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Chamber of Commerce

North Scott
Area Chamber
Of Commerce

January 2009

CHAMBER CHAT

Learning at Lunch

**“How to Understand Conflict,
Find Common Ground and
Build Solid Relationships
In the Process”**

January 8, 2009
(Note date change!)

11:30-1PM

Quality Inn & Suites

(Note: Cost of session will be \$25 for members/
\$35 for non members) includes lunch

Join us in January as the Chamber presents **Jim Jelinske, MS.**, from Creative Education Services. Learn the recognizable signs of anger and discover ways to prevent, intervene and follow-up when confronted with a defensive person.

Participants will experience first hand the nature of anger and coping strategies to deal with explosive episodes once the crisis has subsided. Jim' Jelinske has over 18 years of conducting seminars and workshops in crisis management, negotiation skills and anger control. He injects humor and provides positive feedback within his methods. His previous presentations for the Chamber have been very well received —don't miss this one!

Call the Chamber at 285-9965 or email “info@northscottchamber.com”.

Moonlight Grants 2008....



Eldridge Police Dept received \$750 for assistance with software purchases. Pictured are Rick Hepe, Lynelle Anderson and Brenda Drummond.

2008 Moonlight Grants

Congratulations to the
2008 Grant Recipients:

North Scott Post Prom Committee \$1000.00
 North Scott Community Schools \$500.00
 North Scott Clergy Group \$800.00
 Flowers along LeClaire Rd. \$1700.00
 Eldridge Police Dept \$750.00
 Eldridge Volunteer Fire Co. \$1250.00
 Eldridge Fireworks \$1000.00
 Medic Emergency Services \$1000.00

Total \$8,000.00



Eldridge Volunteer Fire Co. received \$1,000 for safety equipment. Presenting the award is Brenda Drummond. Receiving the grant are Tyler Schmidt and Mark Schmidt.



Jerry Williams from Medic Emergency Services accepted a check for \$1,000 to help underwrite "Mikey Medic". Presenting this grant is Lynelle Anderson.



Lynelle Anderson presented \$1000 to the 2008 Post Prom Chair Sally Belk for North Scott's Post Prom Committee. This group provides an alcohol and drug free party for students.



Eldridge Rec and Fitness was awarded \$1000 for the Fireworks at the Summer Fest. Left to right: Parks & Rec Director Sarah Kagemann accepts the grant from Brenda Drummond..



Carolyn Scheibe of the North Scott Chamber office presented an \$800 check to Pastor Mark Zevenbergen for the NS Clergy for the needs program.

2008 Grant Committee

Julie Anderson
Central Scott Telephone

Brenda Drummond
First Central State Bank

Lynelle Anderson
US Bank

Chris Porter
Porter Insurance

Lori Brownson
Scott County Animal Hospital



Eldridge North Scott Chamber received \$1,700 for the Flowers on LeClaire Rd. Pictured are Lynnette Olson, Chamber Director Carolyn Scheibe, and Brenda Drummond.

First Dollar....

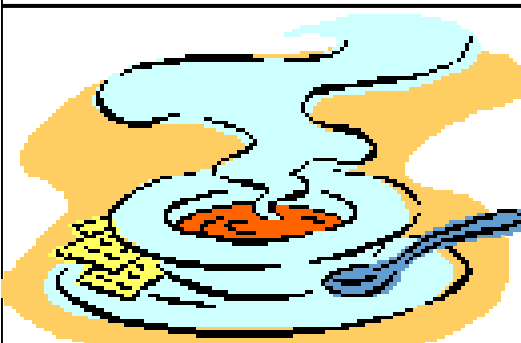


A First Dollar Presentation was made to Coffee and Cream in Park View on December 18. Celebrating their new business are: Alicia Searle, Tina Searle and Bryan Searle. (Employee Cody Searle was not present for this picture)
Chamber Ambassadors include; Joy Rasche, Lynnette Olson, Matt Briehl, Lynelle Anderson, Brenda Drummond and Seth Porter.

