

## Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce

# WAUSHARA CHAMBER CHAT SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



### September Business After Five

Join us on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> for our monthly Business After Five at Stelter Farms, LLC hosted by the Waushara County Farm Bureau beginning at 5:00pm. This is the perfect opportunity to meet our local farmers, get an up close and personal tour of the farm, 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. There will be a baked potatoe bar, so make sure you come early. The Stelter Farm is located at W10563 Cty Rd Y in Wautoma. If you have any questions, feel free to call 920-787-3488. ***\*Next month's Business After Five will be hosted by the Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center on October 9<sup>th</sup>.\****



### Ice Age Trail-Mobile Skills Crew Project on Bohn Lake

Waushara County is home to 20 miles of beautiful off-road hiking on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. One beloved segment of the Trail travels through and around Bohn Lake State National Area. Bohn Lake is one piece of a 14-mile long glacial tunnel channel, created by a meltwater river flowing beneath glacial ice whose outlet was where the Village of Hancock stands today. The Ice Age Trail weaves in and out of this tunnel channel, opening for interpretation the subglacial flow of water which carved the landscape. September 18th-22nd volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in a trail building event on the Bohn Lake segment of the Ice Age Trail. During the event, which is part of the IATA's Mobile Skills Crew program, volunteers will help build an elevated boardwalk, stone steps and retaining walls, and close to a mile of sustainable footpath. Help is also needed cooking meals, removing invasive plants, updating and installing trail signage, and addressing existing trail maintenance needs. No previous experience is necessary, and there will be roles for all ages and abilities. Volunteers will gather Wednesday through Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. at Hancock Park, which serves as project basecamp. Trail work ends around 4 p.m. each day and at noon on Sunday. The IATA provides meals, tools, and a place to camp for free to all who volunteer. There is no obligation to stay for the entire event, but many do because of the fun atmosphere and camaraderie that develop throughout the project. If you'd like to join us, please help the Ice Age Trail Alliance plan for your needs by registering online at [iceagetrail.org/event/mobile-skills-crew-trailbuilding-event-bohnlake-segment-waushara-county-sept2019-2/](http://iceagetrail.org/event/mobile-skills-crew-trailbuilding-event-bohnlake-segment-waushara-county-sept2019-2/)



## **Vision 2020 Brown Bags and Books Discussion**

Last month's Brown Bags and Books group discussed *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. She knows what it's like to be a maid. In her book *Nickel and Dimed*, Ehrenreich "inhabited" several low paying, hard-working jobs including working as a maid in an effort to understand the challenges of surviving on low wage work. Unlike Stephanie Land, author of the book *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive*, Ehrenreich knew that she could go back to her "far-more-comfortable life as a writer." Stephanie cannot. Instead, she struggles to provide a safe home for her daughter while surviving on "bits of public assistance" and the low wages of a maid. Her book describes the years she worked in low-paying domestic work. Ehrenreich who wrote the forward to Land's book, points out that "Stephanie's world is ruled by scarcity." Join a discussion of *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive* on Wednesday, September 18th at Wautoma Public Library from 12:30-1:30pm or at Coloma Public Library, Thursday September 19th from 6-7 p.m. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Wautoma Library, 410 West Main Street in Wautoma and the Coloma Public Library, 155 North Front St. in Coloma. 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/>. "Brown Bags and Books" is a project of Waushara County's Vision 2020 initiative, offering citizens an opportunity to learn about poverty and help create solutions.



## **Wild Rose Kiwanis Car Show Breakfast and Day Lily Sale**

Wild Rose Kiwanis will offer a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes and sausage from 7:30 - 10:30 on Saturday, September 21, for Wild Rose Classic Car Show exhibitors and visitors. It will be held in the Wild Rose Lions Building, just south of the village. In addition, Kiwanis will be selling special day lily plants from 7:30 - 2, also at the Lions Building. One of the Wild Rose Kiwanis members is Darrel Apps, a nationally known day lily hybridizer. Dr. Apps has given a variety of named day lily varieties and selected seedlings to the Kiwanis to be sold as a fundraising project. All the day lily plants will be sold bare-root, two plants each, with clearly marked labels. Pictures of each day lily will be available. The Pancake Breakfast and Day Lily Sale are Wild Rose Kiwanis fundraisers and the proceeds, as always, will be entirely used to benefit the community. Credit cards, as well as cash or checks, will be accepted.



