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Hill City Area

Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



January 2017

Quarterly

Calendar of Events

- January 5th, 2017 Chamber Monthly Luncheon will be at Las Canteras Mexican Grill and the guest speaker will be Phyllis Weller and the program will be "Tax Updates".
- January 29th, 2017 Hill City Area Chamber Annual Banquet and Business Awards. Entertainment is the Peterson Farm Brothers.
- January 30th, 2017 Registration for the Valentine's Day dinner begins.
- February 2, 2017 Chamber Monthly Luncheon will be at Bucks Bar and Grill.
- February 14th, 2017 Drawing for the Chamber Valentine's Day dinner.
- March 2nd, 2017 Chamber Monthly Luncheon will be at J Bar S and Grill.

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- This is "The Year of the Red Fire Rooster" according to the Chinese calendar. Rooster is the essence of fidelity and punctuality.
- According to the 2017 Farmers Almanac: *For the winter of 2016–2017, we expect temperatures to be much colder than last winter but still above normal. Winter 2017 will also feature below-normal snowfall overall; the snowy exception is the northern tier of the U.S., which can expect to be blanketed in white.*
- August 21, 2017 — Great American Eclipse (Total Solar Eclipse)
- United Nations declares 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development.
- **The color of the year is a vibrant green.**
- The 2017 World Expo will open in Astana Kazakhstan.

Greetings!

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR, EVERYONE! 2016 is now in the record books and we are ushering 2017 in with lots of planning, reflection, and great ideas.

Planning is already under way for several events this year. There will be our monthly luncheons throughout the year. We strongly encourage you to attend to keep up with all the great things happening in the Hill City Area!

2016 was a great year for the Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce. With members like you, we are able to provide a viable business community in Graham County as well as foster growth and positive change. Did you know that 63% of consumers are more likely to purchase goods and services from a business if they know they are a member of the Chamber? We want you to thrive as a successful local business providing needed services and jobs to the area. Thank you for all that you do to help our community.



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From the Executive Director's Corner

I have always liked four quotes. If you are around me much you will probably say, "I have heard her say that."

1. *"Only boring people get bored."* (Ruth Burke)

Some people take offense to this quote but this was the quote I always said to my kids. They never had the option to tell me they were bored but trust me they came up with some pretty snappy comebacks. My Mom always used the "I am trying to build character in you" or "Just do it" when I didn't want to do something. I told her every single time, "I have enough character." I am pretty sure that Nike copied the "Just do it" quote from my mom.

2. *"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."* (George Bernard Shaw)

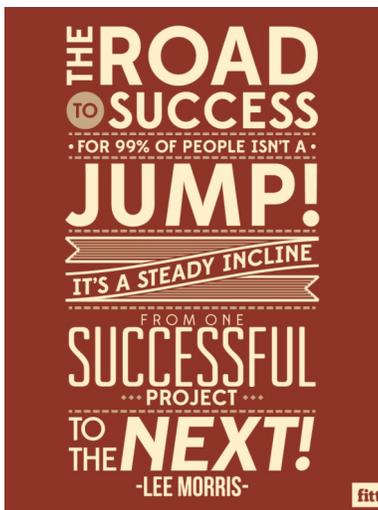
This is a result of working in the computer field my entire career and having a boss that believed, "If it ain't broke don't fix it." I learned early on to just change it and THEN tell him. Most often, change is good. I worked for him for 27 years; so, I guess you could say, he was well aware of my philosophy.

3. *"If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it. The more things you do, the more you can do."* (Lucille Ball)

This is the quote you hear most often from me when someone tell me, "I am just too busy". That puts a bullseye on that person for a project. Some times you will see a smile come over my face when someone says that to me. I am evil that way! Of course, there is an exception to every rule; but for the most part you have to admit it is the truth.

4. *"Do one thing a day that makes you nervous"*.

I have always used this one on my friends and family and it has come back to haunt me several times. I do things that are outside my comfort zone often, but feel at least I have tried them. As you try to live up to your New Years resolutions remember: It might be outside your comfort zone but stay on the path and accomplish your goal.



2017 New Year's Resolutions

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Business Awards Nominations

Nominees must be a Chamber member or employed by a member business or organization.

Past Winners were:

Business of the Year:

- 2011 – Hill City Times
- 2012 – Wellhead Systems, Inc.
- 2013 – Serendipity/Gambles
- 2014 – Hill City Livestock Market LLC
- 2015 – Central Veterinary Services PA
- 2016 – Favre Gun Sales

Entrepreneur of the Year:

- 2011 – UMC Second Chances
- 2012 – McWilliams Construction, LLC
- 2013 – Northwest Collision & Paint, LLC
- 2014– Anything's Pastable
- 2015 – PacLeader Technology
- 2016 – T & L Ranch Supply

Chamber Leadership Award/Volunteer of the Year:

- 2014 – Jim Logback
- 2015 – Ross Bugbee
- 2016 – Diana Crouch

Chamber members are asked to submit one nomination per award and explain why they are nominated to the Chamber office no later than Monday, January 23rd, 2017 by email or U.S. Postal Service. Please send your nominations to: hcchamber@ruraltel.net or mail to: Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 155, Hill City, KS 67642.

Business of the Year:

Entrepreneur of the Year:

Chamber Leadership Award/Volunteer of the Year:



“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.” Melody Beattie

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” Oprah Winfrey

“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.' ” Alfred Lord Tennyson

“Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.” Hal Borland

Happy New Year!

Thanks to Leo Cai for the “Ringneck Capital” logo in the header.
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