



**Valley City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally in the Valley  
June 11 – 15, 2008**

May 2008

The following is a schedule of events for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you are planning an event to commemorate the celebration, please contact the Chamber to have it added to the schedule. Also, please contact us if you would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 pm Picnic in City Park sponsored by Marketplace Foods
- 7:15 pm Concert at City Park Bandshell by the Valley Troubadours

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00-5:00 Open house at Barnes County Museum – book/souvenir sales, registration, etc.

**Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00-7:00 Flea Market and Craft Fair, City Park
- 10:00-5:00 Open house at Barnes County Museum – book/souvenir sales, registration, etc.
- 4:00 pm Bridge City Cruisers Car Show Registration at Rosebud Visitor Center
- 4:00 pm Bridge City Cruisers Show N Shine
- 7:00 pm Double B Barrel Bash at Winter Show Building
- 9:00 pm Street Dance with “Great Outdoors”, Main Street
- 10:30 pm Outdoor Movie “Grease” at Youth Sports Complex parking lot

**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00-5:00 Flea Market and Craft Fair, City Park
- 8:00 am Optimist Club’s Bill Jansen Road Race, Starting at Hi Line Park
- 8:00 am Bridge City Cruisers Car Show Registration at Rosebud Visitor Center
- 10:00-5:00 Open house at Barnes County Museum – book/souvenir sales, registration, etc.
- 10:00 am 125<sup>th</sup> Grand Parade, Central Avenue
- 11:00 am Car Show following parade

- Various Car Club events throughout the day
- Children’s games in City Park following parade
- VC Boy Scouts Rock Climbing Wall
- 11:00 am Double B Barrel Bash at Winter Show Building
- 11:00 am 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Head Start Poker Run
- 11:00 am Live Music in City Park Bandshell
- 11:00 am Pie & Ice Cream Social, VC Public Library
- 12:30 pm Rubber Duck Race, City Park
- 12:30 pm Kids Pedal Pull, City Park
- 1:00-4:30 Free Swim, VCPR Community Pool
- 2:00-4:00 “Discover the Planets” show at VCSU Planetarium and Medicine Wheel Park
- 3:00-5:00 Fireman’s Bucket Brigade
- 5:00 pm Dedication of new 125<sup>th</sup> Mural on Main Street
- 9:00 pm Street Dance with “The Blackwells”, Main Street
- 10:30 pm Fireworks Display at City Park

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 am Double B Barrel Bash at Winter Show Building
- 12 noon Dakota Riders Hill Climb, I-94 exit 290 & follow signs
- Afternoon Family Day at Chautauqua or City Park with games, music, Corps of Engineers Water Programs, etc.

**Each Day**

- Self-guided historical walking tour
- Smithsonian Exhibit
- “Between Fences” at the Barnes County Museum



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## Message From Your President

By LouVay White  
Open Door Center



Mother Nature is certainly playing tricks on us. The yard work may be delayed some but farmers are doing their best to get the grain in the ground – with hopes of seeing some moisture other than snow!!

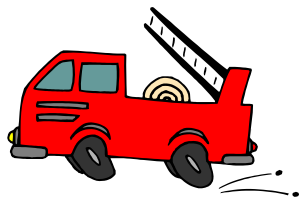
We are excited about the combined Chamber and Economic Development banquet on May 6th. We encourage all our members to attend. Flint Communication will give us a preview of the new website promoting Valley City and the area, and we will reveal our award winners. Please join us!

Congratulations to Angie Martin, the Administrative Professional award winner!

Think spring – even though it hasn't helped yet, we can always hope!

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

The Valley City Fire Department needs ***YOU!***



The VCFD is in need of volunteer Fire Fighters.

For more information, contact the VCFD at 845-3351 or stop in at 241 3rd Ave NE.



## 2007—2008 Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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VCSU

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Mayor

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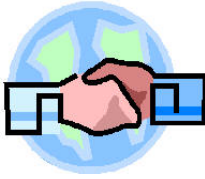


## **EVP REPORT**

By Dean Ihla  
Executive Vice President

### **The Strength of Partnerships**

After a full year of planning, it's finally time for the unveiling of the Valley Development Group's new marketing campaign. Although this has been a project led by the Valley Development Group, the Chamber has been very involved as well. An important part of economic development today is the ability to offer the quality of life in a community that can attract and retain workers, a big part of what the Chamber is all about.



