

2026 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Mission

To actively facilitate the development and promotion of an economic climate encouraging business creation and expansion; initiate cooperation and communication in our community while enhancing quality of life in the City of Bowman and surrounding areas.



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Board of Directors



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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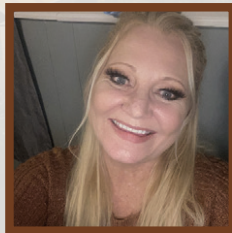
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Message from the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Chamber Member,

As we look back on the past year, we want to sincerely thank you for being part of the Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce. Your involvement and support have truly helped drive the momentum of our business community.

Whether you attended events, shared feedback, collaborated on initiatives, or simply continued your membership, your presence mattered. Each member contributes to a network that encourages relationships, fuels local opportunity, and makes Bowman County a stronger place to do business.

We're grateful for the trust you place in us as your board. Your membership not only supports the Chamber's mission, it expands the positive impact we can have together. We look forward to continuing this partnership as we build an even more vibrant, connected, and innovative business community in the coming year.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce. If you ever have ideas, questions, or insights, our door is always open.

Wishing you a prosperous and rewarding year ahead!

Board of Directors

Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Membership Benefits



WHY CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

People often ask, “What do I get out of being a Chamber member?” It’s a fair question. In a rural community, the answer goes beyond transactions, marketing, or line items on a benefits list. Chamber membership is about investing in the place you call home and helping shape the quality of life for the people who live, work, and raise families here.

The Chamber exists to create connection. We honor our agricultural roots at the Ag Banquet because agriculture built this community and continues to sustain it. We bring a basketball tournament to town because it energizes our youth, draws visitors into the community, and increases activity for our restaurants and retail businesses, even if many attendees drive in for the day. We host events on Main Street because vibrant streets bring people together, support local businesses, and remind us why our small town matters. These things don’t always show up on a balance sheet, but they show up in pride, belonging, and a stronger community.

Yes, there are tangible benefits to membership, including visibility through our website, referrals, networking, and sponsorship opportunities. But the heart of the Chamber’s work is ensuring our community remains a place where people want to live, work, and stay. Membership means supporting an organization focused on connection, opportunity, and quality of life for today and for the next generation. When you join the Chamber, you’re not just joining an organization. You’re helping build a community.

INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY & REACH

- Exclusive business listing on BowmanND.com’s business directory, making it easier for customers to find you.
- Participation in the Chamber Bonus Bucks program, keeping spending local.
- Opportunities to sponsor and participate in select Chamber events that boost your brand and visibility.
- Extended social media reach through Chamber post amplification.

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK

• Annual Meeting

Connect with fellow members, hear organizational updates, and help shape the year ahead.

• Monthly Updates & Emails

Stay in the loop with community news, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved.

• Join a Chamber Committee

Get involved in a focus area that interests you, from events to community development.

Serving on a committee not only boosts your visibility within the Chamber, but also gives you a meaningful way to contribute to local initiatives and make an impact.

BUSINESS SERVICES

• Member-Only Visitor & Customer Referrals

Gain increased visibility as the Chamber highlights your business to visitors, residents, and potential customers seeking trusted local services.

- **Professional Development Discounts**

Enjoy exclusive savings on business education courses designed to help you sharpen skills, strengthen your team, and stay competitive.

- **Opportunities to Showcase Your Business**

Get featured through Chamber channels, events, and promotions—providing valuable exposure to a wide local audience.

COMMUNITY

- **Be Part of Something Bigger**

Connects you to a network of businesses and leaders committed to making Bowman a vibrant place to live, work, and grow.

- **Exclusive Member Opportunities**

Get access to member-only programs, initiatives, and resources designed to help your business grow and stay connected.

- **Support Local Growth**

Chamber membership dollars directly invest in community development, business success, and a thriving local economy.

- **Make a Meaningful Impact**

Your membership fuels an organization dedicated to strengthening the community, enhancing quality of life, and supporting local businesses.

Maximizing Membership



Think of your Chamber membership like a gym membership, full of powerful tools designed to help you reach your goals. The equipment is there, but the real results come when you use it.

