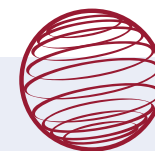




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December 2021 – News and Updates from the Wooster Area Chamber

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LET IT *Glow*

Join us this holiday season in our second competition! Voting starts on Dec. 17

Join us this holiday season for our second annual Let it Glow Competition!

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to drive around the Wooster community to see the homes decked in lights, lawn ornaments, wreaths, and more! We hope this brings some holiday cheer to families in the Wooster area. Each home even has a chance of winning one of the three cash prizes!



2020 People's Choice Winner
1540 Saunders Drive

VOTING INFO:

- A map will be available at woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow marking the location of each participating house.
- Each house entry will have a number displayed on a yard sign.
- Vote via text by texting the house number (1-40) to (562) 842-2790. Vote anytime from Friday, December 17 – January 2
- Winners will be contacted as well as posted on social media.

PRIZE CATEGORIES:

- **Best in Show: \$100 prize**
Chosen by: MCTV
- **Clark Griswold (most lights): \$100 prize**
Chosen by: HER Realtors – Jen Wiles Realtor
- **People's Choice: \$100 prize**
Chosen by: Community Vote



2020 Best in Show Winner
10426 W. Smithville
Western Road

Thank you to our 2021 Let It Glow Chamber Holiday Light Competition sponsors:



To learn more about this second annual Let It Glow holiday light competition visit, woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow.

❖ New Members



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Visit grindathleticsohio.com or call (330) 642-2012 with any questions!



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❖ New Members



Lifetime Financial Advisors LLC

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Lifetime Financial Advisors LLC was founded in 2001 by Stefan Garcia and provides high quality, unbiased financial and investment advice to individuals and to small businesses alike. Also providing advice on installing and maintaining company-sponsored 401k, SIMPLE, SEP, and Defined Benefit retirement plans. Lifetime Financial Advisors offers fee-based or commission-based planning and advisory and seek to build long term relationships with their clients built on trust and mutual goals. Stefan lives in Wooster with his wife Melanie and their two children and they both have been very active in the community over the last 25 years.

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Summit Motorcars was founded by Doug and Jason Hicks, father and son, in 2012. A small facility in Akron served as the car lot until 2014 when the business moved to its current location on the corner of Cleveland Road and Smithville Western in Wooster. Pre-owned Quality Diesel pickup trucks have become the focus of the business. Their full-service shop handles routine maintenance to major repairs, custom leveling and lift kits and custom wheels and tires.

Contact their team at (330)345-1474, visit their website summitmotorcars.com, or just stop by to check out their clean, fully serviced inventory.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	August 2021	September 2020	September 2021		August 2021	September 2020	September 2021
Unemployment, United States	5.3%	7.7%	4.6%	Labor Force, Employed Wayne County	56,300	57,700	57,400
Unemployment, Ohio	5.1%	7.3%	4.3%	Labor Force, Unemployed Wayne County	2,300	3,100	2,000
Unemployment, Wayne County	3.9%	5.0%	3.4%	Wayne County Sales Tax by Month	\$1,213,574.38	\$1,095,556.34	\$1,250,726.81

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Join Today!

Do you know of a new or existing small business that would benefit from membership with the Wooster Chamber? Spread some holiday cheer and tell them about of getting a membership in 2022!

Happy Holidays!

Apply to be a Member

1. Apply online at woosterchamber.com
2. Chamber staff will contact you with more information regarding the approval process, member benefits, opportunities, and rates.

3. Once approved, begin utilizing the many valuable resources available to you through Chamber membership.

Contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce team at (330) 262-5735.

❖ December Newsletter

Join us in being #LoyaltoLocal this holiday season!

This year, the Wooster Chamber plans to rally around small businesses the ENTIRE holiday season through the Loyal to Local Holiday Passport Program. This program will be held Thursday, November 25 – Wednesday, January 5. Passports can be picked up at the Wooster Chamber or at participating businesses.

For additional details visit woosterchamber.com/loyaltolocal.



LOYAL TO LOCAL GRAND PRIZES

His & Hers Pampering

- \$50 gift certificate to Sport Clips
- GIBS (guys into beard stuff) products
- 2 1/2 hour Hairapy Session at A Cut Above Hair Design
- Hairapy Essentials products
- 1 hour couples aromatherapy relaxation massage at The Salt & Serenity Grotto

Gifts & Goodies

- \$250+ worth of gifts and goodies from local favorites!

Tattoo Session

- \$250 gift certificate for a session at Embellish Tattoo Company

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By shopping locally, you are making an investment in your community and helping to shape its unique character and personality while also supporting your friends and neighbors.

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For more information contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce at (330) 262-5735.

