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Submissions for next week's newsletter may be emailed to chamber@getintogrinnell.com. Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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Good News To Share!

CONNECTED COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

Governor Terry Branstad was in Grinnell this morning to present the Certified Connected Community award. Grinnell is the tenth community in Iowa to achieve this award. The recognition was earned by earning high scores on an assessment of the local broadband landscape. The assessment generated an action plan that outlines steps to take to improve broadband access in Grinnell. [Read the full report here.](#)

Do you know a genie?

Happy 2015, everyone! Rachael and I took some time off over the holidays, and now we are back in full gear this week feeling refreshed and energized. We are currently in planning mode here, determining our 2015 priorities and finalizing our strategic plan for the year.

Today, I want to hear your wildest dreams for our city. **If a genie granted you three wishes that would better Grinnell, what would you ask for?** What do you need to make Grinnell the best place to raise your family or the best place to spend a weekend with friends or the best place to do business? If our city was a person, what would its new year's resolutions be?



Hit reply and tell me what your three wishes are, no matter how extravagant or insignificant you think they are. They can be monstrous, off the wall, big picture wishes that would make this the best place to live on the planet. Or they can be more specific, personal wishes that would improve your Grinnell experience. I'm all ears.

Our search for a magic genie has come up short, but we are still curious to hear what you wish for. I can't promise to make your wishes come true, but I do know that it takes all of us dreaming together and working together to make sure our city survives and thrives long into the future.

~Emily

P.S. Thank you to Grinnell Regional Medical Center for partnering



IOWA GREAT PLACES DESIGNATION

Yesterday afternoon, the Department of Cultural Affairs announced Grinnell as one of five of the newest Iowa Great Places communities. The \$200,000 grant award will be used for Central Park improvements and downtown entrance enhancements. [Click here for more information.](#)

with us on this newsletter in 2015. It takes a lot of work to publish this each week, and their support will allow us to continue to work on and improve it. In honor of a new year, I thought it was time to freshen up the email design a bit - I hope you like how it looks! And, even more so, I hope it's a helpful resource to you.

Met Opera

LIVE ON SCREEN HARRIS CENTER CINEMA

GRINNELL COLLEGE



2015 Schedule

- JAN 17
- JAN 31
- FEB 14
- MAR 14
- APR 25



Exhibits & Movies

GRINNELL ARTS CENTER: "Made In Grinnell: Quilts of the World Renowned Quilting Author Judy Martin"

GRINNELL COLLEGE BURLING LIBRARY: "Letter Home"

STRAND THEATRE: [Click here](#) for this week's show times.

Employment Opportunities

ARBORS APARTMENTS: Maintenance Supervisor

BROWNELLS: Sr. Net Developer, HR Director, Contact Center Representative, Sales Representative

COUNTRY CARPET CLEANERS: Cleaners

COUNTRY INN: Breakfast Attendant

GALAXY YOUTH CENTER: Program Assistant

GENESIS DEVELOPMENT: Development

UPCOMING EVENTS

We generally list events taking place in the next two weeks. [Click here to see our full event calendar.](#)

GRINNELL COLLEGE HOME BASKETBALL GAMES are Saturday, Jan. 10 with women at 1pm and men at 3pm.

SENIOR CLARINET RECITAL for Nick Bonamici is at Grinnell College Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2pm.

SE*ED PROGRAM is Monday, Jan. 12 at 10am at Drake Community Library.

GAME ON! Watch the National Championship at Prairie Canary on Monday, Jan. 12. Doors open at 6:00pm.

MEDICAL INDUSTRY CAREER FAIR is Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 9am to noon at Iowa Valley Community College.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH YEARS OF BRASS MUSIC: Iowa Town Bands from 1860 to 1920 is Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7pm at Drake Community Library.

LEGO CLUB meets Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 3:30pm at Drake Community Library.

BUCKET COURSE: Trailblazers-Notable Women of Grinnell is Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 10am at Drake Community Library.

SOCRATES CAFE is Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:30pm at Drake Community Library.

SWIMMING & DIVING INVITATIONAL at Grinnell College is Jan. 16 and Jan. 17 at the Bear Center Natatorium.

