

February Newsletter

Ellendale Chamber of Commerce



Why Being a Chamber of Commerce Member Makes Sense

Someone recently asked me why they should become a Chamber member. “Just what,” they asked, “does the Chamber do?”

Well, let’s start with the events that the Chamber of Commerce sponsors every year. AppleFest is the first to come to mind, of course. What does AppleFest do for the businesses in town, you ask? It brings in visitors from out of town, for one thing. These visitors stay in our motels, shop at our local stores, fill up at the local gas stations and get a bite to eat at our local restaurants before they head home.

Secondly, AppleFest offers an opportunity for local businesses to help foster a feeling of community and advertise themselves by taking part in the various AppleFest events, such as the decorating contest, the parade, the food booths and more. When local businesses sponsor an event, they show the public that they are an active part of their community and foster good will, as well.

The annual Welcome Banquet was another way that

businesses in our community could reach out to the newcomers in town. This year, the Chamber is planning an Ag Appreciation Banquet, instead. Local businesses will have the opportunity to help sponsor the event and reach out to our area farmers who, together, comprise the largest business in the area.

Then there are the smaller events, such as Ladies Night Out, when any area home-based business can have a booth, advertise and sell their wares, as well as just have a little fun.

The Chamber puts on several other events as well - too many to list in this article, all of which are open to our local businesses to take the opportunity to sponsor, advertise, and reach out to the general public.

The Chamber of Commerce also serves as an informational service for businesses and individuals who are contemplating coming to Ellendale. Just some of the calls and emails that I have received at the office included; visitors looking to find a motel room, construction

crews coming to town who needed equipment and information on local motels and eateries, as well as calls from local people, asking about some upcoming events or to buy Ellendale Bucks.

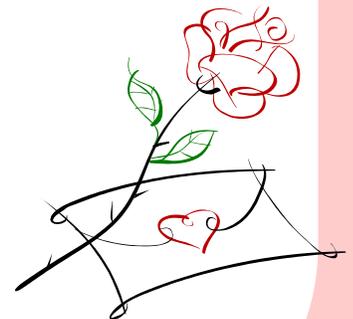
Ellendale Bucks are another service that the Chamber offers to local businesses and community members. These are certificates that act just like a personal check—the catch being that they can only be redeemed at area businesses. This year, local businesses and individuals purchased over \$5,000.00 in Ellendale Bucks during the Holiday season alone.

Also, coming soon, the Chamber of Commerce is working to launch their own website. Members will be able to have their own page on the website, on which they can list information regarding their businesses, including pictures or advertisements. Also, members who have their own websites will be able to list their url’s on the Chamber website.

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Dates to Remember	
Game Night at the Library: Every Weds.	1st
Groundhog Day	2nd
Soup Kitchen at the Opera House	12th
Chamber General Meeting	14th
Valentine’s Day	14th
Presidents’ Day	20th
Chamber Board Meeting	28th





SOUP KITCHEN

It's that time again, for the 14th Annual Old Fashioned Soup Kitchen sponsored by O.P.E.R.A., Inc. This year's day is Sunday, February 12th, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. It will be held at the Ellendale Opera House Lobby on West Main Street.

As usual, there will be a variety of soups for you to feast on, some old favorites and some new ones to try. This year's list included chicken noodle, bean and ham, Broc-

coli Cheese, creamy knephla, cheesy hamburger, baked potato chowder, green pepper soup, reuben sauerkraut, bacon potato chowder and the special of the day" Jerry's Firehouse Chili".

Homebaked breads, desserts and beverage are included in the price of \$7.00, and it's all you can eat. Soups and beverages are served in real china cups, in keeping 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. 12, 11-2 for some good old fashioned homemade soups and breads, 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.

Fireside February Friday Night Buffets

Feb. 3rd
German

Feb. 10th
Lasagna

Feb. 17th
Southern

Feb. 24th
Chicken and Ribs

5-9p.m.

Fireside Family Restaurant Celebrating 10 Year Anniversary

This February 14th, Peggy and her staff will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary with specials and free treats. To celebrate, there will be free dessert bars with every noon lunch, afternoon coffee or dinner. Stop by and wish them a Happy Anniversary!



Valentines Day Evening Specials Fireside Family Restaurant

5-9p.m.

Salmon Fillet w/dill sauce

Marinated Ribeye

Cranberry Chicken Breast Dinner

Reservations recommended!

Call 701-349-2479

Oakes Signz & Grafix Newest Chamber Member

The Ellendale Chamber of Commerce would like to formally welcome our newest Chamber member, Oakes Signz & Grafix of Oakes, which will serve both Oakes and Ellendale, as well as surrounding communities.

Jay Cochenour and wife,

Rachel, and their children, Jonathan (2) and Tirzah (6 months), recently moved to Oakes from Florida and will be operating out of their office at 407 Lilac Ave., in Oakes.

They offer a variety of products, from signs to screen printing and from

personalized pens to business printing.

To celebrate their grand opening, from now through March, they're offering personalized promotional pens at just \$.28 cents each, with \$20.00 set up fee.

Welcome to the Ellendale area!





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The Chamber website will also be connected to the current City website, so that anyone who goes to the City website will easily be able to navigate directly to the Chamber of Commerce website.

The website will also include information on upcoming Chamber events and plans, as well as having a featured "Business Member of the Month" in which one particular Chamber member's business will be highlighted

and advertised.

Other Chamber of Commerce membership perks include: Lunch and Learn opportunities at General membership meetings, in which presenters speak on their area of expertise; a local Business telephone directory; chances for businesses to work together and network at meetings and; opportunities to take part in planning and executing Chamber of Commerce events.

Lastly, but definitely not the least, Chamber of

Commerce members help to keep Ellendale a vital and growing town. As anyone who works or lives in a very small town knows, only the hard work of the area businesses and community members can keep their town alive. Anything that helps to keep Ellendale a sustainable, existing community helps to bring businesses new customers and community members new opportunities. We all must be willing to work together, if we hope to keep Ellendale "branching into the future".



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COME JOIN THE FUN!



Game Night at the Public Library

Wed. nights starting at 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and bring a favorite game to play in the comfort of the library.

The Chamber will be hosting a historical bus tour during the upcoming All-School Reunion!

More information coming soon!



"Are you ready to do your part?"

2012 Membership Dues are due!

Contact Lori at: ellendalecivic@drtel.net

Or 349-4103

to become a member. We need YOU to succeed!

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed. It is the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead

RSVP BONE BUILDERS

Come and learn about this new opportunity to fight osteoporosis with a free exercise program.

This program has been proven to stop bone density loss, and even increase bone mass.

Classes are Held

Ellendale Senior Center

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:30a.m.

All Ages Welcome

A second class at 2:00p.m may be added if there is enough interest.

Call Peggy at the Ellendale Senior Center 349-4513

For more information.

My Funny Valentine



I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?

Zsa Zsa Gabor

If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?

Lily Tomlin

I'm dating a woman now who, evidently, is unaware of it.

Garry Shandling

We'll love you just the way you are if you're perfect.

Alanis Morissette

Look, there's no meta-

physics on earth like chocolates.

Fernando Pessoa

Before I met my husband, I'd never fallen in love. I'd stepped in it a few times.

Rita Rudner

Anyone who says he can see through women is missing a lot.

Groucho Marx

Money can't buy love, but it improves your bargaining position.

Christopher Marlowe

What the world really

needs is more love and less paper work.

Pearl Bailey

I like a woman with a head on her shoulders. I hate necks.

Steve Martin

The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he is a baby.

Natalie Wood

The better I get to know men, the more I find myself loving dogs.

Charles de Gaulle