

Jefferson County Chamber Chronicles

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Christmas Drawing coming next month! If your business would like information on how to participate, please contact Tamie Ferrell at 785-484-3322.

Oskaloosa Chamber Social

November 15, 2007

Peggy Miller's Cedar Ridge Sub

900 Washington

Please contact David Taylor at
785-640-1573 for more information.

Meriden / Ozawkie November Meeting

**Thursday, November 15th
Noon**

Watering Hole

Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce

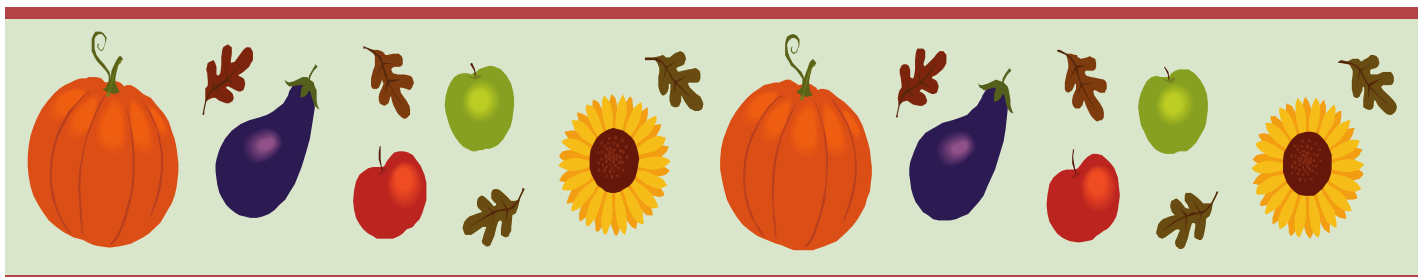
November 14th

7:30 am

At the Friendly Kansan

Congratulations to the new
Meriden/ Ozawkie Area Board Members:

Neal Spencer, Ernest Spencer Metals, Inc
Stuart Bach, SS & C, Inc
Jeri Tichenor, Meriden Community Library



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Calendar of Events

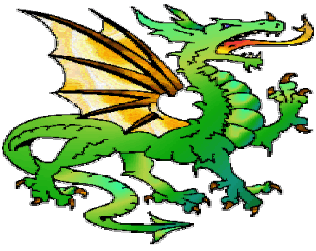
November

- 1st** Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce
- 1st** Noon at the Kendall State Bank Community Room
- 12th** City of Meriden Meeting, 7 pm
- 13th** City of Ozawkie Meeting, 7 pm(notice date change from last mailing)
- 14th** Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting, 7:30 am at the Friendly Kansan
- 15th** Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Meeting Noon @ Watering Hole
- 15th** After Hours @ Peggy Miller's (Cedar Ridge Sub) 900 Washington
- 22nd** Thanksgiving Day! Enjoy being with your family and friends!
- 22nd** Steve's Community Dinner @ Simple Simon's

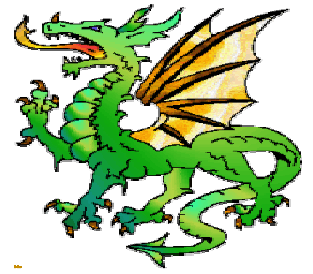
December

- 1st** Oskaloosa 4th Annual Hometown Christmas, Lighting of the tree 7pm
10 am activities @ the square, open houses, etc.
- 6th** Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce
Noon at the Kendall State Bank Community Room
- 7th** Lambda Tau Christmas Sale, Ozawkie Township Hall
- 8th** Santa visits @ Ozawkie and Valley Falls
- 10th** City of Ozawkie Meeting, 7 pm
- 11th** City of Meriden Meeting, 7 pm
- 12th** Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting, 7:30 am at the Friendly Kansan
- 21st** Meriden/Ozawkie Chamber Social – DSB Community Room
- 27th** Oskaloosa Chamber Social – Watch for location details next month!
- 31st** New Year's Eve - Have Fun & Drive Safely





VALLEY FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Co-President Gary Coleman called the business meeting to order

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by motion by Paul Heinen and seconded by June Huston.

Treasurer's Report was read by Leslee Bowers and approved by motion made by Andy Conser and seconded by Dianne Heinen.

