

Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



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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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Lutheran Services in Iowa, a nationally accredited social service agency with highly skilled professionals, Lutheran Services in Iowa is one of Iowa's largest social service agencies. The Maquoketa office makes an impact through: remedial services, therapy services, family team meetings, step-in crisis program, family, safety, risk & permanency services, parents as teachers, new parent program, tracking and monitoring, and foster care and adoption as a partner agency of Iowa KidsNet. They are proud to make a difference in Maquoketa and the surrounding areas. They are located at 714 W. Platt St., phone 563-652-4150 or visit their web site at www.lsiowa.org.

Healing Arts Therapeutic Massage - Dena Donatsch, owner and operator invites you to stop by at 124 W. Platt St. to see what she has to offer. Healing Arts Therapeutic Massage's mission is to assist each person in attaining their goals for personal health. We feel that each individual must play an active part in her or his own health, and that each person is in charge of his or her personal well-being. We also believe that good health is a priority, not a luxury, and that health care, especially as a means of maintenance and preventative measures, should be affordable by all. Contact Dena at 563-652-4880, email her at healingartsmaq@qwestoffice.net or visit her web page at www.healingartsmaq.com

DOWNTOWN MAQUOKETA OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Maquoketa's 100 Block of South Main is temporarily closed to traffic, but downtown businesses are open! Pedestrian access is allowed in front of the stores and ample free parking is available in city lots behind most affected businesses and on Platt and Pleasant Streets.

Barricades are located at the intersections of Platt and S. Main and Pleasant Street letting you know that this section of S. Main is closed to through traffic temporarily.

Once the water and sewer repairs and fire debris clean-up is complete, downtown Maquoketa will benefit from new sidewalks in the effected area and a green space for future development.

Visit www.maquoketchamber.com for clean-up related street closings and announcements.

MAQUOKETA

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Executive Committee

Kathy Seyfert, Pres.
Tom Devine, Vice-Pres.
Ron Schaefer, Treas.
Marisa Weis, Secy.

Board of Directors:

Katie Brown
Sally Davies
Kerry Schepers
Ben Schueller
Dave Sybesma

Staff:

Stacy Driscoll,
Chamber/Economic
Development Director

Cheryl Clark,
Administrative Asst.

Sharon Krug,
Secretary

Golf Outings:

S.H.A.F.F. Golf Outing - May 16th

Maquoketa Kiwanis - May 25th

Jackson Co. Regional Health Center -
June 11th

Maquoketa Chamber - August 10th
(Note: date change—2nd Tuesday)

Events:

City Wide Garage Sale—May 22nd

Timber City Days—June 25th & 26th

Timber City Adventure Race -
June 26th

Lutheran Services in Iowa Needs Your Help!

Lutheran Services in Iowa have outgrown their room at the First Lutheran Church and have moved to a bigger and more spacious office area located at 714 W. Platt St. They are in need of some toy and office items.

Toy items needed: toy boxes, toys (blocks, dollhouse, play kitchens, etc), board games, posters/kid friendly pictures for the walls



Office items needed: filing cabinets, bulletin/white boards

If you have any of these items that you would be willing to donate, please contact **Bobbi Bartels** at **563-652-4150** or email her at **bobbi.bartels@lsiowa.org**



Chamber Golf Committee Needs Members!

The Chamber Golf Committee is looking for new members to join their committee. The Golf Committee is responsible for the Chamber's largest fundraiser. If you are looking to get involved with a great committee and have some fun, please contact the Chamber at 652-4602 or email Cheryl at maqchamberassist@qwestoffice.net

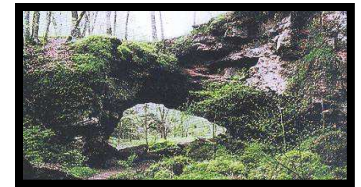
Grant Wood Scenic Byway Art & Culture Tour

Sat., MAY 15 &
Sun., MAY 16
9am-5pm

Stops in Maquoketa:

- * Old City Hall Gallery, 121 S. Olive
- * Maq. Art Experience, 124 S. Main
- * Tom Metcalf Studio, 106 S. Main
- * Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63rd St.