## **Mid-state Snow Drifter's 4th Annual Golf Outing**

The Mid-State Snow Drifters Snowmobile Club grooms 67.4 miles of trails in the Wautoma Area and is the only club in Waushara County to have 100% of its trails system funded by the State of Wisconsin. Also, 100% of the club's members are active members of the Wisconsin Snowmobile Association. The club currently owns a Snow Cat groomer equipped with rubber tracks and trail grooming drag. To help them maintain the equipment and trails, consider golfing with them on Saturday, September 21st at Two Oaks North. This will be a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start at 11am. Your \$65 entry fee will include 18 holes of golf with a cart, dinner, hole event prizes, and team prizes. If you would like to register, call Rusty at 920-787-7132.



## **Waushara County Veteran's Picnic**

The AMVETS Post 13 Redgranite will host a Veteran's Picnic open to all veterans and families on Saturday, September 21st from 10am-3pm at the Waushara County Fair Grounds. They'll have pulled pork, burgers, hot dogs, and a corn roast for attendees. Please RSVP to Kevin Miller, 920-787-7750 or Jane Melby, 920-979-8307.



## **Silvercryst Game Day Buffet**

Silvercryst is continuing their Packer Game Day Buffet! For just \$8.95 per person this buffet includes local cuisine from opposing teams including soup, salad bar, and desserts. If you need a place to watch the game this Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> against the Denver Broncos, try Silvercryst! They will have a "Mexican" buffet. Don't forget they sell \$2.00 Miller products and they hand out free Jell-O shots for Packer Touchdowns! Kickoff is at 12:00pm.



## **McComb/Bruchs PAC Presents: Poco**

These country rock pioneers found platinum success early in their career, and four decades later Rusty Young, who wrote and sang the massive hits "Crazy Love" and "Call It Love", still leads this incredible band. Other hits include, "Heart Of The Night", "Spellbound", "Keep On Tryin'" and "Good Feelin' To Know". Poco has released "All Fired Up", their first studio CD in 13 years. Early reviews include No Depression: "The band still sounds fresh, not a rehash, true to the past but not wallowing in it." and Soundpress: "a simmering set from the country rock stalwarts who are ready to stamp their mark on another decade". They'll be performing at the McComb/Bruchs PAC on Sunday, September 22nd at 7:00pm. To reserve your tickets, call the PAC at 920-787-2189.

## Upcoming Events at Oakwood

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for Oakwood's Customer Appreciation Party starting at 4:30pm. LeRoy and Dala will be there playing music and Karaoke. Watch for more details on this event on their Facebook page. On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Lost Companion of Wild Rose is doing a fundraising event "One Cat Short of Crazy". This is a night of dinner, fun, live music, raffle baskets and prizes. To purchase tickets contact Karen at 262-308-6635 or email her at [kkusba@hotmail.com](mailto:kkusba@hotmail.com), tickets are \$25.00. Limited number of tickets being sold so contact Karen today.



## Updates from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

- They need your help! A list of former member with unclaimed patronage capital has been posted on their website. Please take a look and help them track down these individuals.
- Join them on Saturday, October 5th at Leatherberry Acres in Baraboo to celebrate October being co-op month! Games and prizes will be available from 10am-2pm but members are welcome to attend anytime on Saturday. Visit their website to register for four free wristbands per membership until September 20. Children 2 and under are free to attend and additional wristbands may be purchased for the discounted price of \$10. Bring the family and enjoy the mazes, zip line, straw bale pyramid and so much more!
- Know of an individual or organization that is looking for financial support? Apply for Operation Round-Up! The next deadline October 15. Visit their website to learn more: <https://www.acecwi.com/operation-round-up/>
- Did you know they offer educational safety programs? ACEC offers presentations for all age groups (schools, first responders, fire departments, etc.) From classroom presentations to their hotline demonstration, they can easily customize safety information for your group. And the best part? They travel to you and it's free! If you know of an organization that would benefit from a presentation, give them a call at (800) 831-8629 to email [acec@acecwi.com](mailto:acec@acecwi.com).



