

Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 10 Chamber Meeting (9am at Patchwood Plaza)
 We would like to see more <u>NEW</u> participation at our meetings.
- December 8 Business After Hours – 5:30 p.m. – at the new Radio Station (1201 West 2nd Hillman)

December 8th Business After Hours

(Sponsored by A-1 Party Store)

DATE: December 8th TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: New Radio Station (1201 West 2nd Hillman)

The A-1 Party Store will be sponsoring the next Business After Hours on December 18th. We are also looking for a sponsor for the March 2016 Business After Hours. Contact the chamber office if you are interested.

Participation Needed

We are planning some events for next year and need some members to step up and be involved in those events.

Remember that the chamber is only as strong as the people involved.

We also would like to try and get some of the groups like the VFW, The Lions Group, the local churches and schools, etc. involved in these events.

Chamber Banquet Turnout

We has a good turnout at the annual Chamber banquet with approximately 80 people attending.



By-laws Committee

- Jim Paczkowski
- Jim Stoddard
- Mark Sorensen
- John Post
- Bob Tulgetske

2016 Dues

2016 Dues are due by December 30th if you want to be in the 2016 Membership Directory.

New Members

(since our last newsletter)
Congratulations!

• Zimmer's Corner Café

Crosswalk News

Reminder: We have children using the crosswalk 7:30 am. - 8:00 am. and 3:15 pm.

- 3:45 pm. Monday - Friday.

Early Release Fridays (November 6) 1:00 pm. - 1:30 pm.

I encourage you to talk with your children, grandchildren, and other family members and ask them to please use the crosswalk during these hours, as drivers will be expecting, and more aware of, children at the crosswalk.

Thank you, and have a safe day. Hillman School Crossing Guard - Crystal Hermann



Buck Pole Donation Tickets

The buck poke is selling donation tickets for \$1 or more to help with the operating costs of the pole. You can purchase a ticket and show your support for the buck pole at the following locations:

- A-1 Woods & Water
- A-1 Party Store
- Avalon Bar
- Chauncys Pub
- Hi-Way Inn / Tumbleweed Saloon
- Hillman Hardware
- Patchwood Plaza

There is also going to be a donation bucket at the buck pole to raise money to build a new buck pole.







lman chamber chooses **Business of the Year**

By NICOLE GRULKE
News Staff Writer
HILLMAN Mrs.
Glee's Gluten-Free Foods
was named the Hillman
Chamber of Commerce
Business of the Year during
the chamber's annual dinner
Wednesday evening at the
Patchwood Plaza. Mrs.
Glee's Operating Manager
Jim LeCureux was present
at the dinner and accepted at the dinner and accepted the award on behalf of the

the award on behalf of the business.

Mrs. Glee's began operating in Hillman in 2010 with three employees, and now has over 30 employees working two shifts per day, six days a week.

Sales have increased 10 times since. November

times since November 2014 and it has hired many new employees from new employees around the area.

"We do a lot of work cold packing and have added a second shift packaging," LeCureux said. "The busi-LeCureux said. "The busi-ness is continuing to grow and we're very pleased to be in Hillman. The response from people in the area has been wonderful, and the employees have really taken the business to heart." Mrs. Glee's ships prod-ucts all over the United States and has them placed locally as well.

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The chamber dinner also celebrated several new businesses that have joined the community this year, including BMI Pole Buildings, Forces for Kids/Moral Purpose Media, Hillman Health Foods, Inc. and Joe Purtell attorney at Jaw Purtell, attorney at law. Welcomed to the cham-

ber this year were 21 busi-

nesses and three associate members. President Bob Tulgetske and Vice Presi-dent Jim Paczkowski thanked all of the members thanked all of the members for their support and en-couraged everyone to spread the word about the different chamber activities throughout the year. "Our chamber member-ship is up 25 percent this year," Tulgetske said. "We continue to try to get de-endable businesses into the

continue to try to get de-pendable businesses into the area, and with the growth we've seen within the chamber this year, our work seems to be paying off. The people here are good people and friendly, and we're grateful for all of the sup-port the chamber receipes port the chamber receives from the community and



Mrs. Glee's Gluten-Free Foods Operating Manager Jim LeCureux, left, accepts the Hillman Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award from chamber President Bob Tulgetske during the annual chamber dinner Wednesday evening.

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Our members."

The annual chamber dinner helps to encourage business mingling and raise funds for chamber events such as VI Day, the Fourth of July fireworks, the MediLodge Easter Egg Hunt and many other events downtown throughout the

year.

To learn more about the chamber or join, visit the Hillman Chamber of Commerce website or call the chamber office at 742-3739.

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October is Breast Cancer **Awareness Month**

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Mrs. Glee's Gluten Free Foods named Business of the Year

by Bill Pinson

The Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual banquet Oct. 21 at Patchwood Plaza. Area veterans opened the evening with a presentation of the colors, pledge of allegiance and the nation anthem. Over 80 guests enjoyed the evening visiting with each other and taking party in a wonderful dinner catered by Zimmer's Corner Café.

Honors for "Business of the Year" went to Mrs. Glee's Gluten-Free Foods. Chamber president Bob Tulgetske presented Jim LeCureux with a plaque commemorating the award. Mr. LeCureux graciously accepted the award and talked briefly about the growing business, expanding shifts, growing workforce and products that they produce.

Chamber President Tulgetske reported that the chamber membership is up 25% and thanked the board members and trustees and also all the other volunteers that work so hard throughout the year on the chamber and

If you're interested in joining the chamber or volunteering, you can contact the chamber at 742-3739 or by email at hillmanchamber@yahoo.com.



THE HILLMAN AREA CHAMBER of Commerce annual banquet held at Patchwood Plaza was well attended.

We would like to thank A-1 Party Store, the VFW, Patchwood Plaza, Zimmer's Corner Café, all the businesses who donated the prizes, and all the board members for their donation to the event.