

Chamber Highlights

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Chamber's Mission Statement

To promote and showcase the community, to be a leadership organization which unifies the community, and map a course for Creston's future development.

Chamber Golf Outing To Be Held July 12th

The 16th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 12th at Crestmoor Golf Club and Pine Valley Golf Course. The event will begin with lunch at Pine Valley at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. from both courses. After completing golf, prizes will be awarded at Crestmoor along with a taco bar. It is always a fun day and a great chance to interact with other chamber members, as well as support the Chamber in this major fund raising event.

The entry fee for a team of four is \$250 (\$63 per person). Included in your entry are 18 holes of golf, a cart at both courses, lunch at Pine Valley, a taco bar at Crestmoor after golf plus a chance to win prizes. If you cannot put a team together, but would like to participate, please call Ellen at the Chamber to get you on a team.

We are seeking Hole Sponsors for this year's event. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole please call Ellen.

The Chamber is also asking for door prizes and event prizes. If you would like to contribute something to the golf outing please contact Ellen by July 1st.

Line up your teams now and turn in the registration form found in this newsletter by June 28th. Hurry, Chamber members have the first opportunity to sign up. Space is limited to the first 36 teams.

Sign up today for this fun event! (Sign-up Sheet is included in this Newsletter).

June 8th is Creston's Citywide Garage Sale

Don't forget the **Citywide Garage Sale on June 8th**. The official hours will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Any individuals, organizations and/or businesses can participate.

Please call the *Creston News Advertiser* to place an ad - 641-782-2141.

Crazy Summers Sales Days

Please remember that **Creston Crazy Summer Sales Days Promotion** will be held citywide on June 28th and 29th. **This is a citywide event and it is hoped that many of you will participate over the two days.** It is a Crazy Day (s) event, and the more stores and businesses we have participate the better for the shoppers and the more fun it will be.

The Chamber will be doing radio and newspaper advertising in addition to what you might be planning for the event to let people know about the where & when's of Crazy Summer Sales Days. All of the streets will remain open during the two day event. We are asking retailers to put your Crazy items on the sidewalk or in parking lot areas.

Plan on being part of this "crazy" event.

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Director's Thought

As you can imagine it is busy around the office this time of year, all of the activities held in June and then with the 4th of July activities, golf tournament and Balloon Days as well as meeting and greeting guests and visitors. I must tell you however; we would not have it any other way. We love promoting Creston and these next few months give us an excellent opportunity to do just that. We of course do not do this alone, but have many people who lend their time and talent in helping us. All working together for Creston; What a great time it really is.

Have a great summer.



Visitors Center Now Open

The Visitors Center is located at 636 New York Avenue is now open. The Center hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and some Saturdays. It will remain open until October 5th. It is a great spot to pick up information on the community, area events and attractions.

Union County Historical Complex To Open for the Season

The Union County Historical Complex located at McKinley Park will open on Memorial Day Weekend and will remain open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment for other days.

You are invited to visit the village and museum and experience life as it was in the early days of Creston and Union County.

Creston Farmer's Market to Open June 3th

It is time to get ready for the Farmer's Market! The 2013 Season will open on June 3rd and continue on Monday's through September 30th. The Market will run from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in McKinley Park by the Bear.

Here you can find baked goods, fresh vegetables, eggs, crafts, clothing, natural beef and many other items. Supper will be available for around \$5 to \$7 as well as live music. It is a great weekly social event where people can eat, shop and visit with neighbors and new friends in beautiful McKinley Park.

For more information please contact Market Manager Brian Zachary. 641-247-1663.

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10,000 Crestonians Prepare for the 4th of July

The Theme for this year's parade is – "America, Home Sweet Home" as the 10,000 Crestonians celebrate 63 years of sponsoring the celebration. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 4th. For a complete listing of events please visit the Chamber website at www.crestoniowachamber.com.

Roger Nurnberg is President of the 10,000 Crestonians and Fireworks Chairman, Mike Linch, Creston Kiwanis Club is Parade Chairman and Jerry Hartman is the Talent Show Chair. In addition, members of the Creston Kiwanis Club, the Chamber Staff and other volunteers help make this event a success.

