

November 4, 2011

YWCA's "Chamber After Hours" at The Trolley Center

There will be a Chamber After Hours at the Trolley Center to help kick off the YWCA's "Frosty and Friends Holiday Showcase" between 5 and 7 pm on Friday, **November 18th**. The YWCA would like you to join them for hors d'oeuvres by Chef Michael and ICCC culinary students. Beverages will also be served. Tickets will be available for Showcase events throughout the weekend. Come and enjoy a festive evening.

Ribbon Cuttings

November 9th – **Clayton's Rib & Chicken** at 807 N. 15th Street – 11 am

November 16th – **Casey's Custom Colors** at the Chamber Office – 10 am

November 18th – **Village General Store** at 12 N. 25th Street – 2 pm

*Remember! All Chamber members and their employees are cordially invited to attend all Ribbon Cuttings!
It's a great way to learn about new members and reconnect with long-time members.*

Blue Zones Project

Please support Fort Dodge's application to be part of the Healthiest Communities Blue Zones Project. To help our community be considered, please sign up at www.bluezonesproject.com or text **BZP** to 772937.

Employer's Network – "Cyber Liability in the Workplace"

Companies are reliant on internet based technologies to run their businesses; emails, online client accounts, smart phones, PDAs, and remote network access, which can lead to legal liability for your company. Find out how this may affect you on Tuesday, **November 8th** at Heartland Communications, 1007 Central Avenue from 12 to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided by Taco Tico. There is a \$10 registration fee to attend. Contact the Chamber office to register at 955-5500.

Network at Noon

Join us at November's Network at Noon being held at Beacon of Hope Men's Shelter at 1021 1st Ave. N. on **November 17th** from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Representatives from several area Service Clubs will share their group's purpose, mission, activities, meeting dates, costs, etc. This will be a great opportunity to gather a lot of information in a short amount of time. Lunch will be catered by Fazoli's. Please call the Chamber at 955-5550 to register no later than November 11th.

Hy-Vee Food Stores

Hy-Vee is here to make your life easier, healthier and happier. From floral to catering, Hy-vee has everything you need for this Holiday Season. Amber, the Hy-Vee dietician, reminds you to shop healthier this Holiday Season by using the NuVal Score system throughout the store. Stop by the Chamber during November to see the beautiful Hy-Vee display and to pick up a NuVal Score pamphlet. Hy-Vee Food Store is located at 115 S. 29th St. Phone: 573-4105



Be sure to stop by the Chamber to see these beautiful member displays during the month of November.

Sunderman Farm Management Co.

Sunderman Farm Management Co. provides trusted, comprehensive, professional farm management services for farmland owners who live around the globe. They manage land in IA, MN, SD and NE. If you are interested in buying or selling land, they provide appraisals and full service land brokerage. They represent landowner's on farmland leasing, grain marketing, tile drainage, seed purchasing, fertilization, agronomy, crop property insurance, and government farm programs. They strive to make farmland ownership simple and enjoyable. Sunderman Farm Management Co. is located at 1309 1st Ave. S., Suite 5. Phone: 571-3704

URGENT – We need your email support for our airport!

Fort Dodge is at a critical stage regarding its air service in Fort Dodge. Please email your support of the Federal Essential Air Service Program for the Fort Dodge Regional Airport to EAS@dot.gov. Decisions will soon be made as to which airline will provide service to Fort Dodge and we must show community support of this service at our airport. Listed are various facts that you may cite when you email your support.

- ❖ Boardings at the Fort Dodge Regional Airport have increased significantly from 2010 to 2011. In the first 5 months of 2010, there were 2,474 boardings. During the first 5 months of 2011, there were 4,358 boardings. Every indication predicts that this trend will continue.
- ❖ Nestle-Purina, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Georgia Pacific, CertainTeed, Trinity Regional Medical Center, Iowa Central Community College, Silgan, and C & S Products are some of the international companies that rely on the Fort Dodge Regional Airport.
- ❖ In addition, Cargill, the world's largest grain company, recently announced that it will locate a plant in Fort Dodge. This multi-national company's sales are world- wide, and it is essential that Fort Dodge be able to provide air service for not only Cargill, but for the additional business that will be generated as a result of Cargill being in Fort Dodge.
- ❖ It is estimated that Cargill alone will use 150,000 bushels of corn per day. At the current price of \$7.00 per bushel, that will be an additional \$1,050,000 injected into our local economy *each day*. We must have an airport that will provide service to the region in order to support this growth.
- ❖ Fort Dodge is an agricultural, industrial, retail, educational and medical hub for northwest Iowa. The closest large airport is located in Des Moines, over 100 miles from Fort Dodge. There is also an airport in Sioux City, Iowa, over 130 miles from Fort Dodge. The Fort Dodge Regional Airport serves a large geographical area and must continue to do so.
- ❖ Businesses and residents in Fort Dodge, Iowa, rely heavily on the Fort Dodge Regional Airport for commercial and private air service. Air traffic has increased substantially in the past year. There are a number of very significant businesses in the region that sell their products throughout the United States and internationally. It is critical that these businesses have efficient transportation for their employees, customers and management.
- ❖ I strongly support the Federal Essential Air Service Program, designed to ensure that rural areas have a link to the national transportation system. Iowa has the richest soil in this country, and thus, is a major component in our country's food chain. It is absolutely necessary that Fort Dodge maintain its connection to the middle and end markets of these products, both nationally and internationally.