City Report was given by Denise Streeter reporting a joint organizations goal setting would occur at the next meeting October 15 with the Economic Development and Rotary Club being mentioned.

Economic Development Report was not given as Director Jim McGrath was absent.

Old Business: Recognition of the C of C donation to the Helen Stewart Fishing Derby was received; reporting about 50 participants were involved. Grasshopper Fun Festival event report was made by Dianne Heinen indicating it was a success with good weather, satisfied vendors, and free games for the children; \$1 admission was the only charge made and that was for the inflatable.. Volunteer help for the games was supplied by adults and older children. Halloween preparations by the Centenarian Club are being made. Loraine Gentry is chair, and C of C and the Club are sponsoring the parade and handling prize awards; C of C is paying for prizes. The event will be held Saturday October 27 with lineup at 3:30 P.M. and judging at 4 P.M. The High School Band will lead the parade. Discussion of "Treat and Trunk" project to have treats in trunks of vehicles along Broadway...an idea expressed was to ask Meriden and/or Oskaloosa about their similar event. Consideration made for a letter being sent to businesses to get ideas for future events. A motion made by Paul Heinen & seconded by June Huston to donate \$150 to the Halloween event which was approved.

New Business: A motion was made by Dianne Heinen and seconded by Jerry Heinen that \$50 would be given to each of the Shrine organizations that participated in the 4-H Parade. Discussion on where to obtain a Christmas tree for placement on Broadway Street was finalized by Dianne Heinen volunteering to look for a tree with help from the "Heinen Crew" to get the tree and placed on the street. The Hometown Christmas/Santa Visit was mentioned; Leslee Bowers is aware said she was in need of help as she needed 2 or 3 people to call businesses, Gary Coleman volunteered the bank employees to help. It was left whether Dec. 8th or the 15th would be suitable for the arrival of Santa Claus; it was left for the Vallerian Club, which is a co-sponsor, to set the date. Details of the procedures for obtaining ballot box entries for prizes were discussed.

It was mentioned that County Hospice Taste of Elegance occurs on the night of the Halloween Parade which may limit businesses cooperation by staying open for the event and may be "hard to get a commitment"; decision was left for the businesses to set their hours for that time frame.

Hand Outs and Announcements: Delores Werder reported on the Humane Society fund raiser Saturday October 6 in Oskaloosa starting at 5 P.M. with silent auction and a live auction by Andy Conser; opportunity for adoption of animals was explained. A doubled-sided flyer was given out which explained other dates for Humane Society activities with photos of animals with schedule of payment for adoptions. A Meadowlark District flyer announcing a survey meeting September 20 was made known and Denise Streeter who will check if there is further information needed. A new price menu for "Mac's Grill & Pizza" was supplied for each place setting at the luncheon. The September issue of the Meriden-Ozawkie Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter was circulated and copies made available which included the minutes of the Valley Falls Chamber's minutes of August 2 and the Area minutes of their meeting August 16. Information and advertising in their newsletter can be given by Editor Tamie Ferrell at 785-484-3322 or fax 785-484-2780.

Secretary, Frank Shrimplin



October 18th–Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the VFW in Meriden.

Halloween Trunk or Treat Coupons are being distributed to area schools and preschools. We are in need of donations of door prizes. Business' who are interested in helping with the food booth please contact Jeanette.

Christmas Drawing The information form is needed to be sent in to Tamie Ferrell immediately if you would like to participate in the Christmas drawing.

Director's Election Ballots are out – please return ASAP. Stuart Bach, Michele Moore, Scott Myers, Bill Shelton, Neal Spencer, Jerie Tichenor are the candidates. They will join: Scott Stanley, Becky Nieman, Jeanette Stiles, Larry Froelich, Jeff Van Petten, Chuck Wilson & Jim McGrath.

Pancake Feed - We made \$1,204.13 before paying for supplies.

Economic Development – Jim McGrath reported the City of Meriden approved a subdivision “Meriden Heights”, a 12 plex has been approved. The county website is still down. There is million dollar development or redevelopment in the works for Oskaloosa.

50/50 drawing winner is Kenny Stiles! Congratulations!!