The committee would like to encourage more businesses to have a float in the parade. An added bonus again this year is that the 10,000 Crestonians are again giving bikes away for both girls and boys, as prizes to youth bicycle participants in the parade.

Please get involved and have fun promoting your business.

Letters have been sent to local businesses asking them to contribute money so that the 4th of July in Creston can continue to be a free event. This is one of our largest tourist attractions and it makes a great 4th for your family, friends, and employees so please support this fun event.

Donated monies are used for fireworks, parade and talent show prize money, liability insurance, advertising and promotion costs. The cost of putting on this event has increased substantially and our revenue has not kept pace with expenses in recent years.

If you did not receive a letter or would like to make a contribution please use the form below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please fill out the donation form below, and return it to P.O. Box 471, Creston, Iowa 50801.

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Omelet Breakfast Thank You

The Chamber would once again like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses that donated items to the recently held Annual Chamber Omelet Appreciation Breakfast. Thank you to Fareway for the cheese, Hy Vee for the ham and Wal-Mart Super Center for the donuts.

A big thank you also goes out to all of our volunteer chefs, and helpers. You did a great job.

7th Annual Party in McKinley Park Featuring The Jimmie VanZant Band

**Gates Open on Saturday, June 22
at 4:00 p.m. at McKinley Park**

Music starts at 5 p.m.

Opening Acts: Rumley Brothers,
Sydney Lett and Rebel Road

Advance Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at Stalker Chevrolet, Creston Hy-Vee, Creston News Advertiser, Elm's Club or go on line to www.redtrucktickets.com. Tickets the day of the event are \$20. Must be at least 16 to attend.

Food and beverages will be sold during the event.

Proceeds will go to the McKinley Park Restoration Project.

For further information please call 641-782-2000 ext. 2

Ask Us Program

Do your employees get asked questions about our area from visitors? Do they know all the answers? If not, then you need to contact the Chamber. We can come meet with you and your staff or we have information available for you to take back to your business and share. We are willing to work with you.

Help Us Recognize the Yards of the Month

The Image Enhancement Committee of the Chamber will begin honoring Yards of the Month starting in June. The Committee will continue during July, August, September and October recognizing outstanding yards in Creston. Each home selected will receive a gift from either Creston True Value, Creston Super Walmart or Green Valley Pest Control & Lawn Care. In addition, pictures of the yards will appear in the *Creston News Advertiser*.

In addition to the Honor Yards, the Image Enhancement Committee will again recognize and acknowledge areas of Creston that have worked together to maintain and enhance their corner of the Community.

Again this year there will be a monthly award to honor the large flowerpots located near several Creston businesses.

If you would like to nominate a yard, an area or a flowerpot to be considered by the Committee please call the Chamber with the address or location.

Thank you

- ▶ Thank you to the **Crest City Lodge** for putting up the flags on Memorial Day. We appreciate the support.
- ▶ Thank you to **Mike Baker and Mike Bruce, City of Creston**, for their help in fixing the issues at the Creston/ Union County Visitor Center, 636 New York Avenue/Hwy 34 West.

Southwestern Business Conference & Expo

The 5th Annual SWCC Smart Business Conference & Expo will be held on June 10th at the Instructional Center at SWCC. The cost for the Conference is \$30 and \$50 the day of the Conference. You may register on line at www.swcciowa.edu/sbdc or by calling 641-782-1449.

Creston:Arts

Enjoy art in Uptown Creston. Each month Creston:Arts will present a new gallery show in the former Water Office at the Restored Depot in Uptown Creston, 116 West Adams Street. The area will be open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the public to stop by and enjoy the art. The June Show will feature the, "The Fiber Arts Show". The Gallery Reception will be held on June 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information please call 1-641-247-1663.

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Member Spotlight

The Creston Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a Ribbon Cutting at iWireless, 200 North Elm Street on May 17th.

Ground Breaking to be Held:

Please join the Creston Chamber of Commerce and Prairie View Assisted Living for a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, June 6th at 10:00 am. 1709 W. Prairie, Creston. Refreshments will be provided.

