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From the Desk of Director Jessica Fagerbakke

I hope this note finds you well as we enter the vibrant and lively summer season. As the Executive Director of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce, I want to take a moment to share my excitement about the opportunities that lie ahead and the importance of embracing this season to build an even stronger, more united commUNITY.



Summer is our peak season for tourism, which presents endless possibilities for our community. When we say, "Havre Has It", we mean Havre has small town charm, unique experiences, cultural and historical treasures, outdoor recreation, unique products, friendly service, and locally sourced and produced products that create an exceptional and unique experience.

Tourism season presents the opportunity to leave a lasting impression on our guests, encouraging them to return and become loyal patrons. Tourism spending serves as a powerful catalyst for economic growth. Tourist spending ripples through our community, which benefits a wide variety of businesses and creates opportunities for community members.

A vibrant and bustling downtown during peak season contributes to the overall vitality of our community, enhances the local economy, and encourages further exploration by creating a sense of vibrancy, excitement, and welcoming atmosphere that encourages visitors to explore and enjoy everything our town has to offer.

One key element that contributes to a positive visitor experience is consistent and reliable service. It is essential to recognize the importance of maintaining regular hours of operations and being open every day during peak season. Doing so provides reassurance to both locals and visitors they can rely on your services and enjoy your offerings whenever they choose to visit.

We build community and celebrate unity by coming together at events that showcase the vibrant spirit of our town. Sounds on the Square invites locals and visitors to gather, enjoy live music, and delicious food and refreshments from local businesses in the company of good friends and neighbors. Events like these create a sense of togetherness while highlighting the incredible talents we have within our community. I encourage you to participate, show your support, and experience the power of unity through shared experiences.

In addition to community events, lets not forget about the importance of shopping local. SATURDAY Market offers fresh. locally grown produce, artisan crafts, and homemade goods from talented locals. Supporting SATURDAY Market and the small businesses in our community fosters a sense of community pride in our local economy.

Shopping local strengthens the bond between business owners and customers, creating a relationship built on trust and shared values. When we invest in our local businesses, we invest in our community's growth and prosperity. Together, we can make a significant impact on our town's vitality and contribute to a thriving local economy.

I am committed to supporting and promoting the growth and success of our local businesses. I encourage you to seize the opportunities tourism season presents by providing exceptional service and experiences to our visitors, participating in community events, and shopping local.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our community.

WE ARE ON A MISSION

The mission of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce is to help improve the overall business climate for its members through sponsorship of programs which help stimulate economic growth and promotes civic development.

10 REASONS TO SHOP LOCAL THIS SUMMER

SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Shopping local keeps money circulating within the community, supporting local jobs, contributing to economic growth.

Unique & Handcrafted Products

Local businesses often offer one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items you won't find in larger chain stores.

PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Local businesses tend to prioritize customer service and provide a more personalized experience.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Shopping local allows you to connect with your community, build relationships with business owners and fellow customers, fostering a sense of belonging and community pride.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Shopping local can reduce your carbon footprint. When you shop close to home it helps minimize transportation-related emissions.

PRESERVE LOCAL CHARACTER

Small business contribute to the distinct character and charm of a community. Shopping local helps maintain the unique identity and cultual heritage of Havre.

LOCAL JOB CREATION

Small Businesses are significant contributors to job creation. By shopping local, you help sustain and grow employment opportunities within our community

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION

Small businesses are often started by passionate entrepreneurs who bring fresh ideas and innovation to the market. Supporting small business helps foster a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation.

GIVE BACK TO NON-PROFITS & CHARITIES

Local businesses are more likely to support local non-profits and charities. Shopping local directly contributes to the ability for small businesses to support organizations, creating a positive social impact

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC STABILITY

Strong local businesses are essential to long-term economic stability of our community. When they thrive, it helps our community thrive.



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RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

We support and promote local business, provide networking opportunities, business education events, and resources for small business.

Bear Paw Development Corporation

The BPDC Small Business Development Center (SBDC) assists start-up and existing businesses with confidential business consulting, training and information to enhance the financial, managerial, and technical skills needed to compete in today's complex business environment.

