



WINDMILL

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Potato Festival - Schedule of Events - August 20

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

4:30-7:30 pm Farmers Market, Railroad Park
** Potato Festival Raffle Tickets & T-shirts will be available to purchase.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

2-4 pm Chalk on the Walk at Country Pickins, Main St.
8 pm-1 am Live Music at Frank N' Stein's & American Legion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

6-10 am Fireman's Breakfast at Fire Station on Main Street
6-3 pm Big Sky Carvers' Outlet Sale
7 am Chili Cook's Set Up followed by Chili Cooks Meeting
7:30 am Horseshoe Hills Run 5k & 10k - Contact Manhattan Athletic Club, 282-2080
8 am Registration and Cowboy Chili starts
8:30 am Chili Verde Starts
9 am-4 pm Potato Festival in Railroad Park
Arts & Crafts Booths
Guess the Spud contest at Chamber booth
Free Children's Activities on South 4th Street
9 am-3 pm Car Show on N. Broadway (9-10:30 am Car Show Registration)
9-11 am Live Music at the Gazebo
9:30 am Red Chili Starts
10 am Parade line-up begins on Woodenshoe Lane
Chili Judges' Meeting
10:30 am Salsa Judging
11 am Parade on Main Street
Cowboy Chili Judging
Salsa & Cowboy Chili Tasting
11:30 am Chili Verde Judging and Tasting
12-3 pm Live Music at the Gazebo - Kostas
12:30 pm Red Chili Judging and Tasting
2 pm Announcements at the Gazebo: Parade Winners, Chili Cook-Off Winners & Raffle Winners
3-6 pm Live Music at Frank N'Steins - The Booze Hounds
3 pm Announcements at the Gazebo: Guess the Spud Winner, Car Show Winners & Final Raffle Winners
6 pm-11pm Live Music at Frank N' Stein's - Exit 288
8 pm-1 am Live Music at the American Legion
11pm-1am Live Music at Frank N'Stein's - MIP

**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION BOOTH
OVER 100 PRIZES -CASH GRAND PRIZE!**

Potato Festival Volunteers Needed

The 2011 Potato Festival Committee is organizing for this year's event. We need your help to make this the best Potato Festival ever! Has your business been looking for a way to get involved in the community? The Chamber is actively seeking Potato Festival Volunteers, Sponsors and Vendors. Please sign up to help in anyway you can! E-mail or call the chamber office for more details.

Cowboy Chili Cookoff

Do you make great chili? The Cowboy Chili Cookoff needs you! It only costs \$10.00 to enter and you could win up to \$200.00 for first place. You do not need to be an ICS member to enter. If you would like more information or want to register, please call Bob Wetzel, 284-6562 or Patty Hebner, 284-2071..

Manhattan Community Garden

Manhattan Community Garden plots now available. The Manhattan Rotary Club is proud to announce that 6 community garden plots are now available for interested gardeners. What a great way to meet other gardeners, raise healthy vegetables, small fruit, or flowers, save on budget and give any extra produce to the local food bank. Thanks to Manhattan Bank for allowing these gardens to be placed on land behind the bank with access to water. Each plot will measure 16 feet long by 6 feet wide ready to plant. For those new to gardening, advice is available from master gardeners, Paul and Sandi Joubert. Gardeners will only need seeds, hand tools, and gloves. An annual suggested donation of \$30 is requested for maintenance, and upkeep of the garden. A security deposit of \$30 will be required and will be refunded provided the site is clean and all silage is removed by October 25th. For more information and to sign up for your own space call Paul Joubert at 284-9060.

Excel Physical Therapy Community Education

Excel Physical Therapy's Community Education Series is ongoing, please sign up for Excel PT's future seminar announcements at www.excelptmt.com.

Minutes from the General Meeting, June

Paul Jones called the meeting to order.

Attendees included Paul Jones, Diana Stafford, Rhonda Albertson, Meg Anderson, Joan Oldenburger, Dave Hebner, Jim Albrecht, Jon Blanchard, Crystal Browning, Sherri Venema, Pat Figgins, and Susan Douma.