The Chamber provides a suite of resources built to elevate your business:

- **Optimized Online Business Listing**

Boost your visibility with a listing enhanced by adding a photo and short description!

- **Expanded Reach Through Job Listings**

Share your open positions directly with the community and attract local talent looking for businesses just like yours.

- **Chamber Bonus Bucks Program**

Bring new customers through your doors while keeping spending local, a win for your business and your community.

When you actively engage with these tools, your membership becomes a powerful driver for growth, visibility, and long-term success.

Lean in, get involved, and let your membership work for you!

CHECK OFF THESE STEPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY:

- ☐ **Refresh Your Member Listing**
Make sure your contact information, business details, and services are up to date.
(See the enclosed Membership Contact Form.)
- ☐ **Upgrade for Enhanced Visibility**
Consider an Enhanced Website Listing to unlock additional features and stand out to customers searching online.
- ☐ **Educate Your Team on Chamber Bonus Bucks**
Ensure your staff knows how the program works so you can welcome Bonus Bucks users with confidence.
- ☐ **Share Your Wins With Us**
Tag or message us when you have a Facebook post worth sharing, we're here to help amplify your reach.
- ☐ **Use Your Professional Development Discounts**
Take advantage of the many business education opportunities available at a discounted rate for members.
- ☐ **Spread the Word**
Encourage fellow businesses to join. A stronger membership strengthens the entire business community.

Bonus Bucks Advantages



CHAMBER BONUS BUCKS – KEEP IT LOCAL

The Chamber Bonus Bucks Program is a simple, effective way to keep spending dollars right here in Bowman County. These Bucks encourage local shopping, support member businesses, and strengthen our community economy.

Chamber Bonus Bucks make excellent employee rewards, customer giveaways, and thoughtful gifts for friends and family. They're available for purchase at the Chamber office in \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations and can be used toward goods or services at any Chamber member business.

As a Chamber member, ensure your team recognizes and understands Bonus Bucks. When you receive them as payment, you can deposit them just like a standard check, easy and secure.

A simple program. A big impact. A boost for local business.

Money kept in our Community

\$27,250
SINCE 2022

Chamber Choice Awards



The Chamber is proud to honor the outstanding businesses and volunteers who make our community stronger. Each year, community members nominate individuals or businesses that have gone above and beyond. A committee then reviews the submissions and selects the year's honorees.

Winners receive special recognition along with a prize package valued at up to \$250.

2025 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR **2025 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Nominations Open: January 30, 2026

Nomination Deadline: February 27, 2026

Nomination Forms: bowmannd.com/chamber/chamber-choice-awards

Join a Committee



Your voice matters and your involvement helps shape the Chamber's impact. By joining one of our committees, you play an active role in guiding events, projects, and programs that strengthen our business community. Choose the committee that best aligns with your interests and help us create meaningful progress throughout the year.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

To support long-standing Chamber initiatives that support and celebrate agriculture in our region as well as exploring new ways to honor the ag industry.

Key Events and Initiatives

- High School Rodeo (June)
- Ag Appreciation Banquet (October)

BUSINESS SUPPORT COMMITTEE

To provide continuing education and training, support initiatives that indirectly support local businesses, and celebrate local businesses.

Key Events and Initiatives

- Education Discounts and Opportunities
- Chamber Choice Awards (March)
- Bowman County Classic (March)
- Bowman County Fair Parade (August)
- Rock the Block (TBD)
- Trick or Treating on Main (October)
- Ladies Night Out (November)
- Gift Card Flash Sale (November)

Events



Bowman County Classic

March 14-15, 2026



North Dakota High School Rodeo Finals

June 10-14, 2026



Bowman County Fair Parade

August 9, 2026



Rock the Block

TBD



Ag Appreciation Banquet

October 28, 2026



Trick or Treating on Main Street

October 30, 2026



Ladies Night Out

November 20, 2026



Gift Card Flash Sale

November 11, 2026



Pictures with Santa

December 2, 2026

Pre-Sponsor Events on Your 2026 Invoice!