Montana Department of Commerce

The Montana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) assists with financial analysis, business planning, operations assistance, training and workshops, marketing and social media, succession planning and more.

MSU Small Business Webinar Series

The MSU Small business webinars offer free learning opportunities for small business owners and employees. You can watch them live or visit their library of previous webinars when it works for you.

MDT DBE & SBE Programs

The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program encourages and supports the participation of small businesses in transportation contracts. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program encourages and supports the participation of companies owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged indivudals in contracts.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

US government agency dedicated to supporting small businesses with resources, tools and guidance on various topics like business planning, funding and legal requirements. They also provide webinars and access to local resources.

SCORE

SCORE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and resource partner of the SBA. They offer free mentoring, webinars and courses on demand and have a library of online resources.

<u>UM Institute for Tourism & Recreational Research (ITRR)</u>

ITRR's Interactive Data puts recent and relevant Montana travel data at your fingertips, giving you the power to choose the data that best suits your needs. ITRR provides nonresident travel data, as well as travel-related trend data and it's available to anyone.



CONGRATULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES ARE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP!







Down Under Fitness Center

When Damien and Kristie Perotte decided it was time to slow down a bit and spend more time with their kids it presented an opportunity for Justin and Kari Maki from Chester, Montana. Justin and Kari made the purchase of Down Under Fitness Center this spring. They are not new to the fitness center business, they also operate Fitness Xpress in Chester, Montana.



Master Sports

Grayson and Cori Winsor purchased Master Sports in March of this year. Grayson has been a longstanding employee of Master Sports. Grayson brings many years of experience and knowledge of the business which has made for a seamless transition into being a small business owner.



Valley Furniture

When Mike and Kim decided it was time to retire after 40+ years Tiffany Melby, Ryan Knudson, and Rick Melby took the leap and dove into the furniture business. Tiffany, Ryan and Rick have been operating Valley Furniture since March of this year. They've made a few changes but have stayed true to providing top notch service to customers across the hi-line.

WE ARE THRILLED TO SEE THESE BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO PROSPER IN OUR COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS, WE WISH YOU A FUTURE FILLED WITH REMARKABLE **ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENDLESS SUCCESS!**



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to the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

Many Rivers Whole Health has been partnering to improve lives for 45 years. They believe in nurturing the whole human - body, mind and spirit. This multilayered approach is core to everything they do. They partner with people and communities to serve the whole person body, mind and spirit by providing wellness expertise in mental health and substance abuse services.





Alluvion Health is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center focusing on providing high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive primary and preventive medical, dental and behavioral healthcare. They are dedicated to providing affordable services to patients regardless of income, insurance or ability to pay. Alluvion Health takes most public and private insurances and offers a sliding fee scale based on family size and income.

Miller Consulting Group is an accounting firm that offers tax planning and preparation services for businesses, individuals, trusts/estate and nonprofits. They also offer payroll and bookkeeping services. They assist a wide variety of industries and specialize in agriculture and construction. Stop by their office at 3070 2nd St W, Havre, MT or give them a call at 406-400-2800 to see how they can serve you!





Creative Yogurt, the go-to frozen yogurt shop is delighting taste buds and creating joyful experiences for families and dessert enthusiasts. They offer a rotating batch of flavors and a wide variety of delectable toppings making it a destination for those seeking a sweet treat. The arcade corner and large entertaining space provides endless entertainment whether hosting a birthday party or simply seeking a fun-filled afternoon!

Nicole Legere, owner of Belle Aesthetics, is a nurse practitioner with 22 years of experience in medicine. Belle Aesthetics is a mobile beauty, cosmetic and personal care business traveling between Havre and Great Falls. She delivers a combination of treatments and services to provide the ultimate aesthetic experience and results right to your door.





to the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

Owner Kristen Keller is providing top-notch grooming services at Bougie Paws. She wants every pet to look, feel and smell their best. Kristen is a professional groomer providing a wide variety of grooming services tailored to meet the unique needs of your beloved furry companions. She provides everything from mani/pedi's and basic baths to full grooming sessions.





