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NEW BUSINESS



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A Ribbon cutting was held on Thursday October third to Welcome new chamber member and business to Milan, Luli's Restaurant & Bar. Several chamber members, owners and employees were on hand for the event. Currently business hours are 10 AM - 10 PM Daily. Owners, Al and Luli are hoping to add breakfast hours at a later date. Be watching for the new change.

Luli's is a full established Restaurant and Bar. Al and Luli have been in the restaurant business for many years and have several different restaurants. They purchased the building out of no where, and later decided to fix it up to the outstanding building it is today. They are grateful for all the help and advice from the Village; Steve, the City Inspector and Randy.

They offer daily specials and serve homemade soup of the day. On their menu is a variety of items to choose from. Their homemade chips with their special "Spicy Ketchup" is a sure to try item. A couple of crowd pleasers has been their personal house made breaded pork tenderloin and Philly Steak Sandwich.

For more information and current menu you can find Luli's on Facebook.

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FEATURED BUSINESS



Backyard Bowl and Abides Bar and Grill

Located at: 2020 First Street W (US RT 67)- Milan IL

309.558.1515 • backyard-bowl.com • find us on:

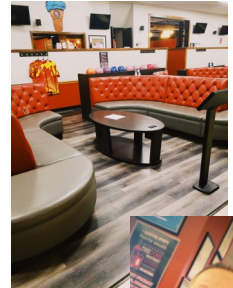


There is a new management team at Backyard Bowl!



We would like to introduce new General Manager, Jennifer Mathes and new Executive Chef, Don Mathes. This great team is on their way to great and amazing things. "We are working on becoming more involved with the community, doing more fundraisers and will be offering a charity night once a week beginning November 1st." Some out of the box options include overnight lock-ins and sleepovers, and after hours parties to help raise money for your group."

"Having an energetic and fun staff is extremely important to us. We want every person that walks through the door to have their best day while they are here." Backyard Bowl has something for every age group, big to small groups. Just a quick list of a few things they offer include the all ages Arcade, Knoch Ball, Martial Arts, Live Music and Karaoke every weekend, Abides Bar & Grill, and Leagues (sanctioned and unsanctioned), fun bowling groups, Wine Nights, Industry Nights, and Open Mic Nights. "We are working on an afternoon Yoga Class as well."



Abides Bar & Grill is a full service kitchen and has an amazing event menu for any banquet, three different rooms are available for receptions, luncheons, class reunions, etc. They can even cater to your every need, providing the desserts and entertainment for your event if needed.



are a must at Backyard Bowl. With many different packages to choose from, Bowling, Arcade, or Knoch Ball. You can even mix and match the activities based on your choosing!

"We will have a new, exciting menu coming out at the end of October. There is a lot of fresh ingredients and house made items to ensure the quality of your food exceeds your expectations, as well as offering more options for sensitivities and allergies. We will be introducing our Giant Tenderloin and expanding on our pizzas, introducing a Taco, BBQ, and Buffalo Chicken as well as a few others. Late night appetizer specials on the weekends, and a great express lunch menu during the weekday." Delivery is available through your GrubHub app.



"We look forward to seeing everyone here, having a great time and all the ways we can aid the community of Milan to grow in great ways!"

UP COMING EVENTS

Trunk 'n' Treat

Thursday, October 24th, 2019 ~ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

North parking lot of The Camden Centre ~ 2701 1st St E, Milan

It's a freaky, fun tail-gate party just for Kids!

Bring your little ghouls and goblins to gather all the candy and goodies their bags can carry. Multiple Milan businesses will be "treating" you and your family in celebration of this Spook-tastic holiday!

(Rain date October 25th)



Next Membership Meeting

Please join membership colleagues at the

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 ~ 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM



961 Tech Drive, Milan IL

Topic:

Village of Milan - Economic Development Strategy Sessions

Chamber Officer Elections

Food will be provided

Serving Meatheads BBQ Pulled Pork with Sides and Dessert.

Member - no charge, Guest \$9.00 ea.

Please RSVP by October 15

FROM THE BOARD

Support the Chamber



Currently we have two projects going for raising funds to help support the Chamber.

The first being the Quad City Dining Club books. We have sold 33 of 75 books. These are a great deal for you. For only \$35 you have the opportunity to save hundred's at Quad City Restaurants including Happy Joe's, Pagalo's Pizzeria, Rudy's, Hungry Hobo, Hardee's, Spinner's Pizza in Milan to name a few. If you enjoy Dinner and Show, the Circa 21 Coupon get's you your money back after use! Need a gift to give? Give a gift that keeps giving for a whole year! The books are available for purchase by calling the chamber at 309.716.8144 or visit the Chamber Office located in RIA Federal Credit Union Monday - Friday 9 to 1.

Secondly is the NEW Milan MarketPlace Discount Card. These feature 10 participating Chamber Members offers and are good to use through September of 2020. For the low cost of \$10 there is over \$40 in discounts after one use at each of the 10 businesses, so just think how much you could save in a year! Call or stop into the Chamber Office for yours today!



