

TRENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 2018



WELCOME 2018!

Let's reflect a bit on what events took place in 2017.

Here's what happened in 2017: We kicked off the year with our annual banquet in March. We had wonderful attendance at our newest venue, the New Hope Training Center. In April, the Chamber joined forces with Trenton R-IX Schools (Trenton High School, specifically) along with a local business to give high school seniors a tour of manufacturing facility Modine Manufacturing. Also in April, we held our annual Father-Daughter dance at the North 65 Center with over 50 daddies and daughters attending. That was followed by our annual Community Pride week in May.

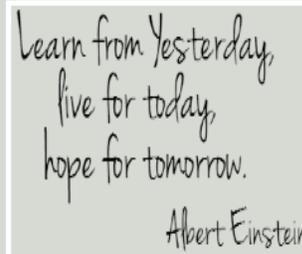
The second half of the year kicked off in July with our annual food drive, which saw approximately 764 pounds of food donated for our local food pantry. In August, we had

our final Golf Ball Drop event, co-hosted with Riverside Country Club, with the Grand Prize being \$2,000 cash donated by Barnes Baker Automotive.

September was a busy month. The new 2017-2018 Trenton Directory was released, the annual poker run was held and we celebrated (though briefly) Trenton's 160th anniversary. The Chamber also hosted a trip to the New England Islands at the end of September which catered to 16 travelers.

October brought the 34th annual Missouri Day Festival to town, which brings more than 50 high school marching bands and their families to town as well as vendors from many different states. We also held the annual Trick-or-Treat Night at the Rock

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT: **SPENCER CONSTRUCTION**

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provide restoration services for water damage, storm damage, sewer back ups as well as smoke and fire damage. Brandon holds certifications as a Mold Remediation Specialist and an Indoor Environmental Professional. SCR is located at 2401 Princeton Road in Trenton. You can give them a call at 660-359-1164.

ANNUAL BANQUET: **TRENTON GRAMMYS**

The annual banquet will be here before we know it! This year's theme, as the headline suggests, is "*Trenton Grammys*". The red carpet will be rolled out for all attending this year. As usual, dress is semi-formal to formal; whatever your fancy!

The date is set for March 16, 2018 and the location is the same as last year: the New Hope Training Center at 3300 Pleasant Plain (across from Barnes Greenhouses, Inc.) in Trenton.

Hy-Vee will be catering the event again this year.

Keep watching your email, the newspaper and listening to the radio as more details will be announced as they come available.

To make your reservations or become a sponsor, please call us at 660-359-4324 or send an email to trentonchamber@att.net.

ANNUAL MEETING: **GRUNDY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

The Grundy County Industrial Development Corporation (GCIDC) will be having its annual shareholders meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5:00pm in the Chamber of Commerce front office.

Notices will be mailed to all shareholders within a week.

Current board members include: Gary Black, Rick Klinginsmith, Wendell Lenhart, Jeff Eads, John Rice, Kerry Sampson, Steve Busch, Troy Smith, Chris Hoffman, Scott Foreman, Delvin Wilford, Paul Cox, Jackie Soptic, Diane Lowrey & Scott Wilson.

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Barn the last Monday of October. The annual Chamber radio auction was held early in December and was a great success.

Throughout the year, we've added new members to the Chamber membership. They include Rural Mercantile, East Hills Shopping Center, Lakeview Inn & Cafe, McDonald's, North Central Missouri Development Alliance, Empire District Gas, Apple Bus Company, From the Farm, LLC, Woodward Audiology, Juice Plus+ (Gerry & Lisa Newman, Independent Reps.), North Grand River Christian Bookstore and Mid-States Services, LLC.

For networking opportunities, there were five Chamber Coffees

held, seven Business after Hours events, five luncheons, four ribbon cuttings and two recognitions in 2017. That is great!! We expect to keep the momentum going in 2018.

The Chamber also participates in welcoming new employees to Trenton R-IX schools and new international students to North Central Missouri College. They are each provided a small gift during welcoming.

We are thankful for all the support we have received from the community over the 2017 year. We are looking forward to many great things in 2018!

FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS: **THANK YOU!**

Many times, we take for granted everything our local county and city officials, representatives and administrators do for us as a community. The burden ultimately falls on them to make sure the city and county operations continue to run smoothly, effectively and beneficially for the community as a whole. This is no easy task. There is no way to please everyone and that

in itself is likely one of the most difficult aspects of their jobs.

The next time you have to call regarding your property tax, TMU bill, county road issue or something else along those lines, remember the people on the other end of the phone are just doing their jobs.

To all those who keep our community running, Thank You!

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CITY DECORATIONS: **BULB REPLACEMENT**

We are thankful to the City of Trenton and Trenton Municipal Utilities for hanging our winter decorations around town for us to enjoy. Before the decorations are hung, a small group of volunteers check all the bulbs on each decoration and replace any burned out bulbs. This can get costly from year to year and the Chamber absorbs the expense. If you or your business desire to help

defray the costs of bulbs each year, please contact the Chamber at 660-359-4324 or email us at trentonchamber@att.net. We certainly appreciate the community taking pride in our town and utilizing resources to keep things looking nice and working properly.