Jason Geer Photography

Jason Geer is a photographer located in north central Montana. He specializes in action and sports photography but also enjoys capturing breathtaking landscapes and wildlife photos. His ability to capture the dynamic energy and raw emotions of athletes in action is remarkable. Connect with Jason by following Jason Geer Photography on social media.

Grace & Grit Coffee Company wants to elevate your coffee experience with their drive through coffee kiosk located in the Americann parking lot on HWY 2 West in Havre, MT. Owner Rachel Bartlett and her team are serving up hot and cold coffee drinks, Red Bull infusions and refreshing Lotus drinks. Indulge in a world of delicious flavors that will keep you coming back for more at Grace & Grit Coffee Company.





Jake Blaine is a realtor with the Dascoulias Realty Group. Blaine Train is proud to serve Great Falls and its neighboring areas, including Havre. Jake Blaine's passion for real estate goes beyond transactions. He understands that buying or selling a home is a significant life event. Ready to embark on your real estate journey? Contact Blaine Train at Blainetrain.com



TAKE ME BACK TRIO

BIG SKY DRIVE

AUGUST 16 | GENE ALLEN & FRIENDS

We are thrilled to invite you all to join us at Town Square for Sounds on the Square, a free concert series that brings live music and a vibrant atmosphere to Havre every Wednesday from 6-8pm.

Sounds on the square is the perfect opportunity to gather your friends, family, & loved ones for a picnic.

Bring your favorite takeout from a local eatery, pair it with your favorite refreshment, pack a comfy blanket or some chairs and claim your spot on the grass!

We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, volunteers, and the entire community for making sounds on the square possible!

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Farmer's markets have long been cherished community spaces that celebrate the abundance of local produce, handmade goods, and the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Saturday market stands as a where producers, hub artisans, makers, bakers and community members come together to support local promote businesses, sustainable agriculture and eniov the vibrant atmosphere at Town Square. Farmers markets showcase local products and foster connections between producers and consumers.

Saturday market provides an opportunity for vendors to showcase the goods, share

SHOP LOCAL AT

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SATURDAY

Market

PRODUCE
FRY BREAD
BAKED GOODS
LOCALLY CRAFTED ITEMS
CRYSTALS & METAPHYSICAL ITEMS
SOAPS AND LOTIONS
AND SO MUCH MORE!

JULY 8 - SEPT 16

their passion, and interact directly with customers. The market reduces the environmental impact associated with conventional food chains by providing direct-to-consumer, farm fresh products. Supporting Saturday market means endorsing a greener, more sustainable approach to food and goods production.

The market also provides a place for the community to gather, connect, and celebrate the unique offerings of shopping local and gain a deeper appreciation for the hard work each vendor puts into creating their products. The market plays a pivotal role in cultivating a vibrant community, supporting local business, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Join us each Saturday from 8am-12pm at town square to shop local, connect with the community, experience the joys of a lively market atmosphere, and celebrate the unique offerings Havre has to offer.



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RESTAURANT - BAR - CASINO

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HAVRE FESTIVAL DAYS

Celebrating 130 years of commUNITY

Havre Festival Days is a celebration of community. It is a time when friends, neighbors and families gather to celebrate the rich history and heritage that shapes our community. It's an opportunity to that highlight the cultures contribute to our vibrant, unique and charming town, and a time to completion celebrate the harvest.

Festival Days is more than just a series of events, it brings people together to connect, celebrate our community, foster new relationships, deepen existing relationships, and create lasting memories. The festival strengthens the bonds of our community, creates a sense of belonging, and reminds us of the collective spirit



that has propelled us forward for generations. As we gather each year to celebrate Festival Days, we renew our commitment to unity, growth and the future of our community.

This year we celebrate 130 years of history and community. A once humble settlement that has transformed into a thriving community through the construction of the railway, establishment of businesses, production of agriculture, and introduction of new industries. We would not be the vibrant community we are today if those that came before us didn't embrace change, overcome challenges, seek opportunities, and have a vision for the future.