❖ Business After Hours

Western Reserve Group hosts November Business After Hours at new headquarters located on Benden Drive

Thank you to Western Reserve Group for hosting Business After Hours! Attendees had the opportunity to mingle, tour the new headquarters, enjoy refreshments and live entertainment!



Western Reserve Group operates exclusively through more than 3,500 independent agents located in over 650 locations throughout Ohio and Indiana, providing insurance protection to over 174,000 households, businesses, and farms. The company is rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best. Western Reserve Group offers a wide range of value added property and casualty insurance products for automobiles, homes, commercial businesses, and farms.



Join us for our December Business After Hours at Rea & Associates on Wednesday, December 15



Join the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce and Rea & Associates at their new building on December 15! Come meet with the team and the Wooster business community for an evening of tours, refreshments and networking. We look forward to having you!



CHECK OUT THE NEW BUILDING!

WHEN:
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

WHERE:
230 N. Market Street
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Interested in hosting a Business After Hours? Contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce at (330) 262-5735.

Wooster Chamber named 2021 Outstanding Chamber of the Year by CCEO

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to share that the organization was recently recognized as 2021 Outstanding Chamber of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio.

The Wooster Chamber team is honored to be the first Chamber in Ohio to receive this award and looks forward to remaining a leader in growing and enhancing our community as well as fostering positive change in the Wooster area.

The recipients of this award are chambers of commerce whose performance and commitment to the industry and their local Ohio communities are exceptional; "the best of the best" of chambers of commerce.

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce has experienced many recent successes and demonstrated organizational excellence in the areas of programming, membership, planning, and finance

including a 10% increase in membership in 2021 and showed a 7.5% increase in revenue in 2020 vs. 2019. The Loyal to Local program brought in over \$187,000 to local businesses in 2020 and a leadership program that has enjoyed over 600+ graduates to date. The Chamber has also strongly advocated for its members during the pandemic by encouraging the re-opening of businesses, promoting job openings, and publishing important information about grants and assistance programs.

This award recognizes chambers of commerce for organizational excellence, primarily focusing on acknowledging one or more significant achievements/ accomplishments that a chamber has initiated, stimulated and/or led in its respective service area at some point during the past 18 months.



President Samira Zimmerly and Grace Howell, Events and Marketing Coordinator accepted the award during the 2021 CCEO Annual Conference held in Columbus in November.

CCEO is designed and created for the benefit of the chamber executive, the chamber staff and a chamber board of directors. The association is dedicated to the betterment of the profession and believe that a strong chamber creates a strong community, which in turn creates a strong economy. Since its founding in 1916, CCEO has grown to over 150 members representing over 130 local chambers.



2021 Outgoing Chamber Board Members

The Chamber is consistently led by strong leaders that volunteer their time and expertise to the organization's Board of Directors. This year, the Board announced three members who have fulfilled their terms, which conclude at the end of 2021. Thank you for your time and dedication to the organization!



Kevin Day
President & CEO,
Western Reserve Group
Board Term: 2016 – 2021



Thomas White
Board Term:
2016 – 2021



Jack Nebesky
Senior Vice President of
Sales & Marketing, BCI
Buckeye Division
Board Term: 2016 – 2021



Chamber thanks Susan Marlar for her leadership in 2021



Susan Marlar
Director of Tax Services,
Meaden & Moore
2021 Chair

Susan Marlar, Director, Tax Services Group at Meaden & Moore led the Chamber, as Chair of the Board of Directors, through the many changes and uncertainties of 2021.

Susan saw the organization through the restart of many events and programs that had been postponed due to the pandemic restrictions of the previous year. With her leadership and support, the team was able to navigate the last-minute changes and push forward with planning throughout the year.

She challenged the Chamber staff and the Board of Directors with making 2021 the Year of Engagement and that has set up the organization for continued success. Susan's vision and expertise have led the Chamber through a critical time and her dedication to the organization and the community are greatly appreciated.

The Chamber would like to thank Susan for her Board leadership in 2021.



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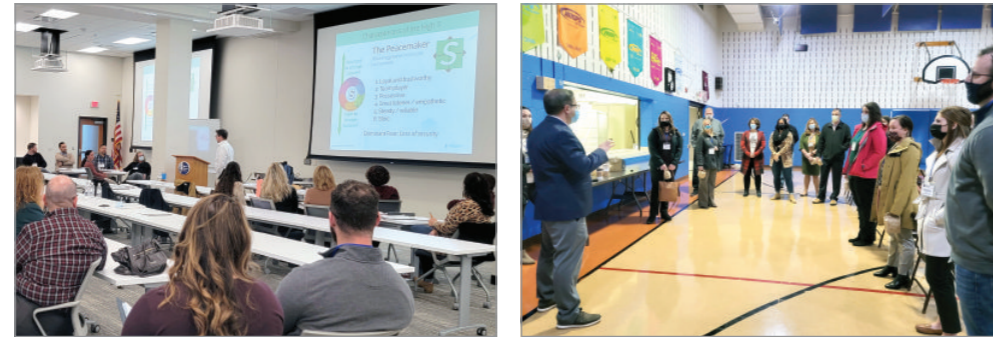
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❖ Leadership Wooster



Leadership Wooster students dive into education in Wayne County

In November, Leadership Wooster students learned about the range of educational opportunities available in Wayne County.

