

## Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce

# WAUSHARA CHAMBER CHAT-MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



### June Business After Five

Join us on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> for our monthly Business After Five at Oakwood's Tiki Bar beginning at 5:00pm. This is the perfect opportunity to see all of the great things Oakwood has to offer and to network with your Chamber friends. This is also a great chance to bring a business guest who isn't currently a member but may be thinking about joining the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce. Oakwood is located N5428 24th Ave in Wild Rose. If you have any questions, feel free to call 920-787-3488. ***\*Next month's Business After Five will be held on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Ideal Accounting in Wautoma\****



### WACC Welcomes New Member

We are pleased to introduce our newest WACC member, Chris Ross-First Weber Group. Chris, a longtime Wautoma native, is excited to be back. After living out of state for a number of years, Ross is back in his hometown and ready to use his real estate license that he's had 17 years experience with. He looks forward to helping you with any real estate needs including single family homes, commercial enterprises, and/or recreational land. Give him a call at 920-207-6307 to welcome him into the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce.



### WACC Golf Outing

On Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual WACC Golf Outing Fundraiser at Two Oaks North Golf Course to promote your business and benefit Chamber activities. This event is a 4-person scramble and will include 9 holes with a cart, raffles, hole event prizes, awards, and dinner catered by Two Oaks to follow golf for \$49 per person. Registration will begin at 3:30pm on the 31<sup>st</sup>, with a shotgun start to follow at 4:30pm. If you can't make it for golf but would like to join us for networking and dinner, it's just \$25.

We are asking our members to help make this event a success by sponsoring a hole and/or contributing an item for a prize. Please feel free to contact me at 920-787-3488 if you have any questions or need any further information about the event. This is your chance to be a part of our outing and promote your business!

Member Hole Sponsor:

This sponsorship opportunity includes promotion on a highly visible sign at a designated hole and a listing in the golf program.

Sponsorship + 4 Golfers

\$225

Sponsorship+ 2 Golfers

\$140

Sponsorship

\$60



### **Upcoming Events at the Coloma Hotel**

Join the Coloma Hotel on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 in the hotel living room for an evening of live music! Hannah Rose will be at the hotel playing country music. Mark your calendar for Memorial Day Weekend at the Coloma Hotel. They will giving a free drink to Veteran's and you can stop in on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to put your name on a quilt flag. If you have any questions, you can contact them at 715-228-2401.



### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Waushara County Crime Stoppers K-9 Brat Fry**

Join Charles Chevrolet at their new location at 1978 Charles Way in Coloma. They will be having their famous K-9 Brat Fry on Friday, May 17th, from 10-2pm and Saturday, May 18th from 10-1pm. Along with delicious brats and hotdogs, they will be doing K-9 unit demonstrations, raffles, and giving out door prizes. If you have any questions, contact John Nixon at (715) 503-4309.



### **Waushara County Master Gardener Plant Sale**

Stock up on all of your plant and flower needs at the Annual Waushara County Master Gardener Plant Sale which will take place on Saturday, May 18th. Stop out at the Waushara County Fairgrounds from 8:00am-12:00pm and get your vegetables, perennials, herbs, annuals, native plants, shrubs, ground covers, and grasses. The proceeds from this sale support community gardens, educational offerings, and scholarships.



### **Brown Bags and Books Club**

Last month's "Brown Bags and Books" discussion concluded that most financially devastating expenses to families living near or below the poverty level is housing. To better understand this housing struggle, the May discussion will center on the book, Evicted by sociologist Matthew Desmond. Evicted is a fast read, documenting the housing journey and efforts of real families in Milwaukee, Wisconsin trying to "keep a roof over their heads". Through this journey, Desmond illustrates that being evicted "is a cause, not just a condition of poverty". Evicted is a New York Times best-seller, won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize and was chosen as the 2019 Fox Cities Reads book. Join others in a discussion of Evicted at 11:30am on Tuesday, May 21st at the Wautoma Public Library. Free coffee will be available. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Wautoma Library, 410 West Main Street, Wautoma or through your local library. Even if you have not read the book, please join us for coffee and conversation about the challenges that face struggling individuals and families. If you cannot come in person, discussion questions will be posted on the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/313550852571961/>.



