



Chamber Chat

Eldridge-North Scott
Chamber of Commerce

September, 2009

Lunch Is On The Chamber!

Thurs., Sept. 17, 2009

Time: 11:30 am—1:00 pm

*Come when you can and
leave when you need to.*



Cost: FREE!!

Where: Sheridan Meadows Pavilion

Please RSVP by SEPTEMBER 10!

**Call the Chamber at 285-9965 or email:
info@northscottchamber.com**

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Shive-Hattery Ranked Among Engineering News Record's Top 500 Design Firms

For the 26th consecutive year Shive-Hattery, Inc. is ranked among the nation's top 500 design firms by engineering News Record, a national construction industry magazine. The architecture and engineering firm based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, earned revenues of \$39 million and was ranked 320 nationwide. This is 50 points higher than their 2008 ranking.

Countryside Theatre Looking for Directors

Countryside Community Theatre is currently accepting applications from directors for our 2010 season--Oklahoma in June, Annie in July. Those interested should contact Countryside at cctonstage@hotmail.com for an application. Interviews will be scheduled during September and October with final decisions being announced in November.

New Members

Scott Hoag Photography

424 11th Street

DeWitt, IA 52742

(563) 285-9747 or (563) 659-9747

Email at: shoag@uiowatelecom.net

Scott Hoag Photography specializes in photojournalistic weddings, high school seniors, sports photography, and special events. In business since 2003, they offer very reasonable rates, friendly service, and unlimited time. Scott Hoag Photography offers a nice mix of candid with posed to capture the excitement and emotion of your special day.

Fun Town

1700 Black Hawk Trail

Eldridge, IA 52748

(563) 285-3861

website: funtownqc.com



Fun Town has opened on Blackhawk Trail as an indoor party place for children 2 to 14. Their goal is to provide a place where kids can have clean and fun birthday parties. They are open for public play Mondays—Fridays (5-8PM); Saturdays (12-3PM), as well as for private parties. Fun Town is the Indoor Party Place for birthday parties, company parties, end of the year parties, school & team parties, camp and day care. Call and book your party today!

Membership Opportunities

Quad City Regional Leadership Academies

Hectic Schedules.

Family Commitments.

Job Requirements.

Our time is limited every day. Although this is the case for many of us, consider taking part in a wonderful opportunity for personal and professional leadership development through the Quad City Chambers through two programs—Community Leadership (CL) and Leadership Essentials (LE). Each last nine sessions and are on Fridays from 8AM-12PM. CL begins September 11 and continues through the fall. LE begins January 15, 2010 and runs through the end of April.

Community Leadership: You will experience what resources exist, what are the hot community topics, economic impact of various sectors, and how to get involved based on their vision.

Leadership Essentials: This course helps build leaders by teaching skills such as visioning, strategy & goal setting, performing teams, managing change, and more. The Academy will collaborate with St. Ambrose University and Integrity Integrated to offer these sessions at various business locations around the Quad-Cities.

Now accepting applications! To learn more, visit: www.qcleadership.com or contact "susanzelnio@quadcitychamber.com"

Regional Business Workshop Series

As small, independent businesses experience the challenges of current economic times, upcoming Business Owner Boot Camp workshops can help owners and managers develop an action plan with new strategies and a refreshing mindset for business success.

The Iowa Downtown Resource Center, within the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED), is sponsoring a series of regional business workshops, available free of charge to attendees. Workshops will begin with a brief presentation from IDED about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which strengthens communities through infrastructure and community development projects.

The next round of the Regional Business Workshop Series will feature Certified Business Coaches with ActionCOACH, an international business coaching and training company. Natalie Spitzig and Greg Thompson, both based in Johnston, Iowa, will co-present.

Workshop Description:

The ActionCOACH Business Owner Boot Camp is a hands-on program consisting of hard-hitting, focused topics for business growth and improvement. The workshop will include:

- Developing a business success mindset and a 90-day action plan
- Immediate activities to improve the bottom line
- Developing a marketing plan through a simple and effective process
- Building customer loyalty
- Powerful communication tools to bring back to business teams

Wednesday, September 30 / Maquoketa

Maquoketa Public Library / 126 S. 2nd Street
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Hosted by: Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce & Office of Economic Development for Maquoketa and Jackson County

For more information, contact IDED Special Projects Coordinator, Stephanie Weisenbach, at (515)-725-3007, or at Stephanie.weisenbach@iowalifechanging.com

MidAmerican EMPOWER U

MidAmerican Energy is sponsoring informational sessions examining the potential impact of climate change policy in the United States. Sessions to be locally held are: Oct. 2 in Moline, and Oct. 7 in Iowa City. For registration information, visit www.MidAmericanEnergyEMPOWERU.com.

Learn About Iowa's Online File & Pay Process

Specialists from Iowa Workforce Development (IWD), Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), and Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) will present information and answer your questions about Iowa's electronic reporting systems.

IWD's presentation is designed for small business employers and explains the online file and pay process for the quarterly Contribution & Payroll Report and the Report to Determine Liability.

DHS will share how easy it is to go online and make child support payments, get child support forms, report newly-hired and rehired employees, and report employee terminations.

IDR will take you through the process of filing withholding and sales tax returns. You will also learn about the extra features in eFile & Pay.

There is no charge for attending this session!

Please provide your name, phone number, e-mail address, your business or the business you are attending for, and the presentation date you will be attending. Confirmation will be sent to you once the sessions are filled.

Davenport
September 29, 2009
Scott Community College
Kahl Education Center
326 West Third St
Davenport, IA 52801
Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM

To Register
Write, call, or e-mail:
JoAnn Goode
Iowa Workforce Development
1000 E Grand Ave
Des Moines IA 50319
(515) 281-7196
joann.goode@iwd.iowa.gov

Business Nuggets

Not Advertising in a Recession?

Think twice.

In today's soft economy, many small businesses are reducing their advertising budgets as a means to save money. However, over 48 percent of US adults believe that a lack of advertising by a retail store, bank or auto dealership during a recession indicates the business must be struggling, according to a study by Ad-ology Research. Advertising appears to play a key role in consumers' view of how a business is doing, and by not advertising, businesses may be sending a warning signal to current and potential customers.

"Advertising not only assures consumers of a business' reliability in a soft economy, but it can influence where and what they buy, especially when the ads address concerns about value," said C. Lee Smith, president and CEO of Ad-ology.



Don't forget the Member
Appreciation Lunch on
September 17 at
Sheridan Meadows!



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Eldridge, IA 52748**

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**TICKETS ON SALE FOR
3RD ANNUAL RUNWAY
TO HEALING**

Friday, October 2, 2009
Clarion Hotel - 5202
Brady Street, Davenport

Tickets \$30 per person

11:00 a.m. Doors open for the silent auction and
pre-show by Riddle's Jewelry

11:30 a.m. Program begins

Tickets are available online at
www.runwaytohealing.com or at all Quad Cities
area Valley Bank locations until September 30th.

For more information on Runway to Healing,
please visit www.runwaytohealing.com or call An-
gie or Janine at 563-441-5610.

The Eldridge-North Scott Chamber sponsors

**“Meet the School Board
Candidates”**

**Thursday, September 3
6:30- 8PM**

**This is an opportunity for North Scott
voters to meet and ask questions
of the four candidates running for the
three openings.**

**Join us in the First Amendment Room of
the Eldridge branch of
the Scott County Library.**