



**Iowa Falls Chamber Main Street
Quarterly Coffee
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Panther Den, Ellsworth Community College**



Chamber Main Street Director Diana Thies welcomed twenty-seven attendees to our quarterly coffee, and thanked both Times Citizen Communications and Ellsworth Community College for hosting us this morning.

Business Updates...

- **Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation, Tam Elerding:** It is HCCEF grant application time! Tam provided cards and encouraged attendees to apply by February 13. Apply online at www.endowhardinco.org. Call 641-373-1379 with questions.
- **Iowa State University Extension, Missy Crawford:** Located in the old GNB drive-through bank site on the south side of Iowa Falls, with office hours from 8:00-4:30 Monday through Thursday. Current programs include “Self-Care Strategies,” ways to relax and deal with stress, designed for a lunch and learn format over the noon hour. Call 641-648-4850 for questions and to schedule.
- **Top Flight Grille and Red’s Smokehouse, Keita Reynolds:** New menu at Red’s Smokehouse, to include a salad bar. “A Taste of Red’s, A Brazilian Steakhouse Experience, for Valentine’s Day is sold-out, but there are two additional opportunities on March 28 and April 25. Top Flight Grille is adding Bingo Night on Mondays, Dart League, take and bake pizzas, and online ordering.

Community Updates...

- **Ellsworth Community College, Barb Klein:** Currently in week two of current term classes, partnering with the trustees on the refurbishing of Kruse Main, looking forward to an upcoming production in the “new” auditorium, encouraged to consider Dale Howard Activity Center memberships, men’s basketball team currently ranked #4 in the nation, and “Panther Jam” on February 21 – for juniors and seniors in high school with one attendee receiving a \$5,000 ECC scholarship.
- **Scenic Living Communities, Kaitlynn Freese:** Partnering for pop-up meals to include February 12 at 11:00 am. “Dementia Friends Iowa” training on Friday, January 20, from 1:30 - 2:30 pm at Ashbrook Assisted Living. Quarterly health fairs open to the public and free: “Move with Confidence” yoga and pelvic therapy, February 12 at 2:00 pm at Cedar Ridge. “Shamrocks and Showings” open house at Cedar Ridge on Wednesday, March 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.
- **Calkin’s Nature Area, Davis Horton:** Youth ice fishing event coming up in a couple of weeks at Pine Lake, a fun activity for kids, with gear provided and no expense to attendees. Update on facility improvements at Calkins.

Chamber Updates...

- **Experience Iowa Falls, Stephanie Clark:** Thirteen eateries in Iowa Falls are participating in this program through April 23 to showcase our local Chamber restaurants. Participating eateries have cards that customers can have stamped and entered into a drawing to win \$25 in Chamber Bucks. Completed cards can be turned in at participating eateries, local banks, or the Chamber Office. Cards were handed out to attendees.
- **Chocolate Walk, Diana Thies:** Thursday, February 5, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Ten downtown businesses participating. Tickets are \$10 and are available at participating businesses and the Chamber Office. Join us for a sweet night of chocolate tasting and shopping.
- **Easter Egg Hunt, Diana Thies:** Will be asking for help from our local businesses as well as residents to help fill eggs within the next couple of weeks.
- **50125 Event, Mariah Schurman:** 50126 is our zip code, and on 5.01.26 (Friday, May 1, 2026), we are hosting a concert to showcase our downtown. The Dirty Rotten Scoundrels will open for the Pork Tornadoes from 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Look for the event on Facebook and share it.
- **Trivia Night, Diana Thies:** Will be held at Highland on Saturday, March 28. Cost is \$20 per person, with teams up to ten.
- **Shopping and Dining Guides, Diana Thies:** New shopping and dining guides will be available in March. Current guides and new maps were provided to attendees.

Additional Update...

- **City of Iowa Falls, Mike Emerson:** A shout-out to City of Iowa Falls employees for all of their work during the winter snow and cold. City is working on and planning upcoming events. New housing at Heritage area on the west side of town and on River Road. Welcome to new city council member Gumaro Valencia.
- **Community Coffee Social at Hansen Family Hospital:** First and third Tuesdays of every month at 2:30 pm in the Hansen Family Hospital Cafeteria – visit with other community members and enjoy some warm coffee on us...
- **Thank you to all attendees!**
- **Next Quarterly Coffee will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 8:00 a.m.** at The Panther Den. If you have news or updates to share, please contact the Chamber Office. If you are interested in hosting (coffee and breakfast), also please contact the Chamber Office.

Adjourned at 9:00 a.m.