May/ June/ July Newsletter



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Mark Your Calendar!

- Warren County Conservation Parks Tour and Wine Tasting, June 10th
- Warren County Event for Iowa State University's Extension's 100 Birthday, June 11th
- Carlisle Fire Station Ribbon Cutting (noon) and Open House (12 – 4), June 17th
- Chamber Night at the Iowa
 Cubs– June 27
- Chamber Happy Hour, Cal's Fine Food and Spirits, Tuesday, July 11th
- Chamber Golf Outing, August 19^{th,} Pleasantville Golf Course

Be In The Know

- Carlisle Economic Dev Showcase Recap
- Thank you to Beautification Committee
- Carlisle Nature Trail
- LPGA Solheim Cup in Des Moines, August 15 – 21st
- PumpkinFest, Oct 28th
- Light Up Carlisle Photos with Santa, Dec 2
- Three Rivers Community Church Summer Movies
- Back Yard Brewery Receives \$1,000 from WCEDC and is available at Back Alley Smokehouse

Warren County Conservation Parks Tour & Wine Tasting



Wine Tasting Provided By: Annelise Winery Jasper Winery La Vida Loca Winery June 10, 2017 Park Tour 1-3 PM (cost \$15) Wine Tasting 3 -4:30 PM Reservations required

Hop on the air conditioned bus at Annett Nature Center for a guided tour, prizes, and activities at 3 Warren County Conservation Board parks. Return to ANC for free wine samples & appetizers along with music.

For more information visit our website at warrenceb.org. To register contact 515-961-6169. Prepayment is required and participants must be at least 21 years of age.

Sponsored by: Friends of Warren County Conservation, Indianola Chamber of Commerce, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, and Carlisle Chamber of Commerce. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Extension and Outreach

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS IN Warren County

June 11, 2017 | 4:30 - 7:00 pm 909 East 2nd Ave, Suite E, Indianola,

Join our open house to celebrate ISU Extension and Outreach's 100 year presence in Warren County.

Yard games! Free entertainment! Free meal!

www.extension.iastate.edu/warren

Ribbon Cutting, Noon, Saturday, June 17th

- Please join us for the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for the newly remodeled Carlisle Fire Station.
- The public is invited to the open house from noon 4:00 p.m.





Chamber Night at the Iowa Cubs

- Tuesday, June 27th
- Tuesday, June 27 Tailgate: 5:30 p.m. Game: 7:08 p.m. Principal Park 1 Line Drive Downtown Des Moines, Iowa
- Ticket price: \$3 per person Your Chamber Night ticket includes: Pregame tailgate party in the southwest corner of Principal Park parking lot with brats, hot dogs, chips, dessert, and soda on a first come, first serve basis. Seating is general admission. Rainout – your ticket is good for another regular season game.
- Register online at DSMpartnership.com/Events. Questions? Contact Molli Miller by email at mmiller@DSMpartnership.com, or by phone at (515) 286-4901

Quarterly Chamber Event. July 11th Social

Tuesday, July 11th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Relax with Your Chamber Peers The Chamber will buy the appetizers! Cal's Fine Food and Spirits





Sign Up for Shuttle to Cycle 4 Bike Trails

- Kokopelli Bike Shuttle will transport riders and their bikes to from Carlisle to a different trail each Tuesday: June 13, 20, 27 and July 11. Bad weather? The following Wednesday.
- Pick up at Cal's Fine Food & Spirits in Carlisle at 6 p.m. Return by 9.
- Refreshments are allowed on the shuttle. One bottle of water is provided each week for each rider.
- Riders commit to the 4 rides (the same rider does not have to ride each time)and pay \$89 by check or credit card for the 3 June and 1 July rides (no refunds, substitutes accepted).
- The shuttle and bike trailer accommodates 14. 🛛 The cost is \$89 per rider and bike for 4 weeks.
- Email BRasko@carlisleiachamber.com to sign up and arrange for payment. (First 14 paid riders accepted.).

