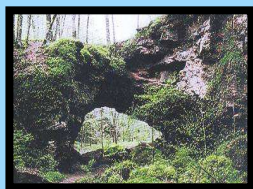


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CHAMBER MISSION STATEMENT:

This Chamber is organized for the purpose of advancing the quality of life, economic well-being, and awareness of the Maquoketa area so that our community will be a better place to reside and conduct business or professional endeavors.

Chamber Lunch & Learn Membership Luncheon Tuesday, September 27, 2011 Noon - Michels Hall

Keynote Speaker will be Kathy Martin, Scenic Byways Project Coordinator for the Limestone Bluffs RC&D Area, Inc. She will give us an update on her position and the need for coordination of communities along the byway. The Grant Wood Scenic Byway runs through Maquoketa.

Reservations are required! Please RSVP to the Chamber office (652-4602 or maqchamberassist@qwestoffice.net) by no later than Friday, September 23rd. Per Board Policy, people making reservations and not attending will be invoiced for their lunch.

New Member

Grand View Farm Bed & Breakfast is located at 11094 - 212th Avenue, Maquoketa and is bordered by the Northfork of the Maquoketa River and nestled in the middle of 100 acres of private woodland and walkways. Proprietors Dick and Donna Hefel lovingly restored this 1920's farmhouse homestead. They began to operate it as a Bed and Breakfast in 2009. Since then visitors have come from as near as Cedar Rapids, Iowa and as far as London, England to enjoy the wrap-around porch, grand views, hearty farm house breakfasts and good, old-fashioned mid-western hospitality. There are even goats and sheep for children to pet. There are four guestrooms, generous in size, each with an en-suite half bath. There is also a large, full bath with whirlpool tub down the hall. The rooms each have a queen sized bed. If relaxing on the porch isn't for you, there is a large attic with an entertainment center and wii. The attic also sleeps up to 4 individuals and is available for private booking. Free wifi internet is available throughout the farmhouse. Check in time is at 4pm, check out is 11am, and guests can have breakfast whenever they would like. Please call 563-543-5262 or email grandviewfarmbandb@gmail.com for more information and reservations.

Congratulations:

***Maquoketa High School** for achieving Maquoketa's highest ACT scores this year, above Iowa's average

Thank You:

***Maquoketa State Bank** for raising \$1701.68 for Hondo, the new K-9 officer at their Grilling for Charity event on August 12th

***Maquoketa State Bank** for a successful "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive for area children in need

***club hOpe** for a successful fundraiser to help pay for Cardinal School's playground equipment

***Maquoketa Education Association** would like to thank **all businesses and local groups** who donated items for the welcome bags presented to new teachers in the Maquoketa, Delwood, and Sacred Heart School Districts. The bags were overflowing with many items and the new teachers were overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. Please know this is very much appreciated.

Anniversaries:

SEPTEMBER: Jackson Co. Farm Bureau - 93 yrs.; Theisen Farm & Home -84 yrs.; Maquoketa State Bank - 53 yrs.; Fareway Store - 48 yrs.; Bluff Lake Restaurant - 40 yrs.; Sunshine Preschool & Day Care Center - 38 yrs.; Smiles On Main - 17 yrs.; Maquoketa Family Clinic - 17 yrs.; and Fidelity Bank - 13 yrs.



**2011
Chamber
Board of
Directors**

Executive Committee

Tom Devine, Pres.
Dave Updegraff, Vice-Pres.
Ron Schaefer, Treas.
Marisa Weis, Secy

Board of Directors:

Katie Brown
Mike Kohl
Kerry Schepers
Ben Schueller
Dave Sybesma

Staff:

Stacy Driscoll, Chamber/Economic
Development Director
Cheryl Clark, Administrative Asst.
Sharon Krug, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The Old-Fashioned Holiday
Celebration will be November
18-20, 2011.

Watch for futher details!



