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Tony Hanson New 2011 Chamber President



Happy New Year.

My name is Tony Hanson, newly elected president of the Ellendale Chamber of Commerce. For those of you who don't know me, I am the Administrator/CEO of Prince of Peace

Care Center and Evergreen Place. This is my 35th year of Health Care Administration, of which 14 years have been spent in Ellendale.

My wife, Lesile, and I have two children;

Aaron (Fargo) and Kari (Bowman).

My goals for 2011 will be to transition from a Civic organization to a Chamber of Commerce and to strengthen and grow our membership.

LOVE SONGS AND CHOCOLATES

Sunday, February 13th a special Valentine's event is being held at the Opera House on west Main Street. An afternoon of Love Songs and Chocolates program will be presented at 2 p.m. Music

by Hope Jury and others will set the mood for your listening pleasure, plus delicious chocolate desserts. Admission is \$10.00. Door prizes and other offerings are in the plans.

For more information, please call Ken Schmierer at 349-2490.



Dates to Remember

<i>13th Annual Soup Kitchen</i>	<i>Feb 6th</i>
<i>General Chamber Mtng. at 12:00p.m.</i>	<i>Feb. 8th</i>
<i>Love Songs and Chocolate</i>	<i>Feb 13th</i>
<i>Valentine's Day</i>	<i>Feb. 14th</i>
<i>President's Day (National Holiday)</i>	<i>Feb. 21st</i>
<i>Newcomer's Banquet</i>	<i>Mar 21st</i>

Chamber Office Hours Change



As of January 17th, the Chamber of Commerce office hours have changed. Due to feedback from the public, the Chamber Board made the decision to move the office hours to 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m., Monday through Thursday.

It is hoped that this change will make accessing the Chamber office easier for those who work, as they can stop by during their lunch break; as well as keep the office open for a time during both the morning and afternoon hours.

However, please note that the office will be closed during the noon hours on the second Tuesday of each month, for the General Chamber meeting, as well as on the fourth Wednesday of each month, due to the monthly Board meeting.

**HAVE YOU
PAYED YOUR
2011 MEMBER-
SHIP DUES?**



Dakota Grown Conference Assistance Available

Because Ellendale was a “Horizons” community, the organization offers assistance to those who would like to attend this year’s Dakota Grown Local Foods Conference in Bismarck, February 18 & 19. Up to three attendees from Ellendale who register are eligible for registration, mileage for one car and lodging at the Doublewood Inn, double occupancy.

When the registration form becomes available online at <http://goinglocalnd.ning.com>, complete the form and write “Horizons” on it, send it in and Horizons will be billed and pay for those who attend. You will be reimbursed for the mileage and hotel cost. To book a room, contact the Doublewood, 701-258-7000, and ask for a room in the Horizons block.

To coordinate your attendance with others from Ellendale, please contact Patricia Bowen, 701-349-2916 or ellen-jda@drtel.net.



Entrepreneurship Bootcamp

Horizons communities invited to Entrepreneurship Bootcamp.

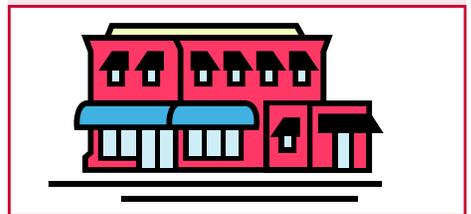
Residents of Ellendale and other Horizons communities are invited to an all-day Entrepreneurship Bootcamp to be held on April 12 in Napoleon, ND, and April 14 in Lakota, ND. The two towns will host this “bootcamp” from 9 am - 4 pm for those who may be interested in starting their own business.

Presenters from NDSU Extension, Small Business Administration,

Small Business Development Centers and more will be on hand to discuss opportunities, business registration, marketing, pricing, financing, recordkeeping, taxes, legal issues and other topics frequently asked about by entrepreneurs.

The Horizons program will cover travel for one vehicle per Horizons community to either of these places for this day-long event.

There will be no cost to register but Horizons will ask for a pre-



registration form to be completed.

Please mark your calendars and watch for more information.



Annual Old Fashioned Soup Kitchen

It’s that time again, for the 13th Annual Old Fashioned Soup Kitchen sponsored by O.P.E.R.A., Inc. This year’s day is Sunday, February 6th, between the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the Opera House Lobby on west Main Street. Yes, it’s Super Bowl Sunday, but the big game doesn’t kick off until late afternoon, so why not get started with a few bowls of Homemade Soups and homebaked breads at noon?