## **Important Information From ACEC**

- Do you know a current high school sophomore or junior that is seeking leadership opportunities? Encourage them to apply for Youth Leadership Congress (YLC)! This is a three day leadership conference for high school students at UW River Falls that gives students a chance to experience college life, learn great leadership skills, learn about how cooperatives impact them, interviewing skills, listen to motivational speakers, and more! **Plus, ACEC pays for everything!** To learn more about YLC and to apply, visit our website: <https://www.acecwi.com/co-op-programs/youth/>. Registration is available from May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Have you heard about ACEC's *new* STEM Grant? This grant is available for schools in our service area for projects academically focused in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math. The next deadline to apply is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website to learn more about this grant to and to apply! <https://www.acecwi.com/stem-grant/>



## **1 Mo. FREE Rent Special\* for Office/Retail Space Available NOW**

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. (\*1 month free rent special is for new tenants only. Lease term: 1 yr. Exp. 5-31-19) Rents include heat, A/C, electric, sewer, water, garbage service, and 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. CAP Services is an equal opportunity employer/provider



## **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.



## **Save the date on your calendar**

- ❖ Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mexican Fiesta at The Bread Bar. Get ready to enjoy a little Mexican cuisine right in Coloma beginning at 6:00pm! The Bread Bar will start your experience off with stuffed jalapenos filled with chorizo, Monterey jack and Romano cheese with Klaus' jalapeno cheddar bread sticks on the side. There will also be an avocado salsa served with corn tortilla chips served as an appetizer. Next on the menu is a delicious Caesar salad. The main course will be Pollo in Salsa Verde. To complete the Mexican feast, guests will enjoy Kahlua Pie! Your dinner will include 1 glass of wine or craft beer for \$35/person. Seating is limited so call 715-782-9200 to reserve your seat today!
- ❖ Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, WACC Freedom Fest Brat Fry. Freedom Fest is Waushara County's celebration of Independence Day sponsored by the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce. The festival will be held on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with the parade beforehand at 5:00pm. The event will then continue on at the Waushara County Fairgrounds with food, entertainment and kids activities followed by one of the area's finest displays of fireworks sponsored by various businesses and organizations. Each year the cost of the fireworks increases and raising the funds gets harder.  
To help offset some of these expenses, the WACC Board Members will be holding a Brat Fry at Copps in Wautoma from 10am-2pm on Friday, May 24th. We'll be serving up brats, burgers, and hot dogs. Come buy your lunch from us and help support Freedom Fest 2019 in the process, we hope to see you all there!
- ❖ May 24<sup>th</sup>-May 25<sup>th</sup>, Poppy Distribution. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 317 – Wautoma and American Legion Post 317-Wautoma will be distributing the Memorial Poppy on Memorial Day Weekend. Wearing the Poppy honors the sacrifices made by our service members while assisting them. Donations are used to serve veterans and their families. A brief list of how the funds are used: provide gift cards to veterans and their families at holiday time, meals for Veterans at King for their King Day Event, Camp American Legion, supplies-tray favors for hospitalized veterans, transportation of Veterans to appointments, Homeless Female Veterans Fund, Veterans needs requested. All donations go directly to support Veterans and their families. The last Friday in May is designated as Official Poppy Day. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 317 will have members stationed at Copps, Shopko, Stoneridge, Ace Hardware 8:00am – 6:00pm and the Post Office during morning hours on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and will be at Copps, Shopko, Stoneridge, and Ace Hardware on Saturday from 8am-2pm and the post office during the morning hours.
- ❖ Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Live Music at Mekan River Brewing Company. Singer-songwriter and 2018 Nash-Next finalist, Amelia Ford, mixes soft soprano with raw grit in her 50+ original pop and folk-rock songs. Likened to Alanis Morissette and Natalie Merchant, Amelia's music is passionate, her lyrics uniquely-phrased, and her trademark introspection humorous. Come hear her story and ponder the meaning of life, love,

and microwaves at The Mekan River Brewing Company on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.

