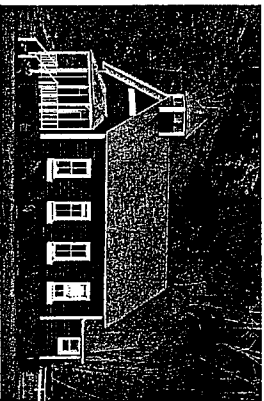


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**BACK TO SCHOOL
JEFFERSON WEST, VALLEY FALLS,
JEFFERSON NORTH, OSKALOOSA,
AND PERRY SCHOOLS START THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 14TH!**

Oskaloosa Chamber

Meeting

July 11th, 7:30 a.m.

At the Friendly Kansan

Please Contact Terry Burris

At 785-863-3570 for more information

Oskaloosa Chamber Social

July 26th – COLONIAL ACRES

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Please contact Terry Burris at

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Meriden / Ozawkie

July Meeting

Thursday, July 19th

12:00pm

MULLIGANS

(Steak, Potatoes, Veggie & Salad)



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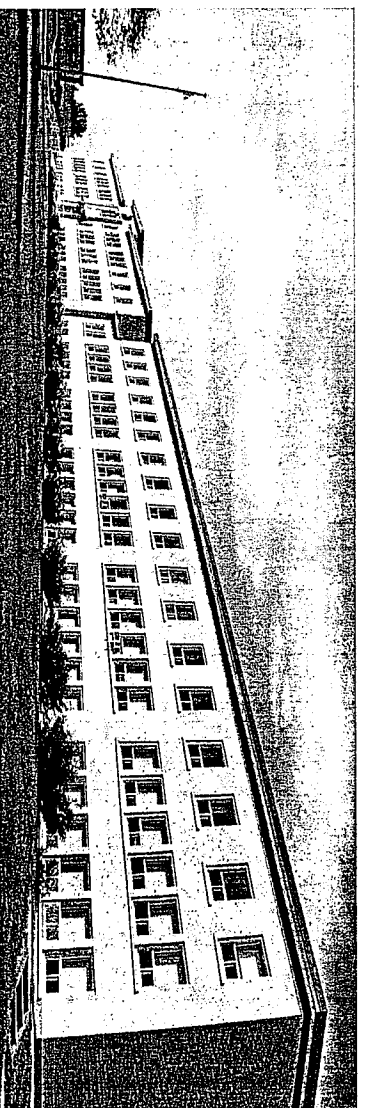
Calendar of Events

July

- 19th Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Noon @ Mulligan's
- 19th Open House – Century 21 and Conser Auction Service
In Meriden, at the Denison State Bank Financial Center, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- 20-21st Meriden Steam Engine Show
- 26th After Hours at Colonial Acres (8998 US Hwy 59, Oskaloosa), 5:30 to 7:30 pm

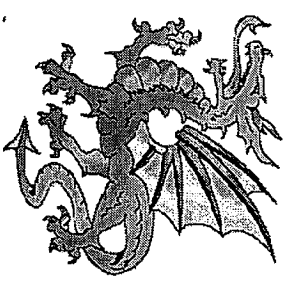
August - - Back to School Month

- 1st City of Meriden Public Hearing of Budget, 6 pm
- 2nd Valley Falls Chamber Meeting
Noon at the Kendall State Bank Community Room
- 7 – 9, Jefferson County 4-H Fair - Valley Falls Fairgrounds
August 7, Tuesday, Parade at 7 pm
- 8th Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting, 7:30 am at the Friendly Kansan
- 13th Ozawkie City Meeting, 7 pm at the Township Hall
- 16th Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Meeting, Noon (location TBA)
- 14th Meriden City Meeting 7 pm
- 23rd Oskaloosa Chamber Social (location TBA)





VALLEY FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2007

The meeting of June 7th was called to order by President Jayne Coleman who introduced Kristy Coker and Jeanette Stiles of the Denison State Bank, a member of the Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce

MINUTES of the meeting of June 7th were approved as received by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT was explained by Leslee Bowers, representing Treasurer Paul Heinen. The report was approved as received.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT was made by Jim McGrath, executive secretary of the Jefferson County EDC. A new Business Directory was made available which contains lots of new additions from last year's directory including city and county office contacts, clubs, organizations and other groups. McGrath reported that Rock Creek Marina is being remodeled and has been opened for business; there was a good turnout at the "fun and folkie" event May 24, several from the Chamber attended. Old Settlers Reunion in Oskaloosa, June 28-30 is sponsored this year by the Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce, an invitation was extended; 90% of the vendors will be from Jefferson County. Perry Lake Association made available its banner announcement of the Perry Lake Fireworks Spectacular for July 3rd at the Dam for 5-9:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting of the Perry Lake Association June 5 were attached to a list of Chamber events in the County in June and July. An invitation was given to attend Burgers and Brats by the Lake event on Friday July 6th with EDC as primary host and all 3 chambers from Topeka will co-host the event at Spirit Lake at 3 p.m., a "good time to meet and mix with some of the Topeka businesses", McGrath invited. Final platting of the Prairie Band No.3, 96 sites to be developed in Meriden was reported and are to be developed over the next 5 years.