As usual, there will be ten differ-

ent kinds of soups for you to feast on, some old favorites and some new ones to try. This year’s list includes chicken noodle, bean and ham, broccoli cheese, creamy knephla, vegetable beef, cheesy hamburger, baked potato chowder, nacho cheese tortilla, sauerkraut/ sausage/knephla and a “Special Souper Bowl Chili.”

Homebaked breads, desserts and beverage are included in the price of \$7.00. Soups and beverages are served in real china cups, in keep-

ing with the theme of an old fashioned soup kitchen from the days past.

Plan now to stop on over to the Opera House Lobby on Sunday, Feb. 6th, 11-2 for some good old fashioned homemade soups and breads, enjoy the football décor, visit with your friends and help to support the on-going restoration of Ellendale’s historic Opera House. For more information, please call Jeanette at 701-349-4329.

February General Membership Meeting

Don't forget, the February General Membership meeting will be held in the Garden Room (downstairs) at the Fireside Steakhouse and Lounge; **12:00p.m. on February 8th.** General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the January 'After Hours' meeting.

Any member business, organization or individual receives one free lunch at the general meetings. For non-members, five dol-

lars buys you a tasty meal of a make-your-own sandwich, hot soup, coffee or punch, chips or potato salad and a cookie bar for dessert. The meetings are open to the general public and anyone is welcome to attend.

The Chamber strives to find fun, interesting and educational speakers/presenters for general meetings whenever possible. Any member is welcome to suggest a topic or make a presentation at the meetings, as well.

If you have suggestions or would like to make a presentation at a general meeting, please email or call the Chamber of Commerce office, so that we can get you on the agenda.

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Register Now For Business Days at The Legislature

Each year during the legislative session, the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce coordinates Business Days at the Legislature. This event provides a unique opportunity for business leaders to participate in the legislative process.

The event will begin on Thursday, February 10 with legislative updates from the U.S. Chamber, the N.D. Chamber of Commerce and several state agencies. That evening, they will host the legislators at a social and dinner so that you have an opportunity to visit with them about issues that are important to you.

Following dinner, they will host a panel discussion between the Majority and Minority leadership and learn about legislation that affects the business community.

In addition, they will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the North Dakota Horizons magazine and present the Greater North Dakotan award to a very worthy recipient, Bruce Furness.

On Friday, February 11, the North Dakota Chamber attendees will head to the Capitol to participate in committee hearings and watch the legislators in action. Chamber staff works with legislative leadership to schedule hearings on bills that are important to the business community for this morning. This provides you with an opportunity to participate in hearings and to testify. The legislature will go into session immediately after lunch and you are invited to stay and watch.

The cost for this event is \$99 for

members of the ND Chamber or a local chamber and \$69 for additional registrants from the same company. For businesses that are not a member of the ND Chamber or a local chamber, the cost is \$149.

We encourage you to get registered for this exciting event. Register online at <http://www.ndchamber.com> or contact us at 701-222-0929 (Bismarck-Mandan) or 800-382-1405. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, contact Laura Helbling at laura@ndchamber.com or at the phone numbers listed above.



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January 'After Hours'

The January 'After Hours' Chamber of Commerce meeting/mixer that took place on the evening of the 24th had a great turnout, although we wish we could have seen even more of you! Approximately 50 people attended and enjoyed the delicious snacks and drinks provided by the Fireside, as well as visiting and playing mixer games.

Door prizes were distributed to more than 20 people who attended. Many thanks to Trinity Bible College, Great Plains National Bank, Starion Financial, Dakota Plains Credit Union, Fireside Steakhouse and Ellendale True Value for donating all of the great prizes!

Thanks to all who attended. We enjoyed getting to know you better!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
www.ellendalend.com



2011 Newcomer's Banquet

The 2011 Newcomer's Banquet is tentatively scheduled for March 21st this year. If you are aware of newcomers to Ellendale or the surrounding area, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office with their names so that we can make certain that they are invited and matched with a sponsor. Thanks!



Without love, what are we worth? Eighty-nine cents!
Eighty-nine cents worth of chemicals walking around
lonely.

Hawkeye, M.A.S.H.

Without love, the rich and poor
live in the same house.

Anonymous

Love is the thing that enables a woman to sing while she mops up the floor after her husband has walked across it in his barn boots.

Hoosier Farmer

True love comes quietly, without

What is Love?

banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked.

Erich Segal

Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.

Jules Renard

Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.

Peter Ustinov

Love is a grave mental disease.

Plato



If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Anonymous

Gravitation can not be held responsible for people falling in love.

Albert Einstein

I recently read that love is entirely a matter of chemistry. That must be why my wife treats me like toxic waste.

David Bissonette

No matter how love-sick a woman is, she shouldn't take the first pill that comes along.

Joyce Brothers