- ❖ Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Walk-the-Waush Challenge. The Waushara County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Waushara County Health Department and the Waushara County Parks Department are hosting the Walk-the-Waush Hiking Challenge again this year! The challenge runs from May 25 – September 1, 2019. The challenge is free and open to Walkers, Runners and Hikers of all ages and abilities. **Participants must register as an Individual** but are encouraged to invite others. The goal is for participants to walk as many miles as they can. More miles logged = more chances to win prizes! Prize levels are Platinum: 100+ miles, Gold: 75+ miles, Silver: 25+ miles, and Bronze: 10+ miles. We will give more details about the prizes throughout the challenge. **Participants must register** for the challenge through this Online Registration Link: [Registration: Walk-the-Waush Challenge 2019](#) or at any of the following locations:
  - Waushara County Libraries (Coloma, Hancock, Pine River, Plainfield, Poy Sippi, Redgranite, Wautoma, Wild Rose)
  - Waushara County Health Department, 230 W. Park St, Wautoma
  - Waushara County Parks Department, N2402 S. Townline Rd, Wautoma
  - Chamber of Commerce Office, 440 W. Main St, WautomaOnce you have registered, please pick up a Walk Waushara Trail Book, log sheet, and other challenge materials from one of the locations mentioned above. **\*If you have your Walk Waushara Trail Book from last year, nothing has changed as far as the trails go. I've attached a NEW LOG SHEET for you to use this year.** All participants should record their mileage on their own log sheet. Only trails in the Walk Waushara Trail Book are eligible to use for the Challenge. You may also access the Walk Waushara Trail Book online at the Waushara County Parks Department website. <https://filedn.com/IX9EuatXae7h85OTdT9gUkV/Walk%20Waushara/mobile/index.html#p=1>
- ❖ May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Little Sturgis Music and Motorcycle Fest. Blader's Dakota Inn will be hosting the Little Sturgis Motorcycle & Music Festival from May 31<sup>st</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup> at W9501 County Rd JJ in Wautoma. There will be "roughin' it" camping available onsite for \$10 per person. Bands will play Friday through Sunday and the weekend headliner, Road Trip, will play Saturday night at 8pm. Enjoy a bike show on Saturday from 9am-11pm, a Pure Class Vodka Bloody Mary Bar Saturday and Sunday 9am-12pm, food and drink specials throughout the weekend, and a vendor fair. This weekend will be a fundraiser for the Disabled American Vets. To buy tickets, find out more information, or sign up to be a vendor, call Dakota Inn at 920-787-3227.
- ❖ Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, WACC Freedom Fest Brat Fry. Freedom Fest is Waushara County's celebration of Independence Day sponsored by the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce. The festival will be held on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with the parade beforehand at 5:00pm. The event will then continue on at the Waushara County Fairgrounds with

