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*Business Spotlight*

## Village of Milan

[www.milanil.org](http://www.milanil.org)

The Village of Milan is now located in the new municipal building at 405 1st Street East, Milan. The administrative office is open from 9:00am to



5:00pm, with the Police Department available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Village of Milan became incorporated on May 12, 1893. Current Village departments include the Mayor's office, Clerk, Trustees, Administrator, Police, Economic Development, Inspections, Public Works

and Water/Wastewater. Services provided by the Village include local information, 911 communications, economic development, building permits, parks (including the Spray Ground and softball diamonds), garbage collection and recycling services, water and sewer and rentals of the Milan Community Center. The Village of Milan prides itself on superior customer service. Village Clerk, Barb Lee, states, "Our doors are always open to the public and we welcome good comments - which we thank you for - and complaints - which we try to remedy ASAP. Our top priority is to make the Village of Milan the best place to live and work." Visit the Village's website at [www.milanil.org](http://www.milanil.org).



### From The President...

The Village of Milan is alive with progress and possibility. As members of the Milan Chamber of Commerce we have the opportunity to become hands-on in this process of positive change. The Milan Chamber of Commerce is happy to welcome three new members to our organization: Diamond Builders, Skiles Driving School and Doggie Styles. As these new members will quickly learn, Milan Chamber partners know that their voices are heard and their opinions are valued in our community. Members strive to work together for the collective good of our Village and our businesses. For those of you that are not yet members of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to read through our newsletter to find out more about the exciting things we're doing to make Milan a better place to visit, live and work. We offer our members exclusive benefits unavailable from other local organizations (see page 7), and I would consider it a privilege for you to join us in membership! For your convenience, a membership form is enclosed. To join today, simply indicate your membership category on the enclosed form and mail with your payment. As we all come together with a common goal, we can truly provide change to make Milan a better place!

*Vera Hinrichsen*

President - Milan Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director - Just Kids Early Care & Education Centers

# July 2008

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

		1	2	3 <b>Fireworks in Camden Park</b>	4 <b>HOLIDAY Happy 4th of July!</b>	5
6	7 <b>Village Board Meeting, 6:30pm</b>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <b>Chamber Board Meeting, 7:00am</b>	17	18	19
20	21 <b>Village Board Meeting, 6:30pm</b>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>No July General Meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 6, 2008 at the New Milan Municipal Building!</b>						

## What A Success! *Movies in the Park*



Thanks to the dedication of our active Chamber Members, the Movies in the Park were a success (despite a few

occasions of threatening and inclement weather). Many families enjoyed beautiful Camden Park well before the movies started, then settled in for the movies just like at the old drive in. It was a nice family-friendly event and we had many positive remarks. Special thanks again to our volunteers, many of whom committed to all four Thursday nights:

**Del Steiert - Merls Business Machines**  
**John Ryan - CIS Financial Group**  
**Betty Boltz - MIP**  
**Kathy Edwards - Edwards Creative Services**  
**Vera Hinrichsen - Just Kids**  
**Annette Earnst - Village of Milan**  
**Lory Van Blair - Beardsley Printery**  
**Joyce Basler - First Presbyterian**  
**Mary Moore and Avonlea Cottage Staff (plus husbands)**  
**Chris Bayer and Aflac Staff**

Thanks so much again!  
*Sarah Wright*  
*Movies in the Park Coordinator*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There are still 2 more Dispatch/Argus Newspaper inserts for events in Milan. They will highlight the Indian Summer Fest and the Fall MIP Fair. Contact the Chamber to participate!
- Volunteers make a difference! Thank you to EVERYONE that volunteered at the recent Chamber events: Military Appreciation, Movies in the Park, Highway Clean-Up, MIP, Golf Outing and meetings. Your participation helps us make Milan a better place to live and work.
- Thanks to Gerry Huiskamp and the staff at the new Blackhawk Bank & Trust location in Milan for hosting our May General Meeting!
- Indian Summer Fest Parade Theme: **"Small Village - BIG Progress"**  
Participate in the parade as a fun way to show your community spirit and promote your business. Contact Sarah at the Chamber with your float idea - [staff@milanilchamber.org](mailto:staff@milanilchamber.org). Entry deadline is August 23rd!
- Have a SAFE and HAPPY 4th of July!

# Chamber *members*



## BOARD MEMBERS:

### President

Vera Hinrichsen  
*Just Kids Early Care & Education Centers*

### Vice President

Jim Huiskamp  
*Blackhawk Bank & Trust*

### Secretary/Treasurer

Betty Boltz  
*MIP*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### Cathy Edwards

*Edwards Creative Services, LLC*

### Pieter Hanson

*XPAC*

### Ron Heinzman

*Stern Beverage*

### John Ryan

*Past President/ CIS Financial*

### Del Steiert

*Merl's Business Machines*

### Lory Van Blair

*Beardsley Printery, Inc.*

### Steve Wilson

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Federated Insurance  
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Happy Joe's  
Hi Cliff MHPI, LLC  
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IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union  
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Just Kids Inc.  
Main Street Barber Shop  
McDonald's  
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Milan Auction  
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Milan Lanes  
Milan License and Title  
Milan Medical Group  
Milan Police Dept.  
Milan Surplus  
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Village of Milan  
Walman Optical  
Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home  
Wilbert Vault  
XPAC

*\*The Milan Chamber of Commerce is happy to welcome these new members!*

## Board *minutes*

Chamber Minutes \_\_6-11-08

Vera Hinrichsen, Jim Huiskamp, Betty Boltz, Cathy Edwards, Ron Heinzman, John Ryan, Del Steiert, Lory Van Blair, Steve Wilson. Absent: Pieter Hansen. Non Board Members: Annette Ernst. Meeting opened by President Vera Hinrichsen at Au Jus Neighborhood Bar & Grill. Secretary's report approved by Ron Heinzman seconded Del Steiert and carried. Treasurer's report approved as presented by Ron Heinzman seconded by Jim Huiskamp. Carried.