**Welcome New
Teachers**

45 business representatives, school administrators, and mentors welcomed the new teachers at the New Teacher Luncheon held on Friday, August 12th at the Maquoketa High School Commons, sponsored by the Maquoketa Chamber Education Committee.

The new educators welcomed were: Jen Bahl, Shaela Bresnan, Virginia DeMoss, Catherine Fuchs, Brian Hinrich, Laura Kramer, David Lakin, Magan Machovee, Michael Peetz, Patrick Rodenborn, Cora Roe, Kristin Struck., Bridget Waack, Mindy Williams, and Julie Weirup.



If you need a gift for a birthday, anniversary, or just because, be sure to check out the merchants in Maquoketa.

Don't forget the Chamber offers Chamber Bucks in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25 increments and can be spent at any of our Chamber members.

Chamber Members Spotlight for 2012.....

As the summer winds down, it's time for Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce to gear up for the 2012 Member Spotlights.

Please help us determine our Member Spotlights for 2012. Do you have an important anniversary, event, activity or special promotion planned in 2012 or just plain want to share information about your business with the Community.

As Chamber Members, your business could be one of twelve featured businesses in 2012 on our website, in our newsletter and in our front window. Your business ventures are very important to us and we want to share them with our members and non-members. There is **no** additional cost to your business to be a Member Spotlight. The Chamber will award Membership Spotlight's on a first come first serve basis.

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Will Have Three (3) Open Board Positions For 2012.

To qualify as a candidate for the Chamber Board, an individual must represent a business, educational institution, healthcare facility, church, or non-profit organization where the individual is employed or is the owner, or be an associate member of the Chamber of Commerce. Also, candidates who represent any of the above must be in good standing with the Chamber for at least a one year period before holding a Board position.

Board terms are for three years. All nominations received will be presented to the 2011 Board of Directors, who will elect the 2012 Board members. Chamber staff will confirm each candidate's willingness to accept directorship responsibility.

Nominations will cease on November 5, 2011.

City Council Nominations Are Now Open

Candidates seeking to serve their community by serving as Mayor or City Council will have until 5:00pm on September 22, 2011 to file nominations at City Hall. The seats that appear on the November 8th ballot will include: Mayor, 1st Ward, 2nd Ward, 3rd Ward, 5th Ward, and At-Large. Interested candidates can obtain Affidavit's from the Maquoketa City Hall, Jackson County Auditor's Office and the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce Office. A total of 25 signatures is required to file papers. Get involved and be a part of Maquoketa's future.

Meet the Candidates

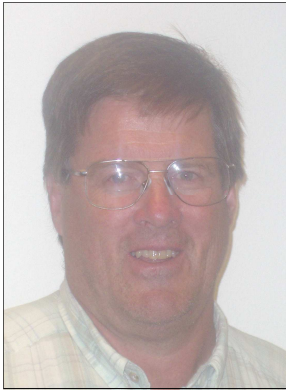
The Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" Forum on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., at the Maquoketa City Hall. Leighton Hepker will serve as moderator. The forum will be broadcast live on Channel 18.

The Chamber is seeking questions from the public that each candidate will be requested to respond to. Questions may be submitted to the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce by mail: 117 South Main, Maquoketa, IA 52060; by fax: 563-652-3020; e-mail:

maqchamberassist@qwestoffice.net;

telephone: 563-652-4602. Questions will be accepted until September 30 at 4:00 p.m. The Chamber will reserve the right to rephrase any question submitted that may seem to have a bias for or against another candidate.

**New Hires, Promotions,
Achievements of Chamber Members**



Welcome to **Frank Ellenz**, new Public Works Director for the City of Maquoketa.



Welcome, **Sara Wormley**, intern at Osterhaus Pharmacy.

The Maquoketa Community Foundation is now the **Community Foundation of Jackson County.**



If your business has hired someone new, promoted an employee, and/or an employee has obtained achievements, please send us a picture and a brief paragraph and we will put it in the next newsletter. If you do not have a picture, stop by the Chamber and we will take the photo.

