

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

Our staff was scattered all over the place on Friday with Kris Blocker in Omaha for the Travel and Sports Show, and Alyssa Knudsen and our intern Raeann Hanlon out at the 2017 Home and Garden Show. Me? I was holding down the fort, playing receptionist and fending off the waves of ice and snow. The challenging Friday weather didn't keep all of the hardy lowans away from the Home Show and Saturday's nice turn-around allowed a few hundred more to make it by to see the latest in lawn, garden, windows, siding, and the like. A huge thank you to Hy-Vee as presenting Sponsor, and the Boone County Fairgrounds for their prompt parking lot maintenance during the storm. Also, a shout-out again to Kenny Gute with Spring Green, who has voluntarily chaired this event for many years.

This months' Business After 5 is at the Des Moines Area Community College in the Lloyd Courter Center (parking available out front and behind the center). Dr. Drew Nelson and his staff are rolling out the red carpet for our members tomorrow night from 5 to 7pm. DMACC is one of the nation's premier community colleges and we're lucky to have them in Boone County. Stop in to network with college staff and others. We'll use the tail end of the week to make final preparations for our 108th Annual Meeting, presented by VisionBank, next Tuesday, March 7th at 11:30am, at the Fareway Conference Center. A full course meal catered by Jimmy's BBQ, followed by a brief state of the Chamber meeting and an energetic keynote from Tiffany Tauscheck with the Greater Des Moines Partnership will follow. Tickets are available now through Friday for just \$25 by contacting Alyssa Knudsen at 432-3342, or via email at events@booneiowa.us.

And you breakfast lovers (and ag supporters!) need to make a note to join us for the Spring Ag Omelet Breakfast next Thursday the 9th, from 6am to 9am, also at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Grab a \$6-custom-made-all-the-fixin's-celebrity-cooked-omelet-with-juice-coffee-and-cinnamon-rolls, and help support FFA and 4H scholarship.

It may be Girls State this week, but our lion (March) is coming in more like a lamb. Have a great week!

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CHAMBER EVENTS

Business After 5 DMACC February 28th

Annual Meeting Fareway Conference Center March 7th

Spring Ag Omelet Breakfast March 9

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Boone County Freedom Flight Spaghetti Dinner, March 12th, 11am-1pm at Sacred Heart School Gym. Adults \$8, Children under 8 \$4. Enjoy a delicious meal and help send a new group of Boone County Veterans to Washington D.C.

"Boone County Freedom Flight Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Boone County Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to submit Freedom Flight events and articles to the Chamber Express and Boone Brief. Such extensive coverage at no cost is truly invaluable! Thank you for your continuing support of the 2017 Boone County Freedom Flight."



All you can eat Soup Supper for a 501C non profit organization to establish a local Dialysis Center for the people of Boone County. March 24th at the Boone History Center from 5-7pm. Tickets are \$7.00 and available for purchase at Duncan Htg & Plbg. Silent auction including ISU signed football, signed basketball and team posters. Raffle for a whole hog.

The Fourth Annual Bulldog Ball hosted by the Ogden Alumni Association will take place on March 25th, at TK's Event Center from 4pm-11pm. \$35 dollars per person. Call 515-450-1396 for questions or to reserve your tickets.



Paying for College: Navigating Financial Aid and Other Tips. Monday, February 27th, 6:30pm at the Ericson Public Library. Listen to Ean Freels, Director of Financial Aid at DMACC as he discusses what you need to make the process easier.

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 .

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