



Chamber News & Notes

March 2016 Newsletter

Belmond Area Chamber of Commerce



From the Secretary's Corner

March is here and with March, we are all thinking Spring! We welcome to our Chamber Family three new members this month: **Mark Thayer with MT Shearing, LLC, The Belmond Community Betterment Corp. (BCBC), and The Trash Man. Welcome! We are glad to have you as part of our family!**

Upcoming events in March include the annual **Belmond Community Awards Banquet** on Tuesday, March 15. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program to follow. Please join us. For more information contact the Chamber to make your reservations.

Save the Date! Thursday, March 31 is the date for **Chamber Annual Meeting** at the Chamber Office. Join us for an informal "After Hours" Hors d'oeuvres/Wine event to socialize with a brief business meeting. More details to come.

Wright County's annual 4-H FAMILY FUN NIGHT is Saturday, March 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. at CGDHS High School. It's fun, food & friends! As always there will be all kinds of games, raffles, live & silent auctions, with the King & Queen Coronation at 7:30 p.m.

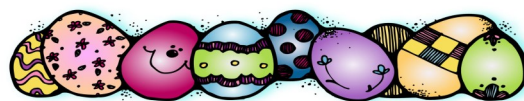
Mosaic's 2016 Chilifest is almost here! Stop in for lunch, supper, or both on Tuesday, March 15 at the Clarion Support Center. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. and supper from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Raffle tickets are \$1 with drawings for great prizes such as a Smart TV and Fitbit. Call 515-532-3221 for more information.

KLMJ/KQCR Radio Stations will be holding a Job Fair on Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. at the Hampton Country Club. This is an opportunity to meet prospective employers for any type of position. To set up a booth employers can contact Sue Followwill at sue@klmj.com.

The Iowa River Players are sponsoring a **Concert for the Creatures Benefit** on Saturday, March 19

March Calendar of Events

- March 1** 12 p.m. **Promotions Council Mtg** City Hall
- March 8** 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. **Kumla Supper** St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Belmond
- March 11** 12:30 p.m. **Wright County Farm Bureau Legislative Town Hall Meeting** City Hall
- March 12** 5:30 p.m. **Wright County 4-H Fun Night** Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School
- March 12** 5 p.m.-7 p.m. **Irish Stew Dinner** St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Belmond
- March 13** **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- March 14** 12 p.m. **Chamber Board of Directors Mtg** Chamber Office
- March 15** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 5 p.m.-7 p.m. **Mosaic's 2016 Chilifest** Mosaic's Clarion Support Center
- March 15** 5:30 p.m. -8 p.m. **Belmond Community Awards Banquet** Cattleman's at the Club
- March 17** **St. Patrick's Day**
- March 18** 5 p.m.-7 p.m. **United Methodist Church FishFry** United Methodist Church, Belmond
- March 19** 10 a.m. **St. Patrick's Day Parade** Rowan
- March 19** 11 a.m. **Concert for the Creatures Benefit** Sponsored by Iowa River Players at the Community Theatre, Rowan
- March 19** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **KLMJ/KQCR Job Fair** Hampton Country Club
- March 19** 5:30 p.m. **Outdoor Classroom Dinner** Jacobson Elementary Lunch Room
- March 23** 12 p.m. **Monthly General Chamber Meeting** Jerry's Restaurant
- March 26** 9 a.m. **Easter Egg Hunt** Belmond City Park
- March 27** **Easter Sunday**
- March 29** 5 p.m.-7 p.m. **Belmond Boy Scouts Potato Bar** Leinbach Center, Belmond



following the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rowan. Enjoy a traditional Saint Pat's Day lunch at the Community Center followed by the show consisting of a tag team of Jane Voigts' Bible Cabaret and music by Clint Riedel, the Wright County Rambler. A Silent Auction is also planned. The entire event is to benefit the efforts of the Wright County Humane Society.