OLD BUSINESS: Communications---A Thank You note was read from the Zieg family. A thank you letter from the Kansas League of Municipalities recognizing the Chamber's \$300 donation to the Greensburg relief effort. **Farmer's Market** was discussed indicating that Jamie and Julie Durand brought their produce to Broadway Street in front of Stewart's Hardware Store and was pictured and reported in the Vindicator; Rhonda Teaford is planning on a street vendor table on the Southside of the 300 block on Broadway soon. Meriden started their market with 3 vendors last week also.

Grasshopper Falls Day will be held September 22nd, Dianne Heinen will chair the event and have a meeting of her committee soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Annual Businessman's Picnic held by the Chamber will be in September, President Coleman reported. **Riverside Park Sign** has been quoted for \$370 which will have new sheet metal; installation (with assistance with holes being drilled) will be accomplished this summer. **4-H Parade August 7** was reported by Gerry Metzger and a copy of the letter sent to friends was circulated, the theme will be "Youth is Our Key to Success" and the Marshals will be Cleo Tillery and June Huston; this letter of invitation have been sent out and Gerry encourage those who received letters to pass their letter on to others to get a good participation. The Committee consists of Gerry Metzger, chair, June Huston, Nina Jepson, and Cleo Tillery, are other members. Convertibles are needed. **4th of July Fireworks** was reported by Leslee Bowers indicating that a new company was selected this year from St. Joseph, Missouri, for a total cost of \$1028...\$600 has been raised so far with donations being accepted at Paul's office. **American Cancer Society Relay for Life** will be held June 15-16 at the Football Field as reported by June Huston; call her to provide luminaries and other interests in the event. **Door Decals** were provided by Gary Satter of Glacial Hills Regional office for inside business windows.

MEETING NEXT MONTH: JULY 5th

Meriden

Ozawkie

Area

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meeting Minutes

June 13th, 2007 – Director Meeting Minutes

Farmer's Market – Scott reported that the first week there were 4 vendors and last week they had 2 vendors. Jay Sanders is going to work on getting a Farmers Market sign made that can be set up on Thursdays.

Coupon Books – We discussed asking the businesses that put coupons in the book if they would like to put in two coupons. Tammie is going to call each business.

Sign Committee – Jim McGrath reported that the City of Meriden committed to donate \$2,300 for solar lighting of the Welcome to Meriden signs.

New Business – Jeff announced that everyone was invited to the County 4-H picnic, June 20th @ 7:00pm at the fairgrounds. Scott announced a new Mexican restaurant is moving into the strip mall where the donut shop was. We discussed there is also a newly opened Mexican restaurant operating out of a trailer at the corner of 92 & Hwy K-4.

Membership – Jeanette reported 33 members have sent in their renewals. 21 members have yet to renew. She will send out renewal notices with the next meeting reminder. Scott suggested we have a list of current members available to hand out at the next meeting.

Halloween Trunk or Treat – Scott Stanley agreed to work on getting this event set up.

Economic Development – Jim McGrath handed out flyers on the Spirit Lake After Hours for the Topoka Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsored by the Jefferson County Chambers. He reminded everyone that Old Settler's Days in Oskaloosa will be June 28-30th and the Perry Lake Fireworks will be July 3rd. He showed a plat of the Prairie Bend Subdivision that now has all of it's approvals and is ready to move forward. He let everyone know Ernest- Spencer, JCI and Meriden Machine Shop will be awarded Business Appreciation Awards next week.

Future Opportunities

Homecoming Parade
Meriden Summer Fest
4-H Parade
Halloween Trunk or Treat
Christmas Hometown Giveaway

Next Meeting

Directors – July 11th
Regular Meeting - Thursday, July 19th

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Visit the Meriden/ Ozawkie Area Chamber Website!

www.meridenozawkiechamber.com

Membership Benefits – May vary between Chambers

Business and customer referrals	Listing in business directory
Networking	Business counseling
Redemption of Chamber gift certificates	Ribbon cutting and ground breaking ceremonies
Use of Chamber logo in advertising	Membership plaque
Discounts on Chamber sponsored events	Newsletter
General membership meeting programs	Event coordination
Web site promotion	Association with other leading businesses in Jefferson County

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