Join the Fun with Kokopelli Shuttle Service to these Trails

- The group will decide each evening which trail they want to ride. If the group is interested, one of the rides can be a Tailwind Ride.
- Chichaqua Trail: Rail Trail, 28.3 Miles, Paved, Average conditions. Gentle grade. Cities: Altoona, Baxter, Bondurant, Valenir, Ira, Mingo and Berwick.
- Great Western Trail: Rail Trail, 16.5 Miles, Paved. Above average conditions. Gentle Grades. Cities: Churchville, Cumming, Des Moines, Martensdale, Orilla. High Trestle Trail: Rail Trail, 25.7 miles. Paved. Awesome Shape. Gentle Grades. Cities: Ankeny, Madrid, Polk City, Sheldahl, Slater, Woodward
- Raccoon River Valley Trail: Rail Trail, 89 miles. Paved. Above average condition. Flat grade. Cities: Ortonville, Cooper, Jefferson, Yale, Panora, Clive, Waukee, Adel, Redfield, Linden, Jamaica, Perry, Dawson, Minburn, Dallas Center, Herndon.

Register Now for the Chamber Golf Outing

- Saturday, August 18th at Pleaseantville Country Club
- Four person best ball. Shotgun Starts at 8 and 1:30
- Registration is open now get your team signed up for the morning or afternoon rounds.
- Team Mulligans—\$10 each (Max of 4) and Raffle Tickets—\$1 each and can be purchased ahead
- Your sponsorships and donations for the live and silent auctions help support the events sponsored by the Carlisle Chamber, Carlisle Girls Softball and Carlisle Little League.
- Registration forms were emailed to chamber members on June 8th. You can also request one by sending an email to BRasko@carlisleiachamber.org

Veteran Owned Business Grant to Back Yard Brewery in Carlisle



Back Yard Brewery Beer available at Back Alley Smokehouse in Carlisle.





If you've been on the Carlisle Nature Trail you know it is beautiful, scenic and fun, and is gaining a reputation as the most challenging trail in the Metro.

The 3.3 mile, 10-foot wide paved trail twists and turns through the diverse landscapes of scenic Carlisle. Approximately 10,000 years ago, the last of the glaciers retreated from northern Warren County leaving behind a unique landscape along Carlisle's North River. The river valley contains five distinct native ecosystems: a riparian wetland and woodland, a mesic and upland prairie and an oak savanna, all located within a distance of 2,500 feet.

Accessing the Carlisle Nature Trail from the north end, visitors explore an off-street trail which passes the restoration of the five native ecosystems in the Scotch Ridge Nature Park, cross the bridge over North River, go past Carlisle Middle School, tunnel under Scotch Ridge Road and travel the on-street trail past the Aquatic Center, and on to the Summerset Trailhead. You can stay in Carlisle to visit the Farmer's Market, catch a game at Lindhardt Park, relax at North Park, or spend time in downtown Carlisle. Everyone, whether they take a short or long ride, are encouraged to grab ice cream, a drink and appetizer, or a meal in town.

This new attraction is great for individuals, families, and your summer visitors.

We want to know the opinions of our residents. Please take this survey.

• Greater Des Moines Human Capital Survey

Does Greater Des Moines (DSM) have what you need to thrive personally and professionally? Are there ways we can improve your quality of life and sense of purpose? To help us determine how connected our residents are to the community at large, the Greater Des Moines Partnership is conducting a survey. Please consider taking 10 minutes to provide feedback to help us improve our region. Make your voice heard! Please consider taking the survey and sharing it with your personal and professional contacts. <u>Click here</u> and open the hyperlink to access the survey. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Thank you for taking the time to help community a better place.

Carlisle Economic Development Tour Recap

- 7 commercial developers took part in the Carlisle Showcase Tour of the city and land currently available to development
- Lunch was at LaVilla Mexican Restaurant
- Mayor Ruth Randleman, City Administrator Andrew Lent and Carlisle Community Schools Superintendent Bryce Amos spoke and answered questions.
- Goldsberry Giraffix supplied cloth bags and printed a Natural Choice screen cleaning cloth. Each participant received a gift bag.



Volunteers are Needed at the Carlisle Area Historical Society

• There are many volunteer positions available with the historical society. They vary from mowing, to gardening, working at teas and garage sales and many other events. We currently have four teams that mow the lawn. A riding mower is provided. A couple more volunteers to be a part of the rotation would be much appreciated, especially this time of year when we need to mow so often. Call Vance Gehlbach at 515.864.8215 if you can lend a hand on this ongoing project. He will train you, if needed, on the ZTR mower. Other ways you can help include data entry, breakfast help and housecleaning on the first Monday of every month. Call Carol Murphy at <u>515.360.0981</u>, and put your talents to work!.

