

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017**

Dear Chamber Member,

Around the country Chambers of Commerce take a different approach to their annual events. Some hire entertainers...hypnotists, comedians and the like. In 2011 we made the decision to make our Annual Meeting an informative, enlightening event, yet offer an entertaining message you can apply to your daily business life. And while we *juggle* our agenda to make it all fit in in 1 ½ hours, and I have been known to *crack a joke or two*, our members continuously tell us that the noon day power meeting is the format they like the best. And so we're excited to host the Boone County Chamber of Commerce 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting tomorrow, 11:30am, at the Fareway Conference Center, presented by VisionBank. Tickets have been going fast and another capacity crowd is expected to hear about the current state of the Chamber, honor some incredible people and businesses, and hear from one of central Iowa's most powerful organizations, the Greater Des Moines Partnership. Tiffany Tauscheck, the GDP's Chief Communication's officer will provide an overview of the pulse of business and industry in our region.

**Oh, and the egg on my face?** Well, anyone who has witnessed my award winning (cough) omelet-making skills can attest to the dangers of standing too close to my skillet at our semi-annual Ag Omelet Breakfasts. Thursday morning this week, from 6am to 9am, a dozen or so Celebrity Chef's will step up to the plates (and the sausage, bacon, onions, green pepper, ham, and cheese) at the Boone County Fairgrounds to custom cook your omelet. The price remains the same, just \$6, and it includes juice, coffee, cinnamon rolls and the like. You will NOT walk away hungry, and "to-go" orders are available. Thanks to Fareway Stores as our Presenting Sponsor, and to all of those who support this event which raises money for as many as seven scholarships each year for students in 4H and FFA.

It's a big week. We hope to see you at our events!

*Kurt R. Phillips*

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

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**CHAMBER EVENTS**

<b>Annual Meeting</b> Fareway Conference Center March 7th	<b>Spring Ag Omelet</b> <b>Breakfast</b> March 9th	<b>Legislative Forum</b> Ericson Public Library March 18th	<b>Business Before</b> <b>Hours</b> March 21th
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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**Pancake Breakfast and Children's Craft** at the Iowa Arboretum on Saturday, March 11 from 9am-noon. \$8.00 per person.

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.

**Knit Night at the Ericson Public Library**, every Tuesday in March from 6pm-8pm. Never knitted before? No worries, the library will set you up with yarn and needles!



Nate Bremer, peony and daylily expert, will be speaking at the **Iowa Arboretum's Spring Symposium** on April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to register call 515-795-3216 or visit [www.iowaarboretum.org](http://www.iowaarboretum.org).

**Family Fun, Drop in Craft Night** at Ericson Public Library, Tuesday March 7th at 6:30pm.



**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.



The Chamber would like to send out a **THANK YOU** to Kenny Gute, Taryn Gute, Tim Reece, Kenton Reece, and Scott Wells for all their help with the 2017 Home & Garden Show! We couldn't have done it without you!

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