

Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce

WAUSHARA CHAMBER CHAT SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2020



Annual Chamber Awards

2020 has been one crazy year and we have seen people in our community step up in a multitude of ways. Please take a moment to nominate an individual for Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and an organization for Non-Profit Achievement Award. Visit our website at www.wausharachamber.com to download the nomination forms and submit them back via email or mail.



WIN 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. We offer BOTH in-person and virtual meeting options. Email the Chamber at wausharachamber@gmail.com or give us a call at 920-787-3488 to learn more. Our next meeting will be Friday, October 2nd at the WWII Memorial Building.



Backpack Nutrition Program StoneRidge Round-Up Recipient

The school year has started and Waushara's Vision Backpack Nutrition Program is once again providing weekend snacks and meals to area students. The program has been selected as the beneficiary of the StoneRidge Round-Up program for the month of October. During the month of October, StoneRidge Piggly Wiggly shoppers will be invited to round up their purchases to support the Backpack Nutrition Program. StoneRidge Piggly Wiggly is located at 975 E Main St, Wautoma, WI 54982. The 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 and register for the program if offered in their school. 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. Last year the program provided meals to 229 students and served four elementary schools. Free and reduced lunch rates of schools ranged from 54-69% of students. Waushara's Vision 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 .



Wautoma Library Playground Fundraiser

The Wautoma Public Library is doing a basket raffle fundraiser to help give their library playground a facelift! Each basket will have a \$50 gift certificate to LaSure's Café, Cakes, and Catering in Oshkosh and wonderful locally purchased items. Each basket's value is \$70+. Tickets will be available now until October 13th at the Wautoma Library. If you would like to participate and cannot come to the library at this time, please call 920-787-2988 for their PayPal option.



Koepl Law Offices Job Opening

Wild Rose Office seeking for immediate hire someone to fill Office Assistant position. Individual must be detail oriented, able to multitask and demonstrate ability to problem solve and willingness to learn. Excellent knowledge of Computers and Multi-line phone systems with high proficiency in Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel. References required, office experience preferred. Pay based on experience. 32-40 hours per week. Send resume to Koepl Law Offices, PO Box 270, Wild Rose WI 54984.



How to accept WACC Gift Certificates

Recently we received a large order for Chamber Gift Certificates so you might be seeing them in your business more! I have received a few phone calls in the office from local area residents recently about being turned down when they tried to use their Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates. The gift certificates should be accepted as you would any personal or business check. The gift certificates can then be included in your normal bank deposit with your bank. The Waushara Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificate accounts are held at a local bank and they will process the accounts as any other checking account held at that bank. If your business has any further questions about how to handle the gift certificates, please feel free to call me at the Chamber office for more information.



Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin responds to COVID-19 needs in Waushara

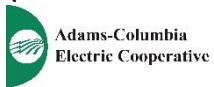
The Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin is responding to critical needs in Waushara County due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak with emergency funding and a new relief fund. The Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin has announced that they have provided \$10,000 in emergency funding to the Waushara County Food Pantry to address needs due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. With food insecurity being a critical issue identified during this COVID-19 crisis, this funding is crucial to ensure the pantry can keep providing nutritional food to county residents.

In addition to supplying the emergency funding, the foundation also launched a new relief fund this week, Waushara County COVID-19 Relief Fund. The Waushara County COVID-19 Relief Fund is meant to provide flexible resources to organizations assisting individuals in Waushara County who are negatively impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of the outbreak including, but not limited to:

- Food insecurity
- Education interruption
- Employment reduction
- Housing vulnerability
- Medical access
- Mental Health
- Childcare

The Community Foundation will begin accepting applications beginning Monday, March 30. Funding decisions will be made based on the highest areas of need determined through ongoing communications with non-profit agencies and social sector serving agencies. Award decisions will be made every other Friday starting April 10. Organizations can apply online at www.cfcwi.org.

Community members are encouraged to support the needs of Waushara County by making a gift to this fund. The Community Foundation made an initial gift of \$10,000 to start the fund. Join this effort by donating online at www.cfcwi.org. All the money raised will be used to address critical needs resulting from the coronavirus outbreak in Waushara County. Checks can be mailed to the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin at 1501 Clark Street (ATTN: Waushara County COVID-19 Relief), Stevens Point, WI 54481.



