadors. Suzette and Daisy are part of "Love on a Leash", and Daisy is a certified therapy dog.

Love on a Leash Inc is a charitable

organization founded in the early 1980s to share comfort, happiness and healing and increase public awareness of pet-provided therapy. It is a volunteer organization that provides an accessible certification process which enables qualified teams to provide effective pet therapy in their communities across the country.

Their volunteers bring their trained family pets to visit anywhere they are invited. Most of the pets are dogs, but some members also have cats and /or rabbits. They visit hospitals, hospice care facilities, retirements homes, Schools, libraries and corporate offices among other places. They goal is to generate smiles and provide comfort to those they visit and those visits are always free of charge.

To contact Love on a Leash regarding their services, you can visit **www.loveonaleash.org**.

Tower City, ND resident Suzette Trenda and Daisy can be contacted at 701-490-1600 or emailed at ndwinter@ictc.com.

VCSU Center for the Arts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday April 21, 2022 was the VCSU Center for the Arts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

VCSU President Al LaFave gave the welcome and Lt. Governor Brent Sanford followed with remarks. They were followed by ND Senate Majority Leader, Rich Wardner, ND House Majority Leader, Chet Pollert, ND Senate Minority Leader, Joan Heckman, Valley City Mayor Dave Carlsrud, 2019-2021 Student Senate President Angeline Gannon and 2021-2023 Student Senate President Madison Yoder.

There was a VCSU Concert Band performance after the ribbon cutting, along with tours of the building and refreshments.

The Art and Music facilities include numerous

labs, studios, classrooms, a 350-seat performance hall and a 100-seat recital hall and choral room.

Photo Courtesy of Valley City Times-Record

Did you know?

The Center for the Arts Building was made with:

- 8 acres of sheetrock
- 242 tons of Steel
- 669,200 pounds of double-T beams for the roof
- 24.14 miles of wiring for power
- 17.05 miles of cable for communications and audio visual needs
- 11.74 miles of conduit
- 851 Fixtures
- 40 pre-cast concrete panels with the largest panels weighing 800,000 pounds

DMV Corner

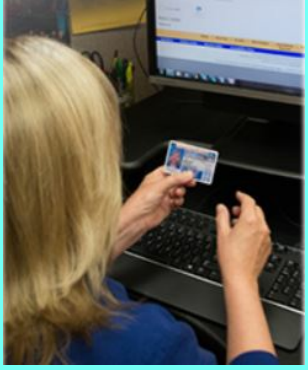
****The DMV will be closed for system upgrades****

*****The Valley City Motor Vehicle office and all other offices and kiosks statewide will be closed Wednesday May 4th at 4:30PM Through Sunday May 8th for system upgrades to serve our customers better. Sorry for any inconvenience.***

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.

Valley City Sales Tax Collections

2021
January $207,756
February $189,290
2022
January $179,984
February $198,546

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
May 20th at 8:30am

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