Artists will demonstrate and have work on display. The Culture Tour includes the towns along the Grant Wood Scenic Byway (Stone City, Anamosa, Wyoming, Baldwin, Maquoketa & Bellevue).



Rapid Spreading Disease Prompts Closure of Maquoketa Caves Where Bats Hibernate!

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources announced on April 29th, the closing of the Maquoketa Caves.

PLEASE NOTE: Although the exploration of the Caves ceased effective May 3, 2010 the Maquoketa Caves State Park is open for camping and other recreational opportunities. We encourage everyone to visit Maquoketa this summer. We are truly a "One-of-a-Kind" Destination!

According to the State natural resource officials, they are closing state-owned caves that bats use for hibernation to help slow a disease known as white-nose syndrome. This disease is killing bats across the eastern half of the United States and now has surfaced in Missouri.

CHAMBER AMBASSADOR CALLS:

Congratulated
Kuhlman Motors -
Randy & Vicki Kuhlman,
Owners, located at
302 East Platt St.



Congratulated Daryl
Schepers, owner of
Daryl's Mobile Service
at his new location of
1717 East Maple St.



Congratulated
Lutheran Services in
Iowa on their
new location at
714 West Platt St.

Optimist Club of Maquoketa's



"Avenue of Flags"

It's that time of the year to renew or subscribe to The Avenue Of Flags through the Optimist Club Of Maquoketa. For \$35 a year, the Optimist Club will place a 3' X 5' American Flag in front of your home or business on five national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day And Veteran's Day. The Optimist Club volunteers will deliver the flags at dawn and retrieve them at dusk. A receptacle is installed near the curb in front of each home and the club is responsible for replacement of any flag - soiled, damaged or stolen.

Proceeds are donated to Qualified Organizations Aiding Local Youth such as Scholarship Programs, Sports Activities, Childhood Cancer Initiatives and many others.

For more information, contact Robert Andersen at 652-2789 or forms are available at KMAQ from Lois Fischer.

State Senate District 13 Candidates Forum

The Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Democratic "Meet the Candidates" Forum for State Senate District 13 on Monday, May 24, 2010 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 and will also rerun in Baldwin, Bellevue and Preston.

The Democratic Candidates for the June 8 Primary Election are:

*Tod R. Bowman

*Paul J. Feller

*Brian S. Moore

*Ed O'Neill

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 Wednesday, May 19 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). The Chamber will reserve the right to rephrase any question submitted that may seem to have a bias for or against another candidate.

This forum is provided as a public service in preparation for the Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.



Stacy Driscoll
Chamber/Economic Development Director
Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Facts & Figures:

DID YOU KNOW...

May is Iowa Tourism Month! Your Chamber Promotion Committee has been actively placing advertisements in various publications to encourage individuals and families to plan a visit to a "One-of-A-Kind" Destination....Maquoketa, IA.

"Discover One-of-A-Kind Maquoketa" advertisements are placed in the Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Quad City, Chicago Northwest Suburb markets as well as locally in the Explore Jackson County and the Iowan Magazine. We reach a circulation annually of approximately 1,156,483 readers.

Every dollar spent in Maquoketa by our guests and visitors positively impacts our hometown economy. During Tourism Month and always, let's roll out the red carpet and demonstrate our truly "One-of-A-Kind" spirit and hospitality.

The Chamber wishes to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility for their generous contribution of \$2,500 in support of the Promotion Committee.

We also salute our Promotion Committee volunteers, Wayne and Ellen Frantzen (Old City Hall Gallery), Amy Fischer (US Bank), Elaine Edwards (Maquoketa State Bank), Kim Huckstadt (Maquoketa Schools) and Marilyn Osterhaus (Osterhaus Pharmacy) for their commitment and enthusiasm in promoting Maquoketa as a great place to live, work and play!!

