

Cornerstone Café and Convenience Reveals Plans at Chamber

Following the usual summer break in July, the Eureka Chamber of Commerce resumed monthly meetings on August 19 at Prime Time. During the hottest days of the summer, the group set plans for the Christmas festivities.

New Chamber member, Cornerstone Café and Convenience, was represented at the meeting by Austin Cope and Kyle Jones. They have been upgrading the business – bathrooms are currently being remodeled, the gas canopy is next on the list and will be repainted and display new graphics. A 70” television will be added to the dining room for upcoming Monday night football and other activities. A cheerleader buffet fundraiser will be held there soon. Pies will be added to the menu in the near future. The Star Card program will soon be available for all 3 meals of the day. A Grand Opening will be held on September 14, with a Top Hats ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 PM. Cornerstone has purchased the former Snack Haven business, but due to the highway construction it will not open until next spring. Interior work will be done this winter; other remodeling will modernize the building and enlarge it.

Reports:

- Fire Department – the new fire truck arrived in July, and fortunately it has not had to be used yet. The \$80,000-\$90,000 vehicle was paid with Steak Fry funds from the past 20 years and donations. There have been no recent fires. Fireworks went well. The annual Steak Fry will be held during the peasant season opener and those funds will go towards the next fire truck.
- City – the first reading of the budget was done at the August meeting and the second reading will be at the September meeting. Rebidding for Phase 2 of the construction project is being done with bids opened in October. Cameras have been installed at the compost bin. Employee health insurance will have a 10.3% decrease in premium cost. The State will repair the detour around the north part of town where the road is breaking up.
- School – Classes begin August 22, with the first full day of classes on August 23.
- Lions – there were 15 teams in the carp tournament. The first place team caught 34 carp. There was a tie for the largest carp at 17 ¼#. The Triathlon and 5K Run Walk were well attended. The community calendars are done. Members will be taking tickets at football games.
- Eureka Development – the Dave Ramsey Financial Course will be offered to the community with nine Sunday afternoon classes beginning on September 8th and will be lead by Pastor Ryan Gage. Welcome Wagon bags are being distributed in an ongoing project as people move to town; they have been well received by the recipients. All organizations with annual events can fill out a Calendar of Events form and have the event listed free in the Glacial Lakes & Prairies Tourism publication.
- Schmeckfest – the tractor drive to Ashley was a success. Plans have been set for the celebration to be held September 20-22. One change in the Tractor Pull is that there will be 2 divisions – Antique and a division for 1960-1971. Posters and schedules are being distributed.

Old Business: Anyone who has not yet paid dues can get them to Ivy Bossert, treasurer.

New Business: Five hundred Hunter Bags will be assembled this year, and all paid Chamber members can include items in the bags. The deadline for the items to be included is Schmeckfest weekend, and they can be dropped off at Ken’s Food Fair or the Information Center.

The Treasure Chest Christmas promotion will be held on Saturday, December 14. Plans are being made to expand the promotion and include more young entertainment.

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