

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

To borrow an old friend's line: "I am a fool for breakfast!" I mean, who doesn't love a hot, fresh, custom-made-to-order omelet with all the fixins'? Throw in cinnamon rolls, donuts, hot coffee, juice, milk and the entertainment value that comes from our line-up of celebrity chefs and you have a recipe for the Harvest Omelet Breakfast for 4H and FFA scholarships this Thursday morning. Just \$6 at the Boone County Fair Community Building from 6am to 9am. Wake-up with some egg on your face (so to speak). Thanks to our sponsors: Fareway, VisionBank, US Bank, Boone Bank, AgriGro, Boone County Farm Bureau, Boone County Fairgrounds, and the Boone County Pork Producers!

Good things have been brewing in economic development for many months and at least two of them will finally break ground this week. The Chamber and Boone County Economic Growth Corporation will be hosting groundbreakings at the Boone Business Park (just south of Highway 30) on Tuesday, 12-noon for the new Boulders Inn and Suites Hotel and Fareway Conference Center. Then, Wednesday, we'll do it all over again with Pioneer Property Management turning dirt at the corner of Hawkeye Drive and South Delaware (near the Fareway grocery store) for their 50-unit Alice Place senior living complex, also scheduled for 12-Noon that day. These two projects, along with construction commencing for United Bank of Iowa and Ogden Telephone Company's Boone offices will keep things hoppin' on the south side throughout the winter.

We're just over one week away from municipal elections. I can't recall a more contested set of races across central Iowa communities for some time. Municipal elections typically have lower voter turnout, but I am hopeful you will find your way to the polls on Tuesday, November 7th to engage the political process and exercise your right to vote.

If you haven't already, make a note to set your clocks back (you know, "fall back, spring ahead"?) one hour this weekend, then plan to get up with the sun, but go home in the dark. Enjoy the autumn weather and have a great week.

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CHAMBER EVENTS

Harvest Omelet Breakfast– November 2nd

Business After 5– November 8th- Hy-Vee

BAMA Holiday Open Houses– November 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th

Chamber CONNECT Seminar– November 14th

Holiday Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting– November 30th

MEMBER EVENTS

Chamber CONNECT Seminar, November 14th, 11am at the Ericson Public Library. Join us for "Training with Industry" a CIRAS program that provides a proven method to teach workplace leaders to develop employees for peak performance and improve the way every job is done. Chamber Members: \$15, Non-Chamber Members: \$20. Lunch is provided. Contact Alyssa at 432-3342 or events@booneiowa.us for more information or to get signed up.

BAMA Holiday Open Houses, November 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th. Remember to shop local this holiday season!



Join **EOR** as they celebrate an **Open House** on Tuesday, November 14th from 4-6pm. Food and beverages provided. (2335 230th St. Ames, IA)



Join the Ericson Public Library for **NASA Academy– Exploring Mars (Drones and ROVs)**. November 1st at 1:45pm.

Trees and Treasures 2017 Holiday Festival in the Boone County Hospital Atrium. November 11, 9am-4pm, and November 12, 11am-2pm. Enjoy a silent auction of decorated trees, wreaths, holiday treasures, as well as 20 percent off on gifts in Gifts Galore. Enjoy homemade treats, holiday music and door prizes. Proceeds will benefit the BCH Auxiliary.



Interested in learning more about how your business can use Home Base Iowa to connect with veterans? Register for the **Home Base Iowa Business Partner Summit** on Tuesday, November 7th from 1-3pm. Click the link below to get registered.



Stay safe while shopping online this holiday season with **Safe Online Shopping** with Steve Pacholski of Breeze Internet. Monday, November 6th at 6:30pm, 2nd floor meeting room at the Ericson Public Library.

Wrappin' at the Arboretum, Saturday, November 11 from 8am to noon. Enjoy a breakfast burrito wrap and stroll into the Arboretums gift shop to discover all your holiday gift needs. Breakfast fee: \$8

Holiday Lighted Parade, November 30th at 7pm. Get entered today! Any business, group, family or individual can participate. Company vehicles are welcomed! Just remember entries must be lighted. Click the link below for an entry form.



Have an upcoming event? Sale? New employee? Announcement? Adding your company's information in the Boone County Brief is FREE and easy! Just send your information to Alyssa at [**events@booneiowa.us**](mailto:events@booneiowa.us)

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