

# ChamberLink



Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce

July 2011

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- \* Monday-Friday
- \* 9 am-noon, 1-4:30 pm
- \* Closed on July 4

### Leadership Gladwin County

- \* Fifth class has graduated
- \* Another successful year
- \* Sixth year plans underway

### Area Events, Business Information, and more!

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## First Online Newsletter

Welcome to the first 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](http://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"

The ninth and final module of the Leadership Gladwin County program was held on Friday, May 13. The focus of this day's class was "Arts and Tourism". A graduation lunch and the graduation ceremonies drew nearly 60 people, a record turnout. This program, founded by MSU Extension and the Chamber, continues to be highly successful.

This module featured a spirited, humorous and motivational commencement address by Terry Moore, President and CEO of Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance; visits from past Leadership Gladwin County graduates, including Chamber President Tom Tucholski; and graduation ceremonies for adult and youth participants. Sixty-six adult participants have graduated in the five years of this program's existence, to the great benefit of Gladwin County. Plans are being made for the sixth year of this important and most successful program. 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 beginning in September 2011.

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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 for travel by ORVs. 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!

## Members in the News

The **Gladwin County Record** reports that newswriter Kristin Schultz is leaving the newspaper. Her husband, Pastor Matthew Schultz, has accepted a position with a church in another state, so Matthew, Kristin and family will be leaving Gladwin County by the end of July. The Record is looking for a part time newswriter to fill the position, with hours ranging from 24 to 28 per week. Should you know of anyone interested in the position, please have them reply to [mdrey@thegladwincountyrecord.com](mailto:mdrey@thegladwincountyrecord.com).

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## Unemployment Rates

### Non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates - May 2011

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

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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## Chamber Office Hours

The Chamber office hours for the summer are Monday-Friday from 9 am-noon, and 1:00-4:30 pm. The office will be closed on Monday, July 4, for Independence Day. The office will be open on select Saturday mornings from 9 am-noon. The Chamber Board felt expanded hours would allow the Chamber and Visitor Center to best accommodate our summer visitors and residents during this busy time of year.

## Weather Watches and Warnings

Being prepared for storms is of great importance to both business and the public. Our state is in the prime season 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.

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## Slips, Trips and Falls

The majority of falls (60%) happen on the same level from slips and trips. The remaining 40% are falls from a height. **Slips:**

Slips happen where traction is poor between footwear and the walking surface. Common causes are:

- \* Wet or oily surfaces
- \* Spills
- \* Weather related
- \* Loose, unanchored rugs or mats
- \* Walking surfaces with different degrees of traction

### **Trips:**

Trips happen a foot collides an object. Common causes are:

- \* Uncovered cables
  - \* Poor lighting
  - \* Clutter
  - \* Obstructed view
  - \* Opened bottom drawers
  - \* Uneven walking surfaces
- (Courtesy: The Pacesetter)

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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 - July

### **Gladwin Farmers Market**

Date: July 2,9,16,23,30; 9 am-1 pm  
Location: North of Historical Village  
Features: Local food, fun, and friends  
Contact: 426-4133

### **Fourth of July Celebration**

Date: July 2nd, noon, and July 3rd, 1 pm: Boat Races, Ross Lake Park.  
July 4: Parade, 11 am; Fireworks, dusk  
Contact: 435-7712

### **G.A.F.T. Summer Musical**

Date: July 6-9, 8 pm  
Location: Amphitheatre, Glad. City Park  
Features: "Little Shop of Horrors"  
Contact: 426-5571

### **Gladwin Fun Days**

Date: July 8-10  
Location: downtown Gladwin  
Features: Sidewalk sales, music, fun.  
Contact: 429-6565

### **Gladwin County Classic Car Show**

Date: July 9, noon  
Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Ch., Glad.  
Features: Come see the cool rides!  
Contact: 429-6565

### **Gladwin Art in the Park**

Date: July 9, 9-4  
Location: Gladwin City Park  
Features: Fine arts, music, fun.  
Contact: 429-3272

### **White Elephant Sale**

Date: July 9, 9 am  
Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Ch., Glad.  
Features: Fun sale, bake sale.  
Contact: 426-9943

### **Chicken Dinner**

Date: July 9, 11:00 am-soldout  
Location: Masonic Temple, Gladwin  
Features: Come get a great full meal!  
Contact: 426-3129

### **Breakfast Buffet**

Date: July 10, 8 am  
Location: Eagles #3292, Gladwin  
Features: Full breakfast, hospitality.  
Contact: 426-9348

### **Tuesdays in the Park**

Date: July 12, 19,26; 7 pm nightly  
Location: Amphitheatre, Glad. City Park  
Features: Great musical acts in town!  
Contact: 429-3272

