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Special points of interest:

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- **October 2**
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- **October 5**
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Sara Hickman
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- **October 27**
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Services
- **October 31**
Halloween
Moonlight Madness

Moonlight Madness

Its scary to realize that Halloween is already here! The Chamber wants to help our members create store activity during this occasion by having a Moonlight Madness night on Monday, October 31.

The Trade Promotion Committee encourages the members to have extended hours until 7:00 P.M. this evening and have their best Halloween costumes on for judging.



Judging will begin at 4:00 P.M. to allow all members to participate. A costume contest for children 10 and under will be held at the Yellowstone Marketplace beginning at 5:30 P.M. A Halloween sign is included in this newsletter, which when displayed on this day, will tell the public that you welcome these dressed-up revels.

Christmas Card Contest

Last year the Chamber made a Christmas Card to the Community, and had it lit-up in front of the Chamber's office. This year the Chamber encourages businesses, or individuals, to join us in sending a "season's greeting" Christmas Card to the Community as well. Your personally decorated "Christmas Card" can be located at your business, home, or at the Chamber if needed. The Chamber's card consists of two 4x8 sheets of particle board hinged together. The members of the Boys &



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An Ounce of Preventive Dental Care

As the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And nothing could be truer when it comes to your dental health. You and your family can avoid the need for complex and costly dental services by taking advantage of the preventative dental exam offered by Montana Chamber Choices.

Dental care is an important component to your overall health. This is why Montana Chamber Choices includes a \$100 preventive dental benefit (cleaning) for every covered life on the program.

\$100 preventive dental benefit- An annual preventive visit to the dentist ensures oral health and can detect an underlying dental or health issue before it becomes more serious which is especially important for people with diabetes and expectant mothers. Details of this benefit include:

- No network restriction on this benefit. Choose any provider.
- No separate ID card for this service.
- The dental provider will simply bill BCBSMT for the service under medical benefits.
- This benefit is available to all employees and dependents covered on the health plan.

Good preventive dental care is also important for your general health. A healthy mouth with well-cared-for teeth enables you to chew properly, speak clearly and smile confidently. By caring for your natural teeth you are contributing to your general well-being and enjoyment of life. For more information on the Montana Chamber Choices dental benefit, go to chamberchoices.com.



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Girls Club of Richland County painted the Chamber's card. Your Christmas Card can be the same size or smaller, if needed, and must be up by November 25th, which coincides with the first day of the holiday shopping season, and the Christmas Stroll. Plans are underway to have a People's Choice award provided thru the Chamber. If a member is interested in sponsoring this, please let the Chamber know. This is a project of the Trade Promotion Committee. As a chamber member, join in welcoming all to Sidney with a personalized "Christmas Card to the Community."



Meet Our Newest Chamber Members



The Chamber welcomes two new members for the Month of September. LeRoy's Catering owned by LeRoy Strasheim is known for his traveling food service. LeRoy handles all types of events from weddings to auction sales to company meetings. He will also work with any type of menu that is desired. The best way to contact LeRoy is to call (406)482-4678 or (406)489-4678. His email is appropriately bbqtogo4u@yahoo.com.

On September 22 the latest new member Sandwich Artist had their grand opening and ribbon cutting to kick-off their new business in the Yellowstone Marketplace. The Sandwich Artist is owned by Kevin & Amy Armstead, who have relocated to Sidney from

Gillette WY. Kevin was the manager of a Subway there before their move. They visited with pride about their Panini line of sandwiches which is a gourmet sandwich that can be customized to the customers desires. Being in the Yellowstone Marketplace allows them to have walk-in or call-in ordering, and dine in or carry out. Contact them by calling (541)914-8177 or email armsteader@gmail.com.



Christmas Stroll Theme Announced



The Trade Promotion committee has chosen the theme "Twelve Days of Christmas" for the 2011 Christmas Stroll and Parade of Lights. It will be held on the same day as usual, the day after Thanksgiving, which is November 25 this year. Most of the activities included during this event are being worked on now, with expectations of having the best Stroll ever.

There are many ways that members can participate in this event, groups or individuals that would like to perform are needed and can now be scheduled. There is also a need for non-profits that would like to set up food and beverage concessions to sell from 4 to 7 p.m.

The soup contest was a success last year and will be included again this year. New this year will be a Polar Plunge for Special Olympics being sponsored by the Sidney Law Enforcement community.

It has been mentioned to the Chamber that people see as many class mates at the Stroll and Parade as they do at a class reunion.

Welcome our New Administrative Assistant



Iwona Patnaude, originally from Poland, relocated to Sidney, MT, from Las Vegas, Nevada after her husband Jason accepted a job offer with Interstate Engineering.

Iwona's dream was to work at the Chamber of Commerce since the very first day of their visit to Sidney.

She is very happy and excited to be a part of Sidney's growing community, always ready to help out and contribute to the general well-being of all.

Iwona started on September 26, and is anxious to meet the members & get involved with our numerous events.

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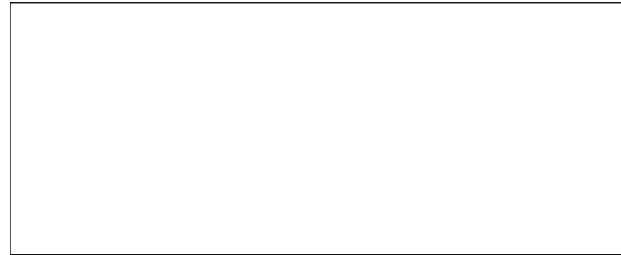
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Volleyball Tournament Scheduled for November



Our schools are already a month into their fall schedule and volleyball tournaments are only a month away. Sidney High School will be hosting the Eastern C Divisional Volleyball Tournament on November 3-5 with help from the Chamber. We will be handling ticket sales and hosting the hospitality room during this occasion. Cara Nelson will be contacting members to help with the stocking of the hospitality room. School and tournament officials look forward to the generosity of our members. When the schedule is released the Chamber will be notifying members to get help.

The Chamber is also excited to announce that the Eastern District 2 C has chosen Sidney to host a joint boys and girls basketball tournament again in February of 2012. MHSAs reports show that tournaments in Sidney are more profitable than in other communities in the area. The Sports and Recreation Committee works continuously to have good relations with the schools in Eastern Montana.

On September 9th the Sunrise Ambassadors helped with the groundbreaking for the new Holiday Inn Express being build on West Holly Street. The Chamber looks forward to working with this new business in the future as it provides a great need in the community.

