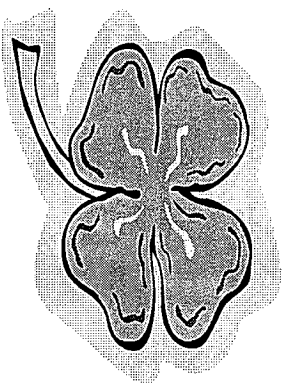


# Jefferson County Chamber Chronicles

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Kansas State Fair  
State Wide 4-H FAIR  
September 7th to 16th

## Oskaloosa Chamber Social

*August 23th*

*Perry, Ks*

*First State Bank & Trust*

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Please contact Terry Burris at  
785-863-3570 for more information

## Meriden / Ozawkie

### August Meeting

Thursday, August 16th

12:00pm

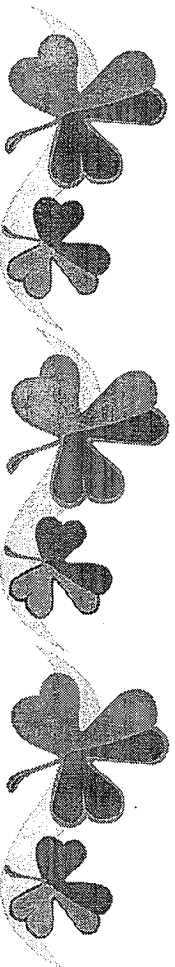
COUNTRYSIDE SQUARE

TACO DEN

1 PM PLEASE NOTICE

TIME CHANGE

Come meet the owners & network  
in the Meriden's newest  
Restaurant!



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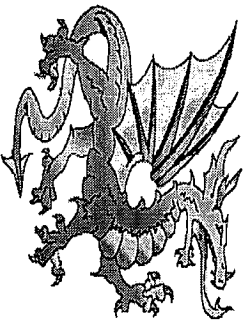
## Calendar of Events

### August - - Back to School Month

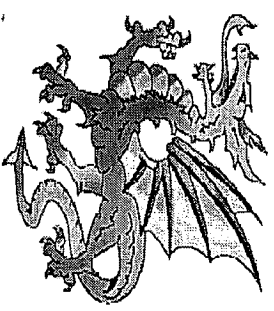
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ozawkie City Meeting, 7 pm at the Township Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> Meriden City Meeting 7 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Meeting, 1 pm (Taco Den, Meriden)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jefferson West School start Fall semester
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oskaloosa Chamber Social -5:30 pm to 7 pm (First State Bank and Trust, Perry, Ks)

### September -

- 6<sup>th</sup> Valley Falls Chamber Meeting  
Noon at the Kendall State Bank Community Room
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Kansas State Fair
- 10<sup>TH</sup> Ozawkie City Meeting 7 pm at the Township Hall
- 11<sup>th</sup> Meriden City Meeting 7 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting, 7:30 am at the Friendly Kansan
- 20<sup>th</sup> Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Noon (location TBA)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Grasshopper Falls Day, Valley Falls, Parade, children's games, lawn tractor pull, music, craft vendors
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> MAETA Showgrounds, Fall Festival - watch sorghum molasses being made, crafts, antiques sawmill, working wheat mill



## VALLEY FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



### Minutes of the meeting of July 5

The Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce meeting July 5 met at the Kendall State Bank Meeting Room at 12 noon. President Jayne Coleman presided.

**Minutes** of the June 7 meeting were received; motion for approval by Gary Satter was seconded by Jim McGrath, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Paul Heinen; motion made by June Huston and seconded by Jim McGrath, motion passed.

**City Report** was made by Jamie Durand, saying work of the water plant is 42% done. On Friday Public Works Department employee interviews are scheduled.