Director, Team Members

GRINNELL COLLEGE:

Alumni Relations Assistant,
Assistant/Associate Director for
Information Security, Assistant Director of
Residence Life and Orientation, Associate
Director of Development, Business
Process Analyst/Programmer, Bookstore
Assistant, Chemistry Technical
Assistant, Dining Hall Supervisor, Senior
Web Systems Architect, Call-in Campus
Safety & Security Officer, Call-in
Cashier, Call-in Dispatcher, Part-time
Catering Staff, Temporary Presentation
Cook

GRINNELL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB:

General Manager

GRINNELL-NEUBURG SCHOOL

DISTRICT: Athletic Coaches, Cook,
Substitute Teachers & Paraeducators,
Substitute Bus Drivers, Substitute Cooks

GRINNELL REGIONAL MEDICAL

CENTER: Revenue Cycle Analyst, Clinics
Administrator, Clinics Manager, Medical
Laboratory Technologist, Staff Counselor,
Patient Care Technician, Registered
Nurse, Patient Billing Representative,
Registered Respiratory Therapist,
Security Officer

GRINNELL UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH: Church Coordinator of
Ministries

JENSEN OPTOMETRISTS: Optometric
Assistant

PAGLIAI'S PIZZA: Bussers, servers,
cashiers, hosts and dishwashers

PENNYSAVER: Carriers

STATE FARM AGENCY: BRENT NICKEL
AGENCY: Office Representative

Realtors & Rentals

EXIT HULS REALTY

GRINNELL REALTY [Click here for
open houses.](#)

RAMSEY-WEEKS

RE/MAX PARTNERS REALTY

[Click here for rental listings.](#)

SATURDAY STORYTIME: Koo Koo for Coconuts! is Saturday,
Jan. 17 at 10:30am at Drake Community Library.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HD BROADCAST: 'The Merry Widow'
is Saturday, Jan. 17 at noon at Grinnell College's Harris Center
Cinema.

JAM SESSION is Saturday, Jan. 17 from 8am to noon at the Paul
W. Ahrens Fitness Center.

GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING is Monday, Jan. 19 at 7pm
at the Grinnell Community Center.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY EVENT SERIES is Monday,
Jan. 19 and Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Grinnell College.

SLOW COOKER SENSATIONS freezer meal workshop is
Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6pm at Memories Maid and Flowers By
Dzyne.

WINE & CANVAS WORKSHOP is Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6pm at
Grinnell Steakhouse, hosted by Memories Maid.

GRINNELL UKULELE Music Buddies Organization gathering
(open to the public) is Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7pm at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church.

MEDITATION CLASS begins Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30pm at
Locally Grown Yoga.

OPENING RECEPTION for 'Gordon Parks and Playing It Forward'
is Friday, Jan. 23 from 4:15 to 6pm at Faulconer Gallery.

WINE & WOOD FIRED PIZZA NIGHT is Friday, Jan. 23 at
5:30pm at Tassel Ridge Winery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMODELING IS UNDERWAY at [Anna Kayte's Boutique/Awards
Unlimited.](#)

The store is closed to walk-in retail traffic during the remodel.
Boutique clothing can still be ordered online, and they are still
doing custom screen printing, embroidery, engraving, awards and
other promotional products during the remodel.

MAKE SURE TO LIKE [Memories Maid](#) and [Flowers By DZyne](#)
Facebook pages for upcoming events and promotions like our
freezer meal workshop, Wine & Canvas night, Valentine's Day
specials, Whirl flower specials and a wedding expo!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FURNACE INSPECTED? Bitter cold
temperatures mixed with inefficient HVAC systems can put a big
bite in your heating bill. [German Plumbing Heating & Cooling](#) Wis
currently doing full furnace inspections for a flat fee of \$89. Then,
for any work performed as a result of their recommendations, you'll
receive a 10% discount until the end of January.

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED for Arts
Academy classes at the Grinnell Area Arts Council. [Click here for
class offerings and schedules.](#)
Classes available for all ages from toddlers to adults.

20 AWESOME THINGS that happened at Grin City Collective in 2014 - [click here for the list.](#)

RADON KITS ARE AVAILABLE

from Grinnell Regional Public Health for homeowners who have not tested their home in at least two years. Call 641-236-2385 to pick up a kit. A limited supply are free, and additional kits will be made available for \$5 each.

CHECK OUT THE [Watkins](#) Clearance Basket at [Dandelions & Vines](#) for bargains.

READ ABOUT one of Grinnell's oldest business, Sam Berman & Sons, at [OurGrinnell.com](#).

COMMUNITY MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS are due to Grinnell College's Community Enhancement and Engagement Office by Jan. 30. [Click here for details.](#)

Whether you are stopping by for an hour, a weekend or the rest of your life, Grinnell is truly the "Jewel of the Prairie." We thank you for your continued interest in the city of Grinnell!

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