Updates from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

- Hey ACEC members! Join us for our electronic recycling event in Wautoma on October 9 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at our office located at N1519 State Rd 22. Since our previous electronic recycling event was such a hit, we decided to bring it back again this year! Remember, this event is exclusively for members of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. We are still following COVID-19 guidelines and practicing social distancing as well. We ask that you do not get out of your car. Our employees will retrieve items from your vehicle and put them in the dumpster. Members may bring up to 5 items per membership including 1 TV or monitor. Visit our website for a list of what types of electronics we can accept: <https://www.acecwi.com/electronic-recycling-2/>
- UPCOMING DEADLINES
 - Operation Round-Up applications are due by October 15 – <https://www.acecwi.com/operation-round-up/>

- STEM Grant applications are due by November 1. Share this with the educators in your community so we can help their classroom! <https://www.acecwi.com/stem-grant/>
- We need your help! We have a list on our website of members who have unclaimed patronage capital (a.k.a. MONEY!) These are former members of ours that have moved off of our lines and may have forgot to keep us updated with a current address. Please take a moment to look through this list and if you see someone you know on the list, please ask them to contact us directly. <https://www.acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital/>



Rent Special* for Office/Retail Space Available NOW

If you are looking for an affordable space to house your new or existing business, contact CAP Services here in Wautoma. They have large, prime spaces available to rent now at both the CAPsell Center & Oakridge Commercial (by the Food Pantry). Several smaller interior spaces of various sizes are available too. 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. Both CAPsell and Oakridge enjoy a lot of visitors and have 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

- ❖ Monday, October 5th, Blood Drive at the Redgranite Correctional Facility. The Bloodmobile will be parked in the Redgranite Correctional Institution parking lot on Monday, October 5th from 8am-11am. To schedule an appointment, call The Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102. Scheduling an appointment in advance helps to ensure a speedy donation for all. The Redgranite Correctional Facility is located at 1006 Cty Rd EE in Redgranite.
- ❖ Saturday, October 10th, Scarecrow Contest. Due to the recommendations at this time we must sadly announce the Neshkoro Scarecrow Festival will not take place on October 10th as previously scheduled. Our main focus is the well-being of our vendors,

staff, and all who attend our festival each year. Although we will not have the festival we will continue to have our ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST in a little different way. This year we invite you to “Adopt a Light Post” on Main Street Neshkoro to enter your scarecrow. As previously done, cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the two (2) categories: Individual/Family/School OR Business/Organization. Scarecrow entries must be submitted by September 26th, the location of the light post will be based on when the entry is received. Decorating can be done September 28 through October 3rd and remain up through November 1st. Voting for the Scarecrows will begin on October 7th and continue until Noon on Saturday October 10th. Winners will be announced at 3pm on October 10th. Forms to enter the Scarecrow contest can be picked up at the Neshkoro Library Monday-Thursday from 12 noon – 5pm. Voting ballots and voting information will be available after October 3rd at the library. For more information please feel free to contact Cheryl at 920-291-6029 or Sharon at 262-308-1137.

- ❖ Thursday, October 15th, Waushara County Wellness Fair. An exciting opportunity for our community is just around the corner! It’s a chance to participate in the Waushara County Wellness Fair sponsored by the Waushara County Employee Wellness Program. The Wellness Fair will take place on Thursday, October 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Waushara County Demonstration Room (lower level of the court house), 209 S. Saint Marie Street, Wautoma, WI 54982. The Wellness Fair will include wellness and prevention related displays and presentations in the areas of physical, emotional, spiritual, community, and social wellness. The Wellness Fair is part of our effort to create awareness and promote the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle at work, at home, and in the community. We invite you to come check out the Wellness Fair, information booths, demonstrations, or “how to” segments about a wellness or prevention topic. We believe in making the Wellness Fair educational so that participants have fun while also learning. Layout of the Wellness Fair will be spacious with a good line of sight down all of the aisles. Hand sanitizer will be available and we ask everyone to please wear a mask. We are looking forward to seeing you at our first Wellness Fair.
- ❖ October 17th & 18th, Wautoma Snowmobile Safety Course. The Waushara County Sheriff's Department will be hosting a snowmobile safety class on October 17th & 18th, 2020 from 10:00am-4:00pm at Wautoma Fire Department (568 S. Fair St, Wautoma, WI 54982.) The Midstate Snow Drifters will be providing lunch for the students. Register online by going to: <https://gowild.wi.gov/> On their menu go to Safety Education (Each student needs their own DNR number. Obtain this by clicking on Course Requirements tab)...Click on Browse for Class to register and pay for class. If you have any issues registering, contact the Sheriff’s Department at 920-787-3321.

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 Tuesday & Thursday—8:30am Yoga Class with Jennifer Culver at the Quarry.

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

Every Thursday—6:30pm Yoga Class with Jennifer Culver at the Quarry.

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.

Friday, October 2nd—WIN Networking Group @ 7:45am @ WWII Memorial Building or Virtual.

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