Because of the Chamber's partnership with the Development Corporation on this exciting project, the decision was made earlier this year to have a joint annual banquet to launch the marketing campaign. The banquet is Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Valley City Eagles and features Roger Reiersen, CEO of Flint Communications as our guest speaker. The Chamber will also be presenting our annual awards for Image Enhancement, Community Spirit and of course, our prestigious Hi Line Award. We also have a new award called "Business of the Year" for which we accepted nominations from you, our members. We hope you've made plans to attend.

Our growing partnership with the Development Corporation is just one example of what can be accomplished through strong partnerships. Our partnership with the Bridges Arts Council in the rehabilitation of the Main Street mural is another. If we didn't have a strong partnership with the historical society, we never would have been able to publish a beautiful 200-page book to commemorate Valley City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (The book is at the publishers as we speak!)

The partnership between the City, County, Development Corporation, VCSU, Park District, Chamber and many, many others is so strong that it sometimes feel as though we're all co-workers, working for the same organization. And that's how it should be. It's how community goals get accomplished.

Rally in the Valley and the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration is only six short weeks away! Help us complete the schedule published on the front page by participating in our next planning meeting at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Barnes County Museum. If you can't attend the meeting, contact us with your ideas...and return your parade entry form in this month's newsletter today. There were over 250 entries in the 1983 Centennial Parade – will this year's parade be even bigger? It can with your help!

### **The Best Companies Join the Chamber of Commerce**

The best places to work tend to belong to their local Chamber of Commerce, according to a recent study by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). Of *Fortune* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in the United States and Canada this year, 94 are members of their local Chamber, including all of the top 24.

Separately, ACCE found that in a random sample of 100 companies in the *Fortune* 1000, at least 75 were members of their local Chamber.

"This 'Best Companies to Work For' information is one more indication that the best companies tend to be Chamber members," according to ACCE President Mike Fleming. "If a company cares about it's employees, there's a good chance it also cares about its community and the Chamber is a way that great employers invest in both."

Local Chambers of Commerce are associations of businesses that come together to improve the local climate and help members network and find new businesses. Strong employers link with and learn from like-minded peer companies through business-led civic organizations—Chambers of Commerce.

The *Fortune* list of the best places to work can be found at <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/bestcompanies2008>.

In addition, consumers seem to expect Chamber members to be better-than-average companies. A study by the Atlanta-based Schapiro Group last August found consumers are 63 percent more likely to buy products from companies they believe are Chamber members.

#### ***Five Practical Steps to Instill Exceptional Customer Service***

**Hire happy people.** People who are open, approachable, and generally happy are far more likely to respond in a positive manner to our customers' needs.

**Train your people thoroughly.** When employees thoroughly understand the organization they represent, they are far more likely to interact positively with customers.

**Solicit customer feedback and act upon it.** The only way to get a true reading of your company's customer service is to actively solicit feedback from every customer, not just the ones who you know are satisfied.

**Ensure that your senior leadership** is hearing unfiltered feedback from both your operating personnel and your first line managers.

## *Steven Shirley Named Next VCSU President*

The State Board of Higher Education named Steven W. Shirley as the next president of Valley City State University on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Shirley is vice president and dean of student affairs at Dakota State University, Madison, S.D. He has been responsible for undergraduate admissions and oversees the university relations department. He is a former business faculty member and director of Study Abroad at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

"Members of the State Board of Higher Education were very impressed by Dr. Shirley's passion for and understanding of Valley City State University. His leadership and teambuilding skills will be strong assets to this university," said John Q. Paulsen, SBHE president. "The Valley City State University presidential search committee brought a tremendous amount of energy and commitment to this process, and they forwarded two highly qualified finalists for this position. In the final analysis, however, Steven Shirley's professional experience more closely parallels the expectations of the VCSU presidency."

"Dr. Shirley has a strong understanding of what's important to students," said Bill Goetz, chancellor of the North Dakota University System. "His background clearly demonstrates that he is someone who can drive the growth of this university."

