



T·H·R·E·E F·O·R·K·S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Promoting Strategic Economic Growth and Vitality



CHAMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS
2nd Monday of the month.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President—Brooke Leugers, Member
Vice President—Karen Walton, Member
Treasurer—Ranee Berg, Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks
Secretary—
Board Member—Tara Forsberg, Stageline Pizza
Board Member—Jeff Elliott, Three Forks Schools
Board Member—Chuck Wambeke, Industrial Automation Consulting
Executive Director—Connie Hussung
Website Administrator—Katie LaLiberty



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Next TF Chamber Meeting

Monday, May 13th, 2019—at 12 pm (Noon)

At City Hall

All Members Encouraged and Welcome to Attend!

**Get Involved
For the
Greater
Good!**



2019 Three Forks
Annual Rodeo will be held
July 19th & 20th, 2019!

Please help spread the word!

Three Forks Chamber of Commerce Unapproved Minutes April 08th, 2019

The April Chamber meeting was held at the Three Forks City Hall. Present at the meeting were President, Brooke Leugers (Member); Vice President, Karen Walton (Member); Treasurer, Rane Berg (Three Forks Chiropractic Clinic); Board Member, Jeff Elliott (Three Forks Schools); Executive Secretary, Connie Hussung; and the following Chamber members; Kelly Cooper-Bugland (Traveler's Ink, Be Lazy Quilting); Kim Gelder (Headwaters Area Food Bank); Morgan Davies (Republic Services); Visitor, Valerie Otto (Career Transitions).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Brooke. There is not a quorum. No voting will take place.

Welcome Members and Visitors: Brooke welcomed the members and visitors and thanked them for their attendance. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Valerie Otto from Career Transitions was present to share information on the program and also on an upcoming program called Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is community education that is available to students and adults in our area. A grant is written every seven years for this program to help fund it. They want Three Forks businesses and community to be aware of the program. Career Transitions has been providing services for over 17 years. They provide broad training for people looking for work. This program may work well with the Economic, Civic & Development Committee and work they are presently looking at for High School Students. Other services include – HRDC Youth ages 16-24, On the job training, work experience training (WEX), One-Stop career counseling. Other miscellaneous discussion was held.

Approval of Minutes: The March 2019 unapproved minutes were sent prior to the meeting, for review. There is not a quorum. No approvals will take place.

Treasurer Report: Reports were sent prior to meeting. Rane Berg reviewed the Profit & Loss, Budget to Actuals, and Balance Sheet. There was some discussion around invoicing the members who signed up for the dinner but were a no show. After more conversation, it was decided that language would be added to the Annual Dinner invitations next year that will address this. Expenses: V.I.C. telephone \$9.99; Pay Pal Fees \$27.34; One roll stamps \$55.00; Sam Platts (Annual Dinner Entertainment) \$500.00; Brooke Leugers (welcome basket supplies) \$31.48; Christine Pastama (welcome basket cards) \$42.00; Lewis & Clark Motel (Annual dinner reservations) \$4559.20; Main Street Office (annual dinner invitations) \$77.00; Payroll for Connie Hussung \$1000.13 (Executive Secretary) and Katie LaLiberty \$154.44 (Website Administrator); Q1 UI Contribution \$37.58; Q1 Employee Tax \$479.16. Payables approved as normal and ordinary expenses. Treasurer's report not approved due to no quorum.

Executive Secretary Report: General bookkeeping, filing, weekly bulletins, newsletter, and member/visitor correspondence. Quickbooks recording for AP, AR, Payroll, Payroll Reports. Organizing A/P & A/R files and adding to current year binders. Spent the month of March helping with the planning and organizing of the Chamber Annual Dinner. The event was a good success! Receiving Chamber Membership renewals. Printing receipts and mailing them along with the 2019 plaque tags to the members. Received notice that Yellowstone Country Montana awarded our Chamber with the 2019 VIC Grant. Should receive check in May.

