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Chamber News



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The Grantsburg Area Chamber of Commerce was formed for the purpose of advancing the commercial, industrial, educational, civic organizations and to promote tourism within our surrounding community.

Featured Chamber Member Burnett County Sentinel

Guarding Your Right To Know Since 1875

The Burnett County Sentinel was the county's first newspaper when Matthew Westcott began publishing on Feb. 19, 1875. The Sentinel continued weekly until its building and presses were destroyed by fire in 1909. The business was sold to its competitor.

The Journal changed its name to "Journal and Sentinel", but later reverted to the Journal of Burnett County. When the Journal folded in 1962, Wilbur A. Nelson revived the Burnett County Sentinel. Following his death in 1975, his wife, Marjorie Nelson and son, Gary Nelson operated it until Feb. 1, 1994, when it was purchased by Mainstream Publications.

It was then purchased by Press Publications on Dec. 1, 1998. The Sentinel is Burnett County's only hometown newspaper.

You can check us out on the web at www.burnettcountysentinel.com.



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Upcoming Chamber Events

Thursday, August 12
General Meeting
Trade River Gardens
21115 Deer Lane, Grantsburg

Don't miss the Fair! August 26-29



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Click on the picture above to be taken to our page. Or, visit:
www.facebook.com/grantsburgwi

Did you know that you can become a "Fan" of Grantsburg, WI on Facebook?

Nearly **1,000 fans** are being updated on our community and on our Chamber's activities. We receive around **500 hits** (people viewing our page) every week! Just another great benefit of being a Chamber member!

If you have something to promote, just let Nicki know and she can post it on our Facebook fan page! Email info@crosstown-creative.com or call 715-463-5988.

Chamber Members' Upcoming Events

Our website has a community calendar!
Submit your events online to be included:

www.grantsburgchamber.com/EventsCalendar.html

To view upcoming events, please visit:

www.grantsburgchamber.com/Events.html

If you have an event to announce but don't want the whole world-wide-web to know, you may still email your event to info@crostowncreative.com to be included in the newsletter. Otherwise they will all just be posted online to avoid duplicating my efforts.

Want to add something to the Chamber News? Please submit your events, pictures, advertisements, coupons, etc. by the 15th of each month to info@grantsburgchamber.com for inclusion in next month's Chamber News.

Events and advertising submissions are FREE for chamber members. Non-members, please inquire about purchasing ad space.

Upcoming Events at Crex Meadows

Nature's Little Explorers

Tuesdays through August 10

10-11:30 am; Ages 3-6; \$5 for the entire summer

Nature Photography Seminar

Saturday, August 7 (All Day) and Sunday August, 8
Speakers and field trips. \$30 per person for Saturday and additional \$10 per person for Sunday. Space is limited.

Call Kim Dauer at 715-463-2739 to register.

Wildflower Tour

Saturday, August 21, 2010: 9-11am

Trumpeter Swan Program

Sunday, August 22, 2010: 4-5pm

Crex Meadows Full Moon Series

August 24, 2010: 7:00-8:30pm

Visit our website for more details:

www.crexmeadows.org/events.htm

COMING SOON...

The Chamber of Commerce board is excited to inform you that a new Chamber website design is coming soon! There are many extra features on the new site which will help you gain more exposure on the internet as Chamber members!

Watch your emails for the announcement – hopefully later this week!

Join the Chamber!

Looking for ways to network?

Interested in helping “grow Grantsburg”? Join the Chamber of Commerce and be a part of tomorrow. Individuals, small and large businesses welcome.

ONLY \$35 for Individuals/Couples (community supporters, retired)
\$50 – Church, Non-Profit, Home-Based (Part-time, No employees)
\$75 – Business with 1-5 employees
\$125 – Business with 6-10 employees
\$150 – Business with 11-25 employees
\$175 – Business with 26-49 employees
\$200 – Business with 50+ employees

**Two part-time employees equal one employee. Owners are considered an employee.*

You may fill out a membership form online at www.grantsburgchamber.com/join.html

and mail your payment to PO Box 451, Grantsburg, WI 54840.

Or call President Ronda Taber at 715-415-2886.

Join a Committee!

Mid-Winter Sports Day

Chair, Vacant

(organize an event to promote and fundraise for the Chamber)

Big Gust Weekend

Chair, Ronda Taber

(Sub-committees for craft fair, entertainment, activities, hang posters, etc.)

Fair Concession Stand

Chair, Cindi Throngard

Grantoberfest

Chair, Nicki Peterson

(Entertainment, games, vendors, etc.)

Antique & Collectible Toy Show

Chair, Kraig Fiedler

Santa Day

Chair, Vacant

(Pictures with Santa, goodie bags for kids)

HELP NEEDED – FAIR STAND

One of the most profitable fundraisers we do as a Chamber is manage/work the concession stand at the Fair. This will be our 2nd year, and we team up with the high school band. Funds are split evenly, so the work needs to be split evenly as well!

The band already has most, if not all, of their spaces filled and we do not. Time frames are only 4 hours and include either cooking or taking orders.

The fair is Thursday, August 26 – Sunday August 29.

Please contact Cindi Throngard to see what time frames are still available:
cthro@grantsburg.k12.wi.us 715-463-5165 ext. 160

Grantsburg Animal Hospital is now on Facebook!

Become a fan for a chance to win a 3-month supply of Frontline for your pet!

www.facebook.com/petvets



Grantsburg Animal Hospital
886 S. Pine Street ~ 463-2536
www.grantsburganimalhospital.com
Visit our website to set up your own Pet Portal website.



