

# February Newsletter



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## Ellendale Area Chamber of Commerce



### Dates to Remember:

Ranch House Re- newal Inc. Annual Meeting	<b>10th</b>
Let's Dish Cooking Show at the Opera	<b>10th</b>
Chamber Lunch and Learn @ Fireside 12pm; Lunch \$5	<b>12th</b>
What's Cooking in the Cook Car @ Opera House	<b>24th</b>
Farmer's Union Oil Annual Meeting	<b>Mar 4th</b>



### Ellendale Pride

Ellendale Pride, formerly known as Dress for Success, is a fundraising program through the Ellendale Area Chamber of Commerce to support and promote the many non-profit organizations that do good work in our community. The first Friday of each month, businesses and individuals donate one dollar to the organization of the month. Many businesses encourage their employees to donate by allowing them to wear jeans for the day. This past year, we raised about \$100 a month for each recipient. We hope to double the participation in this program.

Twelve recipients have already been determined for 2013; Post Prom, Got Milk, Kedish House, scholarship recipient to be determined,

O.P.E.R.A., Inc., Ellendale Community Food Bank, Ellendale Area Arts Council, Ellendale Public Library, Ellendale Historical Society, Ellendale Public School Foundation, Children's Performing Arts, and Ellendale Lions Club.

In past years, the Chamber secretary delivered envelopes to each business monthly. In an effort to use our resources more efficiently, we will deliver twelve envelopes to our business Chamber members with the names of the recipients on each envelope. We ask that you return these envelopes to one of the financial institutions or the Chamber office. If you see somebody wearing an Ellendale Pride sticker, please be sure to thank them for supporting El-

lendale.

We will put a reminder in the monthly newsletter of each organization receiving the funds. The monthly newsletter is delivered via e-mail. If you would like one or more paper copies of the newsletter mailed to you, please contact the Chamber office.

If you would like to participate in Ellendale Pride, please call or e-mail the Chamber office at 349-4103 or [ellendalecoc@drtel.net](mailto:ellendalecoc@drtel.net), stop in the office in the Diemert Building across from the Library between 10am-12pm, Monday through Thursday, or visit our website at [Ellendale-Chamber.com](http://Ellendale-Chamber.com). We thank you for your participation in this great program!

### Theater Project Committee

If you are interested in serving on the Theater Project committee and helping to bring the new theater to reality, or if you have questions on the project, please feel free to contact the Ellendale JDA at 701-349-

2916 or by cell at 701-541-3516 or by email at [ellenjda@drtel.net](mailto:ellenjda@drtel.net).

Your participation is vital in helping to bring this great service to our community.



**Ranch House  
Renewal Inc.  
will hold its  
Annual Meeting  
on Sat. Feb. 10th  
at the  
Ranch House  
in Fullerton.  
Meat served at  
12:30 p.m. with  
Meeting to follow  
at 1:30 p.m.  
Board elections  
will be held for  
two openings.  
RSVP to: 701-375  
-7261 or  
spetey@drtel.net  
by 2/4/13**



**Chamber  
Lunch and Learn  
POPCC Presentation  
Feb. 12th: 12 pm @  
Fireside Family  
Restaurant**

## “Let’s Dish! Cooking from the Heart”

The local Smithsonian Committee invites you to an afternoon of cooking fun on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 at the Ellendale Opera House. “Let’s Dish! Cooking from the Heart” starts at 2 p.m. Four local young ladies will be preparing and demonstrating four dishes. Sonja Bommersbach, Kari Nishek, Allison Radermacher and Lori Young will be preparing Red Velvet Mini Cakes, Cheesy Bacon Bites, California Blend Vegetable Bake and Asiago Crusted Chicken. And the best part of the show is that you, the audience, get to taste each one. The girls love to cook and

love trying new restaurants, from New York, Florida, California, Texas and many others where they gather these unique and tasty selections. They will discuss each food as they prepare it during the show.

This event is one of several preceding the Smithsonian Exhibit which will be on display in the Opera House lobby May 4- June 16<sup>th</sup>. “Key Ingredients: American by Food” provides an entertaining and informative overview of our diverse regional cooking and eating traditions. It investigates how culture, ethnicity, landscape and tradition influ-

ence the different food and flavors we enjoy. The exhibit is a Museum of Main Street (MoMS) program of traveling exhibitions sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute and the North Dakota Humanities Council. Local sponsor is the Ellendale Historical Society, with partners O.P.E.R.A, Inc. the Ellendale Area Arts Council and the City of Ellendale.

Plan now to attend “Let’s Dish! Cooking from the Heart” on Sunday Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at the historic Ellendale Opera House Lobby. Admission is \$10.00. Don’t miss it!!

**LET'S DISH**  
“Cooking from the Heart”

A cooking show with Lori Young, Kari Nishek, Sonja Bommersbach and Allison Rademacher

Come see and sample the food they will show you how to prepare, cook and serve

Ellendale Historic Opera House  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 **\$10**

A fund raiser for Key Ingredients: America by Food coming to the Opera house in May and June of 2013

Smithsonian Institution  
ELLENDALE AREA ARTS COUNCIL  
ELLENDALE OPERA HOUSE  
ELLENDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NORTH DAKOTA HUMANITIES COUNCIL



**FARMERS UNION OIL CO. ANNUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013  
LUNCH SERVED  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

## January Meeting Minutes

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

This meeting was an after-hours social at 6:00p.m, held at the Fireside Family Restaurant.

Minutes: The minutes were not presented.

Financial Reports: The Dec. Financial report was not presented at this time.

Board Elections: Dave presented the names of the three individuals who had agreed to take seats on the

board. They are: Gary Dathe, Jessica Zinter and Lana Norton. Lana Schlecht motioned to elect all three of the individuals to fill the three empty seats on the board. Joan Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by the members present.