Ambassador Calls



The Ambassadors visited Andy Clark, Manager of newly named Maquoketa Inn & Suites, 1019 W. Platt St. (formerly Super 8 Motel).

The Ambassadors congratulated Bill Bowman of Bowman Oil Company for the purchase of the business from his Father, Hugh. We wish Hugh the best in his retirement. The station is located at 601 S. Main St.



VOTE

School Board Election

Tuesday, September 13th

Polls Open Noon-8pm

Maquoketa Area Family YMCA Offers Programs:

Flag Football Clinic (Grades 1-6) - Sept. 26-28

Flag Football - register by Sept. 29th

Youth Volleyball - Register by Oct. 16

Swim Team - for children up to Age 18 - November - February; Eight Saturday Swim Meets

Volunteer coaches needed! If you would consider donating your time, it is truly a rewarding experience. Volunteer coaches are the backbone of our youth sports programs. If you would like more information on volunteering or the programs listed above, contact Jay Swenson, Sports Program Director at 652-6566 or jswensn@maqymca.org.



Trick or Treat

Sun., Oct. 30th

4-6 pm





Mark & Susan Sheets
18284 Hwy. 64, S.
Maquoketa, IA 52060
563-652-8399

Chamber Member Spotlight



Sheets General Construction, LLC, owners Mark and Susan Sheets, can assist you in every phase of your Commercial or Residential construction projects. Building foundations on our clients trust and our own commitment to total customer satisfaction are pillars we are ready to back with performance and execution. At Sheets General Construction, we understand that being on time and under budget are just as important as quality workmanship. Everyone on our team is committed to client satisfaction and the foundation for long term relationships.

In business since 2009, Sheets General Construction has completed projects for Clinton Community College, Kirkwood Community College, Mount Vernon School District, Eastern Iowa Airport, Dubuque County Old Jail, and Clinton Fire Department just to name a few. Owners, Mark and Susan Sheets have a combined 40 years of experience in the commercial construction industry. Mark's experience includes building everything from very large manufacturing facilities to very small office buildings for many different clients. After working for large contractors in Cedar Rapids, IA, Tampa, Fl, Atlanta, GA and most recently, Davenport, IA, Mark has a diverse range of construction expertise. Now, as part owner and senior project manager, he has been applying this experience in new construction and renovation projects large and small with the same attention to detail. Susan worked for a Nationwide Commercial Roofing contractor as a Sales/Marketing Manager. Her experiences have enabled her to understand the construction business and tackle some of the obstacles a construction company can have on a day to day basis.

With the addition of highly experienced and very skilled carpenter foremen, Sheets General Construction has a dependable and high quality team consisting of more than qualified and experienced leaders in the industry. Leon Oberman Jr. joined our team this past winter and brought with him an excellent reputation and over 20 years of experience in the Residential Construction market. Greg Rickels and Travis Manning both joined our team in 2010 and together bring over 40 years of Commercial Construction experience. From your new construction commercial project to your residential remodel, we will be your solution to stress free, on time and on budget construction projects. Call us at 563-652-8399 or email at susan.sheets@sheetsdesignbuild.com.



**Muscle On Main
Cruise in with the Coronado Car Club
Saturday, September 24th
Main Street
Maquoketa, IA**

All cars welcome! Prizes awarded for "Best of Show".
Music and Beverages Available for Purchase.



Stacy Driscoll
 Economic Development Director
 Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce

Did You Know...

We've been listening to the business community and their needs. In response, the Maquoketa Chamber and Office of Economic Development have joined forces with Eastern Iowa Community College District Business and Industry Center and the Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center to offer **TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES** right here in Maquoketa. As a benefit of your membership, we bring you these courses at a reduced cost, saving you dollars. Makes perfect sense. **REGISTER TODAY!!!**

Microsoft Excel 2010 – Level 1

Prerequisite: Windows - Level 1 or equivalent knowledge. You have basic computer skills such as using a mouse, navigating through windows, and surfing the Internet. You have also used paper-based systems to store data to run calculations. You now want to migrate that data to an electronic format. In this course, you will learn to: create a basic worksheet, perform calculations, modify a worksheet, format a worksheet, print the contents of a workbook and manage large workbooks. Cost: \$99 per person

Fri. Sep 16, 2011 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM #101533
 CCC Business and Industry Center, MAQ Campus

TO REGISTER: 563-244-7001 Class size is limited—Call Today!