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- ❖ Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day Boards N' Brews. Here is an opportunity for dads to get together with their daughters or those female family members to come in and make a gift for good ol' dad!!! With several board colors and designs to choose from, you will have the ability to create just a sign to hang or turn it into a bottle opener! Once again, they are teaming up with Front Street Creations to bring you an opportunity to create a gift for dad, just in time for Father's Day. This time, Mekan River Brewing Company will feature wines from Sunset Point Winery out of Stevens Point, WI. Also included in the fee of the class is Mekan River Brewing Company's very own charcuterie tray featuring locally raised and smoked Rainbow Trout! This fun afternoon starts at 1:00pm and runs to about 4pm. The cost is \$45 and includes; all of the supplies needed for your board, wine tastings from Sunset Point Winery, and snacks from their Charcuterie Tray. In order to reserve your seat, payment is required in advance. They have limited seating available. They will hold the class in our outdoor seating area, weather permitting. Please mail your payment of \$45 to: MRBC P.O. Box 352, Coloma, WI, 54930.
- ❖ Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast Club Networking Meeting. Make plans to join the WACC on Thursday, May 9th, to try out their Breakfast Club Networking Group. This group will meet at 8:00am at The Bread Bar in Coloma. 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 Bread Bar is located at 157 N Front Street in Coloma, WI. If you have questions, please contact the Chamber at 920-787-3488
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- ❖ Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Poy Sippi Days. Head over to the Poy Sippi Park on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for Poy Sippi Days! Enjoy a craft fair from 10am-4pm, a corn hole tournament at 12pm (\$20/team), burgers, brats, and beer all day, basket raffles from 10am-5pm, cash raffle at 5:30pm, Poy Sippi firetruck display 10am-1pm, Green Lake County drone demonstration, Waushara County K9 Demonstration at 11am, and GAGA pit for kids all day! Vitamin R will be performing for attendees from 1-5pm. If you have questions, please contact Tracie at 920-369-6031!
- ❖ Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Barn Quilt Event at MRBC. Locals, Jeanne & Donna, a sister duo will be coming together once again to bring you their expertise in free handing a genuine barn quilt on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm! No stencils here folks! Sheer old fashioned TALENT! Included in the \$85 fee is a pizza dinner, one drink of your choice, your 2x2 primed boards, several patterns and paint color choices to choose from, plus all materials necessary for completing your quilt. They will need for you to bring a hairdryer and a straight edge. Seating in this class is limited, so early registration is recommended. Dinner will be served around 5pm, snacks will also be provided through out the class.
- ❖ Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Fest Fourth of July Celebration. Join the WACC on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> for our annual Freedom Fest Celebration. The parade will be held at 5:00pm on Main Street in Wautoma. If your organization or business would like to participate, meet us on Waupaca Street (by Candle Freak) at 4:30pm and we will get you a spot in line. Follow us after the parade to the Waushara County Fairgrounds where we will have plenty of food, drinks, and activities for kids. Illegal Formation will play from 6pm-dusk. There will be kiddy rides on Chippy the Train, donated by Evergreen Campsites along with the Wautoma Area Fire Department's firetrucks, face painting and balloon animals created by Dizzy D the balloon twister donated by Gary Christensen & State Farm Insurance-Dopp Agency, and other kid's games and activities. Another new activity this year will be a Cornhole Tournament. And of course, stick around for the area's finest display of fireworks sponsored by various businesses and organizations. We hope to see you all there! Rain Date will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Jailbreak Marathon. Waushara County Crime Stoppers will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Jail Break Marathon to take place on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. This family event will be held at the Waushara County Fairgrounds. In addition to the Marathon there will also be a half marathon, 10k, a 5K Fun Run/Walk, and a 1 mile Kids Run. New this year will be a craft/vendor fair. For more information, visit their website at [www.thejailbreakmarathon.com](http://www.thejailbreakmarathon.com).

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

Every Wednesday—Waushara 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**—Waushara 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday**—Bingo at Wautoma Senior Center. Doors open @5pm, bingo@6:30pm.  
**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**—Live Music at the Coloma Hotel 7-9pm.  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**—12<sup>th</sup> Annual Waushara County Crime Stoppers K-9 Brat Fry 10am-2pm/10am-1pm  
**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**—Waushara County Master Gardener Plant Sale 8am-12pm@WC Fairgrounds  
**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**—Brown Bags and Books Club 11:30-12:30pm at Wautoma Public Library.  
**Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**—Mexican Dinner at The Bread Bar @ 6:00pm.  
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**Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**—Poy Sippi Days at Poy Sippi Park 10am-5pm.  
**Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**—Barn Quilt Event at Mekan River Brewing Company 1-6pm.  
**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**—Freedom Fest-4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks & Celebration  
**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**—10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jailbreak Marathon.



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