Prairie View Assisted Living is breaking ground on a 10 apartment Memory Care addition. Prairie View Memory Care will offer a secure environment to residents with Alzheimer's disease and other memory related issues. Prairie View Assisted Living is celebrating its 5 year anniversary this year.

Prairie View is part of Topeka-based Midwest Health, which operates 45 retirement communities, assisted living and rehabilitation units in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

June Gold Star Business Honor

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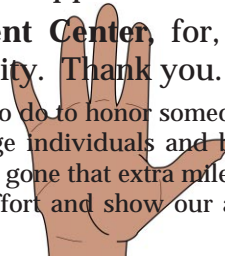
Each month the Chamber will honor a business or businesses around town that maintain their appearance both inside and out and keep their area clean. The process to nominate a business for a Gold Star Honor is simple. All you need to do is call the Chamber to acknowledge a business property and tell why you think this business should be a Gold Star Business. Please call Ellen at 782-7021 to share your thoughts.

June Hi-Fives for Great Customer Service Goes Out To

Savta's Greenhouse, for, "being so super nice, friendly and knowledgeable. It is appreciated."

Family Development Center, for, "all you do for the people of this community. Thank you."

Remember all you need to do to honor someone with a Hi-Five is to call the Chamber to acknowledge individuals and businesses that have given excellent customer service or gone that extra mile for you the customer. We need to acknowledge this effort and show our appreciation for a job well done.



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**Creston
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Activities**

June 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All Iowa Shop Hop, June 1 – June 20						1 KSIB Tractor Drive Leslie's Dance Recital Prairie View Assisted Living 5 Year Anniversary & Open House
2 Leslie's Dance Recital	3 Creston Farmers Market, 4 -6:30 p.m., McKinley Park	4 Chamber Radio Grapevine Visit, 9 a.m. Creston City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers	5 She-Nae's Ribbon Cutting, 10 a.m., 311 W. Montgomery	6 Prairie View Assisted Living Memory Care Unit Ground Breaking, 10 a.m., 1709 W. Prairie	7 Greater Regional Auxiliary Foundation Golf Event Creston Arts: Artist Reception, 6 to 8 p.m., Restored Depot	8 Creston Citywide Garage Sale, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
9	10 5th Annual Southwestern Regional Business Conference & Expo, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., SWCC Creston Farmers Market, 4 -6:30 p.m., McKinley Park	11	12	13	14 Creston Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Chamber Office Relay for Life, 6 p.m., CHS Track	15
16 Happy Father's Day	17 Creston Farmers Market, 4 -6:30 p.m., McKinley Park	18 Creston City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers	19	20	21 Image Enhancement Committee Meeting, 7 a.m., Windrow Restaurant, First Day of Summer	22 Friends of the Library Garden Walk, 1 to 4 p.m. Party in the Park, 5 p.m., McKinley Park
23 30	24 Creston Farmers Market, 4 -6:30 p.m., McKinley Park	25	26	27	28 Crazy Summer Sales Days Elm's Club 5th Annual Bike Night 2013, Elm's Club	29 Crazy Summer Sales Days SW Iowa Home Builders Alliance Home Show Community Churches Fun Day 2 to 5 p.m., 702 W. Prairie

JULY

June 28 to July 4 - 10,000 Crestonians 4th of July Celebration

- 1 Creston Farmers Market, 4 to 6:30 p.m., McKinley Park
- 2 Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Mealsite
- Creston City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers
- 5 Creston Arts: Artist Reception, 6 to 8 p.m., Restored Depot
- 8 Creston Farmers Market, 4 to 6:30 p.m., McKinley Park
- 9 Chamber Radio Grapevine Visit, 9 a.m.
- 12 Creston Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Chamber Office
- Chamber Golf Outing
- July 12 to July 14, CAT Presents, "Oliver"
- 15 Creston Farmers Market, 4 to 6:30 p.m., McKinley Park
- 16 Creston City Council Meeting, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers
- 19 Image Enhancement Committee Meeting, 7 a.m., Windrow Restaurant
- July 20 to July 25 Union County Fair
- 22 Creston Farmers Market, 4 to 6:30 p.m., McKinley Park
- 27 McKinley Park Festival
- 29 Creston Farmers Market, 4 to 6:30 p.m., McKinley Park

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