## Waushara Interactive Networking Group

No matter who you are or what you do, networking can help you and your business grow. Joining a networking group can help you connect your business with other businesses, gain business advice, do market research, expand your knowledge base, earn referrals, raise your business exposure, and even make friends. If you are looking for an awesome way to expand your networking opportunities, check out our Friday morning WIN Group that meets every other Friday, 7:45-8:45am. Email the Chamber at or give us a call at 920-787-3488 to learn more. Our next meeting will be Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.



### **Nominate a Business Person of the Year**

The WACC annually selects a Business person of the Year. This award will be presented at the Fall Banquet. The selection is always extremely difficult, so please include as much information about your nominee as possible. Nominees must be a member of the Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce. The submission should include, but not necessarily limited to, the following areas, name of nominee, current memberships and offices held, elective office held (if any), other information that would reflect why they are deserving of the award, and personal information (family, interests, etc.) Application deadline is October 5th, 2019. Please submit your application to the Waushara Area Chamber Office, P.O. Box 65, Wautoma, WI 54982. Call the Chamber @ 920-787-3488 or e-mail [wausharachamber@gmail.com](mailto:wausharachamber@gmail.com) with any questions.



### **Nominate a Citizen of the Year**

Each year, approximately 2-3 months prior to the Annual Awards Dinner, all Chamber members will be contacted with information regarding nominations. The nomination form will be made available via the Chamber Link, and members can submit any name they feel should be considered for the current award. Completed forms shall include the reasons the person believes the nominee should be selected. These nomination forms will be collected by the COTY Chairperson, who shall call a meeting of the five most recent recipients approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the Annual Awards Dinner. This committee of the five previous recipients shall meet, with the Chairperson serving as a non-voting member, to discuss the names that have been submitted and any other individuals that the committee believes should be considered. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to select the current year's recipient. Guidelines for this nomination shall include the following:

1. Nominees should embody an overall love of the Waushara County community over many years, including the most recent.
2. Nominees should live in Waushara County and his/her activities should be centered here.
3. Recognition will be given for leadership and performance for work done above and beyond his/her paid profession.
3. The individual recognized does not need to be a member of the Waushara County Chamber of Commerce.
4. There are no requirements or restrictions relating to gender, race, religion or ethnic background.
5. The nominee should have participated in a broad scope of activities over the course of more than one year. This should not be an award for a single activity, no matter how well it was executed.
6. The award will not be given posthumously.

**SUBMIT NOMINATIONS (prior to October 5, 2019) TO: Waushara County Chamber of Commerce PO Box 65 Wautoma, WI 54982, e-mail to: [lkrpete@gmail.com](mailto:lkrpete@gmail.com) or call Pete Duesterbeck @ 920-622-3511**



## **Nominate a Non-Profit Group of the Year**

This award recognizes nonprofit and/or service organizations that have demonstrated excellence by effectively addressing a problem within the community, and efficiently using available resources to achieve maximum positive impact.

Criteria:

- At least three full years of operation, beginning January 1, 2016.
- Must be a not-for-profit organization with a clearly defined mission.
- Organization must demonstrate community involvement and goodwill.
- Organization must be a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) but does NOT need to be a WACC Member.

