

January 2017

Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

1/20
RSVP's are due
For the Annual Banquet

1/27
24th Annual Banquet
Echo Valley Country Club
6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour
7:00 Dinner

2/9
Board Meeting
@11:45

**Interested in Helping us
Plan for our 25th
Anniversary Party?
Please let me know!
norwalkchamber@msn.com**



Chamber "Matters"

2017 Board of Directors

President-Mark Miller 981-4561 Treasurer-John Schmidt McGowen, Hurst, Clark & Smith 288-3279 Nicole Smith 17 Athletico-Norwalk 953-1310 Joe Desmond 17 Shaul & Desmond PLC 991-3326 Eric O'Leary 17 O'Leary Funeral/Cremation 981-0700 Ex-Officio's: City of Norwalk Luke Nelson 981-0228	V.P.-Amanda Reid-Raper City State Bank 981-4234 Past President-Joe Nguyen Anytime Fitness 953-0004 Jon Niemeyer 18 EXIT Realty North Star 981-5131 Jan Sparks 18 City State Bank 981-4234 Travis Stanley 18 Norwalk Christian Church 981-0176 Jeff Kimball 18 Des Moines Financial Group 745-6643 Norwalk Community Schools DT Magee 981-0676	2nd V.P.-Eric Simon Bluestone Project Solutions 727-0700 Exec.Director-Deb Mineart NACC 981-0619 Brent Hinders 19 Hopkins & Huebner 244-0111 Kyle Doyle 19 Iowa Distilling Company 981-4216 Gary Burton Gregg Young Chevrolet 256-4010 Dr. Donna Grant Norwalk Family Dentistry 256-9000 WCEDC Hollie Askey 961-1067
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"No one's ever achieved financial fitness with a January resolution that's abandoned by February." Suze Orman
"Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress." Charles Kettering
"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." Les Brown

2016 Chamber Champions

A BIG Thank you to these businesses listed below for your Generous Support in 2016!

Will YOU be in our list of 2017 champions?
Membership Packets have been mailed out.

Platinum Members

City of Norwalk Mayor Tom Phillips, Luke Nelson & Luke Parris

City State Bank Steve Albrecht, David Albrecht, David Lester, Jan Sparks, Amanda Reid-Raper, Mitch Nelson, Dakota Albrecht, George Meinecke, Holly Albrecht, Cyndie Strawn, Nicol Hoover, Haley Gehringer & Scott Griese

McClure Engineering Jeff Schug, Caleb Smith & Terry Lutz

Gold Members

Silver Members

Capital City Fruit Brendan Comito

Community Bank Michelle Grismore

Mediacom Communications Corp Sarah Drier

Bronze Members

City of Cumming Rachele Swisher

Ed Hildreth Construction Mark Hildreth

Fareway Craig Choate & Todd Hanson

Gregg Young Chevrolet Gary Burton

Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. Brent Hinders

James Oil Company Scott James

Kelly Cortum Inc Cindy Simpson

Norwalk Community Schools DT Magee, Kate Baldwin, Amy Gage & Dawn Schiro

O'Leary Celebration of Life Center-Funeral & Cremation Services & Flowers for Every Occasion Eric O'Leary

Regency Care Center



Thank you for your Generous Support!

WELCOME to our NEWEST Member!
Timmins, Jacobsen & Strawhacker, LLP
Morgan Waldeier
270-8080 www.tjscpas.com

***Norwalk Area Chamber of Commerce 24th
Annual Awards Banquet***

You and your Guest(s) are Cordially Invited to Attend

Friday, January 27th, 2017

***Echo Valley Country Club
3150 Echo Valley Dr***

***Honoring:
Norwalk Student Education Foundation
Business of the Year***

***Jon Niemeyer
Chamber Member of the Year***

***Sharon Ewell
Citizen of the Year***

***Christie Beving
Teacher of the Year***

***Amron Born
Student of the Year***

***6:00 P.M. Social Hour
7:00 P.M. Dinner***

***Tickets \$40.00 per Person
\$310.00 per table of 8
Must RSVP no later than Friday, Jan. 20th***



H-APP-y New Year!

