

E-Newsletter

Monday July 11th, 2016

Dear Chamber Member,

A cooperative Mother Nature provided sunny and warm weather for this past weekend's Municipal Band Festival and a dash of moisture to improve the outlook for farmers. Things are looking good for tomorrow's Mike Scheurman Open, the Boone County Hospital's Foundation fundraiser. Make sure you grab some sunscreen!

The Chamber has been fielding phone calls for the past couple of months regarding an inundation of pipeline work crews. Numbers range from 200 to 300 workers coming to our area to work for the next three to four months. Many of them come with their families will live in our area campgrounds and hotels for that time period. Word is they tend to work six days a week and shop on Sundays, which creates an interesting dilemma for small town business which, in most cases, are closed on that day. Factor in these crews, a Farm Progress Show, SuperNationals, Pufferbilly Days™, the Thomas the Tank Engine event, and the otherwise peak tourism season for Boone County and things should be hopping for the next few months.

The Chamber is pleased to welcome Kris Blocker to our staff as the Manager of Member Services and Convention and Visitors Bureau. Kris previously worked with the Marshalltown Chamber and is excited to meet our existing and prospective members. She will be reaching out to many of you over the next few months to make sure we are providing the level of service you need. She'll also be coordinating the CVB's initiatives including the State Fair Booth and its volunteers, media campaigns and event support such as the Bluff Creek Triathlon, which will bring over 250 athletes from all over the US to Don Williams County Park on Sunday, July 31st. Greet her warmly when she stops by your business.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Boone County Fair
July 21st-24th
Business After Five
Chamber of Commerce
July 19th 5pm
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Public Open House
July 19th 1-5pm

Upcoming Events:



July 21st-26th, **Country Nights & Carnival Lights of the Boone County Fair!** Highlights include: Sam's Amusements Carnival, Great Grandstand shows including, Truck Pull, Mud Race, Mutton Busting & Draft Horse Obstacle Course. FREE concerts: Hawk McIntyre & the Skunk River Band. Sunday-Funday including dozens of crafters, free inflatables, face painting & balloon art! Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Car Seat Safety Checks are available through Boone County Hospital. Call 433-8196 if you would like a car seat safety technician to install your child's safety seat correctly.

Habitat for Humanity of Iowa has announced the selection of Erich Kretzinger, executive director at Heart of Iowa Habitat for Humanity, to serve on the state association board of directors.



This month's **CVB meeting** is scheduled on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Board Room.



Poetry in the Park at Ericson Public Library. Read your favorite poem or listen to other poetry in the courtyard. July 16th at 1pm.

It's time to go **CRAZY!** Crazy Day is on July 30th from 7am-3pm. Head downtown for insane deals, a free lunch, and kids activities!

The **Books are Fun Book Fair** will be held July 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 28, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Boone County Hospital (BCH) Atrium. Enjoy books, toys and gift items at discounted prices. Sponsored by the BCH Foundation.

Britches and Hose, the ukulele band to melt all faces! Hosted by Ericson Public Library July 12th, 6:00pm in the garden square.



The **Pufferbilly Days™ Art & Craft Show** will be held on Saturday, September 10th through Sunday, September 11th. Come downtown to check out all the unique art and crafts others have created. To have your own booth at the craft fair you can get a complete application by going to www.pufferbillydays.com. If you have any questions, call Alyssa at 515-432-3342 or email events@booneiowa.us. See you at Pufferbilly Days™ September 8th-11th!

A big **THANK YOU** shout out goes to Tim Modeland with Modeland Machine and Welding. Tim has fixed Pufferbilly Days™ equipment on numerous occasions. Thanks for volunteering your time and help, Tim!