Bob presented the names of the new Board members to the members present and then gave a PowerPoint

presentation of the Chamber year in review.

There being no further Chamber business, David presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the changes and progress made in the Chamber over the past year, as well as discussing some of the upcoming changes and plans. The members and guests then visited and enjoyed the good food provided by Peggy.



The Smithsonian Exhibit "Key Ingredients: American by Food" investigates how culture, ethnicity, landscape and tradition influence the food and flavors we enjoy. When it is in Ellendale May 4- June 16, you will have the opportunity to visit and enjoy an entertaining and informative overview of American's cooking and eating traditions. The local planning committee has held several pre-exhibit events relating to foods in our culture and have even given you a taste of some.

On February 24, you will have the opportunity to experience yet another facet of American food and also a bit of history. A presentation "What's Cooking in the Cook Car" will be given on that Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Opera House Lobby. For your information, cook cars were very common on the Plains as threshing crews traveled around the country

## What's Cooking in the Cook Car?

harvesting the grain. It was a portable kitchen on wheels and was pulled from farm to farm. It was used to provide all the meals for the men. The cook would be up long before sunrise preparing for the breakfast of huge stacks of hot cakes, platters of potatoes, fried eggs, bacon or ham and then the crew all fed and ready to be in the field by 7 a.m. She did all the cooking on a coal fired stove and made sure the dishwasher was heating will the crew was eating.

She'd be planning her dinner and supper meals while doing the dishes. There were lots of potatoes to boil, and baking to do and large platters of meat to fry. There would also be a vegetable and most often pie for dessert. She also had to prepare mid-forenoon lunches and mid-afternoon lunches for the crew. These cooks put in long hours from before sunrise to after sunset.

The presentation is part cooking show, part local history and the audience will look at photos of cook cars, eat cook car food, take home Estelles' Cornmeal Muffin Recipe, look at utensils used in cook cars and share stories about the delicious food and sisterhood of women whose sweat equity and master planning abilities fed thousands of workers thousands of meals. If you fed the workers well they returned every year. As a matter of fact, you are always fed well at any event held at the Ellendale Opera House. February 24<sup>th</sup> afternoon will be no different.

Presenter Christi Kracht Enzminger has loved to cook since high school. Born into a long line of good cooks, her heritage wouldn't be complete without a tale of one ancestor who was a cook for a Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. Christi has fond memories

of Great Grandma Emma cooking on her cook stove. Decades later her own pumpkin pie came out of a cook stove and tasted exactly like the ones her great-grandmother made.

On Sunday, Christi will prepare cook car food in the form of Cornmeal muffins. Everyone will get one to eat. A beverage will be included. Admission is \$8.00 at the door. Plan now to come out on the 24<sup>th</sup> to hear the history of cook cars, maybe even share a story or two, enjoy cook car food and spend a Sunday afternoon at the historic Ellendale Opera House.

This event is co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, the North Dakota Humanities Council, and locally by the Ellendale Historical Society, O.P.E.R.A., Inc., Ellendale Area Arts Council and the City of Ellendale.



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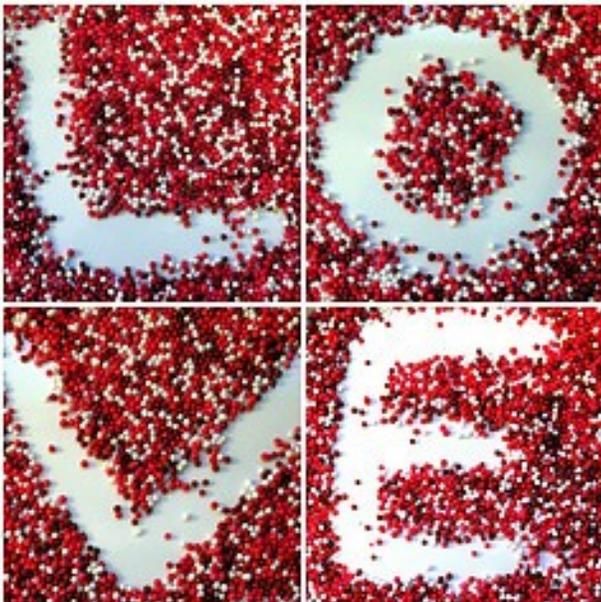


**2013 Chamber Board**

David Dorpinghaus  
Bob Hardy  
Jessica Zinter  
Theresa Kassa

Lana Norton

Gary Dathe  
Bev Kuska  
Ian O'Brien  
Tony Hanson



**Fireside Family  
Restaurant and Lounge**

Evening Specials  
Thursday, February 14th  
5:00 pm—9:00 pm

**Sweetheart Buffet Includes:**

- Cranberry Chicken
- Coconut Shrimp
  - Sirloin Tips
- Broasted Chicken

Specials Include:

- *Salmon w/dill sauce*
  - *Marinated Ribeye*
- Full Menu Available

February Friday Night Buffets

- Feb. 1st: German
  - Feb. 8th: Southern
  - Feb. 15th: Fish and Pasta
  - Feb. 22nd: Fish and Pasta
- 5-9 pm

***The Price of Love***

- The average American will spend \$119.67 on Valentine's Day this year, up from \$100.89 last year.
- Men spend almost twice as much on Valentine's Day as women do. This year, the average man will spend \$156, while the average woman will only spend \$85.
- More than one-third of men would prefer not receiving a gift. Less than 20 percent of women feel the same way.
- Around this season, a dozen long-stemmed roses can cost an average of \$75, or about 30% more than the normal price of \$58.
- More than nine million pet owners are expected to buy gifts for their pets this Valentine's Day.
- 15 percent of U.S. Women send themselves flowers on Valentines Day.