

# E-Newsletter

Monday, February 8, 2016

Dear Chamber Member,

Today's word of the day is **SURVEY**. Back in November of 2015 we gave you an opportunity to take an economic outlook survey put together by the Baker Strategy Group. The survey was directed at Chambers across Canada and the US. The results are now in and show the aggregate findings of the survey as well as break out the answers that came from our member businesses. Follow [this link](#) to see what the optimism is for our economy.

On a more local level, I've had the pleasure of representing Boone County on the Tri-County "Parks to People" Master Plan committee. Along with Webster and Hamilton counties, we are looking to brand and reinvigorate our region to promote tourism, health, arts, our heritage, state, county and local parks, trails and community vitality. You have a chance to offer your input in a couple of ways. **One** - take the survey linked [here](#) and share your ideas on ways we can work together to boost our region. **Two** - attend the Boone County public open house for this initiative scheduled for Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, Boone City Hall second floor auditorium. This initiative is partly funded by a \$20,000 Iowa Parks Foundation grant. We hope to synthesize the information gathered and have a final plan ready by early summer 2016.

Lastly, our Annual Recognition Awards will be announced in March. Nominate an Industry leader, Entrepreneur or Volunteer of the Year by [submitting their name here](#).

Be safe this week.

*Kurt R. Phillips*

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 20 — Chamber Forum

Feb. 26 & 27 — Home & Garden Show

March 8 — Chamber Annual Meeting

## Notes:

The Chamber's Event Coordinator *Emily McColloch* will be moving on at the end of this week. She has been a big part of our success these past four years and we wish her the best in her new career.

## Upcoming Events:



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.

**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.](#)

The **107th Chamber Annual Meeting, presented by VisionBank**, has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th at 11:30am, Fareway Conference Center. WHO-TV anchorman Dan Winters will be our special guest. Ticket are just \$25 and you can reserve them by [clicking here.](#)



**Boone High School Meal Packaging and Hunger Banquet is this Friday** Boone High TAG students are partnering with The Outreach Program to tackle Iowa hunger and educate students and the community about food insecurity this 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.

***REMINDER: THE CHAMBER OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED AT THE BOONE CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR ADMINISTRATION***