

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

With College and High School graduations behind us now, the next wave of future workforce enters the marketplace...and man, can we use them! Workforce development continues to be one of Boone County's, Iowa's and the breadbasket's biggest needs. The good news is that remedies are on the way – more and more attention is being paid at the high school level to providing a wide variety of opportunities for career exploration, giving students exposure to jobs that will best match their skills. It will likely take a few years to reap the fruits of these programs, but I am pleased to see the efforts being made locally in this regard. Another way the Chamber is working on workforce: the **Home Base Iowa** initiative. I started on this project about a year ago and this week hope to finalize the registration of Boone County as an HBI community. HBI's goal is to attract soon-to-be deactivated military to the high-skilled openings we have in our area. Military personnel are some of the most highly sought after skilled workforce. Why not make Boone County their next home?

BUSINESS AFTER 5: We're excited to get over to **Monsanto** tomorrow night for our next evening networking event. Nate Cottingham and the gang are hosting at the plant out on Highway 17. I've never attended an event at Monsanto that hasn't been first class! Tomorrow night is also the night the Chamber will roll out our new app for iPhone, iPad and Android enabled devices. Get local weather, directions to local businesses, chamber news and local events at the touch of a button. We'll walk you through it tomorrow night at BA5!

*We are less than two weeks away from the Chamber's Golf Classic presented by **US Bank**. Is your foursome signed up? Would you like to feature your business on one of the holes? Contact Alyssa this week and get your clubs out of the corner of the garage for Thursday, June 1st's golf day at Honey Creek.*

Have a great week!

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CHAMBER EVENTS

Business After 5 Monsanto May 23rd	Chamber Golf Classic Honey Creek June 1st	Business Before Hours June 13th Bank of the West	Member Appreciation June 20th
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Save the Date! Classic Car Day at the Iowa Arboretum, June 4th from 12pm-2pm.

Kate Peasley, a Boone High student invites you to join her for **Boone County Back the Blue**, a service project to honor current and retired area law enforcement officers on Tuesday, June 14th, during the Boone High School vs. Ogden High School baseball game. Memorial Park, Honoring Ceremony 7:15pm, Varsity Game 7:30pm. Come show your support!

The Chamber office will be **CLOSED** on May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Here's the scoop! The Boone County Chamber of Commerce wants to say thank you by inviting you to our **Member Appreciation Ice Cream Social!** June 20th from 11AM-1PM at the Chamber office.

Friday Night Live, June 2nd from 5pm-10pm. Musical Performance by Hawk McIntyre, Dinner and Tours at the Boone History Center (fee), Car Show, and Beer Garden. FREE to attend and participate!

In honor of 529 Save for Education Day, **Edward Jones Investments** is hosting two 30 minute seminars entitled "**College..Getting There from Here**" at 10am & 4pm on May 25th at their office (806 7th St.). These educational seminars are free and open to the public. RSVP's are encouraged by calling 432-6713

Farnham Aviation has recently taken over the Boone Airport and added a website. Logon to check out all they have to offer at <https://www.farnhamaviation.com>

The Boone County Freedom Flight Rummage, Bake Sale & Raffle will take place Friday, June 9, from 8 am to 8 pm, and Saturday, June 10, from 8 am to 1 pm, in the Commercial Building at the Boone County Fairgrounds. The BCFF will also be having a Spaghetti Dinner on June 4th at the Leonard Good Center in Ogden from 11am-1pm. \$8.00 per person.

WELCOME to our newest Chamber Member: E's Eats and Girl Scout Camp Sacajawea

Mark your calendars, **BAMA CRAZY DAY** is July 29th, don't miss out on some crazy deals!

Congrats to Bill Gebhart, a chamber board member, for winning Employee of the Quarter at Genesis Development. Bill is heavily involved with the chamber, tourism, and other community events. Way to go, Bill!

The Boone County Republicans invite you to attend "**2017 Legislative Review**" on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m., at the Ames Public Library. Special guests will be Iowa Senators Jerry Behn and Bill Dix and Iowa Representatives Rob Bacon, Chip Baltimore and Dave Deyoe.

The Boone campus of Des Moines Area Community College is pleased to announce that their **Nursing program has filled 24 of 24 slots for Fall 2017**—this is much earlier than expected. Way to go, DMACC!

Sternquist Garage & Tire Center is now offering quick lube oil changes. No appointment needed, call or stop in for any oil change level. (432-4175, 1823 W Mamie Eisenhower Ext.)

COMING SOON! Boone County Chamber of Commerce app for Apple and Android! Release date set for May 23rd!

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