



Member to Member

November 7, 2011

The Village General Store is now open Tue through Sat from 10am to 6pm & Sun from 1 to 5pm at their new location next to & North of **Kemna Auto**. Donations may be dropped off along the south side of their building during all business hours. Volunteers are also needed. For more information go to www.oppvill.org or call 573-2272.

Young Professionals of Iowa, the **Community Vitality Center at ISU**, the **US Small Business Administration**, **USDA Rural Development**, & other partners are co-hosts for a Rural Young Entrepreneur Summit on **Nov 9th**. The summit will be held at the Scheman Building in the Iowa State Center, Ames from 4:30-8:30pm. This event is free to participating or prospective entrepreneurs. Speakers will include Administration Deputy Secretary Marie Johns, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Doug O'Brien, Governor Terry Branstad & Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds. A trade show/networking reception follows the program. Register at <http://events.sba.gov/eventmanagement/eventlisting.aspx?state=IA>.

Senator Daryl Beall is sponsoring an Education Reform Discussion on **Nov 9** from 6-7pm in the library of the **Ft. Dodge Senior High School**, 819 N 25th St with **Rep. Helen Miller**. For more information contact the **Senator** at 573-7889 or daryl.beall@legis.iowa.gov.

Trinity Healthy Living presents "Leave it to Beaver to get Healthy", a free wellness education event featuring Jerry Mathers, on **Nov 10** at 7pm at ICCC Decker Auditorium. Learn how he changed his health when he discovered he had type 2 Diabetes. He will speak to the importance of early diagnosis, diet & exercise, & the proper treatment of diabetes. Pre-event educational booths start at 6pm. Seating is limited. Register at trmc.org/mathers or call 574-6335.

The North Central Iowa Small Business Development Center is hosting 'Smart Start' a class, a 2 hour workshop on starting your own business in Iowa, including resources & discussion on Start Up Basics, Market Research, Financing, Creating a Business Plan, Forms of Business Ownership, & Legalities, Permits & Licenses. The class will be held on the following dates: **Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9** at the ISU Extension Office at 217 S 25th St, Ste C-12. To register or for more information call 576-6242 or email Lisa at lisas@ncisbdc.com.

Thyme to Shop will hold its Holiday Open House on **Nov 10, 11, 12**. They are located adjacent to **Tea Thyme** at 2021 6th Ave S. Tea Thyme will hold a Style Show & Dinner on **Nov 10** at 6pm. For reservations or more information call 576-2202.

The Comedia Musica will present 'Into the Woods' on **Nov 10, 11, 12** at the **St. Ed's** Auditorium. Tickets are available at **Choice Printing** or at the door.

Congressman Tom Latham invites community leaders to the 'Iowa Community Conference to Focus on Housing & Transportation', on **Nov 21** at the West Des Moines Marriott. The conference will focus on topics related to housing & transportation issues. Governor Terry Branstad will be the keynote speaker. Registration is open until **Nov 11th**. For more information or to register, contact Michele Mustain in Congressman Latham's Ames Office at (515) 232-2885.

Community Connections Volunteer Center is holding its first 'Bridging the Gap' community event on **Nov 11 & 12** at **Fort Dodge Ford Toyota**. Bridging the Gap is a program that helps provide needed household items to families in the Fort Dodge area that cannot afford to make their house a home. Take any household items to **Fort Dodge Ford Toyota** from 10am-5pm. Donations are tax deductible, & donors of items with an estimated value of \$20 or more will receive a free car wash token from the dealer. For more information or for donation of large items, call Jessica at 955-8880.

Iowa Central Community College is sponsoring 'Empowerment Leadership Training' from 7-8:30am in room 108 of the Career Education Building on **Nov 11, & 18, Dec 2, 9, & 16**. Classes will include Building an Empowered Team, Motivation, Communication Skills, Problem Solving, Delegation, Interviewing & Hiring, Evaluating Employee Performance, Employee Discipline. A light breakfast is included each class. To register contact Sue Heistand at 574-1293.

Iowa Special Olympics will benefit from the upcoming 'Fort Dodge Polar Plunge' on Sun, **Nov 13** at Kennedy Park. For more information or to sponsor a 'plunger' contact Lindsey at (515) 986-5520 or at <http://www.soiowa.org/pages/fortdodgepolarplunge.aspx>.