Getting organized for the opening of the VIC in May. Will start working with Linda Noble to get employees ready. Summary: The month of March was spent focusing on membership renewals and tracking in preparation for the phone book and online information for the members. Another big focus was helping plan and organize the Chamber Annual Dinner. I worked closely with Pat Townsend who was gathering prizes for the silent auction and good bags. I also worked with Brooke, Karen, Tara, and Chuck putting together the Swag Bags. I attended and helped with the Annual Dinner the night of the event. The remainder of the month was spent preparing month end reports, entering all Annual Dinner expenses and income, and getting things ready for the April meeting.

There were 86 calls received/returned, 197 emails, 0 visitor packets and 0 relocation packets sent, and 0 tent rentals.

Website Administrator Report: Our focus in March was on promotion for the Annual Dinner. I assisted in providing the ad image for the printed materials and posted this online as well. I created a social media post schedule that included a boosted post promoting our event entertainment. We had \$10 of Facebook ad credits that I used for the boost. In five days, we were able to reach 1,112 people with the news of the Sam Platts Band playing at the dinner, with 702 of those being paid reach. 72 out of 107 engagements were paid, showing that it was getting out there and people were reacting to it. Two dinner guests requested to pay with a credit card, and I was able to create a PayPal invoice that allowed them to pay online. These payments are included in the PayPal activity report. Thank you to all of our members who have sent me updates to their member profile. I continue to update member information from the 2019 applications, but I am always happy to make any changes as they are requested. Feel free to contact me at tfchamber.it@gmail.com if you have any updates or questions.

Our Three Forks event calendar is starting to fill up with all the great local events happening soon! Contact us anytime by email to get your event on the calendar. Visit our event calendar at: <https://threeforksmontana.com/events/>
Renew your membership online! No login is required. Simply fill out the form that applies to you:

For renewing members, please fill out the shorter form at: <https://threeforksmontana.com/membership/renew/>
New members, please fill out the application on the Join page at: <https://threeforksmontana.com/membership/join/>

The online document archive is available to all our members. This is a secure page and a password is required to access the content. Please contact Connie or me to request the password.

Committee Reports: Civic & Economic Development Committee: Jeff Elliott and Chuck Wambeke – Chuck was not present but sent this message prior to the meeting. First, great dinner! I've heard lots of positive feedback and lots of good business conversations going on. Kudos to everyone.

Second, on the Economic Development side I had another conversation with Rob Gilmore after the dinner. Rob informed me that NRMEDD has a significant business recruitment budget available if there is any business we would like to target for bringing to

TF. NRMEDD can also setup surveys so maybe we could poll our members/business community to get the top three businesses we would like to bring to town. That would give us a place to start but since business recruitment is an ongoing process maybe a better option would be to form a focus group to build a list and continue to update the list over time. If a group is formed, it should have representation from the 287 Junction Area. Please let me know what the Board thinks on how best to proceed. Rob also informed me that NRMEDD can help in getting properties with environmental issues cleaned up. He mentioned a grant program that has funds available for that purpose. I spoke with Diane Fuhrman afterwards and made her aware of the program. She was already pursuing the program and will be moving forward with clean-up of the old Jenkins Garage property soon.

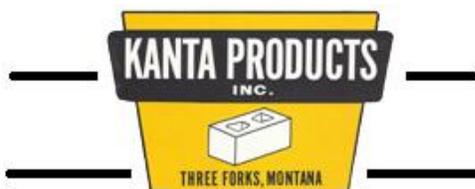
There was some discussion on putting together another survey on Facebook. **Special Events Committee:** Rane Berg reported that the Special Events committee will have a meeting later in April. They will provide information to Katie to put the Easter Egg hunts on the Chamber website and on Facebook to help promote those events. **Ambassadors Committee:** Karen Walton, Brooke Leugers & Tara Forsberg – Tara was not present by provided this information prior to the meeting - My opinion of the chamber dinner was that it went very well. I'm concerned that there were not very many three Forks businesses there but a lot of out-of-town businesses. What do we do to change that? It did run a little long, but those who needed to leave early did so. Brooke and Karen reported on the ribbon cutting for Be Lazy Quilting and stated that it was really nice. The Business After Hour that was held didn't have a lot in attendance, but Tara at Stageline Pizza had a very nice set up. The committee will try to get another one planned soon.

