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10th Annual B.A.D. Golf Outing

Our tenth annual Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing event is scheduled for Friday, May 29th. As one of the special events the Chamber sponsors each year, it is our hope that you've participated fully.

B.A.D. is a great chance to leave the routine of the office or shop and network

with other business people. It's an especially fun event where we celebrate being together as business people regardless of our capacity to golf!

Again this year the Cattlemen are grilling a picnic supper to conclude the event.

Besides coming to the course and/or

participating in the golf, there's a great opportunity to keep your name in front of the other business people by sponsoring a hole. Please note that the prices again this year, remain the same as we hold the line on expenses (but not the FUN).

It's a perfect day to invite your associates, vendors, team members, etc.!

Circus Coming to Town!

Every few years the Chamber has the opportunity to bring the Peres family and the Circus to town. This year we've been especially fortunate to have the Circus come to Emmetsburg on Friday, July 4th!

The Circus will help accentuate an already special day here in town. We still plan to have the kid's games at Soper Park,

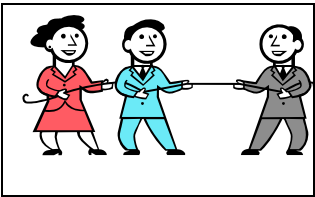
the Community Band play, the Mayoral address and the Veteran salute!

Circus shows will be at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We ask that our business community really work together with us to make this a successful and memorable event for our community.

Maybe you'd like to give away a Circus ticket to a customer or take a child you know to the show that day! However you decide to be part of the celebration... Let the kid in you come out and play!

Plan to attend the Circus this Fourth of July! It's a great slice of Americana and a wonderful way to support the Chamber.



Choices in Conflict

In every conflict situation you have several choices to make...

Do you avoid or engage? If you choose to engage, do you try to force your way and dominate, or do you work to resolve the problem using effective communication

techniques?

Imagine that your toughest communication challenges simply disappear because you know the secrets to true communication mastery.

There's no quicker way to get what you want

and need - and resolve and prevent conflict - than by becoming the master of your communication.

~Paul Endress



Biodiesel

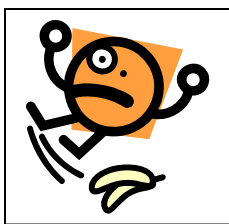
Having biodiesel available at the pump has many benefits for Iowa:

- ☑ It reduces our dependence on foreign oil
- ☑ It increases the use of biodiesel
- ☑ It creates high-skill, high-paying jobs in Iowa's energy industry
- ☑ It reduces carbon emissions by as much as 80 percent compared to conventional diesel

~ Senator Jack Kibbie

Iowa Facts and Trivia can be found online at:

<http://www.50states.com/facts/iowa.htm>



Slip, Trip & Fall Safety

Slip, trip & fall safety is one of the more difficult training programs to deliver. Why? Because workers seldom see it as a serious threat. Very few slips or trips are spectacular events ...

many are even viewed as comical.

But make no mistake – slip, trip & fall injuries have a big impact on both workers and their employers. These seemingly mundane workplace accidents

can result in serious injury and cost American businesses almost \$7 billion a year in lost production and overtime (according to a study by the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety).

Life Before Computers:

An application was for employment

A program was a TV show

A cursor used profanity

A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something that you lost with age

A CD was a bank account

And if you had a 3 1/2 floppy . . .you hoped nobody found out!

Compress was something you did to the garbage

Not something you did to a file

And if you unzipped anything in public,

You'd be in jail for a while!

Log on was adding wood to the fire

hard drive was a long trip on the road

A mouse pad was where a mouse lived

And a backup happened to your commode!

Cut - you did with a pocket knife

Paste you did with glue

A web was a spider's home

And a virus was the flu!

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper

And the memory in my head

I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash

But when it happens they wish they were dead!

Rosanne D'Ausilio, Ph.D.



How to Save Money on Office Supplies

By Teri J. Dwyer

Little Things Add Up

By giving some careful thought to how you can squeeze every cent out of your supply budget, you can save even more. Here are some tips to get you started:

*Think before you hit that print button.

Do you really need a hard copy, or can you edit online or store in an electronic file?

*Printer and fax paper can often be used more than once. Use both sides of a piece of paper before throwing it out.

*Save those printer cartridges. Check out local printer cartridge refill vendors

for substantial savings over new cartridges.

*Re-use standard supplies such as file folders and envelopes.

*Make double-sided copies when you can.

*Re-use packing material such as bubble pack or Styrofoam "peanuts".

**Little Things
Add Up**

Bring Your Pet to Work Day is Friday, June 26th, 2009.

Bring Your Pet to Work Day

A survey by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association indicates that having pets in the workplace can create a more productive work environment, lower stress, decrease employee absenteeism, and make employees more willing to work overtime. Companies that allow pets at work also have experienced improvement in employee morale. Partly due to the proliferation of small businesses, more and more companies allow pets in the workplace.

