

Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce

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What's Happened - What's Happening

Throughout the year, there are opportunities to participate in a variety of events sponsored by the Chamber:

Spring Ladies Night Out
ND High School Rodeo Finals
4th of July Fireworks
Bowman Co. Fair Parade
Summerfest
Ag Appreciation Banquet
Trick or Treating on Main Street
Art & Wine Tasting Walk
Down Home Country Christmas



July

Membership Meeting

Chamber President Emily Bostyan (right, holding Harper) presenting a check to Kristy Pagel, a donation to the Community Cupboard made on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank, one of the NDHSRF performance sponsors.

Other performance sponsors and their charities were: West Plains, Inc. - School of Promise; Frontier Travel Center - Pioneer Trails Regional Museum; Scranton Equity Exchange - Scranton Fire Dept.; Dakota Community Bank - Rhame Fire Dept.; and Dakota Western Bank - Southwest Healthcare Auxiliary

Kristy Pagel is also on the board of directors of the Community Cupboard and gave an informative presentation on that charitable organization.

BENEFITS OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

"What does the Chamber do for ME and MY business?"

Anyone who has served on the board of directors of the Chamber has heard this question. Your Chamber creates a sense of community, and allows you to be a part of an exclusive organization dedicated to bettering the area business community in general. Our new membership brochure spells out more tangible benefits:

- **Member Business Referrals** - Each year the office takes hundreds of calls from visitors asking for information on local products and services. It is our policy to refer Chamber members first in response to these requests.
- **Website Listings and Business Directory** - Only Chamber members are listed on the website Business Directory. Members also have the option of enhancing their listings by adding their logo, and link to their website, and a short description of their business.
- **Networking Opportunities** - Through Chamber sponsored events, monthly membership meetings, and serving on any of the varied committees, members develop relationships not only with fellow members, but also with customers.
- **Advertising Opportunities** - When you sponsor a Chamber event your business will be noticed with listings on all the advertising for that event.
- **Notary Service** - Available free of charge to members.
- **Membership Decal** - Your decal represents your involvement and willingness to give back to the community.
- **Chamber Bonus Bucks** - Throughout the year thousands of dollars worth of Bonus Bucks are purchased to help keep business in our community. These dollars can increase your sales and are only redeemable at Chamber members' places of business.
- **Tourist Information Center** - As a Chamber member, you are welcome to place your business cards and/or brochures at our busy Tourism Booth.
- **City Maps** - Updated this year, the city maps feature Chamber businesses and guide visitors to your locations. Non-members are not included in the listing.

Other benefits available through the office:

- Post your events on **Social Media** - Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Provide **Relocation Information, Visitor Information, Hunting Information**
- Offer **Welcome Baskets** to new area residents
- Display your upcoming events on our website's "**Community Calendar**"

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