

Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce

WAUSHARA CHAMBER CHAT-JANUARY 2ND, 2019



Small Business BA5 Signup

Have you wanted to host a Business After Five but don't have the space or resources? Sign-up for the Chamber's January Business After Five that will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at the WWII Building. For \$50, you will have your own space, lots of foot traffic, and that fee will go towards the catering. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business! There are **3 spots** still available so if this is something you are interested in, please contact the Chamber as soon as possible at 920-787-3488. Spaces will be given on a first come, first serve basis.



American Martial Arts Academy Tai'Chi Winter Session

American Martial Arts Academy's winter sessions will begin on Monday, January 7th and classes will be held 9am-10am. This T'ai Chi 6 Week session will improve flexibility, promote harmony of body and mind, improve your musculoskeletal ailments, arthritis, back pain fibromyalgia, lower your blood pressure, reduce stress, and improve your cardiovascular health, strength, and muscle tone. All classes will be taught by Joanne Nelson. Call 920-229-2622 to register for this session.



ChiroPlus Complementary Healthcare Nutrition & Lifestyle Seminars

Join Dr. Jennifer Culver and Dr. Colleen Pomplun to come together as a group for a kick-off event, filled with informative nutritional and lifestyle details for your personal happiness and wellbeing. You'll receive a flexible 21-day nutritional plan and other solutions to launch your best self in 2019. Later in the month, come together again for a follow-up group session to discuss successes, challenges, and opportunities to further excel in your wellness in 2019 and beyond. You will have a choice to participate in person or virtually online via Facebook. This kick off will be on January 9th from 6-7:30pm and the follow up will be January 30th 6-7:30pm.



Breakfast Club Networking Meeting

Make plans to join the WACC on Thursday, January 10th, to try out their Breakfast Club Networking Group. This group will meet at 8:00am in the conference room at Coldwell Banker in Wautoma and donuts and coffee will be provided. The Breakfast Club will be a casual networking meeting guided by a different business topic each meeting. There will be no charge to be a part of this group but you must be a Chamber member. The committee is

open to different meeting times and locations which can be discussed. If you have questions, please contact the Chamber at 920-787-3488.



Town and Country Veterinary Announcement

Town and Country Veterinary Clinic would like to make an announcement that they are moving forward with the plans and construction for the Waushara County Animal Shelter. They will be taking tax deductible donations via https://cfcwi.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?setc=1&funit_id=1376. Checks can also be mailed PO Box 68 Wautoma, WI 54982. Please check out the shelter's Facebook page updates and for more information.



2018 Big Buck Results

The results of the 6th annual Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce Big Buck Contest are in! Darrell Woyak of Wautoma took first place with a prize of \$300 and Elijah Bolstad of Montello took second place with a prize of \$200. Third place was awarded to Andy Woyak of Larsen, he won \$100 and the fourth place winner is Gail Houghton, of Berlin, with a \$50 cash prize. The Big Buck Contest also awarded cash prizes to 5 contestants who didn't get a buck this year. Sponsors included American Family Insurance, Blader's Dakota Inn, Bosshard Surveying, LLC, Christianos Pizza, Coloma Hotel & Pub, Martz Insurance, Moose Inn, Oakwood Bar, Restaurant, and Campground, Silvercryst, The Ellickson Agency, and WAUH Radio. Blader's Dakota Inn, Coloma Hotel, Dave's Complete Auto Service, Oakwood, and Waushara Argus served as registration scoring stations.



Important Information From ACEC

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's education scholarship will be available beginning January 1st, 2019. If you know someone who would qualify for this scholarship, they should visit their website for more details. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Friday, February 8th. Have you signed up for your *free* energy savings kits from Focus on Energy? Visit <http://www.energyfederation.org/focusonenergy/packs.html> to order your kit today!



CAP Services Seeks Volunteers for Waushara County Tax Program

Planning for the upcoming income tax filing season is underway and CAP Services is seeking volunteers to prepare tax returns and provide customer support. Since 2009, CAP Services has provided free tax preparation to low-income families in Waushara County through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

"The program provides volunteers with a short-term opportunity to make a large-scale impact," said Connie Henn, CAP's lead tax assistance coordinator. "For households whose resources are already stretched, our free tax services provide a stepping stone from getting by to getting ahead, helping families keep and save more of their hard-earned money."

During the 2018 filing season, volunteers helped 230 households in Waushara County secure nearly \$275,000 in federal and state income tax refunds.

CAP anticipates an increased demand for services in 2019 and will need additional volunteers to meet the need. Individuals can get involved through a weekly commitment to conduct intake activities or prepare taxes, or through an occasional – once or twice a month – commitment to offer interpretation services.

No previous experience is needed. CAP will provide in-person and online training free of charge to all interested volunteers beginning mid-December. The tax site operates from late January to mid-April.

“You don’t need to be a tax expert to volunteer with us – there’s a place for everyone. Each volunteer role provides the opportunity to build new experiences and relationships, making the tax site a great place to make a difference this winter,” said Henn.

Additionally, volunteers can access CAP’s tax filing software to prepare their own returns as well as returns for friends and family, free of charge.

