

# Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce News

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Foam in the Park 2011  
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## Calendar Of Events

### Caribou County Mud Challenge

August 20<sup>th</sup> at Kelly Park join us at the Mud Bogs where there will be a Dash for Cash and Half Time Entertainment. We will be there serving beverages and food. If you would like to volunteer to represent your business and the Chamber please call Camille at 547-2131.

### Member Meetings

Don't forget to join us at the monthly meetings hosted by our members. These are where you will decide on upcoming events and contribute your own ideas and concerns about what more the Chamber can do for you!

August 11<sup>th</sup> – 8 am City Hall

September 8<sup>th</sup> – 8 am City Hall

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 8 am City Hall

### Business After Hours

Remember the excitement of getting ready to go back to school? Join the Soda Springs Chamber of Commerce at the no-host Business After Hours, "Back to Business", on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Get to know the other businesses of Soda Springs as you collect your things and prepare to get back into the fall swing of things. Prizes will be given out throughout the evening as you enjoy networking, appetizers, and fun.

## Welcome to a New Membership Year!

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting at Kelly Park. We had a good time and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

The votes have been tallied and we would like to welcome our new Board Members: Terri Bergmeier (President), Robert Lau (President Elect), Linda Anderson (Vice President), Camille Petersen (Secretary), Alan Skinner (Treasurer), Trent Clark, Dawn Perkins, Roger Cheramie, Veda Mascenas, Kim Bailey, and Michelle Alver. Thank you !

Along with the new Board of Directors, the new Bylaws have been passed as well. For a copy of the Bylaws visit [www.sodachamber.com](http://www.sodachamber.com). If you would prefer a hard copy or a copy of the Office Operating Procedures, please stop by the office inside City Hall any time Monday through Friday between 9 am and noon.

## You Can Win Windows 7 or Microsoft Office 10

August 25<sup>th</sup> we will be proudly hosting a training session with Microsoft Community Connections. If you have ever wondered how you can make technology work better for you, this is the seminar you won't want to miss! We won't ask you to stay long (the seminar is scheduled to run for 1 hour depending on your questions), there will be snacks provided, and the best part is that someone will be walking away with an official copy of Windows 7 and someone will have Microsoft Office 10.

This training is open to anyone who would like to join us, but please be sure to register by visiting [www.sodachamber.com](http://www.sodachamber.com) or call 208-547-4694. Contest is open to members only. If you have any questions please email [sodacoc@sodachamber.com](mailto:sodacoc@sodachamber.com).

## President's Message

by Terri Bergmeier

### Two Questions?

What books are you reading this summer? And.... What does it take to be the Boise State Football Team?

This past May, I attended a conference in which Dr. Vincent Muli Wa Kituku was a keynote speaker. Dr. Kituku is known as a research-based motivational speaker. He presents motivational keynotes and training programs on leadership, employee motivation, overcoming buffaloes at work (change), customer service, and living and working with cultural differences.

Vincent is the founder and president of Kituku & Associates, LLC, a business that is dedicated to developing leaders and employees in business and in life.

Dr. Kituku presented his concept of "Overcoming Buffaloes (change)" at the conference. His concept can be viewed at his website at [www.kituku.com](http://www.kituku.com) and I will share some here....

"The Overcoming Buffaloes concept of thriving in chaotic times is based on life in African villages with unpredictable water buffaloes. They (buffaloes) invaded villages without warning uprooting the harmonious lives of unsuspecting villagers. Dr. Kituku's years of experience with buffaloes and his in-depth experiences in corporate America exposed him to the parallels in terms of change, decreased productivity, lack of leadership, individual accountability, the ability to bounce back after setbacks and staying motivated and focused.... The Overcoming Buffaloes analogy has practical, universal, and timeless attributes because the personal ability to thrive beyond prevailing circumstances is the currency needed by people to fulfill their personal purpose and (for) organizations to grow and remain viable".

So, if you need a book to read this summer and you are now interested in Dr. Kituku's concept, you can purchase and enjoy his book "Overcoming Buffaloes At Work and in Life" and see how it might apply to your business!

And...Dr. Kituku has been the motivational speaker for the successful Boise State Football Team since 1998! Boise State football team enters its first season in the Mountain West Conference as the clear favorite to win the title.

## Executive Director's Message

by Anna Dursteler

I can't begin to express how excited I am to be a part of the business community of Soda Springs. Although I didn't grow up here, it has always been the only place my family referred to as home. I have had the good fortune of meeting a lot of great people since coming in to the community in 2001. I hope that I can serve you all well!

There have been a lot of inquiries about relocation recently. With that I have made some changes to our Relocation Packet. If you would like people who are moving here (or those who are just visiting) to have immediate access to your information please bring brochures or business cards to the office for me to include in the packets.

Membership paperwork is still being distributed. I apologize for the inconvenience of paperwork, but our records sorely need updated. If you have not yet received yours you can visit [www.sodachamber.com](http://www.sodachamber.com) to download a copy to fill out yourself or call me at 208-547-4964 to schedule a prompt appointment. Otherwise I will continue to distribute it all as fast as I can.