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- ***Maquoketa State Bank** for raising \$3,102.84 for the Gateway Chapter of American Red Cross.
- ***Maquoketa Art Experience** for hosting a successful 2nd Seasonal Landscape workshop on April 5 - 9.
- ***Squiers Manor Bed & Breakfast** for raising \$360 for the Maquoketa Community Cupboard through their Victorian Lunches in December.
- ***Maquoketa Community School District**, one of the 20 Iowa School Districts honored for their pioneering work with Project Lead the Way.
- ***Maquoketa High School** for their new scoreboard for the baseball and softball diamonds.
- ***Paul Miller & Kerry Schepers, Maquoketa Financial Group** for qualification for the 2010 Million Dollar Round Table.
- ***Helen Snell**, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement for the Maquoketa Community School District, for being named the 2010 Central Office Administrator of the Year by the School Administration of Iowa.
- ***Dennis Voy, 61 Drive-In Theater**, celebrating 60 years and open for the season.
- ***THANK YOU to clubhOpe, Pat Bollman, Dave Popp & Volunteers** for painting the whole structure of Little Bear Park.
- ***THANK YOU - Maquoketa Sentinel-Press & Advertisers** for sponsoring the Chamber Newsletter in the newspaper.
- ***ANNIVERSARIES:**
MAY: Colonial Square Tax & Accounting—34 yrs. & Breitbach Floor Covering—20 yrs.

Maquoketa Kiwanis Celebrity Golf Outing & Auction



Maquoketa Golf & Country Club
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
1 P.M. Shotgun Start
9-Hole 5-Person Best Shot
\$375/Team in advance, \$400 @door

***Included/Person: Green Fees, Cart, Beverages, Dinner, Awards, & A Chance For Prizes; Rain Date: June 1, 2010**

***For Non-Golfers And Auction Attendees, Dinner Tickets May Be Purchased Separately At The Cost Of \$25**

***To sponsor or for more information & registration sheet, see the front news section of the Chamber's web site or contact Don Carson (652-2222) or Kevin Burns (652-2491).**

Hills, Ridges & Bridges 2-Day Bike Tour
May 15 & 16, 2010

Day One: 56 miles...Bellevue to Maquoketa for overnight stay
Day Two: 42 miles...leave Maquoketa and return to Bellevue
Registration at Bellevue High School at 7:00 a.m.
Ride starts at 9:00 a.m.

The two-day ride includes: *Rural, low traffic paved roads
*Marked route with maps *SAG & mechanical support *Luggage transport *T-shirt *Complimentary muffins & drinks on Saturday morning *Free camping & shower

Early registration by April 30 - \$30.00 per person or \$75.00 per family of 3 or more
Registration after April 30 - \$35.00 per person

For more information or to download a registration form visit:
www.jc1stgear.com or phone 563-652-2441 or toll free at 800 - 747-7377

This event is sponsored by the Jackson County Area Tourism Association and Maquoketa Sentinel-Press.

“Face It Together” Training offered Free

Any business requiring employee drug testing must provide annual drug awareness training for all supervisory staff, according to Iowa Code Section 730.5. And the effects of substance abuse on productivity, performance and safety impact your bottom line every day.

Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialists from ASAC/ New Directions offer a FREE presentation called *Face It Together (FIT)* for your company.

A *FIT* training includes:

- Current drug trends
 - A four-step approach to a drug-free workplace
 - Documentation
 - Identification of troubled employees
 - Addressing concerns
 - Referring to assistance
- Policy practice gap
- Enabling behaviors



Local assistance resources

The training can be held at your facility to better save your bottom line ... And did we mention that it is FREE?

Contact Maudi Walton mwalton@asac.us (563) 242-0650 or Maribeth Bousman mbousman@asac.us (563) 652-2215 extension 107 to schedule your FREE *Face It Together* presentation today!

ASAC/ New Directions Prevention Services are a community partner with the Iowa Department of Public Health.



