

Member to Member

January 16, 2012

Fort Dodge Ford Toyota will host the **Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa** in their showroom, selling cookies from 3-6pm, on Mon, **Jan 16**. The showroom is located at 2723 5th Ave S. Stop by to support your local **Girl Scouts**. For more information contact Chris Donner-Tiernan at csdonner@yahoo.com.

Frontier Communications, The City of Fort Dodge, Iowa Central Community College, MIDAS, Iowa Small Business Development Centers & the Fort Dodge Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the 2012 Entrepreneur Expo on Tue, **Jan 24** at 2pm at **ICCC** Bioscience & Health Science Building. This show is designed to inform & assist anyone considering, just starting a business, or a new business. In addition to three informative sessions covering marketing, funding & business success, over 20 local reps, including accountants, lawyers, bankers, educators & service providers, will be available to share their expertise & answer questions. For more information contact Cliff Weldon at 576-7183, ext 211 or at cweldon-midas@prairienet.net.

Market on Central is taking vendor applications for the 2012 season until **Jan 31**. Spaces are filling fast, with two-thirds currently filled. Last year 5-6,000 customers visited each Sat & this year is shaping up to be even bigger. Mark your calendars for Jun 9 & 23, Jul 14 & 28, Aug 1 & 25, & Sep 8 & 22 from 8am-1pm. Visit www.fdmarketoncentral.com for more information or contact sharon@greaterfortdodge.com or 955-5500.

Buena Vista University Fort Dodge location's Term 4 classes will begin on **Mar 5**. Classes begin every 8 weeks & you may start any term that fits your schedule. Courses are held on the **ICCC** campus & are offered in the evenings or online. Contact Heather Schachtner at schachtnerh@bvu.edu or (866) 449-7059 for more information.

Graham Tire will host a benefit for the **Rabiner Treatment Center** on **Jun 15 & 16**. There will be a silent auction for which donations are now being accepted. Your business name & donation will be included in the event's advertising. To make a monetary donation or donate an item for the silent auction, contact Rick Carle at huskerscarle@yahoo.com or (800) 482-0064.

Howard Ball Feed Shed Catering announces the addition of custom-smoked meats to its offerings. The custom-smoked meats available include pulled pork, pulled chicken, pork chops, beef brisket & boneless pork loin. For more information contact Howard or Karen Ball at 227-0471, feedshed@wccta.net or online at www.feedshedcatering.com.

The City of Fort Dodge encourages you to help make Iowa #1 in the nation for well-being as measured by the Gallup-Healthways Well Being Index®. Blue Zones Project is a collaboration between Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield & Healthways. As a significant part of 'Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative', it will bring the secrets, as well as related tools & information, of the healthiest, happiest, & longest-living cultures in the world, to 10 Iowa communities. Help make Fort Dodge one of the ten communities by registering online at <http://bluezonesproject.com/>.

The Member to Member is a bi-monthly email for Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance members to share news about their business with other members. This includes announcements of open houses, new employees, new locations, upcoming events, etc. To be included, email information to Sharon at the Growth Alliance at sharon@greaterfortdodge.com by the Friday just prior to the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

The next issue's deadline is 5pm, Thursday, February 2nd

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