

ChamberLink



Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce

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Online Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the online version of ChamberLink! In addition to being emailed to Chamber Members, the newsletter will also be found on our website at www.gladwincountychamber.com. The current month's newsletter will be posted for reading, with past issues having a link and just needing a click to be read.

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Update on "Leadership Gladwin County"

Plans are being made for the sixth year of this important and successful program! The ninth and final module of the 2010-11 Leadership Gladwin County program was completed just this past May, and the 2011-12 program begins September 9. Sixty-six adult participants have graduated in the five years of this program's existence, to the great benefit of Gladwin County. This program, founded by MSU Extension and the Chamber, continues to be highly successful.

If you have been involved in the program, please continue to do so. If you haven't been involved in the program yet, it is time!!! Call Bev at 426-7741 to enroll a student, sponsor a meal, or find another way to be a part of the 2011-2012 class.

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ORV Maps for Sale!!!

These maps, covering both cities and all of Gladwin County, are finally hot off the press and ready for sale. The maps show the roads that are available, and those that are not, for travel by ORVs. Also included in the map is a Q&A section, and a word from Gladwin County Sheriff Mike Shea. This product is not just a map, but tells ORVer's how to be legal and stay safe. Every ORVer needs one!

The price of the map for the public is \$4.00, but **Chamber members can buy them for \$3.00**. Stop in and pick your ORV maps today, whether for yourself or to sell at your store!

Unemployment Rates

Non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates - June 2011

* United States	8.7%
* Michigan	10.3%
* Highest - Baraga County	18.7%
* Lowest - Mackinac County	6.2%
* Gladwin County	13.0%

Gladwin County is placed at 76th of 83 counties for May 2011.

Gladwin County Statistics:

Labor force:

10,100

Employed

8,775

Unemployed

1,325

Unemployment Rate

13.0%

(Source: LARA)

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Members in the News

Pictured below is Bob Moffit, CPM, City Administrator for the City of Gladwin, accepting the medallion presented as part of the National Askew Award he received on July 14. Bob demonstrated exemplary work on a Capstone project entitled, "Gladwin Michigan Downtown Revitalization Project". Congratulations, Bob!!!



Weather Watches and Warnings

Being prepared for storms is of great importance to both business and the public. Our state is still in the prime season (June, July, and August) for tornados, severe thunderstorms and flooding.

A **watch** means that conditions are favorable for the development of a tornado, severe thunderstorm, winter storm, or flood. A **warning** means that one these storms or a flood is occurring or is imminent.

Under a **watch**, remain alert and monitor weather radio, radio, or TV broadcasts for possible warnings. Under a **warning**, take precautions at once and take shelter at your predesignated place of safety.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 426-5451.

Business Referrals: A Common Request!

The Chamber office handles several thousand request each year for Gladwin County information, including recreation, demographic, and things to see and do.

One of the most popular (and easiest to answer!) requests deals with people looking for Chamber members offering a certain product or service. We use the Chamber Directory booklet to refer people to our Chamber members listed under the appropriate category.

Please make us aware of any changes or additions to the business category(ies) to which your business belongs, so we can better assist with referrals to your business.

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Notary Service

The Chamber's staff now has a Notary Public on board. **Notary service is free to all Chamber members, and is our newest benefit we offer to our members.** Non-member businesses and the public will be charged \$5 per service. For more information, call the Chamber office at 426-5451.

Calendar of Events - August

Gladwin Farmers Market

Date: All Wed.'s and Fri.'s, 9 am-1 pm
Location: North of Historical Village
Features: Local food, fun, and friends
Contact: 426-4133

Tuesdays in the Park

Date: August 9,16; 7 pm nightly
Location: Amphitheatre, Glad. City Park
Features: Great musical acts in town!
Contact: 429-3272

Carriage Festival

Date: August 12-14; Gladwin
Features: Free Carousel Rides, 13th, 1-6 p.m.; Parade, 13th, 11 a.m.
Contact: 426-9277