North Central Iowa Small Business Development Center has worked with Google to bring 2 workshops to our area. 'Iowa Get Your Business Online' is a free & fast way to get your business online. Two workshops will be offered: 'Get a Free Website-Create & Publish a Website for Your Business in Less Than 60 Minutes' & 'Running Your Business Online-Find Out How to Take Advantage of Online Tools to Run & Promote Your Business'. These workshops will be held at **ICCC** in the Career Ed Building, Room 111 on Mon, **Nov 14** from 9-11:30am. For more information or to register go to <http://www.iowagetonline.com//events>.

Friendship Haven invites you to hear more about their new \$38 million project including River Ridge Apartments & a new health center on Mon, **Nov 14** at 4pm on the North side of Heritage Apartments. Appetizer and cocktail reception will follow in the Celebration Center. For more information go to www.friendshiphaven.org or call 573-6000.

Iowa Central Community College is hosting 'Refuse To Be A Victim' on **Nov 15** from 6-9pm in Room 107 of the Applied Science & Technology building. Protect yourself & your family from today's criminal & attend this crime prevention & personal safety seminar from the National Rifle Association. Topics covered will be The Psychology of the Criminal Mind, Home & Phone Security, Automobile & Travel Security, Self-Defense Tools & Training Options, and more. To register or for more information contact Heather at 574-1293.

Operation Christmas will be accepting donations at their Crossroads Mall location from **Nov 15 - Dec 7** from 8am-noon & 1-3pm, Mon through Fri. Open applications for the first 425 families will be held **Nov 28 - Dec 9**. Monetary contributions may be sent to PO Box 278. Suggested donations include: clean, warm clothing for adults & children (no summer clothing or adult shoes), new & gently used toys & games, canned & packaged foods, sheets, blankets, towels, artificial trees & decorations, boots, sneakers, bedroom slippers, pots, pans, small appliances & other household items. For more information call 576-1559, after **Nov 14**.

Ladies Night Out will be held on Thu, **Nov 17** from 5:30-8:30pm at the following locations: **Tillies Quilts, Xessorize, Real Deals on Home Décor, Olde Bostons**, Faith Works, Salon Posh, **Mary Kay's Gifts & Home Décor, Studio Fusion, Central Perk & Dessert, Design Two**. There will also be vendors from 31 Purses, Humboldt Winery, Vault Denim, Drinkable Art, **Garden Winery**, Arbonne, and more. Be sure to pick up a punch card for your chance to win a gift basket valued at over \$200.

The King Ringers handbell choir will hold their holiday concert on Fri, **Nov 18** at **First United Methodist Church** at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served at intermission. For more information contact Martha Dessinger at martha.dessinger@ssa.gov.

Santa arrives at the **Crossroads Mall** at 10am on Sat, **Nov 19**. Their 'Black Friday' shopping begins at 4am on **Nov 24th**.

Design Two/Maxines's Coffee will hold their Holiday Open House on Fri & Sat, **Nov 18 & 19**, at their location at 125 N 27th St. For more information call 576-6745 or go to www.desingtwo-maxines.com

The YWCA of Fort Dodge will be holding their annual 'Frosty & Friends Holiday Showcase' **Nov 18-20** at the **Trolley Center**. On the 18th it will include a **Chamber** 'After Hours' from 5-7pm including hors d'oeuvres by Chef Michael & students. On the 19th there will be: photos with Frosty from 10am-2pm, Yule Festival with Frosty at 5pm, Pasta Bar with beverages & live entertainment at 6pm, Live Auction at 7pm. On the 20th there will be a Sweets & Style Show with Frosty at 1pm, and the Silent Auction will close at 4pm, followed by the announcing of the 'Tree-Off'. For more information contact Dennis Baugh at 573-3931, ext 212 or go to www.ywca.org/fortdodge.

POET biorefining is hosting a special screening of 'Freedom', from the filmmakers of the Sundance Award Winning film 'FUEL', every hour on the hour from 9am-4pm on **Nov 30** & from 8am-2pm on **Dec 1** at the **ICCC** Career Ed Building, Room 111. Watch and learn how to get our nation off of oil & discover the shocking truth that could set you free. For more information contact Rita Carlson at 515-352-2612 or gowrie@poet.com or go to www.thefreedomfilm.com.

Farm News is hosting the 10th anniversary of their Ag Show on Wed, **Nov 30** from 9am-5pm & on Thu, **Dec 1** from 7:30am-3pm in the Career Education Building on the **Iowa Central** campus with nearly 60 exhibitors present. Drawing prizes include a Las Vegas, NV 3-night 4-day trip for 2, & a Bobcat pressure sprayer. Speakers include 2012 weather & crop outlook, marketing strategies, & raising 300 bushel corn. Lunch will be served both days & a free Pancake Breakfast will be held on Thu from 7:30-9am. Admission & parking are free. For more information contact Dana Lantz at (800) 622-6613, ext 451 or dlantz@farm-news.com.