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday November 15th - Watering Hole. After Hours & Christmas Party – DSB Dec. 20th
5:30-7:30 pm

After Hours – Ernest Spencer – co-hosted by Economic Development, January 17th, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Thank you to everyone that helped make the

Meriden/ Ozawkie Area Trunk or Treat

A great success!! We estimate around 400 area children participated. There were 30 winners of door prizes totaling approximately \$400!

Meriden/ Ozawkie Area Christmas After Hours

Thursday, December 20th, 2007
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Denison State Bank



OSKALOOSA CHAMBER MINUTES



Meeting called to order by Debbie Hunt at the Friendly Kansan Restaurant.

Minutes read and one change made by Shari Ward that the Meadfest will be Wine for Waifs instead. No treasurer's report. No city report. Terry Burris introduced a guest Sandy with Country Legends 106.9 here to help with advertising. Quinton Davis was introduced at the Chamber Meeting; he works for Edward Jones and should have his office in Oskaloosa by first of the year.

Old business: After hours was held at Kincaid Chiropractic and First National Bank and Trust.

*Jim McGrath gave EDC report, he has had several people call him on the commercial property that was sold, one was from Douglas County and another from Jefferson County. The website is still down.

*Shari Ward shared that the benefit was small but very generous donations. They made around \$4,000, she also had flyers on the upcoming Wine for Waifs Fundraiser coming up on October 13th 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also shared the 1/2 page ad that was put in "That Paper" cost was only \$70, this paper serves Topeka, Auburn, Carbondale, Grantville, Holton, Hoyt, Mayetta, Meriden, Pauline, Silver Lake and Valley Falls.

*Debbie Hunt reported on the Community Center, they are preparing for the Octoberfest After Hours to be held at Slough Creek Vineyard and hosted by Slough Creek Vineyard, Bradley Hammel and the Oskaloosa Community Center. They hold the Community Center meeting every 3rd Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church, but the next meeting was move to Wednesday October 24th at 6:30.

*Janet Wise explained the Trunk or Treat to be held on October 31st from 6:00 – 9:00. The city has blocked off the Washington Street from Union to Liberty. She also asked for any donations for some type of prize/drawing.

*Heather Reid discussed the Art Walk to be held Saturday October 13th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the Oskaloosa square, she asked for sponsors of \$20 for each of the vendors to set up., she currently has 13 signed up consisting of painting, photography, jewelry, soaps, etc. She also said there were four businesses' doing sidewalk sale as well. There will be 6 different musicians, a bake sale and the Community Center will have a food court selling burritos and hotdogs. She advertised in the Trading Post and had over 400 flyers going out.

*Terry Burris questioned if we wanted to do a joint Chamber Mixer in January again. Jim McGrath will check with Ernest Spencer Metals, since he just finished his expansion and EDC would co-host with them, will let us know.

***By-laws were tabled until next meeting.**

*The Christmas committee will have there first meeting next month. Janet said that LeAnn Chapman contacted her about Historical Society when we have open house.

*Janet also asked about Chamber doing scholarships, if funds were available. Debbie Hunt, Terry Burris and Peggy Miller will start a nominating committee.

*The next Old Settlers meeting will be October 29, 2007 at Golden Pizza, 7 p.m.

*Becky Wise mentioned how the Chamber really needs to continue to use the dues towards advertising for chamber events, example the Art Walk being put together by Heather Reid, to keep the focus of more money coming into the community.

****Upcoming events: October 13, 2007**

Pancake Feed at Jeff West Grade School – 301 Main, Meriden, KS

Art Walk and Wine for Waifs Fundraiser, local artisans in town from 10 am – 5 p.m., crafts, great food, live music Slough Creek Vineyard & Winery will have the annual Humane Society fund raiser from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. They will serve hot dogs, brats and snacks.

October 25, 2007 will be the After Hours Octoberfest at Slough Creek Vineyard, hosted by Bradley Hammel, Community Center.

Oct. 27, 2007 – Hospice "A Taste of Elegance"

Oct. 31, 2007 – Trunk or Treat

Nov. 1, 2007 – Valley Falls Chamber Meeting

Nov. 8, 2007 – Historical Society Dinner at Grantville

Nov. 14, 2007 – Oskaloosa Chamber Meeting

Nov. 15, 2007 – After Hours at Peggy Miller's (Cedar Ridge Sub) 900 Washington

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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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