New Business: Brooke talked about Marketing for the Chamber and the Director's Stipend. She wants to make sure this is addressed. Questions include – Do we hire a consultant to help with Marketing? What other ideas to chamber members have that can help with this? One idea is to offer credit toward membership fees for committee/event organization and help. This will be added to the May agenda to discuss further. We will also add Chuck Wambeke's request *Director/ Board Only Meeting to the May agenda. Brooke announced that the Chamber Secretary position in now open. JR Tonjum (Venture West Realty) has unofficially vacated the position due to non-attendance. Brooke is encouraging members to let her know if they are interested in the position. She would rather have a member come forward, but she will appoint a Secretary if that doesn't happen. Morgan Davies of Republic Services let the Chamber know that they can provide extra trash receptacles at our events at no extra charge. Let them know ahead of time to reserve them.

Old Business: Annual Dinner as a success. Brooke thanked all members who attended and helped make the evening fun and interactive. The speakers were great, the food was great, the entertainment was great.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at noon at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rane Berg and seconded by Karen Walton and the meeting adjourned.



**United Methodist
Church of Three Forks
Spring Rummage Sale**

May 2nd @ 2pm thru May 4th @1pm
 Early Bird Sale May 2nd 2pm—7pm
 May 3rd Rummage Sale 9am—2pm
 Moonlight Madness 3pm—7pm
 May 4th Buck a Bag Sale 9am—1pm
 Baked Goods & Luncheon

Donations accepted: All clean, usable working items are accepted. Drop off Saturday, April 27th—Tuesday, April 30th. Please drop donations off early as they historically have a tremendous outpouring of support and turnout. Space limitations come into play!



**2019 Three Forks Chamber of Commerce
Annual Meeting and Business Dinner
A Great Big THANK YOU!!!!**

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| Republic Services
Imerys Talc
Lewis & Clark Motel
The Gathering Place
First Community Bank
First Security Bank – Glacier Bank
Kanta Products
Main Street Office
Industrial Automation Consulting
GCC Trident Plant
Roadarmel Construction
Three Forks Storage
Wagner Nursery
Three Forks Area Historical Society
Rockin The Rivers
Stageline Pizza
Restoration Massage Therapy
Headwaters Trail System
Three Rivers Clinic
Stockman Bank – Manhattan
Remuda Coffee
Iron Horse Café | Sausage Equipment & Supply
Three Forks Physical Therapy
Plaza Bar
Frontier Club
Town Club
Be Lazy Quilting
Traveler’s Ink
V42 Fitness
Pat & Gene Townsend
Wheat Montana
Rusty Bucket
Legacy Trading
Seiler’s Hardware
Bozeman Health
Karen Walton
Brooke Leugers
Tara Forsberg
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Chuck Wambeke
Jeff Elliott
Katie LaLiberty
Connie Hussung |
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Bozeman Health Foundation Event

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join the Bozeman Health Foundation on April 27 at 6:00pm for one of our region's largest, most celebrated charity galas. We Can Be Super Heroes: Celebrating the Hero in Us All will be held once again at MSU's Strand Union Ballroom, benefitting the NICU. Seats are \$150.00 each and sell out fast. Call the Bozeman Health Foundation at 406-414-1085 to purchase tickets today!

The event will be held at 751 West Grant Street, Bozeman, MT

Three Forks Farmers Market

Coming Soon !!

**Every Thursday
beginning July 11th, 2019
4 pm - 7 pm
On the lawn at Milwaukee Park**

**Come down for dinner ~ yummy food available each week
offered by our local non-profit organizations!
Drawing for Chamber Fun Bucks Every Week!**

**Vendors apply at
www.ThreeForksMontana.com
Or call: 285-4753
to request a vendor packet!!**

**~ Three Forks Chamber Membership Renewal ~
New Process and Renewal Schedule**



Three Forks Chamber Committees

**Civic & Economic Development Committee
Committee Leads ~ Chuck Wambeke and Jeff Elliot**

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Ambassador Committee

Committee Leads ~ Tara Forsberg and Karen Walton

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Special Events Committee

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We're off to a good start to our new year! New officers are in place and new committee leads have been appointed. Everyone is ready to hit the ground running to help make our Chamber year one of the best ever!