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Senator Joni Ernst met with mayors and invited guests to discuss issues affecting businesses such as:
The Affordable Health Care Act

Infrastructure Financing for Wastewater Treatment centers and Roads

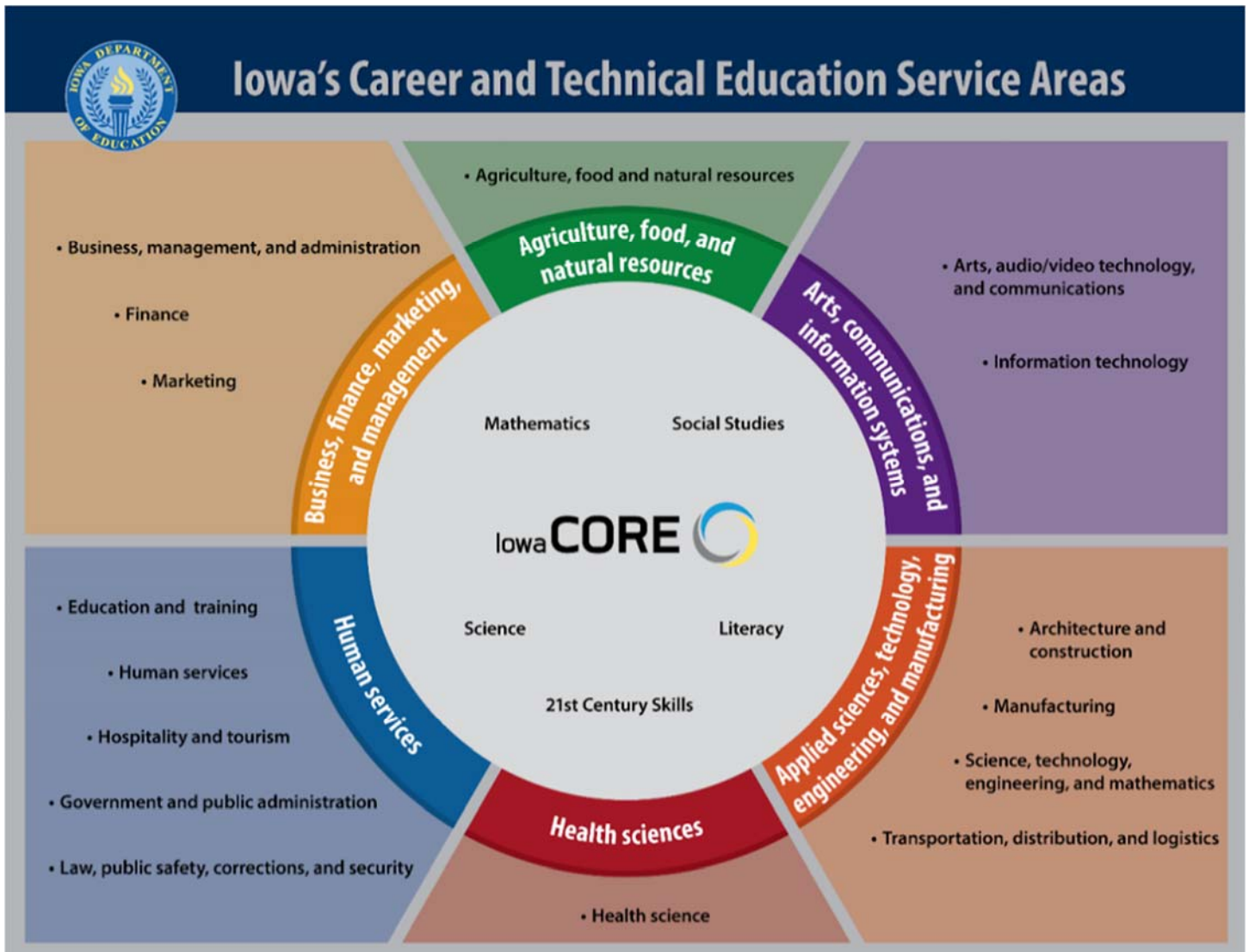
Renewable Tax Credits-Wind, Ethanol

Work Force and Public Transportation

Pictured here is Mayor of Carlisle Ruth Randleman, Mayor of Norwalk Tom Phillips, the Senator and Doug Shull, Warren County Supervisor.