2017 Carlisle Chamber Guidebooks are Here. Do you want some – or downtown maps – to hand out to visitors? Call the Chamber Office. 515/ 989-4216.





Time to Submit Something for the Welcome Packs: What will new residents learn about your business or organization?



Peoples Bank provided these bags for Welcome Packs.

- Benefits of your Chamber Membership include delivery of your messages to new prospects through the Chamber's Welcome Packs that are handed to new-to-town homeowners.
- Welcome Packs for the next 2 months will be put together on May 1st.
- Contact Barbara Rasko at 515/210-3571 if you have something to drop into the Welcome Pack: Flyer, business card, pen, coupon, invitation to visit your business, etc.

Do You have an Event, Attraction or Business that Offers Something to Travelers?

- Listings on the Travel Iowa website and Iowa Travel Guide are provided free of charge.
- Right now Carlisle only has 2 listings in the Guide! The Antique Tractor Museum and The Randleman House.
- Let me know if you want to have your event, attraction or business listed on the Website and possible included in the Iowa Travel Guide, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, or Catch Des Moines and I will help you. Barbara 515.989-4216.

Looking for great things to do in Iowa? Order the Iowa Travel Guide or view it online.

http://www.traveliowa.com/aspx/cms/SVContactForm.aspx?formid=1

Thank you to all who helped with and donated to the Chamber's Beautification Program



Operation Backpack Helps Students

- Operation Backpack began in 2008, supplying 109 backpacks/supplies In 2017, 325 backpacks/supplies were provided for CCSD students
- Supplies and/or funds are donated from our school budget, community members and/or businesses
- There will be a fundraiser June 26th at Carlisle High School and Little League games.
- Donations may be dropped off at Carlisle Schools Central Office until August 1!
- Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, August 8th to fill the backpacks.

Operation Backpack Needs Your Help

- Last they collected around \$800 from area businesses! Donation Jars – If you are interested in having a jar at your business, please contact Leah Heidemann (515)989-5389 or leah.heidemann@carlislecsd.org. *We will not be dropping them off at all businesses this year unless requested.
- Contact Matt Berryhill at 515-720-6816 if you have questions.
- AS A COMMUNITY we can work together to see that every child has the basic school supplies needed to be successful.

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Carlisle Area Historical Society will Celebrate their 10th Anniversary August 25, 26 & 27

• Many events will take place over the 10th Anniversary Weekend. The lowa State History 101 mobile display will be in town and there will be an ice cream social. More plans will be unveiled at a later day.

Monthly Breakfast Buffet at the Randleman House. Eat in or to go.

- The Carlisle Area Historical Society invites you to enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet. \$8 Adults
- Susan Robinson is the pancake expert she makes sure there is a blueberry in every bite!! Also serving caramel pecan cinnamon rolls, sausage gravy, buttermilk biscuits, sausage links and specials this month will be French toast casserole & Incredible Breakfast Bake (with ham). And always refreshing orange juice, ice water & hot coffee. Serving 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. To go breakfast always available. You get a great meal in a beautiful turn-of-the-century home with lots of friends old and new!

The Chamber will Promote Your Organization or Business!

The number of likes and shares continues to climb on the Chamber's Facebook page. We want to use this powerful social media to help spread the word about your business, upcoming events and good news.

Here's how it works:

- "Like" the Carlisle Iowa Chamber on Facebook.
- We will "Like" our Chamber members and share your business and event-related posts.
- Please share our news, too!
- We hit 903 Likes on Facebook this month! Are you one of them? Please like or share our posts – otherwise Facebook will drop you from our Feed.

Redeem Chamber Bucks!

CHAMBER BUCKS coupons are cash to you! The Chamber donates these to non-profits, and uses them as prizes.

- CHAMBER BUCKS are printed on special paper and carry the signature of a Chamber Board Officer.
- Redeem CHAMBER BUCKS by contacting Board Treasurer Janie Norton at Peoples Bank.

Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce

MISSION STATEMENT

PROMOTING AND ASSISTING NEW AND EXISTING BUSINESSES BY ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC Development AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE GREATER CARLISLE AREA

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