To encourage more companies to consider this option, Pet Sitters International began designating a Take Your Dog To Work Day in 1988. The event is usually the fourth Friday in June. In 2003, approximately 5,000 businesses participated in the event.

Consider the following guidelines and ideas to help make pets in the workplace a workable practice.

Plan for a safe,

successful visit:

- * Take only well-behaved pets who are comfortable and reliably safe around strangers. Leave pets who show aggressive tendencies towards people at home.

- * Make sure your dog understands the basic commands, such as SIT, STAY and DOWN.

- * Take only pups or dogs who have been socialized to people and other animals.

- * Leave pets with contagious conditions at home. Make sure pet vaccinations are up to date and that you have a current rabies certificate at hand (keep a copy at work if possible ... just in case). Also, it is best if your pet is spayed or neutered. Do not bring a pet who is in heat.

- * If other animals will be at the workplace, do not take a pet who displays aggression to other animals.

- * Use flea preventive before taking your pet to work. Also, brush and clip nails before office visits. And remember, smelly and

dirty pets can result in complaints.

- * Make sure your cubicle or office can comfortably accommodate your dog.

- * Make a list of items to bring, including bowls, food, treats, leash, pet carrier, toys, poop bags, clean up supplies (in case of an accident), etc. Use a leash that does not tangle easily.

At work:

- * Supervise pets closely. Each owner needs to act responsibly. Dogs must be kept on leash, and/or in a closed office or cubicle, or in a crate.

- * Post a note at your door indicating that you have a pet in your office. This way, you will avoid unpleasant surprises.

- * Owners can put a small folding fence or other sturdy barrier in front of their cubicle door so their pups cannot roam. Also, not all dogs like delivery people, providing another reason to keep dogs on leash.

Consider these guidelines & ideas to help make pets in the workplace a workable practice.

* Bring chew toys and a water bowl. But do not bring loud squeaky toys and other items that will distract or annoy coworkers.

* Reward your dog frequently for good behavior.

* Be respectful of people with allergies and those who are uncomfortable around dogs.

* Keep the dog quiet, especially during conference calls.

* Avoid taking dogs to company meetings.

* Designate pet-free zones such as conference rooms, restrooms and cafeterias.

Potty and exercise breaks ... and cleaning up:

* Plan your day so you can walk your dog outside a few times during the day. He or she may have to potty more often due to the excitement of visiting a new environment and people.

* Owners must clean up after their pets. The company should have poop bags handy and a garbage can located in a

convenient location outside so owners can easily clean up after pets.

* Three accidents and you're out: some companies allow only three bathroom accidents per dog and then they must stay at home until potty trained. An exception might be a young puppy that goes to the bathroom on newspapers laid out and cleaned up by the dog owner. Use a plastic liner beneath the papers. In any case, if your pet has an accident, clean it up or else you will risk complaints and turn the company off to the concept of pets at work.

* Do not leave water and food bowls and pet food out. Put them away before you leave the office.

Great ideas:

* Use your pets at work days to enlighten coworkers about pet overpopulation -- and to encourage adoption of dogs, cats and other animals from shelters and rescue groups. Several PAW and other rescue volunteers have done this in the past.

* The Humane Society of Greater Miami offers

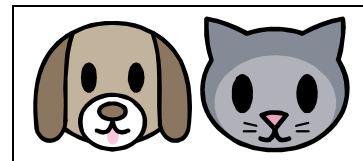
an inventive program to employers in South Florida. Their Four-Legged Funday initiative brings adoptable dogs and cats to visit employees to relieve job stress and find a furry friend to take home. Perhaps you can help your local shelter or rescue start a similar effort.

* If your company has a charity giving program, sign up to support an animal charity. See if your employee will make matching gift donations.

* Raise money for your local humane society, SPCA or animal welfare shelter by setting up an honor snack bar in the company's lunch or break room.

Several Emmetsburg businesses have pets at work!

Check out Emmetsburg Care Center's therapy dog online at: <http://www.abcmcorp.com/corporate>



Are you an Emmetsburg business with a pet on the premises? Read these great tips for pet success!

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Chamber Coffee Schedule

JUNE

5: Middle School,
new gym!

12: Extension office,
National Garden Club
Week

19: Laurens State
Bank

26: Zimmerman
Family Dental

JULY

3: No Coffee. Join us
at Soper Park & the
Circus at ILCC (2
p.m. & 4:30 p.m.)

10: Red Cross office

17: Farmer's
National Co.

24: Palo Alto Co. Fair

31: Northwest
Communications

Thank you for your avid participation in this opportunity to bring your business associates and community members into your place of business!

Remember to make the most of your Chamber Coffee: introduce new employees & products, conduct a drawing, give a tour, etc!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.emmetsburg.com

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