Greetings from Eastview 8-9 School.

We are in the early stages of planning a **Career Day for our 9th grade students** on the **morning of Thursday, April 13th**. We will be needing guest speakers in several service areas (see image below). While we will be asking parents of our students if they would be willing to assist, we are reaching out to the Norwalk Chamber to see if members would be willing to help, as well. If interested, please contact Jody Ratigan, Principal at Eastview at jratigan@norwalk.k12.ia.us.



Norwalk Schools
Public Forum January 23rd



The Norwalk School Board will be hosting a public informational meeting at 6:30 pm on January 23rd at Eastview 8/9 School Cafeteria, 1600 North Avenue to answer questions regarding the February 7th bond election. All members the public are invited to learn more about the proposed school construction projects and have questions answered regarding the projects.

The Board conducted a public forum on December 19th that was well attended by local patrons and others that are members for the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC). The architect and engineers reviewed the proposed plans and school officials responded to citizen questions.

Patrons are encouraged to read through an FAQ that is located on the District's home page located at www.norwalk.k12.ia.us to learn more about the proposed projects and requested funding sources. Below are a few questions posted in the FAQ. Individuals can submit additional questions on the website that will be answered and added to the FAQ. Patrons are always welcome to contact the Superintendent, DT Magee (dmagee@norwalk.k12.ia.us, 515-981-0676) or Business Manager, Kate Baldwin (kbaldwin@norwalk.k12.ia.us, 515-981-0676) with questions or to discuss the project. The Board wants to the public to learn more about these important school building improvements and how the District is preparing for enrollment growth.

When is the bond election?

February 7, 2017, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at St John's the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk, Iowa. Patrons can vote now by absentee ballot at the Warren County Auditor's Office in Indianola.

What challenges led to the calling of the 2017 Bond Election?

Enrollment continues to grow by 50-90 students each year, requiring additional classrooms and other facility spaces.

Oviatt and Lakewood elementary schools are projected to be at capacity in 2020.

MS is an older facility requiring major electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning maintenance and general building improvements.

The current HS career and technical educational classrooms (CTE formally called vocational programs) date back to the 1970's. These classrooms will renovations to meet technology advances in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instructional applications.

How far into the future will this construction program support the district?

The proposed plans are expected to provide adequate classroom capacity until 2025 when the secondary classrooms are projected to reach capacity.

Other projects that have been deferred, such as a new high school gym package may be considered sooner or later, depending on the availability of funding or the community's expectations.

If enrollment growth should escalate at a higher rate, that could accelerate the timeline.

Will the passage of the bond increase the levy?

No. The passage of the bond issue in February will not increase the Debt Service levy. The school board started long-term planning in 2013 to stabilize the levy and avoid an increase in the levy with the next bond election.

How much will the proposed projects cost?

New 2-3 Elementary School **\$19,775,000**

Oviatt Elementary School:

Café & Kitchen, Art, Music, Security & Office	\$2,925,000
HVAC Renovations	\$3,504,780
Paving SE Parking Lot	<u>\$ 135,000</u>
Oviatt Elementary Total	\$ 6,564,780

Middle School:

Corridor Expansion & Classrooms Renovations, Security & Office Renovations at Entrance	\$4,095,000
HVAC Renovations	\$2,113,962
Paving SE Parking Lot	<u>\$ 750,000</u>
Middle School Total	\$ 6,958,962

High School:

Corridor Expansion, Media Center, CTE and Main Entrance Renovations	\$5,150,000
HVAC Renovations	<u>\$ 230,600</u>
High School Total	\$ 5,380,600

Total of All Projects **\$38,679,342**

How will the construction projects be funded?

