



### Citizenship Classes At SCC Mt. Pleasant:

Evening Classes every Tuesday at 6pm.  
Morning Classes will start on Tuesday, March 6 at 10am. For more information please call (319) 385-9450 .

### Word of Inspiration:

*“There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: Those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed.”*

**Ray Goforth**

# EMPOWER RESOURCE

### FYI:

- > February 3, 2007– New Iowan Center Mt. Pleasant Office has been open for 3 straight months. It has helped out with 672 services (varying from Job Assistance, Legal Assistance, Immigration Assistance, Interpretations, Translations, Housing, Citizenship Classes, Business Issues, Referral to Other Agencies, etc)...Thank you Mt. Pleasant community and to all the partner agencies & organizations that have made New Iowan Centers opening a success!



## NEW IOWAN CENTERS

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### New Iowan Centers: Vision & Purpose

Initially New Iowan Centers were created with a specific vision and purpose. In 1999, Gov. Thomas Vilsack formed the bi-partisan Strategic Planning Council to create a vision for Iowa in 2010. The Council determined that one of the greatest challenges facing the state was population loss. Iowa needs 310,000 new people by 2010 in order to assure the state's economic and social health. They proposed 3 ways to achieve this goal: 1. Encouraging Iowans who left the state to “come home”, 2. Convincing young Iowans to stay after they graduate from high school and college, 3. and Attracting and accommodating immigrants and refugees.

Thus New Iowan Centers was born: **“Legislative Language about The New Iowan Centers Immigration Service Centers** The department of Workforce Development shall establish pilot immigration service centers that offer one-stop services to deal with the multiple issues related to immigration and employment. The pilot centers shall be designed to support workers, businesses, and communities with information, referrals, job placement assistance, translation, language training, resettlement, as well as technical and legal assistance on such issues as forms and documentation. Through the coordination of local, state, and federal service providers, and through

the development of partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit entities with established records of international service, these pilot centers shall seek to provide a seamless service delivery system for new Iowans.”

Through the years the Vision and Purpose has been notably expanded, build up, and multiplied. *Expanded* in type of services given to individuals, communities and businesses. *Build up* through up-to-date technology and continuous training, and *multiplied* in the number of office sites throughout the State of Iowa.

The name remains the same, but New Iowan Centers is open to **EVERYBODY!** Come by and visit us!

*Source: New Iowan Centers Advisory Committee Handbook*

### Listing of New Iowan Centers Services:

Job search*	Notary Public Service	Translation (English/Spanish)
Resume Making	Taxes/ITIN Issues	Access to Internet Information
Job Interview Techniques	Social Security Issues	Immigration Assistance Access
Job Placement*	Clothing Issues	Immigration Forms
Education Information	Food Issues	Immigration Presentations
Citizenship Classes	Healthcare Issues	Diversity Trainings
Money Smart Classes	Housing/Rental Issues	Employment Related Trainings
Legal Assistance Access	Relocation Issues	Unemployment Information
Human/Civil Right Issues	Referral to Partner Agencies	*You need to be registered with Iowa Workforce for this service.
Business Development	Interpretation (English/Spanish)	

**HOUSING**

*Fifteen Tools Every Family Should Own:*

- Toolbox
- Hammer
- Pry Bar
- Vise-grips
- Needle-nose Pliers
- Screwdrivers
- Wire Cutter/Stripper
- Tape Measure
- Electrical Tester
- Reversible Drill w/ Bit Set
- 1/2 inch Steel Chisel
- Utility Knife
- Handsaw
- 9 inch Torpedo Level
- Safety Glasses

*Source: Jay McDonald*

**The Empower Resource is an extension of New Iowan Centers designed to empower you by giving you access to the right tools, information and knowledge of opportunities, in order to help you succeed as an individual, community and/or an employer. Next Issue shall be an amplified version of this Introductory First Edition.**

**FINANCES**

**Money Smart Classes:**

**Financial Education for Everybody**

Money Smart, a training program to help adults outside the financial mainstream enhance their Money skills and create positive banking relationships. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health and well being.

**The 10 Money Smart Training Modules:**

- Bank On It
- Borrowing Basics
- Check It Out
- Money Matters
- Pay Yourself First
- Keep It Safe
- To Your Credit
- Charge It Right
- Loan To Own
- Your Own Home

***Sign-up at New Iowan Centers for the first workshop starting in April 2007.***



**New Iowan Centers  
Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm  
Outreach Visits on a  
Scheduled Basis Only.**

**Events, News & Updates:**

**It's TAX SEASON again!  
Free Tax Preparation Site:**

Mt. Pleasant Senior Ctr.  
300 W. Monroe St.  
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641  
Available from Feb. 1 to April 15, 2007.  
Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. No need for appointment.  
Tel: (319)256-7206.

**Free Online Tax Filing:**

Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "2007 Free File" then under Free File: Getting Started click on "Start Now!" button. Choose from a variety of sites.

**Available Resources & Info  
At New Iowan Centers:**

- Making the Road to COLLEGE Easier by College Planning Center (a division of Iowa Student Loan).
- Mutual Self-Help Housing Program by SEIRPC.
- Henry County Habitat for Humanity Brochure and Application.
- Iowa Small Business Development Center Spring 2007 Workshop Schedule by SBDC.
- Small Business Resource for Iowa by U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).
- Listing of ResCare Services of Henry County.
- The Family Connection Brochure & Information.
- Sign-up for Money Smart Classes.
- Info and Application for Preschool Scholarships by Healthy Henry County Communities for Henry County Residents.