Thank you to all of you for what it is that you have done to support our community and help make it a great place to live. I appreciate the time and dedication you are each giving to your businesses and to each other. You, the members, give a great voice to the community of Soda Springs.

I have enjoyed meeting as many members as I could over the past couple of months. Please continue to contact me at 208-547-4964 if you would like to arrange a meeting or need help with anything.

## Committee Updates

**Membership Committee:** Chaired by Linda Anderson. Meetings are immediately following the Member Meeting each month.

**Fundraising Committee:** They are working toward a fundraiser at the Caribou County Mud Challenge as well as a Spook Alley. Chaired by Camille Petersen, this committee meets the first and third Wednesday each month at Main Street Floral at 8 am.

**Finance Committee:** Chaired by Alan Skinner, please call 547-2600 for more information.

**For more information about how you can help with a committee or about our committees in general, call 208-547-4964.**



## ✧ ✧ ✧ News From Our Members ✧ ✧ ✧

### *Members Receive Accolades*

The Annual Meeting hosted at Kelly Park was a prime time to recognize businesses and people who have done an outstanding job over the past year. Once again, here are our 2010-2011 Sprit of Soda Springs Award winners:

Small Business of the Year  
Sander's Furniture

Medium Business of the Year  
Subway

Large Business of the Year  
Agrium

Distinguished Service Award  
Kason Walton

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

We would like to see nominations for these honors be submitted all year long. So, if you see an exceptional business or person, please submit them for Soda Springs Applauds to be recognized in the next newsletter and automatically submitted for next year's Spirit of Soda Springs awards.

### *First Annual Senior Ms. Pageant*

*Submitted by Lynn Jones, Spring Creek Manor*

The first annual Senior Ms. Pageant kicked off Thursday evening (June 30, 2011) with colors presented by the Soda Springs VFW Post 9141 at the Caribou County Senior Center. The event was MC'd by this years' Distinguished Young Women Pageant winner, Bethany Christensen and first runner up, Amy Christensen. The pageant was sponsored by local area businesses: Spring Creek manor, Lallatins Food Town, Broulims, Soda Springs Floral, Gary's Coffee Cottage, Main Street Dinner, Deceivingly Tan, Hair Cuts Etcetera, Head Office, Lindz Style Station, El Toro, Practically

Magic, and Subway. Escort services during the pageant were provided by David and Steven Medina of Boy Scout Troop 502.

All of our contestants were introduced to the judges, Heidi Walker, Tracie Erickson, and Dr. Jerry Walker. Following the presentation, each lovely senior lady presented examples of her achievements and talents. The range and scope of the contributions of this year's contestants left the audience cheering and appreciative of our community's seniors.

Congratulations to the winners: Lorraine Fitch, joint winner Ms. Congeniality, Wilda

## Ribbon Cuttings

Nothing is more exciting than seeing the growth of business and our community. Nothing means more to a new business owner than the support of their community.

Be sure to watch your e-mail for updated times and dates for each of the ribbon cuttings. We want you to come out and support our newest local business owners as we welcome them to town!

In the meantime, be sure to welcome the following businesses when you see them:

**Cedar View Supper Club**

**Deceivingly Tan**

**Geyser Inn**

**Idan-Ha Theatre**

Phelps, Joint winner Ms. Congeniality, Linda Anderson, first runner up – Sr. Ms. Patriot, Carol Lynn Rigby, first runner up – Sr. Ms. Pioneer, Gladys Hildreth, Sr. Ms. Patriot, and Ellen Nelson Sr. Ms. Pioneer.

To submit your news, e-mail the information to [sodacoc@sodachamber.com](mailto:sodacoc@sodachamber.com) by September 15<sup>th</sup>.



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## Support the Chamber of Commerce.... Shop Local!

Visit any of these fine businesses to show your support for other members.

4T Enterprises	Erickson Racing and Repair	Legacy Community Pages	SilverStar Broadband
A&C Embroidery	Farmers Insurance	MR&E	Soda Springs Chevron
Advantage Plus Credit Union	Gate City Real Estate	MAAG Medical	Soda Springs Vacation
Bear Lake Limousine	Geyser Bowl	Main Street Floral	Rental
Broulim's	Healing 4 Bodies	Mason Distributing	Spring Creek Manor
Caribou County	Idaho Department of Labor	Michael's Pro Shop	True Value
Caribou Country Drug Court	Idaho Investigative Service	Monsanto	Windy Point Firewood
Caribou County Sun	Idan-Ha Theatre	Mountain State Insurance	
CHAT TV	Ireland Bank	Mountain View Dental	
Caribou Land Title	Jeff's Auto Body	Oregon Trail Eye Care	
Caribou Memorial Hospital	JR Inn	Perk's Electric	
City of Soda Springs	KBRV	PPS Britegas	
Clear Springs Foods, Inc.	KITT	Sanders Furniture	
Eastman Drug	Lallatin's Food Town	SilverSpur Garden	
El Toro			

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