



The Tele-Graham

Hill City Area

Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



January 2016

Quarterly

Calendar of Events

• January 7th, 2016
Chamber Monthly Luncheon, Red's Family Restaurant. Speaker will be Nate Brown on the Air Med Care .

• January 20th, 2016
"Business After Hours" at the Grand Opening of Aunt Faye's Community Kitchen in Morland.

• January 31st, 2016,
Annual Banquet and Business Awards at Cowboy Junction.

• February 1st, 2016
Promotion starts for the Valentine Day free dinner drawing.

• February 4th, 2016
Chamber Monthly Luncheon, Red's Family Restaurant.

• February 12th, 2016
Drawing for a free dinner at one of our Chamber restaurants.

• March 3rd, 2016,
Chamber Monthly Luncheon, Red's Family Restaurant.



The Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for programs and speakers for our Chamber Monthly Luncheons.



**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL BANQUET / BUSINESS AWARDS
INVITATION**

SUNDAY, THE THIRTY-FIRST OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

SOCIAL HOUR/CASH BAR AT SIX O-CLOCK PM
DINNER AT SEVEN O'CLOCK PM

THE BANQUET ROOM—COWBOY JUNCTION
2649 280TH AVENUE, HILL CITY KANSAS

BUSINESS AWARDS PRESENTATION

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
CHAMBER LEADERSHIP / VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

ENTERTAINMENT: COMEDIAN RIK ROBERTS



TICKET PRICE: \$30.00 PER PERSON

RSVP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2016
BY CALLING (785) 421-5621

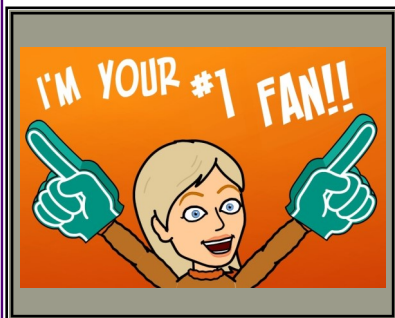
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A DOZEN THINGS WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS ABOUT COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- 1) Community projects work best if everyone has had a chance to offer ideas, comments, or questions.
- 2) All age groups. Don't just count on the usual players. Enlist input from all age groups. Really listen.
- 3) Communicate. Keep everyone informed. Find the best communication method whether it be a posted message or social media.
- 4) Strong leadership. Calm, focused, respected leaders are needed to take a town through the tough times.
- 5) Do what is right. The popular plan might not always be what is right. Stick with what is right.
- 6) Community foundation. A trusted mechanism for receiving donations is a necessity.
- 7) Network. The most interested people in supporting your community are those who have graduated or once lived in your town. Developing a list of these people and staying in touch is priceless.
- 8) Set your ego aside. This is not about you. It's about community, it's about being a team.
- 9) Make it worthwhile. In this day of busy people and crowded calendars, each meeting and each event needs to be worthy of everyone's time.
- 10) Help others, they'll help you.
11. Coffee shop talk. Be the supportive and positive voice.
12. Celebrate. Have fun with your community!



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From the Executive Director's Corner

#1 reason I love Graham County

PEOPLE As I have been counting the different ways I love Graham County, I have been curious what was going to hold the number one spot. I wasn't 100% sure myself. The last three months have proven to me, although a tough three months, I now know that people are our greatest asset. We are the most understanding, compassionate, trustworthy, honest, helpful, people anywhere.

I had a friend staying in Saint Peter, deer hunting. He hit a deer with his truck on highway 24 (he does see the irony in this.) He told me that a "little old lady" stopped to see if he needed any help. He could not believe it. Trust me when I say this happens "Only in Graham County". **It's wonderful to live here!**



WHAT IS MY PURPOSE HERE?

What is a Chamber of Commerce? (per the dictionary)

A Chamber of Commerce is a form of business network, e.g., a local organization of businesses whose goal is to further the interests of businesses. Business owners in towns and cities form these local societies to advocate on behalf of the business community. The chamber of commerce is an organization of citizens who are investing their time and money in a community development program (Chamber) and working together to improve the economic, civic, and cultural well-being of the area.

There are two primary functions of a chamber of commerce:

It acts as a spokesman for the business and professional community and translates the group thinking of its members into action;

It renders a specific product or services type that can be most effectively beneficial by a community organization and to its members as a whole.

How does it function?

The Chamber's mission is creating an environment in which businesses can prosper.

The main function of a Chamber of Commerce is to promote interest in local business possibilities.

Money, Planning, Inspiration, and Guidance, depends on the members working vigorously on the committees of their choice.

Careful study is made of the community needs and an action plan is designed. The goal of the Action Plan is to improve the economic welfare of the community.

The Chamber works for industrial and business development, which supports new residents with their revenues for our community.

It provides educational opportunities and assists businesses with the latest marketing and promotional techniques.

Potential customers are referred to members on a daily basis.

The Chamber works continuously for the growth of the city, business expansion and a place in which to make a living.



Ok, I am trying to live up to this definition of my job, but I need your help. Please renew your 2016 Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce dues! Diana



11 Things That Make People From Small Town Kansas The Best People

I read this on Facebook and yes I may be a tad biased, but... I happen to think that people from small town Kansas are some of the best people you'll ever meet.

Here's why:

1. We learned from a young age to be good (or the entire town would know).
2. We know where to find the best sunrises...
3. The best sunsets.
4. Clear, starry nights.
5. Small-town Kansans KNOW what real, made-from-scratch foods tastes like.
6. We learned from a young age to respect our elders.
7. Natives of small-town Kansas learn to appreciate the little things in life at a young age.
8. We can cook. Well, some of us can... It comes from our long line of German blood!
9. We understand and appreciate the fact that Kansas agriculture feeds the world. Chances are your parents, aunt and uncle, friend's family, or grandparents are Kansas farmers who work hard year round to grow their crop.
10. We are more well rounded than most. In fact, we lettered in sports, academics, band, choir, and theater back in high school!
11. Finally, small-town Kansans are the poster child for loyalty. Whether it was our best friend or the losing Chiefs, we would never leave their side!

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

We Are Small Business Proud.

Every dollar spent at a locally owned business generates two to four times the economic benefit.

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www.discovergrahamcountyks.com



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