**Economic Development Report** given by Executive Director Jim McGrath indicated there is a film maker from Iowa doing a documentary on the Economic Development of small towns. Prairie Bend Development had final approval of the plats; a potential of 96 homes are included in the Meriden development. Gary Slater and Jim were organizers of the Lake Fireworks Tuesday July 3. It was well attended and broadcasted by KMAJ radio. An Industrial Park owned by Jim was sold for farming business. Andy Conser will open an office in Meriden's Mall July 19...the celebration will start at 5 P.M., public is invited to have dinner with the Meriden C of C. July 26 is open house at Colonial Acres historic farmstead, celebration from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Bill Metzger Idle Smart and Trucking business is doing business, the invention is being manufactured on premises. Spirit Lake "Burgers Brats and Beer" event hosted by the three Chamber of Commerce organizations of Jefferson County and the Greater Chamber of Commerce of Topoka committees and staff will start at 3 P.M. Friday July 6, food served at 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. various entertainment and sports available. Flyers were distributed by Jim concerning the Spirit Lake event. Idle Smart business was one of 35 winners (out of 150 applicants) to received a \$25,000 grant in July or August for Economic Development.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Grasshopper Falls Day** on September 22-23 was reported being organized by Dianne Heinen, Chair, who reported that a meeting was held with good turnout.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks** was reported by Paul Heinen; a shortage of \$500 to \$700 with donations accepted...City has donated to this fund. Paul reported New York City had shot 400,000 shots, at 1300 a minute; Valley Falls short 805 with 95 per minute,

**Riverside Park Sign** will be ready soon; Megan Turner will need the City to dig a couple of holes as she and her father will erect the sign.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**4-H Fair Watermelon Feed** will need helpers as Gary Coleman is indisposed. Paul Heinen, Chair of the event, will need two people to help him.

**Radio Ads** on KARE during the 4-H fair will be taken for businesses advertising; Leslee Bowers is working with the Station and will need help in phoning for ads.

**Humane Society** is in dire financial straits reported Jim McGrath and are "trying to find money" to continue; Jim encouraged members to call Commissioners to reconsider their position on funding. Cities have backed the Society in the past. Interest would help.

**Next meeting:** August 2, 2007

## Meeting Minutes



### July 19, 2007 –Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Mulligan restaurant.

#### *4-H Fair Auction*

The Chamber member that were present decided to put \$200.00 towards the 4-H fair auction on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### *After Hours*

Andy Conser of Century 21 and Conser Auction Services, announced his Open House in his new office in the Denison State Bank Financial wing on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.

#### *Jim McGrath, Economic Development*

City of Meriden is looking at zoning regulations. The Prairie Bend addition in Meriden is about to complete its detention pond.

#### *Committees!*

Jeanette Stiles is signing up committees for upcoming activities. Please consider signing up for one of the following events. We need fresh ideas and your expertise! The opportunities are: Homecoming Parade, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Christmas Hometown Giveaway, Pancake Feed(2 a year), Farmers Market, and Scholarship

*Welcome the newest chamber member* - Virgil Cook and Donna Sease of the Mulligan's restaurant.

*50/50 drawing winner* is Becky Wisel! Congratulations!!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Taco Den will open on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is located in the Countryside Square strip mall.

Farmers Market continues every Thursday evening from 4 to 7 pm. More produce coming in every week!

Jefferson County 4-H Fair - August 4 to 9, 2007 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Valley Falls  
Support your local 4-Hers!

#### **FAIR HIGHLIGHTS**

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Dog Show  
August 5<sup>th</sup> – Horse Show  
August 6<sup>th</sup> –Start of the Fair Judging - Ice Cream and cake sold by the Vallerian Club 7 pm.  
August 7<sup>th</sup> –Parade @ 7pm  
August 8<sup>th</sup> –Watermelon Feed  
August 9<sup>th</sup> –4-H Dance

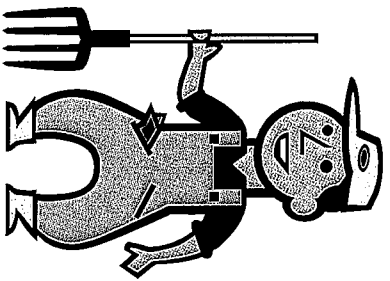


Farmers Market

Every Thursday

Countryside Square  
Parking Lot

4:00 – 7:00 pm



Coupon Book Information has  
been taken to the printer.  
News forthcoming on the  
progress of this project.



WATCH FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN:

**HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT**

In Meriden, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Chamber of Commerce**

## **Visit the Meriden/ Ozawkie Area Chamber Website!**

[www.meridenozawkiechamber.com](http://www.meridenozawkiechamber.com)

### **Membership Benefits – May vary between Chambers**

Business and customer referrals  
Networking  
Redemption of Chamber gift certificates  
Use of Chamber logo in advertising  
Discounts on Chamber sponsored events  
General membership meeting programs  
Web site promotion

Listing in business directory  
Business counseling  
Ribbon cutting and ground breaking ceremonies  
Membership plaque  
Newsletter  
Event coordination  
Association with other leading businesses in Jefferson County

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