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach are sponsoring the 'Iowa Veterans' Procurement Conference' from 7:30am-3pm on Wed, **Nov 30** at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center in Ames. This conference gives all business owners the opportunity to grow & diversify with government contracting. This program, hosted by the CIRAS Procurement Technical Assistance Program, is designed to provide the most current information & techniques necessary to find & win government contracts. For more information or to register go to <http://www.usc.iastate.edu/mnet/iowaveterans/home.html> or call 515-294-6222.

Buena Vista University Fort Dodge location's Term 3 classes will begin on **Jan 9**. 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.

The Chamber's School to Career Committee is looking for high school seniors interested in serving unpaid internships at the **Chamber** office & at Member businesses. The Chamber had three excellent interns in the spring of 2011 & would like to expand this program. The term will run from Jan-May. These internships help the business & give the student valuable work experience. If you know an interested student, encourage them to send a letter of recommendation from a teacher, to Amy Bruno at director@fortdodgechamber.com. If you are a member business & are interested in providing an opportunity for an intern, contact Amy Bruno at 955-5500.

First State Bank is pleased to announce the following promotions: Molly Schaeffer has been with **FSB** in the Fort Dodge office since Jan 2009. She was recently promoted to the position of Mortgage Loan Originator/Consumer Lender. Betsy Duarte has worked on the teller line since Oct 2009. She has accepted the position of Loan Tech/Teller Services.

The Fort Dodge Human Rights Commission is planning ahead for next spring. If you know of any group/family/individual interested in either volunteering or having their own plot in the 'Our Garden' community garden, contact Maria Waynar at 576-2201 or mwaynar@fortdodgeiowa.org.

The Village General Store located at 12 N 25th St, features quality used clothing & household goods at affordable prices. Proceeds from the store support **Opportunity Village** services to people with disabilities. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer at the store, contact Joan Portz at 573-5757, ext 306 or at jportz@northwoodsliving.org. Weekend & weekday hours are available. Donations of gently used clothing, furniture, other household items, plastic & paper shopping bags will always be needed.

United All Stars is now offering Zumba Fitness® for adults on Mon, Wed, & Fri at 5:30 & 7pm. Zumba Fitness® is an effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy & health. Zumba® Toning routines are included in the 5:30pm classes. Zumbatomic® classes for kids ages 4-12 are also ongoing, held Wed & Fri at 4pm. Both classes are held at the United All Stars gym at 1142 14th St SW. Contact Mindy at 515-351-2288 or debaun7@lvcta.com to register or for more information.

Senator Daryl Beall announces help for small businesses seeking to export Iowa products. The State Trade & Export Promotion initiative will expand Iowa's economy & create jobs by helping companies compete in the global marketplace. The Iowa Economic Development Authority offers assistance to help eligible companies develop or expand export operations through the following programs: Technical Trade Assistance, Domestic Trade Assistance, Expanded Export Trade Assistance, & Product Trade Assistance. To learn more about expanding your company's products, contact the State of Iowa's International Trade Office at international@iowa.gov or call Lisa Longman at (515) 725-3139.

IRIS, the Iowa Radio Reading Information Service, is looking for volunteers to read the **Messenger** on its daily radio broadcast. Each day of the week, 365 days a year, at least one volunteer is needed to read from the IRIS broadcasting room at **Tompkins Memorial Health Center** on the campus of **Friendship Haven** from 8-9am. To volunteer or for more information, contact Lynnette Peterson at 955-6535.

Citizens Community Credit Union is remodeling the upstairs of their building & would like to sell some office items for a nominal amount & donate the funds to their charity, the Children's Miracle Network. The items are used, but in working condition. They have approximately 20 chairs, 4 work stations, & some dividers available. If you are a small business or non-profit organization interested in any of these items, contact Katie Averill at 955-5524, ext 217 or at keaverill@citizenscu.com. Note, they need to be moved by the beginning of next week.

The *Member to Member* is a bi-monthly email for Chamber members to share news about their business with other members. This includes announcements of open houses, new employees, new locations, upcoming events, etc. Email information to Sharon at the Chamber at programs@fortdodgechamber.com by the Friday just prior to the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month to be included.

The next issue's deadline is 5pm, Thursday, November 17th

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