Breakfast Buffet

Date: August 14, 8 am
Location: Eagles #3292, Gladwin
Features: Full breakfast, hospitality.
Contact: 426-9348

Undies Sunday

Date: August 14, 1-3 p.m.
Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Features: Free underwear for kids.
Contact: 246-1084

65th Anniversary Celebration

Date: August 19-20
Location: Flynn Lumber and Supply Co.
Features: Sales, more.
Contact: 426-8861

Beaverton Good Ole Days

Date: August 20-21
Features: Car Cruise, 20th, 7:30 p.m.
Features: Car Show, 21st, 12-3 p.m.
Contact: 435-4840

Airport Open House BBQ

Date: August 27, 11-3
Location: Sugar Springs Airport
Features: Food, tours, hot air balloons.
Contact: 426-4111

70th Anniversary Celebration

Date: August 27, 10-4
Location: Gladwin Ace Hardware, Glad.
Features: Sales, food, booths, more.
Contact: 426-4549x117

Visit from InSITEful Students!



The Chamber would like to thank Gladwin City Administrator Bob Moffit and other adult leaders for bringing in a class of high school students enrolled in the inSITEful Summer Camp. Chamber President Tom Tucholski spoke about how the Chamber works with local businesses. This program gives students the opportunity to explore the world of inventors and entrepreneurs. For more information, see the website at www.midmisite.com. Thank you, Bob!

Flag Etiquette

Here are several highlights of proper flag etiquette. Flag etiquette is not mandated by law, but is encouraged.

* Display only from sunrise to sunset, unless properly illuminated at night.

* Hoist the flag briskly and lower cautiously, avoiding touching the flag on anything under it.

* When the flag is raised or lowered, all persons should stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those in military uniforms should salute.

* When the flag is no longer a fitting emblem to display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way.

* For complete information on flag etiquette, check this website: www.usflag.org/flagetiquette.html.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2011

Each Wed. And Fri. 9 am Gladwin Farmers Market

1	6:30 pm	Grout Township Meeting	10	8:30 am	EDC of Gladwin County Meeting
1,15	5:00 pm	Gladwin City Council Meeting	10	noon	Beaverton Area Business Association Mtg.
1,15	6:30 pm	Beaverton Lions Club Meeting	10	7:30 pm	Sage Township Meeting
1,15	7:30 pm	Eagles #3292 Men's Meeting	11	7 pm	Butman Township Meeting
2	7 pm	MMCC Board of Trustees Meeting	11	7:30 pm	Hay Township Meeting
2,9,16,23,30	12:15 pm	Rotary Club Meeting	11,25	8 pm	Eagles #3655 Men's Meeting
2,9,16,23,30	5:30 pm	Kiwanis Club Meeting	13	10 am	Wixom Lake Association Meeting
3	7:30 am	Gladwin Business and Prof. Assoc. Meeting	14	8 am	Breakfast Buffet, Eagles #3292
3,17,31	9:30 am	Gladwin Co. Road Comm. Meeting	15	6:30 pm	Beaverton City Council Meeting
4	6 pm	Gladwin Area Artists Guild Meeting	16	7 pm	Gladwin County Fair Association Meeting
4	6:30 pm	Gladwin County Republican Party Meeting	17	8 am	Chamber Board Meeting
4,18	6:30 pm	Eagles #3655 Auxiliary Meeting	17	7 pm	Gladwin County Democratic Party Meeting
8	7 pm	Creative Learning Academy Sch. Bd. Mtg.	20	10 am	Sugar Springs POA Meeting
8,22	6:30 pm	Eagles #3292 Auxiliary Meeting	22	6 pm	Gladwin County District Library Meeting
8,22	7:00 pm	Beaverton School Board Meeting			
8,22	7:30 pm	Gladwin School Board Meeting			
9	8:30 am	Gladwin Conservation District Meeting			
9	7:30 pm	Gladwin City Housing Comm. Meeting			
9	8 pm	Free and Accepted Masons #397 Meeting			

FALL ART SHOW

SEPTEMBER 9th, 10th, 11th

Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm



'ON THE ROAD'