BOOT CAMP FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Intense all day training on what you need to know to start and operate a new business. Boot Camp covers the business plan, market research, financing and running your business after it opens. You'll come away with information on taxes, personnel issues, insurance and real estate. Don't miss this one! It's everything a new business owner needs in order to move through the ranks of success. (Prepayment is required, includes box lunch and materials.) Cost: \$79.

Fri. Sep 23, 2011 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM #99328
 XBUSB-1000-SAH02 CCC, MAQ Center, Rm 26, Inst. Hutchinson

FOUR WAYS TO REGISTER:

BY TELEPHONE: Call toll-free 1-888-336-3907 or Clinton Community College – 563-244-7100

IN PERSON: at the Maquoketa Campus of CCC located at 501 Washington Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060

FAX: SCC – 563-441-4053 CCC – 563-244-7053 MCC – 563-288-6116

MAIL: Complete the registration form and mail to: EICCD, Attn: Registration, 306 W. River Dr. Davenport, IA 52801

Additionally, the following course will also be offered this fall in Maquoketa:

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

This course is designed to introduce the participants to a framework (or larger perspective) for understanding poverty and the individuals that live in generational poverty. Bridges out of Poverty provides an overview of skills, policies, and procedures that enable organizations and community to become more adept at working with individuals who are in poverty. Cost \$10 – Lunch is included.

Fri. Nov 4, 2011 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
CEUs: Nursing and Social Work CEUs have been applied for.
 Vashelle's Restaurant, 17961 33rd Street, Maquoketa, IA

To register contact Nancy Papin at 563-583-5545 Ext. 607 or at nancy-papin@uiowa.edu no later than Thursday, October 20, 2011.

MAQUOKETA
Weatherization Challenge
2011

On **Saturday, October 29th**, volunteer weatherization teams will spread out across Maquoketa in a one-day blitz to perform energy saving measures on homes of the elderly, disabled, and low-income neighbors. The goal of the event is to provide homes with simple weatherization measures such as caulking, weather-stripping, window plastic, door sweeps and other insulating techniques. The project aims to "keep the weather outside" for the targeted homes, reduce their home energy consumption, save them money on their winter heating bills and provide educational materials on how to lower their home energy costs.

Maquoketa's Weatherization Challenge organized by the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce is in its third year. Last year a total of 19 homes were weatherized by 84 volunteers.

All targeted homes will be selected in advance by the Weatherization Challenge Committee. Would you benefit or know of someone who could benefit from such a service. Please contact Stacy Driscoll at 563-652-4602 or Kathy Kunde, at 563-652-2491.

A weatherization assessment of each home will be conducted in advance by Balliu Construction or Schueller and Sons Reconstruction to determine what measures are needed and to develop a list of supplies and materials.

The success of the Weatherization Challenge will depend on the number of volunteer teams that sign up to participate. Each team will consist of 5 to 6 volunteers who will weatherize 2 homes on October 30th. They will report to Sacred Heart Catholic School Cafeteria for breakfast and training before heading out to their assigned homes. They will report back after their assigned homes have been completed.

The volunteer teams will come from organizations and businesses within the community. This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand for service clubs, civic and fraternal groups, church groups, businesses, employee groups, friends and neighbors.

Cash donations are being accepted to provide the great amount of supplies and materials that will be needed for this project. Sponsors who have already stepped up and are "together promoting this one-of-a-kind community" include: Black Hills Energy, City of Maquoketa, Operation New View Community Action Agency, Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce, Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility, WPPI, Maquoketa Community Services, KMAQ, Maquoketa Sentinel Press, Maquoketa State Bank, Theisen's Home Farm Auto, Gasser's True Value/Just Ask Rental, Maquoketa Do-It Best Lumber, Maquoketa Kiwanis Club, Tom Schueller and Sons Reconstruction and Marty Balliu Construction.



