



2019 FALL NEWSLETTER

HEMINGFORD CHAMBER FEATURED BUSINESS RABEN'S MARKET * 814 BOX BUTTE AVE



worked there as a carry out so it was “in the blood a little”.

Mike was born in Chadron but his family moved to Hemingford in 1974. He began working at John's Jack & Jill for John Gaipl when he was just eleven years old – doing everything from sweeping, boxing and sacking groceries, stocking and basically anything else John would let him do.

From the age of fifteen and into his late teen years, Mike worked for Ron and Pat Schmit who purchased the store from Gaipl. After high school, Mike attended Cheyenne Aerotech and worked at Food Bonanza Warehouse and Grocery as the dairy and night manager in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mike returned to Hemingford in January 1989 for a few months; working at the store part time with his sister Tonya before taking a job at Farmers Coop and then joined the Air Force. Mike served from May of 1989 to May of 1993 and was a Senior Airman. He was able to move home and work for Phillips F & T from 1993 until the opportunity to purchase the store in October 2002. Mike and his wife Amy, began running Raben's Market as a family affair. Mike recalled his son running his daughter up and down the aisles in the mop bucket and when they were old enough, ran the registers checking customers and assisted in the meat room.

Mike has a person investment in his meat counter and considers it therapeutic. He has perfected recipes for sloppy joes, roast beef and takes many specialty orders for steaks, roasts and of course - his homemade sausage. Raben's Market has a wonderful meat counter and Mike is seen every morning during the week cutting and cubing steaks, roasts and making hamburger. Raben's

Mike Raben has always wanted to own a grocery store. His great aunt, Irene Sibert was the bookkeeper and a manager at the grocery store in Crawford and his dad, Paul

Market is often called upon for special meat orders and prepares many main dishes for large gatherings.

Mike continues to operate the store with the help of his six part time employees; and his dad Paul assists on truck day stocking the dairy case .

Grocery stores can be the heartbeat in rural communities and with the changes over the years with technology, it has been more difficult to keep them in small towns like Hemingford. Mike has faced the changes of distributors and drastic increases in shipping. It makes it difficult to compete with a Walmart or Amazon. “People don't always realize the dollars spent here stay here”, Mike commented. “They forget the small business owners support the community”. Raben's Market has been a wonderful supporter of the Box Butte County Fair, Hemingford Schools and the booster club.

Raben's Market appreciates the support of the customers and community businesses that help make up the awesome town of Hemingford.

Thank you, Raben's Market for being a part of our Chamber and our Community!

WELCOME TO HEMINGFORD – LUX SALON!



The Hemingford Chamber of Commerce and LUX Salon located at 600 Niobrara. Congratulations to Katie and Ryan Danner and Brooke Long! We love the new space!

Pictured: Joni Jespersen and Holy Wade (Chamber), Brooke Long, Tina Frahm, Katie and Ryan Danner (owners), Kathy Gettert (Chamber)



WELCOME TO HEMINGFORD'S NEW BUSINESSES

Congratulations to Marcie and Chris Thomas on their Ribbon Cutting for MC Signs & Decals/MCT Trucking LLC located at 704 Box Butte Ave. Stop in and Congratulate them! Shop Local and Celebrate.

Pictured: Holy Wade and Joni Jespersen (Chamber), owners Chris and Marcie Thomas, Barb Straub (Village), Kathy Gettert (Chamber) and Melanie Johnston (Village)



The Hemingford Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting for Honstein Repair located at 411 Niobrara. Congratulations to Matt, Amy, Braden and Luke Honstein!

Pictured: Barb Straub (Village), Kathy Gettert & Joni Jespersen (Chamber), owners Amy Honstein, Luke Honstein, Matt Honstein and Braden Honstein, Blanche Randolph, Cheryl Linegar and Holly Wade (Chamber)



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This Holiday Season.....Please Shop Local!!!

The Holiday Season is quickly coming our way and Hemingford Chamber of Commerce would like to urge folks to remember our local merchants when you begin to do your Holiday shopping. It may seem like there's "not much to shop for in Hemingford", but if you really stop and think about it there are many gift buying opportunities right here in **our hometown!** By shopping local you support local businesses and vendors who are your friends and neighbors. You help to sustain their businesses so they are here to serve your needs, day-in and day-out throughout the year. Also please remember, these same businesses are *paying taxes, supporting local fundraising efforts, donating to community events and projects.....continually investing back into our community.* When you shop on-line or out of town, **none** of your dollars come back to our community and **none** of those businesses do anything to support or sustain our community!

While in town for these great events, don't forget to visit Hemingford's Own Christmas DIORAMA!

Hemingford Chamber of Commerce would like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to Blanche Randolph and Family for spearheading this year's Diorama Food Booth at the Box Butte County Fair, to everyone who donated pies (the response was AWESOME!) and to each and every one who volunteered their time working at the booth. The community of Box Butte county turned out in a fantastic way to support the only fund raiser we have to maintain our unique and awesome tradition, the Christmas Diorama.

Soon it will be time for the display to go up once again. Between now and Thanksgiving volunteers are wanted to help spruce up some of the displays. This year the goal is to refurbish the narrative panels. (So artistic experience is not required to be of assistance.) This group will be

3rd Annual BELIEVE in Hemingford * Sunday * December 8th
Hemingford Fire Hall * Santa will be In the House
Christmas Movie for the Whole Family 4:00 PM

Chicken Noodles, Mashed Potatoes & Pie
5:00 PM

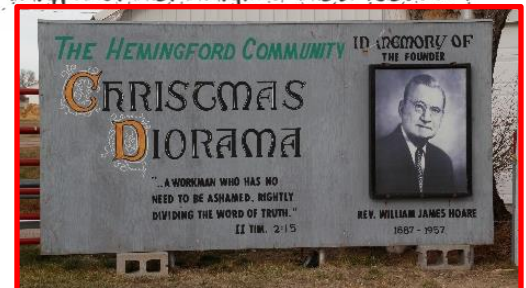
Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting
6:30 PM

Free will offering for the purchase of new
downtown Christmas Decorations



8th Annual Kris Kringle Christmas Boutique
Saturday - DECEMBER 7, 2019
9 AM - 4 PM
Hemingford Box Butte County Fairgrounds
Multipurpose Hall
Lots of great VENDORS
Delicious food at PEGGY'S KITCHEN
Breakfast & Lunch served
and... don't forget
SANTA CLAUS,
1 - 3 pm

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meeting Tuesday nights from 6 - 8 PM (except on Halloween) and Thursday mornings from 9 - 11 AM in the art building at the Fair Grounds.

Coffee and cookies will be provided for the workers! Please consider this opportunity

to help with this project. Thanks again to everyone who helps perpetuate the Hemingford Christmas Diorama!