Treasurer's Report Checking \$3,335.08 Savings \$15,011.95 CD \$11,150.00

Old Business

- ❖ Potato Festival

- Update – we need to spend the money on upgrading the electrical system in the park , so we can use Spider boxes. Two places to be upgraded are on east side of the park, one near the intersection and the other at the Gazebo. Spider Boxes are \$41.00/day to rent and to purchase over \$1000. It will cost between \$900 to \$1000 to get the poles ready. It will be weatherproof. Dave suggested that we contact the town and Pat suggested that we talk with Dave Rowell, the city building inspector(only works Fridays). Jon commented about his concern with others using the power.
- Next Potato Festival Meeting will be May 20, 12:30 pm at Pizza on Broadway.
- Traffic Control will have its own meeting to be set on May 20, Dave suggested that Police Chief, Dennis Hengel be involved in revising the traffic plan.
- Booth Registrations
 - 62 Vendors registered for 2011

New Business

- ❖ Garage-A-Rama – June 4, 8am – 2. Country Pickins is the main contact for the garagara. Pat commented that we might look at doing a customer appreciation day in conjunction with garagara.
- ❖ Farmer's Market Report – This year farmers market will be from June 22 through September 28. \$2500 for the Senior Nutrition Program, Pat will begin enrolling seniors for the program. Pat went to WIC training for vendors. Vendors will be able to redeem coupons for WIC if they go through this program.
- ❖ Dave said the Farm Fair needs volunteers. The Farm Fair is geographically very close to Manhattan and he encouraged our community to get involved.
- ❖ Historical Society Meeting, May 25 at 7 pm in Manhattan City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the General Meeting, July

Paul Jones called the meeting to order.

Attendees included Paul Jones, Rhonda Albertson, Susan Hiedeman, Dave Hebner, Patty Hebner, George Hoffman, Crystal Browning, Pat Figgins, Joan Oldenburger and Susan Douma.

Treasurer's Report Checking \$2,899.68 Savings \$18,511.95 CD \$11,150.00

Joan made a comment regarding the brochure from Montana Safety Choices, which is an Insurance & Safety Program for Workers' Compensation. She will be receiving a Workers Compensation quote from them and comparing it to our current rates.

Old Business

- ❖ Potato Festival
 - Meeting – Next meeting date is July 22, 12:30 at Pizza on Broadway
 - Booth Registrations

- 92 Vendors registered for 2011.
 - Chili Cook-Off – Patty reported that the Chili Cookoff needs Cowboy chili cooks. They are trying to develop the Cowboy Chili into a real competition.
 - Car Show – Paul is very excited about it. Dave seems to be having a good response. He spoke with the president of the Casper, WY car club. Bozeman's car show is the next day, so some people will be trying to come to both. There is a car show in Bozeman and someone from the Potato Festival car show committee will be attending and promoting the PF car show. Dave does have some concerns with the traffic and what do we do if a lot more cars come then we have space for. He has spoken to the town council about sweeping and oiling the roads related to the car show and PF in general. Several people contacted him regarding alcohol. There will not be any alcohol serve in the car show area. Also no food vendors. Pat asked how they park. Dave responded they back in with people assisting. Also, Pat has penant rope if anyone needs it.
 - Children's Activities – Susan reported that Erin Boyd is the Children's Activities Chair for the Potato Festival. She had already booked inflatables and is looking at expanding the children's area and its offerings.
 - Sponsors – Susan will give a report at the next Potato Festival meeting.
- ❖ Potato Festival Banner – Pat reported that Beartooth Signs in Belgrade will be making the banner. Insty Prints has offered to help with the design. The decision needs to be made regarding the color of the background because that part of the process can take up to 14 days. The banner will be in use for 8-10 years, approximately. The board will approve the wording on the sign. Pat will touch base with Jon Blanchard about installation.
 - ❖ Billboard – Dave questioned what is going on with the Billboard at the I-90 interchange. He stated that we are missing a golden opportunity to bring business to town. He suggested that we get something up there asap. It will be added as an agenda item to the board meeting – tonight.