Timber City Days June 25 & June 26, 2010 Little Bear Park Maquoketa, Iowa

- Fri., June 25 Relay For Life, Jackson County
Jackson County Fairgrounds
- Sat., June 26 Timber City Adventure Race
Garden Tractor Pull
Classic Car Cruise
Food Vendors
Children's Activities
Live Music by Lately Grey-Street Dance-
Beer Tent
Art in the Park
Stock Car Races
Farmer's Market

STREET CLOSING: North Niagara Street from Apple St. to Quarry St. will be closed from 5:30 am Sat., June 26 to 1:30 am, Sun., June 27, 2010.

Watch our web site at www.maquoketachamber.com for details and other activities being planned.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Contact the Chamber at 652-4602 or 800-989-4602 to support this community event!

CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fidelity Bank and Trust
18289 Hwy. 64
Maquoketa, IA 52060
Phone: 563-652-6660
www.bankfidelity.com



The name may have changed but the great friendly service will remain unchanged. In 1998 and 2002, Fidelity Bank opened offices in Bellevue, LaMotte and Maquoketa under the name of Iowa Bank. Today with our customers growing needs we are taking on the Fidelity name and adding 11 more branches and offering more services. Fidelity Bank will now operate in 15 locations. Those include, Dyersville, Luxemborg, Guttenberg, Oelwein, Worthington, Epworth, Peosta, Waukon, Postville, Decorah, Dubuque, Bellevue, LaMotte and Maquoketa. The change to the Fidelity name by the holding company has some economies of scale. It will allow the bank to operate with one central processing center while offering customers more places to do business and more on-line services. We remain a family owned chartered banking organization. Locally you will have the same family, same friendly faces, and same ownership.



GRACE TUBBS MEMORIAL SUMMIT AWARD

Steve Tubbs, right, presented Lois Melton of Maquoketa with an engraved clock commemorating her selection for the 12th Annual Grace Tubbs Memorial Summit Award. The award was presented at the Jackson County Historical Society's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held Thursday, April 15, at the Clinton Engines Museum in Maquoketa. From left are Alan Tubbs, Patty Dague, Ed Tubbs, Lois Melton, Bill Melton and Steve Tubbs. Dague, of Maquoketa, and Bill Melton, of Ankeny, are Lois Melton's daughter and son.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 15-16 Hills, Ridges & Bridges 2-Day Bike Tour – Bellevue to Maquoketa, overnight in Maquoketa at the Maquoketa Area Family YMCA and back to Bellevue

May 15-16 Grant Wood Scenic Byway Art & Culture Tour
9am-5pm

May 16 6th Annual S.H.A.F.F. (Sacred Heart Assoc. of Faculty & Families) - 4 Person Best Shot Golf Outing - Tee Times: 9am or 1pm - Prairie Creek Golf Course

May 22 Prevent Child Abuse Family Fun Day – Jackson Co. Fairgrounds

May 22 Maquoketa City-Wide Garage Sales

May 23 Dutch Oven Cooking 101 - 1pm - Hurstville Interpretive Center

May 24 Democratic Candidates Forum for State Senate District 13 – 7pm - Maquoketa City Hall

May 25 Maquoketa Kiwanis Golf Outing - 1pm Shotgun Start 9 Holes - 5-person Team - Live & Silent Auction Items - Maquoketa Country Club

May 26 Maquoketa Happy Joes Place Customer Appreciation Night - 5pm-8pm

May 29 Mainstream Talent Productions' Spring Concert - 6:30-8:30pm - Ohnward Fine Arts Center

May 29 - July 21 Tallgrass Prairie: Past, Present & Future Traveling Exhibit - Hurstville Interpretive Center

May 30 Maquoketa High School Graduation - 2pm - New Gym at the Maquoketa High School

May 31 Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

June 11-12 Historical Society Garage Sale – Jackson Co. Fairgrounds

June 11 Jackson Co. Regional Health Center/Foundation 25th Annual Golf Outing - Bellevue Country Club

Thank you... Maquoketa Sentinel-Press and Frantzen Photography for providing some of the pictures displayed in this newsletter.

**For more information please visit our website.
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