Chamber Buckets help North Scott Food Pantry



The Food Pantry received a total of \$472.05 from the buckets the Chamber placed in local businesses. Representing the Food Pantry is Deanna Nielson, presenting is Linda Reickard, Chamber Board past president.



Economic Development News

By Matt Van Waus, Assistant City Administrator

Eldridge continues to hang tough in troubling economic times:

The City of Eldridge continues to defy many of the national economic trends. Eldridge continues to add a great deal of new tax base to the city, which comes with the benefit of keeping property taxes low among other things. Not only has Eldridge had several good years in the recent past, there are many development prospects on the horizon. If these new prospects are brought to fruition, they will undoubtedly add several million dollars of new tax valuation to the city along with many quality and high paying jobs. Much of this new valuation and many of these new jobs may come in the area of clean and renewable energy technologies.

The City of Eldridge had a great year in 2008, and in fact the city has had many consecutive great years from a developmental standpoint. Several million dollars of new tax base was added in 2008. The majority of this new tax base has been in the industrial sector. Several minor and a few major expansions have taken place. Just to name a few, Logistics Services International, a major transportation and logistics company affiliated with Hormel Foods is now in the process of completing a several million dollar expansion to their existing facility. Several new jobs were added in conjunction with the expansion. Refractory Insulation and Supply, the Midwest's largest supplier of refractory service and supplies also completed a multi-million dollar expansion this year. Also, Precision-Air, a HVAC contractor will build a new top-notch facility here in Eldridge in May. Other small scale new construction and business expansions have occurred within the last year or so as well.

The city has seen growth in the commercial/retail sector as well. In addition to the new strip mall located on S. 4th Avenue and the Dollar General Store, a new day care center and banquet hall has been added to the cities list of amenities. There are several very real commercial prospects on the horizons and it is likely that two new commercial/retail establishments will be added in the next several months.

Residential growth continues to defy national trends as well. Substantial growth continues in a dozen new subdivisions located throughout the city. Although not as strong as the growth seen from 2000-2006, where the city averaged 50 new single family home starts each year, Eldridge continues to get many new home starts while the national housing market is in turmoil. Eldridge averaged 26 new single family home starts in 2007-2008, while at the same time experiencing strong growth in the multiple family segment. Duplex condominium and townhome construction have been as strong as ever in the last couple years. Grand Haven retirement community, the 53 unit assisted living facility was a welcome addition to the city in 2006. Demand for these apartments has actually been so high, that the property owners are now in the process of a 29 unit expansion.

So again, The City of Eldridge continues to prosper in uncertain economic times, giving all those living and/or working in Eldridge a good reason to smile.

2009 Mileage Rates

IRS announces 2009 standard mileage rates

Beginning Jan. 1, the standard mileage rates for cars (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 55 cents per mile for business
- 24 cents per mile for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile in service of charitable organizations

Mark your Calendars for Thursday, February 12
The North Scott Chamber will host its annual
"Chili Cook-Off" at Del's in Eldridge from 5-7PM. For more info,
contact Lynnette Olson(441-6171) or Tricia Campbell (285-4803)

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Save the Date - January 27

Learn more about how recent events and national economic news have impacted the Midwest Economy and what we can expect in the coming months at the 2009 Quad Cities Economic Forecast.

William Strauss, senior economist and economic advisor at the **Federal Reserve Bank** of Chicago, will provide expert analyses of the national and regional economy, including overall unemployment, the stock market and real estate market.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Location: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Davenport

Registration: 7:15 a.m.

Program: 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15 for Eldridge-North Scott Chamber Members

Presented by the Quad City Chamber of Commerce Federation.

To Register: Call (309) 757-5416 or visit www.quadcitychamber.com <http://www.thechamber.net/cgi-bin/foxweb.dll/wlx/cal/wlxprofile?caleid=931&cc=IQCC>