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU



MIP Arts & Craft Fair
October 6th
Eriksen Chevrolet
325 1st Ave E, Milan, IL 61264

On October 6th the Annual MIP Arts and craft Fair took place. What is MIP you ask? They have been around since 1971 raising funds to help support and improve community living. They have 2 events, one in the Spring and one in the fall. The Chamber helps by donating volunteers to man the pop stands. We would like to say "Thank you" to members and Non-members for stepping up to take a shift. Weather was great this year, as we all know this can vary. Next show will be Spring, May 3, 2020. Mark your Calendar and try to volunteer to show your community support for MIP.



Members: Del Streit, Board Member,
Chuck & Lory VanBlair, Beardsley Printery, Inc.,
Joe Schurr, Modern Woodmen, and Mark Hunt, Village of Milan.
Non Members: Karen, Susie and Richa .

FROM THE BOARD

TRIVIA SUPPORT



The Chamber would like to encourage your participation at Milan Lions and The Village of Milan Trivia Night! It will be held Saturday November 16, 2019 at The Camden Centre, 2701 1st Street East Milan. Doors Open at 5 PM and Trivia begins at 6 PM. Cost is \$160 per table with up to 10 people per table. \$1,000 in Cash Prizes to be had! Black Light Costume Contest! Prize Awarded to Best Individual & Best Table!



Food allowed, NO Outside Drinks. Drinks available for purchase at the bar. Only 45 tables Available, get your tickets early. Must be 18 or older to attend.

To purchase tickets for your table, they are available at the following locations: The Camden Centre (309) 787-8510, Milan Lions Club-Wednesday Night Bingo or contact Harry Stuart @ (309) 314-0420. What's that you say? You don't have 10 people? Let Chamber know you are interested and we can try to get you at a table!

Minutes

Milan Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting 9/4/2019

Present: Betty Boltz, Beau Brandt, Evan Johnson, John Peters, Ron Heinzman, John Hoffman, Lisa Jordan, Del Steiert, Non Board Members: Mark Hunt, Lory Van Blair. Absent : Amy Smith.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was approved by Ron Heinzman 2nd by Beau Brandt carried

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was approved by Ron Heinzman 2nd by Del Steiert carried

New Membership: Jumers has joined

Diner Club Books : Sold 19 / 50

Economic Update: Village thanked Milan Chamber for their donation to the Fireworks.

On Nov 16 Milan Lions and Village of Milan will hold a Trivia night. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle basket, let Mark know.

Mark reported that the Village is still working on Auto Zone, Dollar Tree (by Walgreens) Red Star Roll-off and trucking company with 100 docks.

Annual meeting voted and passed to be held at Sterns on Oct 23, at 5:30. Holiday Party – Suggested Spotlight Theater Dec 13-15 Miracle on 34th Street. Lory will work with Rotary.

Betty reported that she had completed the reports to reestablish our 990C status. Will wait for response from Internal Revenue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Boltz
Secretary/Treasurer
Milan Chamber of Commerce

Members of the Board

John Peters, Blackhawk Bank & Trust (*President*)

Beau Brandt, Mill Creek Mining (*Vice President*)

Betty Boltz, MIP (*Secretary Treasurer*)

Ron Heinzman, Stern Beverage

John Hoffman, Pagalo's Pizzeria

Evan Johnson, Blackhawk Bank & Trust

Lisa Jordan, RIA Federal Credit Union

Amy Smith, IH Mississippi Valley CU

Del Steiert

Our Members

Advanced Medical Transport	High Cliff Estates	P & G Real Estate Investments
Anna's Village Tap	Hurst Manufacturing Co.	Pagalo's Pizzeria & Gelato Café
Avonlea Cottage of the Quad Cities	HW Graphics	Pinnacle Country Club
B & B Draintech QC, Inc.	Hy-Vee	Quad Cities Concrete Products LLC
B & B Hardware	IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union	Quad City Pet Care
Beardsley Printery, Inc.	IMEG	RIA Federal Credit Union
Big River Entertainment (Vega's)	Johannes Bus Service	Roth Pump Company
Big Swing Entertainment (Backyard Bowl, Abides Bar & Grill)	 Jumer's Casino & Hotel	Rudy's Taco
Blackhawk Bank & Trust	Ken "Moose" Maranda	Russell Cellular
Blackhawk Township	Lakewood Electric & Generator Service, Inc.	SAL Family & Community Services
Bowlyou's Ice Cream and Grill	 Luli's Restaurant & Bar	SC2 Services Inc.
Brandt Construction	McDonald's	Smokin Joe's Tobacco & Liquor Outlet
Buckrop Chiropractic	Meatheads Meat Market	Stern Beverage
Burke Cleaners	MidAmerican Energy	Streamline Architects & Artisans
CharNor, Inc.	Milan Liquor & Milan Laundromat	Union Federal Savings & Loan Association
Cimco Recycling Milan, Inc.	Milan Medical Group	University of IL Extension RI County
Coach House Garages	Milan Storage	Valley Construction
Del Steiert	Mill Creek Mining	VFC Distributors, Inc.
Elliott Aviation	Millennium Waste, Inc.	Vibrant Credit Union
Eriksen Chevrolet	MIP	Village of Milan
Fully Promoted of the QC	Modern Woodmen	Welcome Restaurant
Goetz Concrete Construction Corp.	Mr. Ed's	Wheelan - Pressly Funeral Home
Group O, Inc.	Mutual Wheel Co.	XPAC
Happy Joe's Pizza Grille	MVP Collinson Repair	