CITY FIREWORKS: **COMMITTEE FORMING**

As most folks know, there was no fireworks display for the 4th of July in 2017. Though the Chamber is **not** responsible for providing and paying for a fireworks display each year, it is a member of the committee that collects donations and coordinates the event. The responsible "parties" for making sure there is a fireworks display each year are the residents of the Trenton community.

The committee will be forming and meeting within the next month to discuss the fundraising efforts and a pyrotechnic for this year's display. If you would like to be on this committee or would like to make a donation toward the event, please contact Debbie at the Chamber at 660-359-4324 or Diane Lowrey at Republican Times at 660-359-2212.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: **FORMS INCLUDED**

It's that time of year again when we request nominations for Businesses of the Year, which will be recognized at our annual banquet in March. Deadline to submit your nominations is February 23, 2018. We will recognize a large business of the year (more than 20 employees) and a small business of the year (20 employees or less).

Nominees must be in good standing with the Chamber by having their dues paid up to date. The form to nominate a business is included with the email to which this newsletter was sent.

Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 660-359-4324 if you have any questions.

GREAT NORTHWEST DAYS: FEB. 6 & 7, 2018

February will be here before we know it. Great Northwest Days is a wonderful opportunity for you to go to our State Capitol to represent our community and area in Missouri. This opportunity includes introductions on the House & Senate floors, a regional lunch, an afternoon round table session, followed by an evening buffet with State legislators, department heads and elected officials.

The Tuesday session begins at 10:00am when the GNW Delegation is introduced on the House and Senate Floors. Legislative Luncheon, featuring speaker Dan Lennon, Director of MO Dept. of Tourism, will take place in the Capitol Plaza Hotel Ballroom at 11:30am. Be sure to attend the group photo opportunity

at 1:30 in the Capitol Plaza Hotel Atrium. Community Roundtables begin at 2:00pm in the Capitol Plaza Carnegie Room. Other options are available in the afternoon session if you prefer. Great Northwest Celebration will take place from 5:30 - 8:30pm in the Capitol Plaza Hotel Ballroom.

On Wednesday, February 7, Regional Breakfast begins at 7:30am in the Ballroom. Featured speaker is Andrew McCrea, host of the broadcast radio feature, "The American Countryside".

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Micah Landes at 660-973-2996 or director@ncmdevelopment.org.

TRENTON LICENSE OFFICE: HOURS

The Trenton License Office, contracted by Trenton Area Chamber of Commerce, is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm every weekday, unless specified on the phone announcement when you call. We do greatly appreciate when you listen fully to the announcement as it saves the clerks and you time. Most times, the clerks in the office are very busy helping customers in person and have customers waiting. When the clerks stop and answer the phone to needlessly confirm office hours, the current customer's transaction is delayed and they are not able to finish their business in a timely fashion, as we strive to do daily. Remember, that customer sitting in front of us could be you one day.

Customers come from many surrounding towns to do their vehicle and driver licensing in our office. We are happy to serve the Trenton community as well as surrounding communities. This brings more tax dollars into our town when those customers get a bite to eat or go grocery shopping, etc.

The Chamber will be submitting a bid to run the license office again as the current contract ends in May this year. We hope to have the continued support of Trenton and surrounding communities.

Feel free to email manager Christy Farmer at trentonlb@att.net if you have any questions.



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MEMBER MOMENTS

Par Broadcasting (KTTN) at 92.3FM Winter action auction returns Saturday, January 20, 2018 starting on the air about 8:45am with many items to sell to the highest bidders listening to the radio.

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It's not too late to get vaccinated for the flu. Missouri leads the nation in documented flu cases. Visit **Hometown Pharmacy** to learn more.
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Wright Memorial Hospital would like to wish our friends, families, and the area communities a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we begin our 115th year, we want to thank you for your continued support, and we hope you are blessed with a healthy and happy 2018.

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When North Central Missouri College is in session, the **North Grand River Christian Bookstore** is open during the noon hour on Wednesdays only, beginning January 10th.
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.Mid-States Services, LLC invites you to take an online survey for your business regarding our Fiber Broadband Internet project at <https://midstatesfiber.net>.

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Stay warm and cozy this winter while you enjoy after Christmas sales at **East Hills Shopping Center**. Shop, dine and play at **East Hills - St. Joseph, MO**.

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Make "Solutions to Resolutions" in 2018: weight loss, auto-immune, health? Forming Shred 10 groups now to begin January 15. Call Lisa Newman at 660-635-0038 (**Juice Plus+ Representative**) for more information.
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Sunnyview Nursing Home & Apartments will host a seminar by Elder Law on Medicaid Planning February 2, 2018. Residents enjoyed their annual Christmas party complete with gifts and a Santa visit.
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Happy New Year!!

Trenton Community Calendar

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	January 1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">9 am - 10 am North Central Missouri Amateur Radio Club Meeting</div>
7	8	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Business After Hours Event</div>	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">Chamber & LB Closed</div>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; font-size: small;">9 am - 10 am North Central Missouri Amateur Radio Club Meeting</div>

Thanks for getting involved in Trenton, Missouri!

Your event or activity could be listed in this calendar. Visit our website at www.trentonmochamber.com/index.php/events-calendar and click on the 'Add Event' tab under the calendar to add your event or activity.

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