### **Master Gardeners Garden Walk**

Date: July 16, 11-4  
Location: downtown Gladwin  
Features: Beautiful Gardens galore!  
Contact: 426-7741

### **Sesquicentennial Parade**

Date: July 30, 1 pm  
Location: Downtown Gladwin  
Features: Gladwin County's 150th year  
Contact: 429-3272

## Outdoor Burning, Burning Permits

With the expected dry, hot days of summer comes the increased risk of grass and forest fires. A number of safety and environmental rules apply to burning waste and natural products, whether for residential or commercial purposes. The Michigan DNR says, "Only you are responsible for your fire", "You get the bill for wildfires", and "You are responsible for understanding Michigan's Open Burning Laws and Rules". Further information on safe burning practices can be found at [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit). An online burn permit may be obtained at that site. Also, you may call the local DNR Fire Manager at 426-9205, ext. 7650, for more information on safe burning.

## For Sale: ORV Maps, Plat Books, Much More

Amounts reflect member pricing, where applicable:

- ORV Maps - \$3.00  
(members can re-sell them for \$4.00)
- Gladwin County Maps - \$1.00  
(members can re-sell them for \$1.50)
- Genealogical Guides - \$0.75
- 2006 Plat Books - \$20.00
- Central Northeast Michigan Fishing Map Guide Book - \$24.00
- Area Postcards - \$1.00
- Other Michigan County Maps - variable, from \$0.25-\$3.00
- Snowmobile Trail Map - \$1.50

Also, we carry a wide assortment of historical books and an area cookbook.

# MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## JULY 2011

2,9,16,23,30	9 am	Gladwin Farmers Market	11	7 pm	Creative Learning Academy Sch. Bd. Mtg.
2	noon	Boat Races, Ross Lake Park, B'ton	11,25	6:30 pm	Eagles #3292 Auxiliary Meeting
3	1 pm	Boat Races, Ross Lake Park, B'ton	11,25	7:00 pm	Beaverton School Board Meeting
4	11 am	4th of July Parade, downtown Beaverton	11,25	7:30 pm	Gladwin School Board Meeting
4	dusk	4th of July Fireworks, Ross L. Park, B'ton	12	8:30 am	Gladwin Conservation District Meeting
18	5:00 pm	Gladwin City Council Meeting	12	7 pm	F.O.R.G.E. Meeting
17	6:30 pm	Beaverton Lions Club Meeting	12	7:30 pm	Gladwin City Housing Comm. Meeting
18	7:30 pm	Eagles #3292 Men's Meeting	12	8 pm	Free and Accepted Masons #397 Meeting
5	7 pm	MMCC Board of Trustees Meeting	12,19,26	7 pm	<b>Tuesdays in the Park, Gladwin City Park</b>
5,12,19,26	12:15 pm	Rotary Club Meeting	13	8:30 am	EDC of Gladwin County Meeting
5,12,19,26	5:30 pm	Kiwanis Club Meeting	13	noon	Beaverton Area Business Association Mtg.
6	7:30 am	Gladwin Business and Prof. Assoc. Meeting	13	7:30 pm	Sage Township Meeting
6-9	8 pm	<b>G.A.F.T. Summer Musical, Glad. City Park</b>	14	7 pm	Butman Township Meeting
6,20	9:30 am	Gladwin Co. Road Comm. Meeting	14	7:30 pm	Hay Township Meeting
7	6 pm	Gladwin Area Artists Guild Meeting	14,28	8 pm	Eagles #3655 Men's Meeting
7	6:30 pm	Gladwin County Republican Party Meeting	16	10 am	Sugar Springs POA Meeting
7,21	6:30 pm	Eagles #3655 Auxiliary Meeting	16	11 am	<b>Garden Walk, downtown Gladwin</b>
8-10		<b>Gladwin Fun Days, downtown Gladwin</b>	18	6:30 pm	Beaverton City Council Meeting
9	10 am	Wixom Lake Association Meeting	19	7 pm	Gladwin County Fair Association Meeting
9	9 am	<b>Gladwin Art in the Park, Gladwin City Park</b>	20	8 am	Chamber Board Meeting
9	9 am	<b>White Elephant Sale, St. Paul's Episcopal</b>	20	7 pm	Gladwin County Democratic Party Meeting
9	11:30 am	<b>Chicken BBQ, Masonic Temple, Gladwin</b>	26	6 pm	Gladwin County District Library Meeting
9	noon	<b>Car Show, St. Paul's Episocal Ch., Gladwin</b>	30	1 pm	<b>Sequicentennial Parade, Gladwin</b>
10	8 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet, Eagles #3292</b>			

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