

February 14th, 8:00 AM at bFACS See notes at bottom

- Congrats to Lori, our new secretary!! All the nominees were for her so we won't need to vote today;) These roles should also be reelected on our website now. Also a HUGE thank you to Lori for both newsletter articles this month, and for hosting at her new location.
- We now have access to adding events to the Bremen Town Events calendar, so if you would like to get something added, please send it to me!
- Banner for Summer's End Festival: 4 ft x 30 ft - from Bowen Printing Co. in Plymouth - \$850 for regular banner + \$50 every time we change vinyl lettering (each year) so that it can be reused. \$800 from Lochmandy to fund this - thank you again!! Just waiting to order until the flyer is complete so that the graphics are cohesive.
- Chamber trifold is almost finalized and will be sent out with the March newsletter email - feel free to put copies of this in your businesses front
- South of 6 committed for the Summer's End commitment. Also sent out the first round of vendor applications. Please let me know if you have someone in mind, the more vendors, the better.)
- I checked in with ACE about the easter egg hunt and they no longer sell plywood. I honestly think it'll be easiest to just make these at home anyway;) They should all be ready for next year!
- Everyone who has paid their dues should now have their sticker, but I know that more will be trickling in
- Scholarship is now available. I included the description (below) for anyone interested in more details. The high school is making these available to the students, and it has also been posted to our Facebook. Megan Atkins and Andrew Rhode sent me several others from recent years and we based the wording and requirements off of those:
 - This scholarship is sponsored by the Chamber businesses in Bremen, and intended to go towards furthering the education of a Bremen High School senior. There will be two winners chosen; the first place recipient will receive \$1,000, and the second place recipient will receive \$500. Each scholarship is non-renewable (one year only). Scholarship applications will be accepted until the April 1st deadline. All applications must be turned into the High School office. Winners will be selected by the Chamber board members, and notified before May 1st. The Bremen Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Lochmandy Chevrolet of Bremen for their very generous donation towards the 2024 scholarships.
- Would love to have more businesses host meetings, April, June, and July are still available. Thanks to all who have hosted so far, it truly helps build the Chamber!
- Need more articles as well;) So far we have one article coming from 1st Source for the March newsletter, and two from the VFW for the May newsletter.
- Upcoming Dates: Firemen's Festival (June 11th - 15th), and Summer's End (August 24th) + more on the business calendar
- Still welcoming any and ALL feedback from you!! I'll include the QR code to the survey again below:
 - An idea from Lori: "Arranging with likely VFW but maybe another restaurant too to hold a monthly retiree breakfast/brunch. Organize 2-3 organizations to be there monthly that have volunteer opportunities available. Just to keep retirees involved, provide opportunities for networking".
- For anyone that wasn't here last month, the Chamber now has an Instagram. Find us under the username: [bremen.chamber.of.commerce](#)
- In order to make all prior newsletters accessible 24/7 digitally, I've added them to a Chamber of Commerce Blog: <https://bremenchamber-news.blogspot.com/>
- Business between business Chamber perks:
 - bFACTS: 10% off rates
 - Bremen CarQuest: 10% off non-sale items
 - Siefer Services, LLC: 5% Hardware Purchase 10% Prof Services
- Any business updates?
 - Hiring a part-time teller for First Federal Savings Bank



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Lori Hoese, bFACS, is new secretary.

BCC has access to Bremen Town Events calendar - send info to Claire Bickel

EVENTS

Chamber trifold finalizing - will be available for distribution in March

Next Meeting: **March 13th** @ library with 1st Source regarding fraud

March 15th Basketball Benefit - Police vs high school players, flyers distributed.

Easter Egg Hunt - Claire has picked up plywood and will paint them - ready for 2025

April 1st deadline - Senior scholarship up and running - encourage seniors to apply

-Scholarship details laid out for this year, up for discussion for 2025

Firemen's Festival: **June 11th - June 15th**

Summer's End Festival **August 24**: Banner design decided, will be ordered from Bowen Printing

South of 6 confirmed for Summer's End

Need vendor applications - continue spreading the word!

VFW - Beer tent

Summer's End Fest vendor ideas: Jamie's donuts?, **lemonade booth, cheesecake**, Tom's Tasty Taters, Ben's Pretzels?

bold - vendor confirmed

Keep in mind that Bourbon Fest is **August 10th - 11th**

OctoberFest: **September 27 & 28**

Gingerbread men have been picked up from high school

NEEDS: April meeting - host ? June meeting- host? July meeting - host?

Newsletter: March - article #2 April & May - 2 articles needed

Retiree breakfast/brunch idea??? Still taking feedback.

PERKS:

Check out our Instagram and Facebook pages

Check out perks between Chamber of Commerce members on <https://bremen-chamber-news.blogspot.com/>

Lochmond Chevrolet - all locations, new vehicles are all invoice pricing, low interest rates & financing deals

VFW - pizza options are on the horizon via Bruno's Pizza

IN THE WORKS:

- Mike Leman - planning a Latino festival?, maybe August 3rd???, advised to contact Plymouth organizers
- Farmer's Market - who's in charge - Claire will touch base with Barts who was previous organizer
- Church organizations are joining to provide a week under the pavilion beginning with Sunday festivities, then Monday - Friday 7 - 10PM, read the entire Bible - name of Event?- maybe June? Vern McGrain in contact with Keith Fraine