Shirley holds a doctorate in teaching and learning: higher education, a master's degree in marketing and global business, and a bachelor's degree in marketing and management, all from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D. He also is a graduate of the Institute for Educational Management at the Harvard Graduate School of Education Program in Professional Education, Cambridge, Mass.

Shirley will become president of VCSU July 1, 2008. He will succeed Dr. Ellen Chaffee who announced her upcoming retirement in Sept. 2007 after 15 years of distinguished service.



Dr. Shirley receives his official Vikings jacket from Larry Robinson, Executive Director of Advancement



Dr. Shirley is congratulated by current President Ellen Chaffee.

(Photos courtesy of Steve Collins)

### **Barnes County/Valley City Primary Election** *June 10th, 2008*

#### ***Polling Locations:***

Precinct #1 - City Hall

Precinct #2 - Police Station

Precinct #3 - VCSU Skoal Room

Precinct #4 - VCSU Fieldhouse (Bubble)

Precinct #5 - Sheyenne Care Center



## Golden Keyboard Award

City County Health District's Angie Martin received the Chamber's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Golden Keyboard" Award in recognition of National Administrative Professionals Day. Members of the Chamber Ambassadors and Board of Directors made a surprise visit to Martin on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to present her with a recognition plaque.

Martin was nominated by Theresa Will, who submitted the following statement concerning her work:

*"Angie Martin was hired to work at City County Health District as our Office Manager in April of 2004. Angie is able to multi-task as needed to keep the many current and upcoming projects at City County Health organized. She is an integral part in almost everything that is done through City County Health. Angie assists all 20 employees working at City County Health in keeping track with radio talk spots, articles for the Times Record, phone calls, etc. Angie is capable and willing to dive into any project regardless of the complexity and then always obtains an excellent result."*

*"In addition to the excellent skills that she brings to our office, Angie is a very kind and caring individual who treats every client who enters City County Health District with respect and compassion, which is truly what public health is all about. Angie is the glue that holds City County Health District together!"*



Chamber President LouVay White presenting the Golden Keyboard Award to Angie Martin

## Valley City Named in Midwest Living's 100 Best Small-Town Getaways List

In our time-strapped world, everyone knows how important it is to make the most of a free weekend. Relaxation, sightseeing and shopping are a few of the favorite activities. But where are some of the best places in North Dakota to do this?

Four North Dakota towns, with populations under 20,000, are recognized in *Midwest Living's* "100 Best Small-Town Getaways" listing and are included in the publication's "Best of the Midwest 2008" guide. *Midwest Living* editors have been visiting the region's small towns for more than 20 years, and their list of the "100 Best Small-Town Getaways" guarantees readers will find a place to escape for shopping, sightseeing and relaxing.

North Dakota towns recognized in the 2008 listing are:

- Medora (ranked #30)
- Williston (ranked #53)
- Valley City (ranked #88)
- Jamestown (ranked #94)

**Midwest Living**  
— magazine —

Since *Midwest Living's* first issue in 1987, its editors have been on a continual quest to uncover the best cities and towns. For this official Top 100 list, the editors looked specifically at the 8,500 towns with populations less than 20,000 in the Midwest and added a layer of research that spanned several months and ranked towns in 12 categories: attractions, vibe, scenery, walkability, shopping, dining, lodging, arts scene, outdoor activities, proximity to major cities, multiday potential and wild card (for special events such as festivals). The winners, first highlighted in the June 2007 issue, are featured in "Best of the Midwest 2008," an annual guide from the editors of *Midwest Living* to the region's top attractions.

"Having four North Dakota towns recognized by a leading regional publication's Top 100 listing is a true tribute to the quality experience each of these communities offers its visitors," said Sara Otte Coleman, director of North Dakota Tourism. "*Midwest Living* editors have spent years uncovering the best places in the Midwest for a getaway, so this is a great pat-on-the-back for these towns to be recognized. This list shows that from a visitor's perspective they're great communities to visit."





# Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Visits



NetGen Solutions  
Tom Butcher  
New Business  
123 3rd St NE  
Valley City, ND 58072  
701-845-0701

Pain Relief Center  
Jan Gabriel-Johnson  
New Business/New Member  
136 2nd Ave SE  
Valley City, ND 58072  
701-845-5834



Job Service  
Tony Kobbervig  
Open House/New Location  
345 2nd St NW  
Valley City, ND 58072  
701-845-8860

## ***Thank You Members!***

Thank you to these businesses, organizations and individuals who have recently renewed their membership in the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce. Please consider these and all Chamber members for your professional and personal needs.

Corporate Adventures  
H & R Block  
Hilltop Café  
Norm's BBQ  
Servicemaster of Valley City

***Is your membership current?***

# Chamber Newsletter Ad Rates\*

## Business Card Ads

## Inserts

### Looking for the Key to Low Cost Business-to-Business Advertising?



The Chamber Pride Newsletter now offers our members the opportunity to purchase business card-sized ads for the low cost of \$20 per issue. Insert ads are also available for \$30 per issue. Contact the Chamber at 845-1891 for details. Multi-issue discounts also available!

### Insert Ad Rates

Frequency	Each	Total
1	\$30.00	\$30
2	\$25.00	\$50
3	\$22.00	\$66

*Discount received on subsequent purchases  
Advertiser supplies 300 copies*

### Business Card Ad Rates

# of Issues	Each	Total
1	\$20.00	\$20
2	\$17.50	\$35
3	\$16.67	\$50
4	\$16.25	\$65
5	\$15.00	\$75

*must purchase quantity in advance*

**Contact the Chamber for more information,  
845-1891 or [chamber@hellovalley.com](mailto:chamber@hellovalley.com)**

\*Advertising available to members of the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce only.  
Multi-issue discounts must be placed within one calendar year starting January 1, 2008.



## ***BUSINESS UPDATE WORKSHOP 2008*** Presented by The Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce and the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce



The 2008 Business Update Workshop will be held Wednesday, May 21st at the Regional Technology Center in Valley City from 1:00 to 5:00pm. The cost is \$40 per person for any local Chamber or ND Chamber member and \$60 per person for any business that is not a member of the Valley City or ND Chamber. ***There's still time to sign up!***

This informational workshop will address what business needs to know to avoid making costly mistakes in the future. Topics that will be addressed are outlined below.

The **North Dakota Child Support Enforcement** program will provide information on various employer requirements including demonstrations of a variety of online tools designed to make meeting these requirements easier.

**Job Service North Dakota** will introduce you to new features in [jobsnd.com](http://jobsnd.com), North Dakota's premiere job exchange site, including ways to access information to help with your future hiring needs and more.

The **North Dakota Department of Labor** will answer your questions regarding wage & hour and equal employment opportunity laws, including topics such as employment at-will, overtime pay, breaks, paid time off, deductions from pay, training time, travel time, discrimination and sexual harassment.

To register or for more information:

Call ND Chamber at 800-382-1405 or go to [www.ndchamber.com](http://www.ndchamber.com) and click on Calendar of Events



# Community Calendar of Events

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<b>Saturday, May 03, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chandra Dewald Senior Exhibition Reception, 2:00pm</li> <li>• Dr. Jerry Tweton speaking on "North Dakota's Political Fences: Issues That Divided Us.", Barnes County Museum, 2:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, May 04, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Olympics District III Spring Games, VCSU Lokken Field, 9:00am</li> <li>• Bridgeview Estates May Tea.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, May 05, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 5-9, Valley City's Cleanup Week.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 06, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Salad Luncheon, VCBC Library, 11-1.</li> <li>• Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce and Valley City Barnes County Development Corporation Annual Banquet.</li> <li>• Drug &amp; Alcohol Awareness training, 1:00 to 4:30pm, Americinn. Pre-registration is required, cost is \$50. Contact 701-280-4933 for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, May 07, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Tennis Association Block Party, 6:30pm, City Park</li> <li>• May 7-9 NARFE Convention</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, May 08, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 7-9 NARFE Convention</li> <li>• VCHS Tennis vs Wahpeton, 4:30pm</li> <li>• Dance day at the Senior Center with Steve Samek. Contact the Senior Center for more information, 845-4300</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, May 09, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCHS Softball vs Wyndmere, 4:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, May 10, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCHS Baseball vs Grand Forks Central, 1:00pm</li> <li>• VCSU Commencement</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, May 12, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 7-9 NARFE Convention</li> <li>• VCHS Baseball vs West Fargo, 5:00pm</li> <li>• VCHS Tennis vs Jamestown, 4:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 13, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Drive, St. Catherine's Church, 12-6pm. Contact Dolly for an appointment, 845-1987</li> </ul>
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<b>Thursday, May 15, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evening Meal at the Senior Center, Entree - Pork Chops. Contact the Senior Center for more information, 845-4300</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, May 17, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smorgasbord sponsored by Green School, Riverbend Farm, 5-7pm. For more information, contact 845-0090.</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, May 18, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hike the Sheyenne State Forest, NCT Hike. Meet at the Rosebud Center for carpooling at 1:30pm. For more information, contact Scott 845-2970 or Kari at 490-6548.</li> </ul>