Consider the following questions in your entry summary:

1. What is the mission and vision of the organization? Where is the service area and what populations are served?
2. What accomplishment/ innovation/ milestone did the organization achieve IN THE LAST 18-24 MONTHS to support this nomination? What steps did the organization take that led to success?
3. Why is the organization deserving of this honor? What community impact or outcomes have occurred as a result of the work of the organization? How does the work of the nonprofit affect the community?
4. Describe how your nonprofit improves the life skills and quality of life of those being served by your nonprofit? Can include examples of what this organization does, examples: feeding the hungry, community clean up, caring for animals, etc.

Please return completed forms no later than 5pm on 10/5/19

Email: [wausharachamber@gmail.com](mailto:wausharachamber@gmail.com)

OR Mail: Waushara Area chamber of Commerce

PO Box 65 Wautoma, WI 54982



## **Packer Backer Campaign**

The start of the school year is just around the corner and the annual Packer Backer campaign has returned to Waushara County. The campaign helps raise funds to pack backpacks with food. The Vision 2020 Backpack Nutrition Program offers a safety net for economically disadvantaged elementary students in Waushara County. The program provides nutritious meals for students to eat during weekends and school breaks when they don't have access to the school breakfast and lunch programs. Students qualify for the program if they are eligible for the Federal free/reduced lunch program. Non-perishable food items and coupons for fresh food travel home in student's backpacks each week. The program began in 2012, serving twenty six students in one elementary school. Today, the program serves four elementary schools with free and reduced lunch rates ranging from 55-72% of students. The

program expects to feed more than 250 students every week. You, your family, business, faith community, exercise group, bowling team or neighborhood can become Packer Backers. Check us out on Facebook (Vision 2020: Waushara County). Consider supporting this program today. The Vision 2020 Backpack Nutrition Program is a function of the Waushara Prevention Council, Inc. All gifts are tax deductible and used to provide food to students in need. To learn more about the program, make a donation or organize a donation drive contact Jan Novak at 920-787-6600 [jan.novak@co.waushara.wi.us](mailto:jan.novak@co.waushara.wi.us) .



### **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. (\*Rent special is for new tenants only. Lease term: 1 yr. Restrictions apply.) 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, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Take Back the Night. Waushara County's 1st Annual Take Back the Night which is hosted by ASTOP, CAP Services, Inc., and Waushara County Anti-Trafficking Committee. It is going to be at the Rock Coffee House in Redgranite on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Take Back The Night is a global grassroots movement uniting communities to speak out against all forms of sexual and domestic violence. This year in Waushara County, for our 1st Annual Take Back The Night, we are all working together to change the culture of rape and domestic violence in our community by educating and advocating for those most at risk! With education, support, and resources, we can empower survivors, and end cycles that perpetuate all types of violence. This event is free and open to the community. Agencies from our local community as well as some surrounding areas, will be tabling to provide

information and outreach. Meet your local Advocates, Therapist, Counselors, Volunteers, and connect with other survivors.

- ❖ 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).
- ❖ Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast Club Networking Group. Make plans to join the WACC on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to try out their Breakfast Club Networking Group. This group will meet at 8:00am. 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. If you have questions, please contact the Chamber at 920-787-3488.
- ❖ Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge. The Brothers of Wautoma Masonic Lodge invite all military veterans living in Waushara County to join them on Saturday, October 12, 2019 for a morning of friendship, and a free pancake breakfast. Each veteran is welcome to bring one guest to the breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the lower level of the Wautoma Masonic Lodge from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. and the menu will consist pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange juice, coffee, and milk. Come as you are. Convenient parking. No reservations are needed. Seating is limited to approximately 50 people at one time; there may be a slight wait during busy times. If you have questions, please call Keith Wohlfert at 608 547 7535.
- ❖ Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Neshkoro Enhancement Committee's Scarecrow Festival. The Neshkoro Enhancement Committee is again sponsoring the Annual Scarecrow Festival in Downtown Neshkoro which will be held on October 12th from 10am – 3pm. NEW this year, Alyssa Bohm, Miss Wisconsin 2019, and our very own Neshkoro native, Merissa Roberts as “Cinderella”, will be attending our festival from 11am – 2pm and will be available for pictures and autographs. NEW this year you can dress up your children for our First “Little Scarecrow” costume contest. The parade of Little Scarecrows will take place at Noon at the River Edge Park by the Gazebo. In the park you can also view and vote for your favorite creative scarecrows in the Business and Family categories. Children activities will include FREE face painting, cookie decorating, and crafts. The Neshkoro Fire Department will have their truck and equipment available for pictures, and be sure to save time for a family hayride. The Main Street area will be lined with Vendors, petting zoo, and pony rides as well as having music and food available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the day with family and friends in a small town atmosphere. If you would like to be a vendor, enter a scarecrow in our contest, or would like more information please go to our website [www.neshkorowisconsin.com](http://www.neshkorowisconsin.com) or call Cheryl at 920-291-6029 or Sharon at 262-308-

