

Strawberry's View Point



Chamber of Commerce



Newsletter

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POINT THE WAY

Calendar of Chamber Events

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

JAN. 9 Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, Noon, Aunt B's All members welcome.

JAN 19 Annual Chamber Meeting, Franklin Hotel. 6:30 pm Happy Hour, Buffet, Business Meeting, Speaker & COMEDIAN

JUNE 13, 14, 15: STRAWBERRY DAYS!! Let's go Beverly Hillbillies With "Strawberry Hillbillies"

If you have events or an article for our next newsletter, call 933-2081 by the Jan 26

WHAT'S THE POINT!

Small towns in the Midwest have been struggling for decades from the changing farm economy. Many towns of our size have lost their business hub - **downtown**. Getting new people to move into town without a business district is nearly impossible and travelers drive through because there is nothing to stop for. Residents have to drive out of town for everything they need - it's not a choice. Strawberry is fortunate that it has not reached this point but sitting on our laurels will not prevent this from happening. Towns like us are finding success by combining forces with their city government, a strong Chamber of Commerce, Office for Economic Development, Education facilities, and all community organizations. For most towns like us, we have 3 choices, tourism, become a bedroom community if you're near a city or **DIE!** So if 1 business leaves it brings us closer to that third choice. **And that's the POINT**

FOCAL POINT

Saturday, Jan 19th

"Meet the Point"

Annual Chamber Dinner
Franklin Hotel

6:30 pm Happy Hour w/cash bar

7:00 pm Two Meat Buffet

Following: Brief business meeting
Election of New Board

Speaker: Tim Burrack

Comedian: Dennis Rima, Dubuque, IA

Door Prizes

Membership Drive

Gift basket winners

TICKETS: \$15.

Purchase tickets by Jan. 12th at:

Citizen State Bank

Economic Development Office

Farmers Savings Bank

Franklin Hotel

Grandma & Grandpa's Treasures

POINTS OF INTEREST & PRIDE

Backbone State Park - lake, camping, trout streams, hiking, biking, etc.

Wilder Museum

Osborne Conservation Center

Historic Franklin Hotel

Backbone Golf & Country Club

**Are all our attractions on this list?
How can we attract more visitors to our town?**

COUNTERPOINT

**So what if a business is closing in downtown Strawberry Point??
It's only 1 business.**

HIGH POINT

Annual dues letter was sent out in December. If you didn't receive it, please contact me immediately at 933-2081 You have a chance to win a gift basket chock full of prizes donated from area businesses. How to win - Pay your dues by January 19th and your name will be entered in the drawing. Bring a non-member to the Dinner and your name will be entered again. Two chances to win some great prizes!! If your guest joins before the drawing, their name will be entered AND your name is entered again!! Three chances to win that gift basket chocked full of fantastic prizes!! How about a weekend at a B & B; pork loin smoked on a Traeger grill on a date of your choice, & more!! So pay your dues now & bring guests to "Meet the Point".

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POINT'S PRIDE

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| Grocery Store | Post Office |
| Banks | Pharmacy |
| Hardware Store | Dime Store |
| Furniture Store | Plmg & Htg |
| Lumberyard | Library |
| Restaurants | Taverns |
| Newspaper | Gas Stations |
| Convenience Stores | Pizza Places |
| Hotels & Motels | Campground |
| Economic Development | CO-OP's |
| Hair Salons | Chiropractor |
| Physical Therapy | Auto Dealers |
| Massage Therapy | Country Club |
| Auto Repair Shops | Antique Shops |
| Golf & Country Club | Car Washes |
| Catering | Lawyers |
| Construction Co. | Sport Shop |
| Insurance Co. | Rentals |
| Farm Equipment | Industries |
| Retirement Homes | Trucking Co.'s |
| Computer Repair | Real Estate Co |
| Electricians | Feed Store |
| Tax Services | Investments |
| Schools | Parks = Pool |

****List may not be inclusive
We are grateful for all we have but let's work to strengthen each other by being an active member of the Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce.**