Grantsburg Fitness Center is proud to announce that we are soon going to be a Silver Sneakers® Provider. To introduce this program, as well as to give a orientation of what is all involved in the program, Grantsburg Fitness Center will be hosting a Orientation/Open House on Monday August 2nd and Thursday August 5th both from 8-10am.

Breakfast will be served, and when the class is over we invite all to attend our Forever Fit Class at 10am with Natalie.



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1st Annual Antique & Collectible Toy Show – October 2, 2010

This event will be held at the Community Center in Grantsburg.

Here you will find collectible cars, antique and collectible farm machinery and tractors, memorabilia and concessions.

Applications to have a booth are online at www.grantsburgchamber.com/toyshow.html.

You may contact Kraig Fiedler with questions at 715-463-5367.



Grantoberfest 2010 – Saturday, September 18

Our 2nd annual fall festival, Grantoberfest, is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at the Grantsburg Fairgrounds. Last year was a huge success and this year will be even bigger and better!

The main event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 5:00 p.m. A “barn dance” is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. with music by the popular band “The Dweebs”.

Many of the activities from last year will be held again this year including:

- Kickball Tournament (Community Bank)
- Mini-Golf (Grantsburg Golf Course)
- Weiner Dog Race (Grantsburg Animal Hospital)
- Chili Cook-Off
- Face Painting (High School Art Students)
- Taste of Grantsburg (Local Food Vendors)
- Hot Dog Eating Contest
- Scarecrow Decorating Contest
- Great Pumpkin Contest (Wood River Garden Store)
- Live Music All Day
- Beer Garden
- Temporary Tattoos (Burnett Plumbing)
- Dunk Tank & Cotton Candy Machine (Dollars for Scholars)

We hope that you will join the fun this year by having a booth for your business or organization; and/or sponsoring/running an event or activity. We really appreciated the 25+ businesses and organizations that were involved last year!

Our committee brainstormed many fun additions we could have this year – and we hope that you find something on our list, or an idea of your own, to get involved!

- 3-Legged Race and/or Gunny Sack Races
- Archery
- Horseshoes
- Pumpkin Ring Toss
- Pumpkin Bowling
- Pumpkin Carving
- Tug-O-War
- Lawn Bowling
- Giant Tricycle Race (for adults)
- Pie Eating/Throwing Contest
- Put together a kickball team
- Have a booth

Visit www.grantoberfest.com to sign up for an activity, donate money to help cover expenses, and volunteer!

Email us at events@grantsburgchamber.com

Or contact one of our committee members: Nicki Peterson, Kelly Gerber, John & Adriana Addison, Georgianne Kleiss, Val Fisk, Jason & Anna Hedrix, James Hinrichs

Dear Chamber Members/Fair Supporters:

We are asking for your help with a special effort this year. We are asking for your help in increasing our level of ride ticket sales this year.

We are facing the possibility that Earl's Rides, the carnival that we have had for the last 12 years, may not be coming back in 2011. They have picked up another fair on the extra weekend in August for 2009 & 2010. But in 2011 they will have to drop one of us. We want to make a big effort to increase our ride ticket sales to help our chances of getting them back next year and into the future. Whether it will be enough, we don't know, but we have to try.

We are asking that you help us by helping to promote sales or by being one of our presale outlets. We especially ask that you strongly consider purchasing tickets for your employees as employee incentives or gifts. Or maybe offer to pick up a part of the cost of each strip of tickets to encourage them to buy more. Tickets will be selling as a strip of 10 tickets for \$20. They only require one ticket per ride.

Something that you may not know is that a percentage of all of the ride ticket sales comes back to our fair. So when buying ride tickets, you are not just supporting the carnival but also our fair. Some of the money stays here to help maintain and improve our fair. If you have questions or ideas or wish to purchase tickets, please contact Bruce Scheider at the Kozy Kitchen, 715-463-2200 or 715-488-2472 or at kozkit@grantsburgtelcom.net.

The people from Earl's Rides also want to go where they are appreciated. Our community has done a great job in letting them know how much we like them in the past. Please continue to let them know again this year how much we appreciate the quality of their rides and their people. Even if we are not successful in our efforts to keep them coming back, any increase in ride sales will help us in negotiating a contract with a new carnival. So this effort will have a positive effect no matter what happens.

Thank you very much for your help and support.
Grantsburg Fair Board



Grantsburg Area Chamber of Commerce - Upcoming Calendar of Events

If you have an idea of a topic or speaker you would like to hear please let Ronda know: rdtaber@yahoo.com or 715-415-2886.

Board Meetings – 6:00 pm:

August 5 @ Fiedler Ford
September 20 @ Grantsburg Golf Course
October 18 @ The Drive-In
November 15 @ Dreamers
December 20 @ Edling Funeral Home

Board meetings are open to all members. Submit desired agenda items at least 2 days prior to the meeting. Call Dr. Bont at 715-463-5766

General Membership Gatherings – 5:30 – 7:30 – Guest speaker and dinner

August 12 at Trade River Gardens
October 21 @ Dreamers
Annual Meeting January 21 @ Crex Conventions

Lunch-n-Learn – NOON – Guest speaker and lunch

September 16 @ Grantsburg Village Hall

2010 Events and Activities

August 26-29 – Burnett County Agricultural Society Fair
September 18 – Grantoberfest @ Fairgrounds
October 2 – Antique & Collectable Toy Show @ Community Center
December 4 – Santa Days @ Community Center

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