## Chamber Chatter...

The Hemingford Chamber of Commerce held their regular meeting February 11, 2016 at the Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company at 2 p.m.

Present were Kathy Gettert, Amber Ningen, Sally Minich, Chelsie Herian, Casper Ningen, Julie Lawrence, Cheryl Armstrong, and Joni Jespersen.

This was the first meeting in the new format of quarterly meetings held.

Here is a recap of 2015 with many events and activities throughout the year. A few of the highlights were the annual garage sales with one of the best days with people holding sales and attendees shopping.

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus came to town there was a great attendance over 500 and the Circus was very well received.

A day in the Park was held this year with vendors and food and the committee is already planning on next year's to be held in conjunction with the car show at the fair.

Again Lori Dannar spearheaded the Diorama Food booth with great success and a lot of hard work. This is what keeps the Diorama alive and Lori has really stepped up to the plate to make this food booth work like a well-oiled machine. She has truly made the success happen and the Chamber is grateful!

Harvest Moon Fall Festival, under the direction of Julie Lawrence and a great team of volunteers, continues to make Hemingford the place to be in October. We can't wait to see what the team has in store for 2016.

Kris Kringle was another great event that Julie Lawrence and her wonderful volunteers brought in to celebrate the holiday season.

The mini park was decorated this year because the Little Critters 4-H Club, under the leadership of Lacy Hitchcock, came forward to help light up the Hemingford.

The historical Diorama came alive under the direction of the Minich Family with the Pine Ridge Job Corps doing the physical assembling.

Rounding out the year was Holiday Homecoming which was hosted by Hemingford Public Schools with great leadership from Jim and Megan Miles of Hemingford Schools.

All of this would not be possible without the great support by all the Chamber Members and the dues they continue to pay!

We are excited for the New Year and all that the Hemingford Chamber of Commerce and leadership that continue to make Hemingford one of the greatest places to live!