

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

March Madness, like business, can be totally unpredictable. Based on the obliteration of my picks, I think I'll stick with business.

We held our first legislative forum this past Saturday, presented by VisionBank, and as expected, a standing room only crowd packed the second floor of the Ericson Public Library to hear from Sen. Jerry Behn, and Rep.'s Chip Baltimore and Rob Bacon. Newly elected County Supervisor Chad Behn was also on hand. Collective bargaining got the most chatter, while the review of tax credits, water quality initiatives, and workman's comp discussions was also covered. Heated exchanges nationally at these types of functions continue to dot the news. While emotions were high this past weekend, I am happy to report that the discourse here in Boone County remained relatively civil. Our next forum is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th.

Convention and Visitors Bureau members are encouraged to RSVP to Kris Blocker to attend the CVB Annual Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at Seven Oaks Recreation. This is always a great way to kick off the tourism season.

Mayor Dirk Ringgeberg in Madrid has forwarded the Chamber the name of a former Army reservist who is working on his mechanical engineering degree at ISU, and is looking for an internship in our area. If you've got an opening, or could use the highly trained skills of a veteran, give us a call and we'll connect you to this gentleman. NOTE: we are in the final stages of applying for **Home Base Iowa** certification for Boone County, and this is exactly the type of individuals we can attract with this program.

Have a great week.

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

BOONE COUNTY BRIEF SPONSORED BY:



CHAMBER EVENTS

Business Before Hours
Chamber of Commerce
March 21th

Business After Hours
Salvation Army
March 28th

CVB Annual Banquet
April 11

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WELCOME to our newest Chamber Member: The Ogden Reporter, GDS Home Solutions, and Red-Door Mini Storage

CONGRATULATION to Chad Houston, the new owner of Kruck Plumbing & Heating!

Business After 5: March 28th at the Salvation Army (503 Benton St, Church Building). Please bring a non perishable food item to help support the Salvation Army. Food, beverages, Cabela's Gift Card drawing, and more!

RIVER VALLEY FESTIVAL, Boone– May 5th, 6th, and 7th. Fun for the whole family! For more information check out their website, www.boonerivervalleyfestival.com

The **Boone County Freedom Flight Committee** would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the BCFF Spaghetti Dinner such a success! Thank you to Sacred Heart Church men, women and youth, Deacon Darwin Messerly, Steve Pfannes, Boone Fareway, Boone HyVee, Barilla America, Inc.

May flowers start in March! Join Sarah Funk of Maple Ridge Flower Farm at the Ericson Public Library as she talks about starting flowers seeds in soil blocks. Get your garden started early at the library!

CVB Annual Banquet will take place on April 11th, starting at 5:30 at Seven Oaks Recreation. Jenna Beary with Iowa Travel Tourism will be the guest speaker. Dinner provided. Contact Kris at 432-3342 or office@booneiowa.us for more information.

The **Daybreaker Kiwanis Annual Ham Dinner** will be Monday, March 27th, from 5 to 7pm at the Boone County Fairgrounds Community Building. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. Purchase yours from any club member or at the door. Dine in, Carry out or take advantage of the oh-so-efficient Drive thru. Proceeds from the ham dinner will help fund: scholarships for Boone High seniors, Shop with a Cop, Boone Little League, Crawford Hall, to name a few.

KWBG's 'Who's Minding the Shop', April 3-28th. Listeners will be given an opportunity to call in to try to win by identifying who is Minding the Shop. The caller will be given a choice of three sponsors from which to choose. The caller tells who they think is minding the shop, and then the station plays the pre-selected announcement, voiced by a store owner/employee. If the caller guesses correctly, he or she will win an entry in the weekly drawing.

The Chamber is working with a company that would like to lease a small office space for their area rep. If you have this type of space or are willing to sublease an area of your building, please call Kurt at 432-3342.

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