General Obligation Property Tax Bond	\$32,000,000
State Sales Tax Funds	<u>\$ 6,680,000</u>
Total Funds Available	\$38,680,000

SOUP SUPPER FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

4:30 PM- 7:00 PM

INDIANOLA AMERICAN LEGION

105 W 1st Ave. Indianola

Free Will Donation

Proceeds will go to the Warren County 4-H Foundation which provides money for 4-H scholarships, grants, and educational workshops.



Norwalk Lions Club Annual Lobster, Shrimp and Steak Dinner

Get ready for a total eating experience! Bring your favorite beverage/cooler, a pair of scissors or nut crackers if you are a lobster lover as you will be served the whole lobster!



Your meal includes 1 main dish, coleslaw, baked potato, and dinner roll. If you have any questions contact David Lester at 515-681-4929, JoAnn Chapman 515-250-3847 or Alan Waugh at 515-981-5241

**Saturday, February 25, 2017, Doors Open at 6:15 p.m. with Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m. at
St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk**

Dance to follow until 11:00 p.m. with music provided by Music & Moonlight Productions.

Fresh Maine Lobster @ \$35 per meal

Steak or shrimp @ \$30 per meal

ORDER DEADLINE: Monday February 13, 2017. Reservations can be made by mailing the form below with full payment to Norwalk Lions Club, 808 Gordon Ave, Norwalk, Iowa 50211. Checks should be made out to *Norwalk Lions Club*.



Name: _____

Party Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

City, State Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

All orders should be sent with payment to:

Norwalk Lions Club
808 Gordon Ave
Norwalk, Iowa 50211

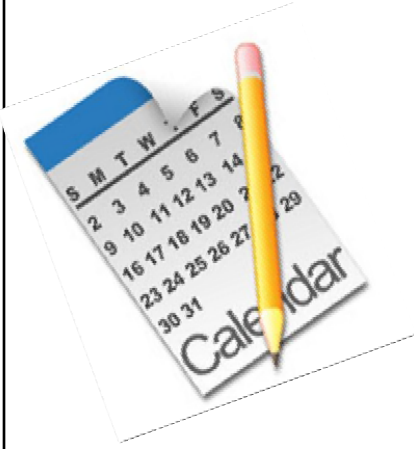
	Quantity Ordered	Price per Meal	Total
Lobster		\$35	
Shrimp		\$30	
Steak		\$30	
Totals			

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meetings start at 11:45 and usually end by 1:00.

Membership Meetings-Lunches start at 11:30 - 1:00.

Membership Breakfasts start at 7:00 - 8:30.



**Membership Meetings are FREE to Chamber Members.
Non-Members, cost is \$5.00 to attend.**

**Please Mark Your Calendars for these Events
and Join Us!**

Jan. 27th Annual Banquet

Feb. 9th Board Meeting

March 9th Board Meeting

March 13th – 17th Spring Break

March 23rd Membership Luncheon

April 13th Board Meeting

April 20th Membership Breakfast

May 11th Board Meeting

May 13th RUNorwalk

May 10th – 12th DC Trip??

May 25th Honors Night @ Performing Arts Bldg

May 27th Graduation

June 8th Board Meeting

June 15th Golf Outing @ Echo Valley

June 30th Party Before the Works

July 4th City of Norwalk 4th of July

July 13th Board Meeting

July 14th Regional After Business Hours

July 15th & 16th Home Show

July 20th - 23rd Home Show

July 27th - 30th Home Show

Aug. 10th Board Meeting

Aug. Picnic in the Park??

Aug. First Day of School?

Sept. 14th Board Meeting

Sept. 21st Membership Breakfast

Oct. ?? Norwalktoberfest

Oct. 12th Board Meeting

Oct. 19th Membership Luncheon changed**

Nov. 9th Board Meeting PLANNING

Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving

Nov. 26th Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Dec. 7th Board Meeting-**MOVED up 1 wk**

Dec. 14th Holiday Luncheon

We NEED your Help!! We are looking for Ideas on what YOU would like to see at our Fall event-Norwalktoberfest! Because we would LOVE to have YOU attend it! Give us some ideas at norwalkchamber@msn.com please!

Thank you!

Ribbon Cuttings and Open Houses along with other Events that may pop up will be emailed to you.

Reminder: if you have something special going on, let us know! Thank you!