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### Small Business of the Year!

The Chamber congratulates Didsbury Pharmasave as the winner of the 2007 Small Business of the Year! The judges paid special commendation to Margaret and Claude Baril and their staff as “dedicated, community-minded individuals. This business has enhanced and improved the store interior. The owners are members of various organizations and clubs, and provide training opportunities for their staff whenever possible. They share their

customer service values with their staff, and are never too busy to talk to a customer. It’s what makes them the great business people they are.” The Chamber also congratulates all nominated businesses: Country Road RV Inc., Didsbury Inn, Front Porch Realty, Good Mahoney Lawson, JD’s Restaurant & Pub and Mugs Coffee House.

### People’s Choice Award goes to...

**Didsbury Municipal Library**

Everyone who works at the library, whether staff, board or volunteer, helps make the Library a great place to pick up a book, surf the internet or have a story read to you.

Several businesses this year had fun with this award, introduced for the first time at last year’s Gala. Looks like the community spirit is growing. VERY exciting this year was that a total of 398 votes were cast for 24 different businesses. More than TRIPLE the number of votes cast last year!

### What an unbelievable salute!

What a salute to Didsbury’s business community at the 2007 Chamber’s Small Business Gala. Our heartfelt THANKS to everyone who helped make the Gala such a success! The Didsbury & district Chamber of Commerce thanks ALL who attended the banquet, laughed with Richard and Deborah Popovich and took part in the Ducks Unlimited Silent Auction. What a great event it was! Special thanks to MC’s Melanie and Brian Hepp from CK-FM Radio, fantastic job as usual. Thank you to the following spe-

cial sponsors: Margo & Bill Ward for the Christmas Party Basket, Didsbury Value Drug Mart for the restroom baskets, and Windsor Graphics for the Gala printing. We also had a terrific variety of door prizes and would like to thank those businesses who provided door prizes and helped make the event so much fun!

Didsbury AG Foods—cheese and crackers basket won by Vern Good. For Trees Company—two mounted butterfly pictures won by Laurie Newfeld and Marvil

McHammond. Golden River Restaurant—gift certificate for dinner, won by Merrilee Anthony. Kennjak Photography—photo sitting and enlargements, won by Ed Puttick. Mountain View Liquor & Beer—wine and cheese gift basket won by Don Atkinson. Richard



Marz, MLS—choice of

### It’s Christmas Party Time!!

The Chamber’s December meeting is that much more special because it’s a party! We polled the folks at the Gala and they said “give us a party!” So that’s what we’re going to do.

Here’s all the details: Wednesday, December 12th 2007 at the Didsbury 5-0

Club, 2500—15th Avenue. Cocktails at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings hosted by the Didsbury Elks Club. Brief meeting to follow. Sing-A-Long with the Mountain View Choraliers.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person (plus GST). 50/50 tickets,

door prizes, cash bar.

Call Kathleen at 335-9445 to get your tickets. Booking deadline is December 3rd. Note: the December meeting is one of the meals included in the Meal Ticket Packages.

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## Noteworthy Dates:

*General Meeting*  
*Christmas Light decorating*  
*Didsbury Country Christmas*  
*Chamber Christmas Party*

*Nov. 14th*  
*Nov. 15th*  
*Nov. 30th*  
*Dec. 12th*

### Who's New?

**Mountain View Liquor and Beer**

**Medallion Trophies**

The Council and Membership of the Chamber welcome these businesses as NEW members!

### Party Time!!

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If you purchased a Meal Ticket Package earlier this year, please call Kathleen so you are included in the head count for the caterer.

Come with your singing voice in good form and celebrate the season with your business friends.

*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!*

### Update On Santa!!

#### Country Christmas

...is coming to town!! Please note that this years Country Christmas events will take place on **NOVEMBER 30th**.

Be sure to mark this on the calendar. For further information please contact the Chamber office at 335-3265.

Leanne from the Didsbury Review will be contacting everyone regarding advertising for the Country Christmas supplement.

### TRADE SHOW NEWS

Well, okay, it's still six months off, but this is when things get hopping!

We are pleased to welcome back, by popular demand, our Trade Show Manager Joelle Fournier of For Trees Company and our Fashion Show Manager, Tara Windsor of Wild Rose Event Consultants.

The Trade show phone has been set up, so if you have any questions, Call Joelle at 335-9201 or e-mail:

[tradeshow@didsburychamber.ca](mailto:tradeshow@didsburychamber.ca)

## Speaker's Corner - General Meeting November 14th

The next General Membership meeting will be held Wednesday November 14th at the Golden River Restaurant. Dinner at 6 PM, meeting at 7 pm.

The Chamber is pleased to present Anne Carpenter, Farm & Small Business Consultant. Her firm will be pre-

senting information designed especially for the farmer and small business owner. Tax planning, business successions, retirement are topics that will be covered.

Call the office at 335-3265 for further information.

**MISSION:** *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*

## Points of Interest

### 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

### THANK YOU ALL!!

Margo & Bill Ward would like to express their sincere appreciation for the recognition shown to them by the Chamber of Commerce the night of the Gala. "It was a wonderful surprise and something we will always cherish."

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