The people that call Havre home are the greatest asset of our community. They are the heart and soul of our town. People contribute by sharing their talents, generating ideas, taking risks and igniting passion. People make our community. The collective efforts of our people propels Havre forward. As we embark on the journey of the next 130 years, lets do so with a renewed sense of optimism. Lets overcome challenges together, seek opportunities for growth and embrace change to shape the future of our community.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE 43RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL DAYS CELEBRATION & HOW TO REGISTER, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER, OR ADD AN EVENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

COFFEE CONNECTION **Connecting Community Leaders Over Coffee**

Coffee Connection provides a great opportunity for business owners, entrepreneurs, managers, and community leaders to come together, share insights and build valuable connections.

The Havre Chamber's Coffee Connection is held on once per month on the 4th Wednesday in the Robins Administration Building at 425 6th St, Havre, MT.

This delightful event has become a cornerstone for networking and relationship-building. Coffee Connection is an informal and welcoming environment that provides a relaxed setting conducive to open dialogue and idea sharing. We discuss current trends, industry insights, and exchange valuable information.

One of the primary objectives is to facilitate networking and establish personal connections which often pave the way for future collaborations and partnerships which ultimately enhances the growth and vitality of Havre's business community.

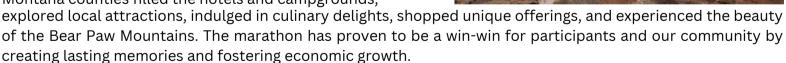
BEAR PAW



The 3rd Annual Bear Paw Marathon was a wild and western mess in the best way possible! The energy and enthusiasm displayed by runners and their supporters was incredible.

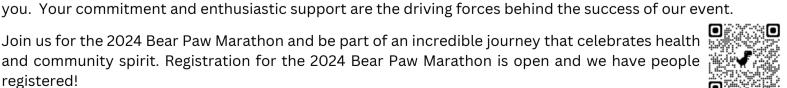
We had an incredible turnout with 354 registrations, a number that continues to grow year over year. The Bear Paw Marathon continues to attract more and more runners from across the nation with 30% of participants traveling from greater than 85 miles to compete in Havre this year.

We are proud to have created an event that not only promotes a healthy lifestyle but also boosts our local tourism economy. Runners traveling from 18 states, 2 Canadian provinces and 22 Montana counties filled the hotels and campgrounds,



The success of the 3rd Bear Paw Marathon would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our local government, city officials, law enforcement partners, EMS and first responders, MDT, local businesses, incredible community, and our amazing volunteers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of

Join us for the 2024 Bear Paw Marathon and be part of an incredible journey that celebrates health and community spirit. Registration for the 2024 Bear Paw Marathon is open and we have people registered!











Are you looking for an effective way to spread the word about your upcoming events in the Havre area? Look no further than the Havre Area Events

Community Calendar! The community calendar is free and has an easy-to-use platform for promoting and showcasing your events. Adding your events to this centralized calendar maximized visibility, attracts visitors, and boosts participation by reaching a wider audience.

Promotion is key to success for any even and the community calendar offers a powerful promotional tool at your disposal for free! This tool allows you to add the date, time, address, contact information, websites, social media links, and flyers to the event.

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19	10:15 AM V Havre-Hill
WEDNESDAY	Kids :: Activity
JUL	KARAOKE
19	12:00 PM Tip-lt Bar
WEDNESDAY	Music :: Open Mic
JUL	STORY TIME
19	12:00 PM W Havre-Hill
WEDNESDAY	Kids :: Activity
JUL 19 WEDNESDAY	GREAT NORTHERN FAIR 5:30 PM
JUL	SOUNDS ON THE SQUARE
19	6:00 PM Town Square
WEDNESDAY	Music :: Band

Take advantage of this free and user-friendly platform to spread the word about your upcoming events in the Havre area. Get started today by visiting the Havre Area Events calendar to see what's happening in the area and add your upcoming events to the calendar!



