



Montana's Sunrise City

# Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Advantage

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## Special points of interest:

- November 2  
Parent Café - MonDak
- November 3-5  
Eastern C Divisional  
Volleyball Tournament
- November 5  
Wine & Food Festival
- November 7-11  
Red Ribbon Week
- November 10  
RED Annual Meeting
- November 11  
Veterans Day @ Confluence
- November 12  
Power of the Night Sky
- November 11-13  
High School Play
- November 12  
Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale
- November 15  
MonDak - Arch Ellwein
- November 17 B.A.H  
Yellowstone Mrkt / Betania
- November 18  
Light the Bridge -Fairview
- November 19  
Wagon Train @ Confluence  
Quilting @ Confluence
- November 20  
Concert at the Confluence
- November 24  
Thanksgiving
- November 24 - 25  
No School
- November 25  
Christmas Stroll &  
Parade of Lights
- November 25-27  
JR Gold Hockey  
Tournament

## Chamber 's B.A.H



On September 22, 2011 the Membership Committee of the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture had its Business After Hours, featuring a new Chamber Member "LeRoy's Catering", who brought



some of his delicious treats. Members used tables, chairs, and a tent from Occasional Party Rental and the Chamber's linens to provide elegant coverings. The day was perfect for an outdoor event.

The Membership Committee used this occasion to allow members to network at the Chamber's office, and see programs first-hand that are being promoted by its leaders.



## Countdown to 12 Days of Christmas

The Trade Promotion committee has set the theme for this year's Stroll and Parade of Lights as "The Twelve Days of Christmas". A great day is being planned that will draw people to Sidney. The Stroll will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the parade starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Reynolds parking lot on November 25.

Several events are similar to past years including Santa making a round on the fire truck at 2:00 p.m., entertainment and food vendors on East Main Street, pictures with Santa at the Yellowstone Marketplace, a soup contest at Restorx, and extended shopping hours thru-out the town. The Chamber will have live remote broadcasts in the morning to create interest in the day. We will also highlight the Boys & Girls Club annual Christmas Tree Auction.

Entertainment and non-profit vendors are

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# Sidney Chamber 2011 Board of Directors

Past President:	Marci Albin	The Lucky Buckle
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Staff:	Wade J. VanEvery, Executive Director	Iwona Patnaude, Administrative Assistant	

## 2011 Chamber Committee Chairs

Agriculture:	Ben Larson
Leadership Task Force:	Dana Jonsson
Membership:	Wade VanEvery
Sports & Recreation:	Cara Johnson
Sunrise Ambassadors:	Renee Goss
Sunrise Festival of Arts:	Deb Sing
Town & Country Festival:	Marci Albin
Trade Promotion:	Greg Miller

Thanks to the above shown committee chairs the Chamber has had a very success event year. Their work is not over as they are now evaluating and planning for next year's events plus laying out budgets for the Executive Board to review.

Most committees will be electing new chairmen in the next two months, and recruiting members. Committee work provides several benefits to individuals and their businesses. Feel free to visit with these chairs about being involved on a committee or call the Chamber for more information.

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## *Keep Customers At Home With The Big Bucks Loan Program & Christmas Cash Giveaway*



At the last Trade Promotion meeting, the 3 bank sponsors of the Big Bucks Loan Program met to go over plan details for 2011. The Sidney Big Bucks program is scheduled to commence on November 1st and will be available at Stockman Bank, Richland Federal Credit Union, and 1st Bank. Participants can receive up to a \$1000 (big bucks) no-interest loan for a fee of \$15. Those Big Bucks are then spent with participating Sidney Chamber members who redeem them at the participating banks at 97% of the face value by December 28th. The last day to use the "big bucks" is December 24th. Last year a total of \$46,950 was loaned out for spending with participating members.

Christmas Cash will be begin in November with posters and sign-up slips being provided to participating members. It will be advertised as well with the "Sidney's Got It" program. Each member will draw a winning slip on December 15th, and on the 16th a live remote broadcast will be held with Power 95.1. Three drawings for a total of \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks will be drawn during the broadcast.

## Welcome Brookman Rodeo !!!



**BROOKMAN RODEO**  
*Carrying on Rodeo Tradition*

**X A** Dave & Cathy Wieferich  
 11800 Highway 261  
 Sidney, MT 59270  
 (406)482-7961 (home)  
 (406)489-7961 (cell)

*Let our team of professionals help you with your next rodeo!*

The Chamber welcomes Brookman Rodeo Company into membership during October. Dave & Cathy Wieferich raise and provide rodeo stock to Pro Rodeos across the United States. They are especially thankful to be the stock contractor for the Richland County Fair & Rodeo. Brookman Rodeo has a long history of outstanding rodeo production.

Watch for NFL Books coming in December !!!

## Fight the Flu with Montana Chamber Choices!

The Flu and Cold season takes its toll across Montana businesses each year resulting in loss-time hours, absenteeism and work-flow disruption.

**Preventing the Flu is important! Take these easy steps to stop the spread in your business:**

- **Cover** your sneeze and cough with your arm
- **Wash** your hands thoroughly and often
- If you feel sick, **stay home**, except to seek medical care

Talk to your primary care provider about a yearly **vaccination** to prevent the Flu.  
 Get a **Flu Kit** from your Chamber of Commerce to spread the prevention message.

**Common Flu Symptoms may include:**

Fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue

**When should you get vaccinated?**

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) the yearly flu vaccination should start in September or when the vaccine is available and vaccination should continue until peak season (December-January).

**Who Should Get Vaccinated**

Pregnant Women  
 Children younger than 5, but especially babies younger than 2 years.  
 Health Care workers  
 People of high risk populations (chronic health conditions, asthma, diabetes, etc.)  
 People 65 or older

**What to do if you get sick**

Limit your contact with others. Stay home for at least 24 hours, except to seek medical care. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and wash your hands frequently.



Montana Chamber Choices offers many preventative benefits - including the flu vaccine!  
 If you are on Montana Chamber Choices Health Insurance get your flu shot today!

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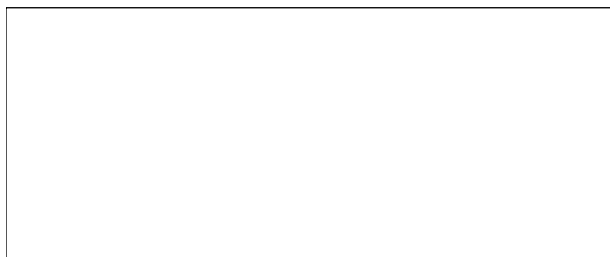
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## Business After Hours

Yellowstone Marketplace &  
Betania Ristorante Italiano  
November 17 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Come and see the makeover of Yellowstone Marketplace
- Sample delicious food & wine selections compliments of Betania Ristorante Italiano
  - Meet new people & have fun !!!

***SEE YOU THERE!***



What does my investment in the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce get me? Your investment gives you a new business partner, or a department of your business with top-flight business and professional men and women providing voluntary and willing committee or task force service - people like yourself.