

# E-Newsletter

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

Dear Chamber Member,

A couple of very successful High School Tours have come and gone and a big thanks to Boone High School instructors Erica Wolfe and Jim Fitzgerald for coordinating the kids and buses, and our tour stops: 905 Ink, Joe Busch Ag Repair, Ledges State Park, Beaver Creek Produce, APC, and Boone Rehabilitation Services. The kids get a great sampling of careers and opportunities within the business world...everywhere from starting your own business to filling some of the highly skilled needs of local industry. We will schedule another four tours for 2017 and would encourage your business to host a stop, or become a sponsor of the tours. Look for details in our 2017 Members Guide which will be coming out in December.

Also a thanks to Tom Lashier with LRI Resources for a very informative Seminar on Facebook and Twitter this last Tuesday. We'll look to conduct two to three of these valuable workshops in 2017 as well.

We're busy in the budgeting process for next year and along with Alyssa Knudsen and Kris Blocker on our staff we have plans to energize some of our traditional Chamber and CVB events and programs, and maybe throw out some new ideas too to continue to raise the bar of value for your membership. Got an idea you'd like to share? Give us a call, email or stop in!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,



Kurt R. Phillips, Executive Director  
Boone County Chamber of Commerce

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BAMA Trick or Treat**

**October 27th**

**Harvest Omelet  
Breakfast**

**November 3rd**

**Holiday Open House**

**November 12 & 13**

**Holiday Lighted  
Parade**

**December 1**

## Upcoming Events:

WELCOME Deery Brothers of Ames, our newest Chamber member!

Show your support for our State Sen. Jerry Behn by attending a campaign rally at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at our Victory Office, 819 Story St. Sen. Behn's special guests will be Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.



**17th Annual Outstanding Business/Workplace Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards.** The Awards recognize outstanding recycling and waste reduction efforts by businesses and workplaces located in the service area of the Boone County Landfill. The deadline to submit nominations is November 7, 2016. Questions about the Awards Programs can be referred to Lois Powers, Administrator, Boone County Landfill/Recycling Center, at (515) 433-0591. Also look online at [www.boonecounty.iowa.gov](http://www.boonecounty.iowa.gov)

Boone County Chamber of Commerce **Harvest Omelet Breakfast**, November 3rd. 6am-9am at the Boone County Fairgrounds Community Building. \$6 per plate, includes an omelet, sweet rolls, coffee and juice. Proceeds going towards 4-H and FFA Scholarships.

The Boone Area Merchants Association will host their annual **Trick-or-Treat night** in downtown Boone on October 27th from 5pm-7pm. Donations going to Shop with a Cop.



**Do you want to pay less in taxes?** Make a donation to a school tuition organization. As long as you have Iowa state tax credit liability you can take advantage of this incredible opportunity! Credits go fast— December 1st deadline! Example based on a 25% tax bracket, \$1,000 gift:

***\$1,000 donation - \$650 state tax savings - \$250 federal tax savings = \$100 cost.***

Contact Betty Ann in the Sacred Heart Development Office, 515-432-1971 or [shdev@mchsi.com](mailto:shdev@mchsi.com)

Ericson Public Library **Book Discussion Group**, October 18th at 7pm.



**Boone Lions Club Turkey Dinner**, November 4th from 4:30pm - 7:00pm at the Fairground Community Building. \$12 per adult and \$6.50 per child 10 and under. Contact any Boone Lions Club member or call 515-432-4639 to get your tickets!

The **ELECTRONIC SIGN** on Mamie and Story St. is back and operating! Available for non-profits, \$2 a day, stop by the chamber, fill out a form and we'll get your message up for all to see!

**Terry Fisk— Iowa Ghosts and the Afterlife.** Join the Ericson Public Library for a discussion of haunted locations in Iowa personally investigated by Mr. Fisk, including photos, case histories, eyewitness accounts, and ghost lore. October 24th, 7pm, 2nd floor meeting room.



**KWBG Radio's Fall Auction Block** takes the air on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21! Certificates for goods and services from great local businesses will be auctioned at huge savings starting at about 8:40 each day. Set your speed dial to 432-1590 or 432-2046 and get ready to bid, buy and Save!!!! Items will be listed on the auction tab at [www.kwbg.com](http://www.kwbg.com).