

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

Dear Chamber Member,

After an uneasy weekend that saw a deadly protest in Virginia, and an escalating “mano a mano” between the US and North Korea, I encourage you to remember the good things that make our country and Iowa a great place to live. Here are five good things you can enjoy:

#1 The Iowa State Fair. It officially kicked off last week and continues through this coming weekend. For sheer frivolous fun, the State Fair is an easy get-away. The start of the fair mean the start of the school year cannot be far behind. (I, in particular, will have the ‘joy’ of moving our youngest son into his college dorm this Wednesday. The good news is we only have to travel to Iowa State. The bad news is it’s supposed to storm and rain.) Before I do that I’ll begin my day at **#2** the annual **New Teacher Breakfast**, presented by **Fareway Stores**. I hear-tell there will be about twenty new teachers and administrative staff paired up with our member business professionals as sponsors. It’s a great way to welcome these new mentors to our communities and reinforce the partnership that is educating our young and connecting teachers to the local business community. The Boone DMACC campus will swell this week as they welcome back their fall registrants this week with orientation on Sunday the 20th. Just as the schools begin to get up and running we’ll all take a short break with **#3** Labor Day (heading to Madrid?), then Boone hosts **#4** the 35th annual IMCA Supnationals and **#5** the 41st annual Pufferbilly Days™ festival the following week.

Good doesn’t get much better than my friend and big Chamber supporter David Boehm, who passed away at the age of 82 last week. David served the Chamber as President of the Board back in the late 70’s and also served in a number of other leadership roles on the local and statewide level. Can’t really remember a day he didn’t greet me with a smile and his trademark chuckle. He will be missed.

Still pretty parched out there, but we’re finally being rewarded with some small doses of rain to fortify the crops (and lawns, for us urban farmers). Keep your head up and have a great week!

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BOONE COUNTY BRIEF SPONSORED BY:



CHAMBER EVENTS

New Teacher Breakfast
August 16th

Business After 5
Midwest Dental
August 22

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Congratulations to Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad on being a finalist for the Best Iowa Attraction from USA TODAY 10 Best Readers’ Choice Contest. They’ve moved up a few spot so please keep voting at <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/> to help get them to the top!



We’re a little less than a month away! Be sure to get signed up for all your favorite Pufferbilly Days activities! Visit www.pufferbillydays.com for more information. **Pufferbilly Days**, September 7-10th.

Gear up Iowa and Iowa State fans, **WHO13 RVTV is coming to Boone** on September 6th. Join us downtown for a fun filled evening of free food, live entertainment, competitions, kids activities and so much more! Visit www.booneiowa.us to get signed up for the Tailgating Contest!



Get yourself or your business signed up for **YESTERBOONE**- cost for exhibitors is \$35-non-members and \$25 BCHS Members; Venues: \$75-non-members and \$50 for BCHS Business Members! Contact the History Center for more information!



DMACC will be offering an **Administrative Support Professional** certificate program this fall. This program is a 60 hour course, tuition assistance is available, September 12th through November 16th. For more information contact Erin Neumann at 433-5037 or erineumann@dmacc.edu.

Business After 5, August 22nd at Midwest Dental. Meet and greet the Midwest Dental team and enjoy refreshments and appetizers. Win a dental gift basket including an electric toothbrush!



The Friends of Ericson Public Library host **TRIVIA NIGHT**, Saturday, September 23rd at the Fareway Conference Center. \$100 per table or \$15 per person. Prizes, Silent Auction, Dessert Auction and fun throughout the night! Contact Di Patrick at 515-432-6614 for more information.

Boone County Freedom Flight Extravaganza is Saturday, August 26th at the Boone Armory. Doors open at 4:00 with Social Hour and Silent Auction viewing/bidding. You may purchase tickets everyday at the Hy-Vee Service desk. Adults-\$12, Children 5-10- \$8, 4 and under are FREE!



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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