Until next month— **Linda Thiele, Executive Secretary**

*March 14-20 is this year's "Fix a Leak Week." I wanted to share the following with our members.—
Linda*

Detect Drips Inside and Out for Fix a Leak Week



Be a Leak Detective For "Fix a Leak Week"

Communities across the country will join WaterSense to crack the case of household leaks for the eighth annual "Fix a Leak Week" March 14 through 20, 2016. WaterSense partners are encouraging Americans to become leak detectives to reduce the more than 1 trillion gallons of water lost each year by homes across the country due to leaks indoors and out. You can be a leak detective and save more than 10,000 gallons of water per home on average by taking three simple steps: check, twist, and replace:

1. **Check** your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. Check your sprinkler system for winter damage. You can also put a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank; wait 10 minutes before flushing, and if color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.
2. **Twist** faucet valves, tighten pipe connections, and secure your hose to the spigot. For additional savings, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator onto each bathroom faucet to save water without noticing a difference in flow.
3. **Replace** old and leaky plumbing fixtures with WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models. You can also replace irrigation clock timers with WaterSense labeled controllers that tell your sprinkler when and how much to water based on local weather conditions.



Coming in April.....

It's Back!

Save the Date!
Saturday, April 30 is
**"Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint
-up Day"**

in Belmond. Think
how your business can
participate. More details to come.

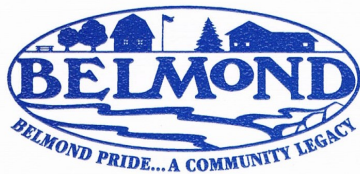


BELMOND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBERSHIP 2016

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| 1. Aldrich Tree Farm | 36. Jaspersen Insurance & Real Estate |
| 2. Allen Home Center | 37. Joe's Service |
| 3. Baldwin OK Tire | 38. Kinseth Plumbing & Heating |
| 4. Belmond Community Betterment Corp. (BCBC) | 39. KLOW 107.3 FM Forest City |
| 5. Belmond Community Apartments | 40. KLMJ 104.9 FM Hampton |
| 6. Belmond Historical Society | 41. Klemme House Bed & Breakfast |
| 7. Belmond-Independent & Millie's Card Shop | 42. Knights of Columbus |
| 8. Belmond -Klemme Community Schools | 43. Dave Lieberknecht |
| 9. Belmond Trees Forever | 44. MT Shearing, LLC |
| 10. BIDCO | 45. MaxYield Cooperative & GE Max Nutrition |
| 11. Bring It Back-Barry Huedepohl | 46. Music Man Maintenance |
| 12. Buck's Recycling | 47. North Iowa Area Community College |
| 13. Casey's General Store | 48. Printing Services, Inc. |
| 14. Cattleman's at the Club | 49. PropertyLink Real Estate |
| 15. City of Belmond | 50. Rehabilitation Center of Belmond/
Belle Haven |
| 16. City directory, Inc. | 51. Shear Relaxation Salon & Spa |
| 17. D.K. Arndt, P. C. | 52. Sparetime Lanes & Lounge |
| 18. Dental Center of North Iowa | 53. Syngenta Seeds |
| 19. Dome Winery | 54. Talbot Belmond Public Library |
| 20. Dr. David Gildner | 55. The Trash Man |
| 21. Eaton corporation | 56. Thrivent Financial |
| 22. Fareway | 57. True Value |
| 23. Farm & Home Publishers | 58. Veterans of Foreign Wars |
| 24. First Gabrielson Agency | 59. We-3 Catering |
| 25. First State Bank | 60. Winding Creek Gardens |
| 26. Garner Inn & Suites | 61. WmTel Communications |
| 27. Green Belt Bank & Trust | 62. Wright County District Fair |
| 28. H & K Plumbing & Heating | 63. Wright County Extension Office |
| 29. Hancock County Co-op Oil Association | |
| 30. Heartland Museum | |
| 31. Hogan Hansen, P.C. | |
| 32. Houser, Berkland, Simonson, Attorneys | |
| 33. Iowa River Players | |
| 34. Iowa Specialty Hospital-Belmond | |
| 35. J & J Collectibles | |

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Did you know that over \$40,000 were sold in Chamber Bucks last year? They are a great way to reward employees or to give as a gift. They also help encourage local spending. Gift Certificates may be purchased by anyone but they can only be redeemed at a Chamber members business. Order yours today. There is no charge or printing fee for Gift Certificates-EVER!

Remember that Membership in your Chamber of Commerce PROMOTES Belmond's Businesses and Services.