



Chamber Chat

Eldridge-North Scott
Chamber of Commerce

January 2010

Eldridge-North Scott Chamber Power Lunch Series

“How to Remember Names”

with Nicole Martin
of Dale Carnegie

Thursday, January 28

Noon—1pm

Scott County Library (Eldridge location)

Cost: \$10 Members; \$15 (Potential members)

Lunch included. To make your reservation, call 285-9965 or email “info@northscottchamber.com” by Tuesday,

January 26, 2010



Calling All Chefs!!

Mark your Calendars for Thursday, February 11

The North Scott Chamber will host its annual

“Chili Cook-Off” at Del’s in Eldridge from 5-7PM. For more info, contact Brenda Drummond (285-2033) or

Tricia Campbell (285-4803)

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ASHFORD UNIVERSITY DONATES NEARLY \$10,000 TO UNITED WAY

The holiday season is a time for giving, and Ashford University was in the holiday spirit when it recently donated nearly \$10,000 to the United Way of Clinton.

"Ashford University has been a great partner and supporter of the United Way," said Melissa Wiebenga, co-captain of the United Way's professional division, in accepting the University's check for \$9,844.32. "They are able to come up with creative ways to raise funds and their team responds by giving generously year after year."

Melissa Gabrielson, Ashford Human Resources Manager, helped coordinate this year's campaign and explained that many different activities were held at the university to raise money for the United Way.

IRS Announces 2010 Standard Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2010 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2010, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

50 cents per mile for business miles driven

16.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes

14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The new rates for business, medical and moving purposes are slightly lower than last year's. The mileage rates for 2010 reflect generally lower transportation costs compared to a year ago.

December Power Lunch Features Per Mar Security's Gene Hoth



Chamber members enjoy lunch at the Scott County Library on December 3 prior to the presentation on Identity Theft given by Per Mar Security.



Gene Hoth of Per Mar Security provided tips for individuals and small businesses on how to protect against Identity Theft.



2009 Chamber Holiday Mixer

At left, a group of Chamber members join nearly 70 other members at Lancer's Grille on December 10 for the annual holiday get together. Members enjoyed appetizers and beverages, as the 2009 Moonlight Chase grants were also awarded that evening (see insert) The Chamber wishes to thank Chiropractic Care, Valley Bank, and Park View Neck & Back for their sponsorship of this annual event.

Snapshots from the 2009 North Scott Chamber

Recipe for a Hometown Holiday



Thank you to our 2009 Grinch Candidates: Chris Porter, Porter Ins. (Grinch 2009); Jeff Martens, NS Press; Sara Kagemann, Eldridge Rec & Fitness; and Brenda Drummond, First Central State Bank. Not present for the picture was April Rus, The Hair Hut. Also pictured are Mayor Marty O'Boyle, Deanna Nielsen of the North Scott Food Pantry (accepting a check for \$3800 collected by the Grinches) and Chamber Executive Director Carolyn Scheibe.



Children wrote and mailed last minute letters to Santa at the Eldridge Post Office.



Santa visited youngsters at Mark's Place of Photography.



Bloomer's owner Sara Koch greets visitors to her store.



The evening featured carriage rides.



North Scott High School Chamber Singers sang Christmas carols.

Photos courtesy of the North Scott Press.



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Chamber Briefs...

- ***Pepsi Grant Awards***

Pepsi will be giving away millions of dollars in grants through their Pepsi Refresh program next year. People, businesses and non-profits can submit ideas that will have a positive impact in their community. Grants will be determined by online voting. While the site won't go live until January 13, you can find basic information here [<http://www.refresheverything.com/index>].

- ***Eldridge Rec & Fitness***

Eldridge Rec & Fitness will be hosting an Open House/Fitness Fair on Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 7AM—2PM. There will be free food, free classes, door prizes, and a variety of vendors with fitness related items for sale. You are invited to bring your friends and join in on the fun!

- ***Countryside Community Theatre will be holding auditions for their upcoming Summer Season featuring Oklahoma! & Annie!***

Auditions will be held at North Scott High School in the band and choir rooms on Saturday, January 9, from 12-5, and Sunday, January 10, from 1-5. For more information, check Countryside's website at www.cctonstage.org

2009 Moonlight Chase Grant Awards



North Scott Post Prom received \$1300 for their after prom event. Pictured are Post Prom committee members: Becky Cole, Lisa Cawiezell, Jodi Blake and Grant Committee person Julie Anderson.



Eldridge Lions was presented a \$2000 grant for Iowa Kidsight. Pictured are Grant Committee members Lynelle Anderson and Tracy Harris. Accepting are Kathy Rhinehart and Art Matje.



Eldridge Fire Dept. received \$1500 for dress uniforms. Accepting the check from Brenda Drummond are Eldridge Fire volunteers Tyler Schmidt and Tony Rupe.



NS High School receive \$500 for an after school program. Accepting the check from Brenda Drummond and Tracy Harris is Assistant Principa John Hawley of North Scott High School.

2009 Moonlight Grants

Congratulations to the
2009 Grant Recipients:

North Scott Post Prom Committee \$1300.00

Eldridge Park Board \$1000.00

Flowers along LeClaire Rd and Hometown
Holiday \$1400.00

Eldridge Police Dept \$1000.00

Eldridge Volunteer Fire Co. \$1500.00

Eldridge Lions Club \$2000.00

North Scott Music Boosters \$1000.00

Alan Shepard Elementary \$300.00

North Scott High School \$500.00

Total \$10,000.00



The North Scott Chamber received \$1400 for flowers and Hometown Holiday. Accepting the award is Chamber President Patty Denner. Presenting are Lynelle Anderson and Tracy Harris.



NS Music Boosters were awarded \$1000 to assist with orchestra purchase. Accepting from Tracy Harris and Lynelle Anderson is NS Orchestra Director Linda Hoppe.



Eldridge Police rep Rick Heppe accepted a check for \$1000 from Grant Committee member Tracy Harris. The money will go toward software.



Eldridge Park Director Sarah Kagemann accepted a check for \$1000 from committee members Julie Anderson and Brenda Drummond to assist with Movie in the Park Night.

We would like to thank the members of the 2009 Moonlight Grant Committee for their hard work in awarding this year's grant winners:

Julie Anderson; Central Scott Telephone, Brenda Drummond; First Central State Bank, Lynelle Anderson; US Bank, and Tracy Harris; Eldridge Post Office

Not pictured is Alan Shepard Elementary, recipient of a \$300 grant to assist with food supplies for needy students.