New Business

- ❖ Farmer's Market Report – Pat has paid two bills (\$87.00 and \$82.00, both for advertising) and had two deposits (\$248.00 and \$133.00). The Market has 20 reserved vendors currently. Right now the Market is waiting for vegetables and tourists. Rhonda asked if the market started earlier this year. Pat replied that the market did not start earlier, but will extend 3 weeks at the end. Wilma will be gone July 27th and Pat requested for help from 3:30 till 4:45 pm.
- ❖ Parkhaven Community BBQ – Patty spoke about the Free Community BBQ that Parkhaven is hosting. It will be on Saturday, July 8 from 11:30-3:30. They need help with take down and clean up at 3:00- 3:30. This year the Museum will be the recipient of all the donations.
- ❖ Belgrade News – George reported that the Belgrade News will do a special section for the Potato Festival and he needs the PF schedule. Susan will e-mail it. The special section will have cennential content included as well. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the General Meeting, August

The meeting was called to order by Jon Blanchard.

Attendees to the meeting include: Jon Blanchard, Pat Figgins, Dave Hebner, Jim Albrecht, Rhonda Albertson, Meg Anderson, and Susan Douma

Treasurer's Report was given by Susan Douma

Checking Acct \$970.05 Savings \$16,996.10 CD \$11,150.00

Old Business

❖ Potato Festival

- Meeting – Next Meeting date: August 5, 12:30 pm at Pizza on Broadway
- Banner Update- Pat reported that the banner across Broadway has been ordered and is in process of being completed. The background is black and the lettering is a little lighter and brighter than the original gold color. She requested contact information from Jon for his contact with Northwestern Energy.
- Electricity Update-Susan discussed the issues about the electrical upgrade. Currently we have asked our electrical member contactors for bids on upgrading the system in which spider boxes play an important part. She has been unable to find spider boxes to rent and they are extremely expensive to purchase. Pat commented she found spider boxes in Butte. The problem is they are setup to be used with a generator. Susan will communicate with Diana to figure out a solution. Meg offered to ask Tony Martel if there is a possibility of using one from his construction company.
- Volunteers Needed-The potato festival is in desperate need for more volunteers especially with the parking detail. Volunteers who work 2 or more hours receive a free t-shirt and free raffle tickets. Pat feels we should revisit this for next year.
- Booth Registrations
 - 122 Vendors registered for 2011
- Potato Festival Request-Dave requested that Potato Festival items not be dumped at the front door of the museum this year. Also, he asked if Car Show entrants could receive free raffle tickets like last year and yes they will receive three free tickets per entry.
- T-shirts-have arrived and will be at the bank and with ticket sellers for presales.

New Business

- ❖ Farmer's Market Report-Pat said the Market is having a good season. Not including last weeks figures we have \$1053 in income so far for approximately 15 weeks this year. Rhonda commented that she volunteered at the market and it is run very well. Pat does a great job.
- ❖ Additional new business
 - Jim located sand bags for securing the barricades and the Chamber canopy.
 - Kathy Simkins is no longer our contact for Murdoch's.
 - We need an additional shuttle for the Potato Festival. Possible contacts include: Karst Stage, Bozeman Senior Center or Galavan
 - Dave asked about the Billboard and where we are in the process. Susan have not been able to spend anytime on it, the process will

begin again after Potato Festival. Pat reported that we have already determined what the process is: Re-establish contact, ask for written permission, check permitting status, check physical shape and then proceed with the next steps.

The meeting was adjourned.

Montana Chamber Choices

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All Montana Chamber Choices Health Insurance Program plans have a new benefit, the VSP WellVision Exam for employee subscribers at no additional cost.

Through your annual eye exam, your VSP Signature network doctor can detect signs of chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, before these diseases have the chance to greatly impact your vision.

Many eye conditions are very treatable when caught early, saving your sight and in some cases, even your life.

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For more information on the VSP vision benefit for Montana Chamber Choices visit chamberchoices.com



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August Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 pm General Mtg. – Parkhaven Board Mtg. After	3 4:30-7:30 Farmers Market	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 4:30-7:30 Farmers Market	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 4:30-7:30 Farmers Market	18	19 2-4 pm Chalk on the Walk	20 Potato Festival 9 -4
21	22	23	24 4:30-7:30 Farmers Market 24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Last date for info to be included in the September Community Corner	31 4:30-7:30 Farmers Market			

Thank you

Thank you so much for being a member of the Chamber! Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments and suggestions. We are here to serve you!

If you would like to make a difference in our Chamber and our community then please come to our general meetings – the first Tuesday of every month, 6:00 pm at Parkhaven. We would love to hear your opinion!