Movies in the park was discussed concerning the profit or loss of this event. We will wait and see how the last two movies are attended. We will discuss later about doing this again. It was discussed that maybe we need to involve the Village. Cathy Edwards reported on the Golf Outing and reported that we have 18 teams. We need volunteers to set up at 11:00am. We will have a few more expenses, but will make a good profit. Military appreciation day was a great success and the military personnel were very much appreciated. They really enjoyed the luncheon at the Legion. Sarah Wright questioned whether Doggie Styles had sent in a membership check. I has not received anything from them. Sarah also asked about some Thank You cards. Lori will check on them and give us a quote. Vera brought up the fact that we need to look for a new employee. It was suggested that we put a request in some church bulletins and let the Women's Club and the Lions Club and put an ad at St Ambrose and QC Employee Me. We need to work on moving the Chamber Office. Cathy Edwards mentioned that they might have a spot later in the summer. Sarah will put together a plan to see if we could keep her as the employee. It was decided that we will not have a July meeting. The August 6 meeting will be at the new Village Hall and Mayor Dawson will give a brief talk. Vera requested we start looking at the next year's meeting. The Committee is Lory Van Blair, Cathy Edwards, Betty Boltz, Annette Ernst, and Vera. We should sent an email out asking what the members want as programs. We have also committed to Circa 21 for Nov 5 the play is Full Monty. We need to email our members to see how many will commit to this so we can contact Circa with numbers. We tabled the Christmas Party for now, but need to find a Chairperson and decided on a date and place. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am  
Secretary Betty Boltz



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# Milan Chamber Golf Outing, 2008

*Thank You for Your Support!*

The Milan Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing took place at Pinnacle Country Club on Monday, June 23, 2008. Teams gathered at Pinnacle for the 1:00pm shotgun start. The preferred ball contest was a huge success as teams enjoyed a great afternoon of golf. After the outing, teams and other Chamber members gathered in the Clubhouse for dinner, networking and socializing.

More photos will be available on our website soon -  
[www.milanilchamber.org](http://www.milanilchamber.org)



**The Milan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to recognize Cathy Edwards of Edwards Creative Services for heading up the Golf Outing Committee. Thank you for all of the hard work you put in to make this event a huge success!**

The Golf Outing Committee would like to thank the players, volunteers and sponsors that made this event possible. Valuable funds were raised for the activities of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, which strives to provide leadership, not only to the area's business community, but to the future of Milan as a whole.

For more information on the Milan Chamber of Commerce, please visit [www.milanilchamber.org](http://www.milanilchamber.org).

## Visit us Online!

The Milan Chamber of Commerce has a new web home: **[www.milanilchamber.org](http://www.milanilchamber.org)**. Our updated site was created with the help of Sedona Technologies in Moline. View a directory of chamber businesses, see a calendar of events, browse photos from recent events and download a printable membership application...all in one convenient place!



## Travel With the Chamber!

The Milan Chamber of Commerce has partnered with YTB Travel International for a unique opportunity called Passport to Giving. Through this partnership, the Milan Chamber is now your online travel provider! When you log on to **[www.milanilchambertravel.com](http://www.milanilchambertravel.com)** to book your personal and business travel, you will be making a donation to fund the activities of our organization. Instead of the travel commission going to a travel company, it is donated to the Chamber. This means you won't pay more for your hotel, car rental, vacation package or cruise - and you'll be helping to make Milan a better place!

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# Milan Chamber of Commerce Partner Benefits

*The Milan Chamber of Commerce is at the center of Milan's business community. Simply being a Chamber partner affords you the following core benefits:*

### **Community & Economic Improvement**

Demonstrate your community commitment and advocate positive change in Milan. The Chamber is your opportunity in Milan to join others focused on major economic and community development issues.

### **Advertising**

The Chamber offers a number of affordable and effective advertising opportunities through our newsletters, events and programs. Plus, all members have a listing on our website - [www.milanilchamber.org](http://www.milanilchamber.org) - with contact information and a link to your business site!

### **Networking**

Make important business contacts at Chamber events. Who you know makes a difference!

### **Partner Relations & Volunteering**

We offer our partners opportunities to get involved in committees that create opportunities to further build strong business relationships. Plus, get your hands dirty to make a difference in Milan by volunteering your time and talents at various events.

### **Workforce Development**

Find solutions you can use. Chamber meetings, committees and workshops offer expert advice on how to keep pace with a fast-moving economy. **NEW SERVICE** - Chamber partners may also post job openings on our website for FREE!

*Chamber membership is an affordable solution for your business and new members are ALWAYS welcome! Contact the Chamber at (309) 716-8144 if you, or someone you know, could benefit from Chamber membership!*

# General Membership Meeting

## *No July Meeting - Next Mtg. 8/6/08*

August Location: New Milan Municipal Building - 405 E. 1st St.



**AUGUST 6 - 6:00PM**

Cost for dinner is \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Please RSVP to [staff@milanilchamber.org](mailto:staff@milanilchamber.org) by Thursday, July 31.

Join us for a tour of the new facility! You won't want to miss it!



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