

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

Any time you can get young people engaged in the process of their local community, you have succeeded. Last week this happened on two distinct occasions. First, several groups of high school students in Boone contacted myself and other community leaders to get our opinions on how to improve a vacant lot in downtown Boone. One idea? Create a gathering space for arts, entertainment, and pop-up retail events. While this idea isn't new to me, it was great to see those who will be entrusted to keep rural Iowa alive in the future thinking about that future and how employing creative thinking can turn unproductive land into an asset. Second, the fourth year of our Chamber High School Tours kicked off last Thursday with our Trades Tour, taking eighteen students to interact with financial services professionals, get an up close view of the world of electrical contracting, and the inside scoop on refining glycerol. Those three stops provided anywhere from nine to fifteen career exposures. Students walk away from these tours having seen, smelled, touched and experienced their local business community in a way that was otherwise not possible. A huge thanks to US Bank & Fareway Stores for sponsoring the tours, as well as US Bank, Enterprise Electric and KemX Global for being a tour stop. We've got another tour scheduled for this week focusing on Family and Consumer Sciences.

Tomorrow night's **Business After 5** goes outdoors (weather permitting) and goes public! The Boone High Booster club will put on an old-fashioned tailgate party outside the district and activities entrances on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Put a note in your smartphone to remind yourself and help BHS celebrate some major announcements.

Like a good run, scenic views and some fresh air? Check out the Boone County History Center and Iowa Arboretum's **Run for the Trees** this Saturday at the Arboretum. It's one of my favorites.

Have a great week!

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## CHAMBER EVENTS

**Chamber High School Tours**  
 April 20th & 27th

**Business After Hours**  
 Boone High School  
 April 25th

**Chamber CONNECT**  
 May 3rd

**Business Before Hours**  
 The Book Shoppe  
 May 9th

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Stories Under the Stars** at the Ericson Public Library. April 27th, from 6-8pm. Celebrate our galaxy, blast off with books, and participate in fun space activities. An all-ages after hours event.

**COMING SOON!** Boone County Chamber of Commerce app for Apple and Android!

**Boone County Freedom Flight Dinner & Dance** sponsored by the Moose Lodge #104. April 29th, 5:30-7:30pm. Hot beef sandwich dinner, \$7.00. Free dance 7:00-10:00pm. The public is welcome!

**Business Before Hours**, May 9th 7:30am-8:30am at The Book Shoppe (817 Story). Pastries, beverages, giveaways and more!

**Business After 5**, April 25th from 5-7, in front of the Boone High School. Brats and burgers, meet and greet the coaches and activity leaders, performance by Boone High School band, tailgating games, and giveaways! A *BIG* unveiling will take place at 6pm, you won't want to miss it!

**NASA After School** at the Ericson Public Library, Wednesday, April 26th at 3:15pm. An all ages space adventure!

**FORE!!!** The Chamber's Annual Golf Classic on June 1st at Honey Creek is right around the corner. Get out of the office and enjoy some nice weather while golfing and networking. Give Alyssa a call today and get your foursome signed up!

**First Friday**, June 2nd from 5-10pm! Enjoy a dinner and a tour at the Boone History Center, then walk outside to see stunning automobiles and bikes at the 6<sup>th</sup> street roll-in car & bike show hosted by the local Tallcorn Car Club. Finish an exciting evening with an outdoor live music concert hosted by Forte Studios featuring blues artist Hawk McIntyre. Best of all, the concert and roll-in show is FREE!

**Run for the Trees**, April 29th from 8am-12pm. Join the Iowa Arboretum and the Boone History Museums for a beautiful scenic 5K or 1 mile Family Walk/Run on well-maintained trails.

**RIVER VALLEY FESTIVAL**, Boone- May 5th, 6th, and 7th. Fun for the whole family! For more information check out their website, [www.boonerivervalleyfestival.com](http://www.boonerivervalleyfestival.com)

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