CAP will offer free tax preparation services at the CAPsell Center in Wautoma. The site was selected by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) for participation in its Tax Time Saving pilot project this year, which means volunteers will have access to additional tools, resources, and training to increase the number of tax customers who save at least a portion of their refunds. Additionally, CFPB will learn from volunteers how consumers think about and plan for saving at tax time so that learning can be shared more broadly with the tax preparation field. If you are interested in volunteering, visit the CAP Services website at capservices.org/vita, or contact Connie Henn at chenn@capmail.org or 920-647-0978.



Spring Classes at Fox Valley Technical College

Fox Valley Technical College Regional Center in Wautoma is excited to be offering a wide variety of classes this spring. Class include: FVTC Wautoma Welding, Free Welding Career Workshop, Nursing Assistant Program, Principles of Accounting, Human Resource Management, Computer Software Classes, GED/HSED, CPR, General Studies (oral/interpersonal communication, written communication, mathematics, contemporary American society, economics, intro to ethics, intro to psych, intro to sociology, intro to diversity studies), Ballroom/Social Dance, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Container Gardening and Beyond, Home Alone Babysitting, Basic Small Engine Repair, Quilting Techniques, and Photography-Today’s Amateur. For more information on these courses or to register for a class, please go to www.fvtc.edu/wautoma, visit in person at 556 S. Cambridge Street, or call at 920-787-3319.



Ugly Cupcakes Offers Special Off-Season Discount on Retail Space

Park Place Mall, located at 409 West Main Street in Wautoma, has a special, off-season discount on their available retail space. Your rent will include heat, electric, A/C, parking on

the side of the building, and public restrooms. The building already has several long established businesses already there with large customer bases. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to stop in or call Phil at 920-787-7885 between 10am and 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's.



Advertising Opportunity on Chamber Website

Website advertising is now available on the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce website. Advertise your business and you will be able to track how many people see and interact with your banner ad. Ads will be sold on a first come, first serve basis and will be \$120 for 6 months. You will also be able choose where your ad is placed between our homepage, events page, and member directory page. If you would like to reserve a space, call the Chamber at 920-787-3488.



Prime Office/Business Space Available @The CAPsell Center

If you are looking for an affordable space to house your new or existing business, contact the CAPsell Center here in Wautoma. They have large, prime space with windows facing Main Street available to rent now, along with smaller interior spaces of various sizes. Monthly rent is reasonable and based on space location and square footage. Rents include heat/AC, electric, water, garbage service, & snow removal. Leasehold improvements may be available. The CAPsell center enjoys heavy foot traffic and has ample parking space for your clients. Call 1-877-377-1434 today for details.



Save the date on your calendar

- ❖ Tuesday, January 15th, Brown Bags and Books Club. This new book club, presented by Vision 2020, is aimed at raising awareness about the economic challenges facing our community and our country. Bring a lunch to the Wautoma Public Library on Tuesday, January 15th from 11:30-12:30pm to join the discussion. January's book will be Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, by J.D. Vance. Copies of this month's book will be available for check out at the Wautoma Public Library. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to discuss the book, join in on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/313550852571961/>.
- ❖ Saturday, February 16th, Sit, Stay, Smile Fundraiser. Sign your pets up for a professional photo session and help out the Waushara County Animal Shelter! This event will take place at LeBouton Photography located at 224 S Cambridge Street in Wautoma from 9am-2pm. All funds raised will go to WCAS for the building renovation fund, and all donations are tax deductible. Call 920-279-9795 to request your preferred 20-minute time slot, and someone will return your call to confirm! Once your time is confirmed, please arrive 10 minutes early. Photos can be just your pets or can include humans. You will receive a CD with your images on it, for you to print, post on social media, or

use however you like. Photography services generously donated by Gary LeBouton of LeBouton Photography, Wautoma. Donation: \$30 for one or two pets and \$5 for each additional pet.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

First Tuesday of Each Month—Free blood pressure checks@Family Health

Every Monday—Chair Yoga at the Coloma Hotel @ 9am.

Every Tuesday—Zumba at Wautoma Fitness 24/7 from 7:00-7:45am.

Every Tuesday— Free Blood Pressure Checks at Family Health La Clinica 2-5pm.

Every Wednesday—Wauhara Historical Museum open from 9am-4pm

Every Monday&Wednesday – Yoga Sculpt with Cathy Favelle at Wautoma Senior Center 8:45-9:45

Every Tuesday & Thursday—Aerobic Class Workout DVD 8:45-9:45 am @Wautoma Senior Center

Every Thursday—Wauhara Historical Museum open from 9am-12pm.

Every Friday—Yoga at the Coloma Hotel @ 9am.

Every Friday—Line Dancing at Wautoma Senior Center at 8:30am

Every 2nd, 4th, 5th Saturday—Bingo at Wautoma Senior Center. Doors open @5pm, bingo@6:30pm.

Monday, January 7th—T'ai Chi Winter Session begins at AMMA 9am-10am.

Wednesday, January 9th—Nutrition & Lifestyle Seminar kickoff at ChiroPlus 6-7:30pm.

Thursday, January 10th—Breakfast Club Networking Meeting @ Coldwell Banker @ 8:00am

Tuesday, January 15th—Brown Bags & Books Club @ Wautoma Library 11:30-12:30pm.

Tuesday, January 15th—Small Business BA5 at WWII Memorial Building @ 5:00pm.

Saturday, February 16th—Sit, Stay, Smile Event @ LeBouton Photography 9am-2pm.



****Tune into WAUH, 102.3 The BUG @ 10:30 on Thursday mornings to hear all of the latest Chamber News and Event Info****