Watch for
the new
Iowa Scenic
Byway
signs.

Maquoketa Homecoming Parade

The Maquoketa High School Student Senate is planning an exciting homecoming for this year. Our theme is "Superheroes: Up, Up, and Away" which allows many different decorating possibilities.

We hope to make this year's homecoming fun and enjoyable for everyone by getting more of the community and businesses involved. This year the parade will take place on September 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. We really encourage participation from local businesses by creating a float, walking entry, or attending the parade to watch. For more information, check out the front news section of the Chamber web site...www.maquoketachamber.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- August 29–Sept. 11** Dog Days of Summer free group exercise classes for everyone (need not be a member to participate for FREE)
- Now–Sept. 30** Ohnward Fine Arts Center - Drew Art Gallery presents Eilene Busch
- Sept. 15, 22 & 29** PerXactly's – Karaoke – 8pm
- Sept. 9, 16, 23 & 30** Timber Lanes – Karaoke – 8pm
- Sept. 10 – October** Ohnward Fine Arts Center Corn Maze – Weekends only
- Sept. 17 & 24** Farmer's Market – 7am-Noon – corner of Second & W. Platt St.
- Sept. 17 & 24** Jackson Co. Conservation/Hurstville Interpretive Center Monarch Tagging 1pm - Hurstville Interpretive Center
- Sept. 13, 20, 27 & Oct 1** Bingo – 6:30pm - Pearson Hall, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
- Sept. 14** Chamber Retail, Growth & Promotion Committee Meeting - 7:30am- Chamber Office
- Sept. 14** Maquoketa Community Blood Drive 8am-1pm – Old Gym at High School
- Sept. 16** Microsoft Excel 2010 – Level 1 - Prerequisite: Windows - Level 1 or equivalent knowledge
- Sept. 17** City Wide Garage Sale – 7am-1pm (hours may vary) – Maquoketa
- Sept. 17** Eagles Brat Stand - 10am-2pm
- Sept. 17** Small Animal Sale - Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
- Sept. 17** Night of Destruction - Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
- Sept. 17** Peace Pipe Players Annual Social - Social 5-6pm; Potluck 6-7 pm

- Sept. 21** Business After Hours/Open House 5-7pm – River Village, 402 N. Arcade
- Sept. 22** 5pm – last day to file nomination papers for City Election
- Sept. 23** Boot Camp For Entrepreneurs – 9am-4pm – CCC, Maquoketa Center
- Sept. 24** Maquoketa Wrestling Golf Event – Prairie Creek Golf Course
- Sept. 24** Family Big Top Circus - Showtimes: 5pm & 7:30pm – Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
- Sept. 24** Muscle on Main; Cruise in with the Coronados – 6-10pm – Main Street in Maquoketa
- Sept. 25** Flea Market – Pearson Hall, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
- Sept. 25** Jackson Co. Conservation/Hurstville Interpretive Center Archaeology Dig - 2pm
- Sept. 26-28** Flag Football Clinic - 6:30-7:30pm - High School West Practice Field
- Sept. 27** Chamber Lunch & Learn Membership Meeting – Noon – Michel's Hall - RSVP
- Oct. 1** Tabor Home Winery 15th Anniversary Festival - Baldwin
- Oct. 1** Babes on the Prairie - 1pm - Hurstville Interpretive Center
- Oct. 1** Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs - 2pm - Ohward Fine Arts Center
- Oct. 1 & 2** Auditions for It's A Wonderful Life – 3pm – 400 N. Eliza St.

**For more information please visit our website.
www.maquoketachamber.com**

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Submit your event by contacting the Chamber @ 563-652-4602 or maqchamberassist@qwestoffice.net