More enthusiastic discussion was held at the March meeting! Good things are in the works, and our membership is excited to reach out to all businesses in Three Forks and get them on board. Our community is growing, our community is changing, and our community is full of so much potential! We're ready to grab it by the horns and make the most of every event and every opportunity to help our businesses take advantage of every good thing!

Just a reminder that last year we changed the way memberships are renewed. Members are now on a "date to date" schedule. This means that if you renewed your Chamber membership in March, your annual membership renewal will be due in March, 2019...if you renewed in April/May, your annual membership renewal will be due in April/May, 2019 and so on. Membership renewal invoices will be in the mail very soon for those who are due in March, April, and May.

Chamber membership can be renewed online too! Please visit the Chamber website at www.threeforksmontana.com. Follow all the prompts to renew. It can be paid online by using Pay Pal or you can choose the option of mailing a check to the Chamber. Renewing online is fast, easy, and convenient. If you have any questions about the renewal process, please let us know. We are here to help!

We're already off to a **GREAT** year!
Let's work together to make it the **BEST** ever!

"Did You Know".....

Last year's TF Annual Rodeo dates (July 13 & 14) were the earliest dates that the Rodeo had ever been held. This year's TF Annual Rodeo dates (July 19 & 20) are the latest dates that the Rodeo has ever been held!!



"LET THE *wild* RUMPUS START"

THE BIG EVENT

LIVE + SILENT AUCTION | MUSIC | DINNER
"MONTANA BLACK TIE"

May 18 | 6PM

Gallatin River Hideaway

CATERED BY JUST A TASTE
THEME: "WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE"
TICKETS: BBBS-GC.ORG/EVENTS/THE-BIG-EVENT/

Big Brothers Big Sisters
OF GALLATIN COUNTY

Montana High School Rodeo Association (MHSRA) Three Forks High School and Jr. High Rodeo



April 27 - 28, 2019 at the Headwaters Fairgrounds!

Events will begin on Saturday, April 27th at 9:00am
Sunday, April 28th at 8:00am

Come out and enjoy a weekend of great
High School Rodeo Fun!



Three Forks High School Graduation

Sunday, May 19th at 2:00pm
Three Forks High School Gymnasium



Three Forks Visitor Information Center Opening for the Season on May 24th, 2019

Open Monday thru Sunday—10am—7pm

Free Advertising to
Chamber Members in the VIC
Drop off your business cards, brochures or coupons
to be displayed and given to visitors!

Three Forks
Chamber of
Commerce

Your Three Forks Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1964, the Three Forks Chamber of Commerce is a group of individuals, businesses, and organizations dedicated to the promotion of positive, balanced business and industrial growth. We envision our program of action to meet the evolving needs and challenges of the community, and to the promotion of the quality of life that three forks and its surrounding area has to offer.

Please note that monthly chamber meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at noon. Meetings may be held at the City Hall, or at a business, so please check our [online calendar](#) or call the chamber at (406) 285-4753 to get the time and location of the next meeting. Meeting times and locations are determined at the meeting prior. The chamber is actively engaged in attracting tourists, residents, and new business. Demographic and economic information, area brochures, maps, and calendars are distributed nationally. Each year, the chamber is involved in a number of activities such as the [Three Forks Farmers Market](#), Christmas Stroll, [Rodeo Dayz](#), as well as operating the [Three Forks Visitor Information Center](#).