GET INVOLVED!



Join A Committee

- AGRIBUSINESS
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- BUSINESS INFORMATION
- BEAR PAW MARATHON
- DOWNTOWN HAVRE MATTERS!
- FESTIVAL DAYS
- HOLIDAY STROLL
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- TOURISM
- TOWN SQUARE

Apply to be a Board of Director

Want to get more involved with our commUNITY?

Have an interest in supporting local business and their missions?

If so, serving on the Havre Area Chamber Board of Directors is the place for you!

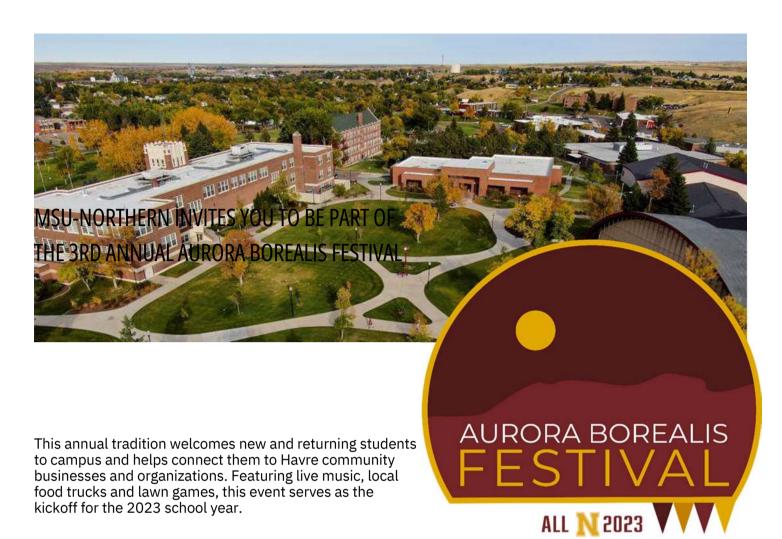
The Havre Area Chamber Board of Directors serve three-year terms. This is a volunteer position. Applicants must be in good standing with their Chamber membership, have a passion for our commUNITY and the businesses that serve in our area.

Contact the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce for more information about serving on a committee or the Chamber Board of Directors.

406-265-4383 or chamberdesk@havrechamber.com



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WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

We would love to see your business or organization present at the event, to offer information about goods, services or opportunities you provide to students in the community. This is also a great opportunity to connect with students looking for employment or volunteer hours.

Participating businesses and organizations will be provided a space in the Courtyard with a table and chairs. You are encouraged to bring materials to designate your organization (signage, brochures, give away's, etc.)

DFTAILS

Date: Tuesday August 22

Time: 4:00 – 7:00 PM (set up available at 3:00 PM)

Location: Cowan Hall Courtyard (on-campus; south side of Cowan Hall)

TO PARTICIPATE

To register, go to https://forms.gle/KNRYzgoiKeZQ2fRJ7 or use this QR Code There is no charge to participate in this event.

Questions can be directed to Corey Kopp, MSUN Dean of Students, at corey.kopp@msun.edu or 406.265.4113.



July, 2023

Dear Havre Merchant;

Montana State University-Northern is pleased to invite you to participate in an exciting program, the Northern Lights Brigade!

The Northern Lights Brigade is used to incentivize students to explore their community and make connections with the people of Havre. Businesses have an opportunity to offer a discount of their choosing when MSUN students present their 2023-2024 North Card (student ID), for example, 10% off a meal purchase or 15% off regular priced item.

Participating businesses will be included on the list of Northern Lights Brigade community partners on the MSUN website:

https://www.msun.edu/stuactivities/lightsbrigade.aspx and on the printed materials given to students with their ID. After registering as a participant, a Northern Lights Brigade poster will be emailed to you to print and display in your place of business.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please fill out the online participation form at: https://forms.gle/1sW2jMUzLTReLCiE8 or scan the QR code below.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

The MSUN Student Engagement Committee

Corey Kopp, MSUN Dean of Students
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