1137. We look forward to seeing you on October 12th. In the event of rain the event will take place at the Neshkoro Community Center on Main Street (watch for signs).
- ❖ Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Microsoft Excel Class-Level 2. Use Microsoft Excel to create advanced formulas and organize your data into tables. Discover the power of PivotTables and Pivotcharts and how slicers can make date filtering as easy as clicking a few buttons. You'll learn how to work with functions, work with lists, analyze data, visualize data with charts, and analyze data with PivotTables and PivotCharts. This class will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm at Fox Valley Tech in Wautoma.
  - ❖ Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Unplugged Trivia Night. A fun twist on a popular central Wisconsin trivia contest will be held in Wautoma Saturday Oct. 26, 2019, to raise funds for CAP Services' Domestic Abuse Outreach efforts in Waushara County. Trivia Unplugged runs from 5 to 9 p.m. at the World War II Memorial Building, 440 W. Main St., Wautoma. It challenges teams of up to 10 players to test their pop culture and media knowledge with questions about the Trivia of radio, television, music, sports, and other topics. Jim "The Oz" Oliva, who writes and organizes WWSP 90FM's World's Largest Trivia Contest at UW-Stevens Point, will write the questions and host the Wautoma event. Unlike the radio contest, teams are not able to use electronic devices to search for answers. The rules prohibit cellphones, computers, and communications devices. Books and outside paper are also not allowed. Teams are asked a total of 64 questions, 16 questions per hour over four hours of the event. Points are determined based on how many people answer correctly – the fewer the number of correct answers, the higher the points, and vice versa. The team with the highest point total at the end of the night takes home a trophy. There will also be an award for best team costume. All proceeds from the event went to CAP Services Domestic Abuse Outreach Office in Waushara County. Funds help support CAP's domestic abuse intervention services including domestic violence intervention, support groups, and community response. For complete rules and to download the registration form, visit <https://capservices.org/event/wautomatrivia2019/>.

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

**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**—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.

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**—Brown Bags & Books Discussion at Wautoma Library 12:30-1:30pm

**September 18-22<sup>nd</sup>**—Ice Age Trail Skills Crew Project at Bohn Lake.

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**—Midstate Snow Drifters at Two Oaks North @ 11:00am.

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**—Wild Rose Kiwanis Breakfast & Day Lilly Sale 7:30-10:30am.

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>—Waushara County Veteran’s Picnic @ Fairgrounds 10am-3pm.

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>—McComb/Bruchs Presents Poco @ 7:00pm.

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>—Business After Five at Stelter Farms @ 5:00pm.

Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>—Take Back the Night @ 7:00pm @ Rock Coffee House.

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jailbreak Marathon.

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>—Breakfast Club Networking Group 8:00am.

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>—Veteran’s Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge 7:30-10:30am.

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>—Neshkoro Enhancement Committee Scarecrow Fest 10am-3pm.

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>—Excel Level 2 Class 9am-4pm at Fox Valley Tech.

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>—Annual Banquet 5-8:30pm at Oakwood in Wild Rose.

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>—Trivia Unplugged at the WWII Memorial Building 5-9pm.



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