5 How to Claim and Edit My Listing

Chamber Members, we have exciting news! Now available to you is the ability to claim your business listing on the chamber website at ThreeForksMontana.com! This new feature gives you the ability to change and update your business information. If this has you interested and you are wondering how you can get started, follow the steps below:

To Edit Your Business Listing

This process is separate from the renewal process. Your business listing will be updated with your business information entered in your online renewal application. You have the option to "Claim My Listing," giving you access to update your business information at any time. Here are the steps to "Claim My Business Listing":

1. Follow the link "Claim My Business Listing" under the "Members" tab in the top menu
2. Fill in your contact information
3. When you reach the field for your business name, start typing the name and select the business name from the list of matches
4. Your application will need to be approved by the administrator to ensure you are the real owner of the listing. You will be emailed login instructions in an email after your application is approved.

After you are granted approval, use the "Member Login" link under the "Members" tab to make changes to your listing.

The Headwaters Heritage Museum

Opening for the season on June 1st, 2019



Hours are 9am to 5pm
Mon -Sat
11am to 3pm Sunday
Admission is free!!

To see the museum outside of normal hours, please
call 285-3644 for an appointment.
School tours are always welcome any time.



A-1 Wheatland Self Storage Inc
 Action Realty Solutions LLC
 American Land Title Company
 American Legion Post #93 and Auxiliary
 BBG Contractors Inc
 Be Lazy Quilting
 Belgrade News
 Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County
 Blondie Bakes & Catering
 Bob's Plumbing
 Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital
 Brooke Leugers
 Bunkhouse Designs & Embroidery LLC
 Camo Heating & Air
 Challenger Pallet
 Chiropractic Clinic of Three Forks
 City of Three Forks
 Chuteside Vet Clinic
 D & K Excavation
 Diane Fuhrman Realty
 Diane Phillips
 Doctor Door
 Farm Bureau Financial Services
 First Baptist Church
 First Community Bank
 First Security Bank
 Friends of Three Forks Wrestling
 Frontier Club
 Gallatin College
 Gallatin Insurance
 Gator Gutters
 GCC Trident Plant
 Harmon Enterprises Construction Inc
 Headwaters Area Food Bank
 Headwaters Community Arts Institute
 Headwaters Golf Course
 Headwaters Heritage Museum
 Headwaters Livestock Auction LLC
 Headwaters Storage
 Headwaters Trail System
 Headwaters Veterinary Hospital PC
 Helen's Critter Care
 Highland Log Homes
 Hilltop Electric
 Horizon Insulation
 House of Clean
 Hyalite Engineers PLLC
 Imerys Talc North America
 Indigo Healing & Massage
 Industrial Automation Consulting
 Iron Horse Cafe
 JaMocha Junction
 K & L Mortuaries Inc
 Kanta Products Inc
 Karen Walton
 Keller Williams Montana Realty
 K.O.R. Mechanical Inc
 Land of Magic
 Land West Real Estate
 Legacy Trading
 Lewis & Clark Motel/The Gathering Place
 L&L Site Services
 Lone Mountain Flatwork
 LRC Montana
 M & W Machine Inc
 Main Street Office
 Manhattan Bank—Three Forks Branch
 McLean Plumbing & Heating
 Missouri River Custom Framing & Studios
 Montana Insurance Inc
 Montana Mountain Massage
 Montana Pony Connexion
 Pathway's Assisted Living Inc
 Plaza Bar
 Ramsey Hardwood Floors
 ReBoot Computers, LLC
 Red Tiger Drilling
 Republic Services
 Restoration Massage Therapy LLC
 Roadarmel Construction Inc
 Rockin the Rivers
 Ron's Diesel Repair & Towing Inc
 Sausage Equipment & Supply
 Seiler's Hardware
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 Three Forks Rodeo Arena
 Three Forks Saddlery
 Three Forks Storage
 Three Forks Youth Rec Task Force
 Three Rivers Medical Clinic
 Three Forks Rodeo Arena
 Three Valleys Insurance & Real Estate
 Thriftway Super Stops
 Tim's Diesel & Auto Repair
 Townsend Dental
 Traveler's Ink
 Tudor & Associates, Inc
 United Methodist Church of Three Forks
 V-42 Fitness
 Wheat Montana Farms and Bakery
 Whitetail Ranch Center
 Willow Creek Schools
 Wilson Engineering PLLC
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