

E-Newsletter

Monday, February 1, 2016

Dear Chamber Member,

Gas? Check. Oil? Check. Shovel? Check. Chiropractor appointment set? Yes, another “snowmageddon” is on its way, but not before Iowa’s “first in the Nation” caucuses take center stage. I cannot recall more interest in the caucusing process than the level of interest being shown this year. I have to believe that there will be a record turnout tonight.

After the storm (caucus and snow) things will settle back into a norm for most Iowans. The Chamber is counting down the days to the 2016 Home and Garden Show, being held February 26th and 27th at the Boone County Fairgrounds. A few booths still remain. Call the Chamber for more info. Hard to believe but the Annual Meeting is just over one month away and we’re excited to have **Dan Winters, WHO-TV** anchorman as our guest and keynote speaker. The Chamber Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th at 11:30am, Fareway Conference Center. Call the Chamber or click here to reserve your tickets. That same week on Thursday, March 10th we celebrate 4H and FFA by raising scholarship dollars at our annual spring Ag Omelet Breakfast. Custom-made omelets, Celebrity-cooked. Hard to beat them eggs!

Grab your coldgear, parka and muk-luks and have a great week.

Sincerely,



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS


February 2—Leadership Program has been rescheduled


Feb. 20 – Chamber Forum


Feb. 26 & 27—Home & Garden Show


March 8 – Chamber Annual Meeting


Upcoming Events:

 **Upcoming events at the Ericson Public Library:** Feb. 1—Martha Speaks Reading Program begins; Feb. 5 Color Me Coffee @ 10 am; Feb. 6—"Take your child to the Library Day" Storytime @ 10 am. Find more event listings click [here](#).


 **Upcoming Events at the Iowa Arboretum:** New This Winter Sunday **Sketchers** Sunday, February 7 from 1 am - 3 PM. Questions? Please call Nan, our education coordinator, at 515-230-9245. \$10 per class per member, \$15 per class per nonmember

 **Hurry, spaces are filling quickly!** The **2016 Home Show** will be held Friday, February 26th & Saturday the 27th. Vendor/booth sign-up forms are available online. Click here for more information.

 A **Sibling Class** will be held February 24, 6 p.m., Boone County Hospital 4th Floor Conference Room. This sibling class for 2 to 10 year olds helps children prepare and accept the arrival of a newborn. To register, call the Family Birth Center, 433-8400.

 **Upcoming Show at the Boone Community Theatre: Mark Twain's—The Diaries of Adam and Eve.** Click here for show dates.

In late **2015 Chamber members** participated in a survey regarding the health and outlook of the economy. **Survey results** have been tabulated and you can view the [results here](#).

 The **107th Chamber Annual Meeting** has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th at 11:30am, Fareway Conference Center. You can reserve your tickets by clicking here.

Boone Noon Kiwanis Pork Chop Dinner Fund-Raiser will be Monday, March 7th from 5:30-7 pm at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Dine-In/Carry-Out/Drive-Thru Available. For more information click here.



Boone Winner of H&R Block's 1,000 Win: \$1,000 Sweepstakes Celebrates at Tax Office. H&R block is putting the "fun" back in Refund Season. Alexia Segó a local winner of the H&R Block 1,000 Win \$1,000 Daily Sweepstakes, celebrates at the H&R Block office at 814 Story St, Boone and is presented with a giant check. From left, Alexia Segó and tax preparer, LeaAnn Carlson, EA join in on the Jan. 25th festivities. For more information, visit www.hrblock.com/grand.

You're Invited to EXIT After Hours on Thurs, Feb. 4 from 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Enjoy some appetizers, network with other area REALTORS, and hear Bill Pankonin, Regional Owner of EXIT Realty Upper Midwest speak about being a successful REALTOR in today's market. Location: The Gateway Hotel, The Iowa Stater Restaurant 2100 Green Hills, Ames, IA. For more information click here.

Boone High Students Plans to Educate Community with Meal Packaging and Hunger Banquet. Boone High TAG students are partnering with The Outreach Program to tackle Iowa hunger and educate students and the community about food insecurity on Friday, February 12th, at Boone High School. Students will also be hosting a Hunger Banquet 6:00 p.m. The Hunger Banquet is a free interactive, simulation event meant to educate the community on the struggles of poverty and food insecurity. Commodities for each meal will cost \$0.25. All donations are welcome and tax deductible. For more information click here.

REMINDER: THE CHAMBER HAS MOVED TO THE CITY HALL

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