

Your source for to up-to-date information about your Chamber, Chamber members and the activities the Chamber undertakes on your behalf.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

First and foremost, I would like to express the Chambers best wishes and support for all of the families affected by our recent storm. The damage is devastating and wide spread. I have travelled most of Central Alberta in the past week and it is unbelievable the amount of damage that was done. I know that we will all come together as a community to support one another as we always do through these difficult times.

July is somewhat of a quiet month for the Chamber as the office is closed for awhile and we do not have any meetings. We did decide to do a collaborative effort with the Ag Society to distribute coupons to attendees of the rodeo this weekend to encourage them to come to town while they are in the area and experience our downtown, our unique shops, and our small town hospitality. Any businesses who are

interested and may not have been contacted, can contact Deana at the Chamber office or Diana at Shorthorn Art Studios. We have been working diligently on preparing for our Merchants Pancake Breakfast which takes place on Friday August 14th at 8am. This is a free breakfast organized by the Chamber to thank our customers for their patronage throughout the year. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Greg at AG Foods, he may still need some volunteer hands.

The Elks Breakfast takes place on Saturday morning followed by the Elks and Royal Purple Parade at 11am. They have Harvey the Hound as our parade martial along with a number of Pipe bands from the city and of course the Shrine patrols. Looks to be a great day! The theme for the parade is Minor Sports, and if you need any further information please contact Shaun Waite at A Gallery of Floors.

Over the last 2 weeks there have been some problems at the Post Of-

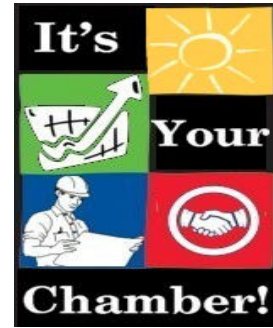
fice with vandalism and the piling of garbage in the lobby of the Post Office. I encourage all businesses to practice a good neighbor policy and remove all your unwanted mail to be recycled through your business. I know that the presence of all of the flyers and junk mail can be very annoying, but the Post Office is just doing their job. When the mail is just thrown on the floor it is a very bad impression for anyone visiting our post office. I am sure that there are no businesses guilty of this practice but I encourage you to speak to your staff as well. We do not want to see the availability of our post boxes reduced because people do not want to take home their unwanted mail.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a great summer so far and I ask you to mark your calendars on September 9th which will be our first General Meeting to start the fall. Details of this meeting will follow with the September TGIT.

NEW ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Some members of the Chamber may already have been approached by Alan Chambers with regards to our new Chamber Page in the Didsbury Review. This page will be published once a month (first paper of the month) and will have an activity report of the Chamber as well as a listing of all of the Chamber members free of charge. Each month Alan will be look-

ing for some of the members to purchase a business card size advertisement to support the page. This ad is \$50.00. If everyone participates it would mean 2 ads per year approximately. Some may not choose to participate and others may want to be there every month, it will be up to you. Regardless, every Chamber member will be listed every month at the bottom of the page. I hope you all see the value in this form of advertising and will be looking to participate.



Noteworthy Dates:

Chamber of Commerce Pancake Breakfast	August 14th
Thunder on the Prairies Fireworks	August 14th
Elks Pancake Breakfast	August 15th
Elks & Royal Purple Parade	August 15th
Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting	August 25th
Chamber of Commerce General Meeting	September 9th
Chamber of Commerce Small Business Gala	October 24th

Donna Moore Memorial Trust Fund

Donna Moore, marketing coordinator at the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce, lost her life when the stage collapsed at the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose, Alberta.

Donna, who was a single parent, has 2 children aged 10 & 16. With them in mind, a trust fund has been established.

For more information contact the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce @ 780-875-9013 or fax 780-875-0755 or www.lloydminsterchamber.com

**The Chamber of
Commerce
Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am—1:00pm**

Mission Statement

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is a community-based volunteer business organization, whose purpose is to support, promote, nurture, and educate for the improvement of our business community

Get
involved
Volunteer
Today!

Thanks to all who renewed their memberships for 2009. If you have not please contact the office ASAP 335-3265



Upcoming events

2nd Annual Bud Barn Jam 2 - Didsbury Fire Fighters Benefit

Saturday August 29th

Open Jam Session 3-6

Pot Luck/BYOB

“The Johnny V Trio” 8-12

**Tickets @ The Bud Barn
Museum or White Raven
Emporium 403-335-2247**

www.thebudbarn.com

8th Annual Charity Golf Fundraiser

Friday August 21st

**Tooth of the Dog-
pound Golf Course**

**Looking for support
by participating in
this fundraiser or by
donation of a prize**

Call Sharon

403-335-7627

Didsbury Fair & Rodeo

August 14th - 16th, 2009

Didsbury Exhibition Grounds

Friday, August 14th

Chamber Breakfast @ 8:00 on Main Street

Rodeo @ 6:00 p.m.

Beer Gardens

Midway & Concessions

Thunder on the Prairies (Free after rodeo)

Saturday, August 15th

Elks Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

Elks Parade in Didsbury @ 11:00 a.m.

**Rodeo 1:00 p.m. - Tough Enough to wear
Pink Day**

Beer Gardens

Midway & Concessions

Cabaret at Grounds @ 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Featuring “The Aaron J Goodvin Band”

Sunday, August 16th

4H Rodeo @ 9:00 a.m.

Clifford Scott Tractor Pull @ 12:00 p.m.

Concessions

More Information call the AG office @

403-335-4494



Saturday Night Teen Dance

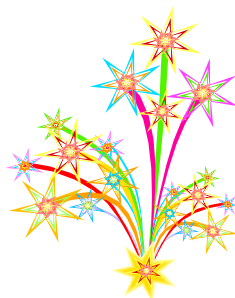
August 15th, 2009

7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.

@ the 360 Youth Centre

Ages 12 - 17

**Co-host by Child & Youth
Clubs of Didsbury & the 360
Youth Center**



ACC Group Insurance

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far to extensive to cover in a small medium like TGIT, however, if you are interested in obtaining more information about the ACC Group Insurance Program, please contact the Chamber office at 335.3265 OR call ACC directly at 1-800-984-2658

Wine Glass Rentals

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce has 300 wine glasses available for rent. If you are hosting an event and need wine glasses, contact the Chamber Office at 335-3265 for rental details. Rental rates are very reasonable and it's a lot better than having to drive to the city.