<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Night Out sponsored by Dacotah Bank and Investment Centers of America, Eagles Club, 5:30-8:00pm. RSVP by May 13, 845-4623.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, May 22, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance day at the Senior Center with the Country Lads, 1:30pm. Contact the Senior Center for more information, 845-4300</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, May 29, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Tea at the Senior Center, 2:00-3:30pm. Contact the Senior Center for more information, 845-4300</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, May 31, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 31-June 1, Paint Horse Show, NDWS Building. Contact Mary Glass at 701-361-7732 for more information</li> </ul>
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<b>Thursday, June 05, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten Exam and Fun Night, Meritcare, 5-8pm. For more information, contact Darci at 845-6140.</li> <li>Evening Meal at the Senior Center, Entree - Chicken. Contact the Senior Center for more information, 845-4300</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, June 06, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soapbox Derby</li> <li>Special Olympics &amp; Dacotah Bank Golf Benefit, 1:00pm. For more information, contact 845-1124 for more information.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, June 07, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soapbox Derby</li> <li>National Trails Day held at Lake Ashtabula, 10:00am. For more information, contact Scott 845-2970 or Kari at 490-6548.</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, June 08, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canoe the Sheyenne River, for beginner and experienced canoers, 12:30pm, Fort Ransom State Park. For more information, contact Scott 845-2970 or Kari at 490-6548.</li> </ul>
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<b>Friday, June 13, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 13-15, NDWS Barrel Bash by Double B Productions, NDWS Building. Contact Renae Bolling, 641-743-8223 or <a href="mailto:bolling@iowatelecom.net">bolling@iowatelecom.net</a> or visit <a href="http://www.barrelbash.com">www.barrelbash.com</a>.</li> <li>Rally in the Valley - flea market, BCHS open house, Bridge City Cruisers registration, show 'n shine, street dance with "Great Outdoors" and outdoor movie. For more information, contact the Chamber 845-1891</li> </ul>
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<b>Thursday, June 19, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evening Meal at the Senior Center, Entree - "Hawaiian Supper". Contact the Senior Center for more information, 845-4300</li> </ul>

Dear Friends,

This year's Rally in the Valley is coming up sooner than we think. Do you have your float ready?

Valley City's 25th Annual Community Days "**Rally in the Valley**" and **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is scheduled for June 13-15, 2008. This year's celebration hosts a huge classic car show, arts and crafts fair, flea market, motorcycle poker run, bike show and hill climb as well as great food vendors, free street dances, fireworks display and more. You are invited to participate and promote your business and/or organization in the annual parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the address printed on the form by Monday, May 26th. Follow-up information (parade route, placement in the parade, etc.) will be sent to all entrants prior to the day of the parade. If you have any questions please contact the Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce at 845-1891. *Entry fee is \$5.00 to enter the parade.*

We look forward to seeing you in the line-up!

Sincerely,

Denise Lutz  
Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce and  
Convention and Visitors Bureau  
[www.hellovalley.com](http://www.hellovalley.com)

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**Please return to: Rally in the Valley Parade Committee, P.O. Box 724, Valley City, ND 58072  
By Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



**ORGANIZATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS/CITY/ST/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY** \_\_\_\_\_

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