

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

This week we transition to another month, which, in my estimation, is a month of transition (still with me?). February, being as short as it is, continues the trend of cold winter weather and its commitment to clearing roads, driveways and sidewalks. It is also a popular time for professional development workshops, annual conferences, and company planning retreats. Today and tomorrow finds me doing a little of all of the above as I'll first tackle the statewide issues facing chambers of commerce with the Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executive planning meetings, a group with which I recently accepted a board position. Tuesday I'll jump on over to tourism with the Iowa Destination Marketing Alliance winter meetings, followed by the Travel Federation of Iowa Legislative luncheon and Showcase.

But February is also the month when winter begins to relinquish its chokehold on cold weather and teases us with a few days of warm, melting breezes. Before we exit the month however, we bring you the annual Home and Garden Show, presented by **Hy-Vee**, to the Boone County Fairgrounds on the 24th and 25th. Check out the back of the latest Boone Living magazine for some details, or go to BooneIowa.us for a listing of the vendors that will be showing that weekend.

Also be looking for details on our **2017 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting**, Tuesday, March 7th at 11:30am, presented by **VisionBank**. Look inside the Chamber Express for all the details, coming to you later this week.

Enjoy the brief respite from the cold the next few days and have a great week!

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CHAMBER EVENTS

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| <p>Chamber Legislative Forum February 18th</p> | <p>Boone County Home & Garden Show February 24 & 25th</p> | <p>Business After 5 DMACC February 28th</p> |
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

2017-2018 Kindergarten Parent Meeting, January 31st, 6pm in the Boone High School Commons.

Congratulations to The Flat Tire for winning **2017 Best of Iowa Cycling**– Best Restaurant or Bar and Best Bike Ride/Event. Way to go!



Toreador Basketball Middle School Family Night, Friday February 10th. FREE to all 5th-8th graders. Girls Varsity @ 6pm, Player Autographs @ 7pm and Boys Varsity @ 7:30pm.

Boone Noon Kiwanis Windsor Pork Chop Dinner, Monday, March 6th from 5pm-6:30pm at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Contact any Boone Noon Kiwanis Member for tickets. Adults- \$12, Kids- \$5.00. Tickets also available at the door.



Come and meet Pig at the Ericson Public Library! Find out what really happens if you give a pig a pancake. Pig will be stopping by for pictures, stories, and fun on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th. Check out the Ericson Public Library website for more information.

The Boone County Convention & Visitors Bureau has established a **Community Enhancement Grant** utilizing \$2,000 in funds that have been earmarked for marketing events exhibiting positive tourism potential to the Boone County area. The goal of the Community Enhancement Grant would be to assist in the events that we believe have the potential to grow substantially. The Community Enhancement Grant will be awarded on an individual case basis. Fill out a copy of the grant by going to www.visitboonecounty.com or stop in the Chamber office at 903 Story Street, Boone. If you have any questions feel free to contact Kris at (515) 432-3342 or office@booneiowa.us.



Exhibitor Booths are filling fast for the Boone County Home and Garden Show, February 24th and 25th. Vendors are invited to a FREE party Friday night after the show opening. Contact Alyssa to get your prime spot on the floor at events@booneiowa.us.

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