The class participated in a panel discussion on the state of the schools with Dr. Gabe Tudor, Superintendent, Wooster City Schools; Mr. Dean Frank, Superintendent, Smithville School District; and Mr. Nate Schindewolf, Superintendent, Triway School District.

Students toured the Ida Sue School and learned about the opportunities available to students with disabilities.

Wayne County Schools Career Center students shared about what they are learning in their trades and the opportunities they have to work while still in school.

The class discussed the state of higher education with Dave Dietrich, Director of Admissions, The Ohio State University CFAES; Julia Morris, Director of Financial Aid, The Ohio State University CFAES; Kathleen Lawry, Director of Creative Strategy/College Relations & Marketing, The College of Wooster; and Kristen Foy Sampson, Admissions Counselor and Coordinator of Student Activities, University of Akron Wayne College.

Rodd Welker, Eagle Advisor Group, wrapped up the day with a discussion on Leadership Connection and a review of the class members' DISC Assessments and leadership styles.



Leadership Wooster is sponsored by:



❖ Young Professionals

YP's enjoy an evening of tasting and networking at Bent Ladder

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our November Young Professionals social at Bent Ladder! It was a great evening spent tasting a variety of ciders and wines, networking and touring the beautiful Bent Ladder facility.



The Wooster Young Professionals group is open to anyone between 21-40 years old who is living or working in Wayne County. The program provides opportunities for young professionals to network, socialize and expand their professional horizons. The group also creates events and activities to attract and retain the area's diverse young talent.



December Young Professionals white elephant gift exchange on Dec. 8!

Join us for a white elephant gift exchange on December 8 from 5 – 7pm at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce! Please bring a \$10 – 15 gift to exchange from a local business.

Learn more at www.woosterchamber.com/young-professionals



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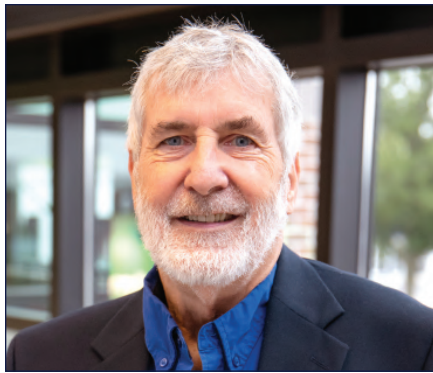
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for Volunteer Service



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The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 122nd Annual Dinner on January 27, 2022.

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to once again gather our Chamber membership together to celebrate those who have made extraordinary accomplishments in our community through the years. We will also celebrate the Chamber's longstanding history of supporting the businesses community and promoting economic growth.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 27 at Greystone Event Center. The Annual Dinner meeting is the single largest gathering of the Chamber's membership and promises to be a grand evening. We invite you to join us for social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and awards at 7 p.m.

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To make reservations, call the Chamber at (330) 262-5735 or email Grace Howell, Events and Marketing Coordinator, at ghowell@woosterchamber.com.

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Accepted by: Loren Fedorowicz, Owner



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Accepted by: Sara Ringle, Founder/President

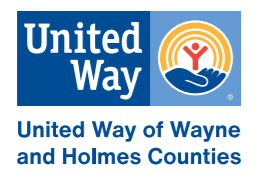
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❖ Community Outreach

Chamber staff volunteer with local community service agencies in Wooster

One of the goals of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is to maintain and enhance relationships with local community service agencies aimed at improving quality of life in the Wooster Area. We were blessed this past month to participate in a variety of activities that helped us to engage with other local organizations and members of the Wooster community.



United Way Heart & Ghou Community Walk/Run
On October 30, the Chamber team was happy to help at the United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties Heart & Ghou Community Walk/Run. The team passed out candy to participants of the 1-mile Spooky Sprint! This was the 24th year for this event and all proceeds benefited United Way funded programs.



Salvation Army in Wooster
On Tuesday, November 2, the Chamber team stopped by the Salvation Army in Wooster to help serve lunch to the community. From Monday-Friday, the Salvation Army serves around 20 people each day. We were glad to help out an organization that gives so much to people in need in our community!



Thank you to Western Reserve for supporting the Chamber's Community Outreach.



Goodwill Donation Drive
From October 18 – October 22, a Goodwill Workplace Donation Drive was held at the Chamber. A total of 233 pounds of items was collected. Goodwill then takes those items to sell at their local retail location to help fund programs and initiatives that provide people in the community with job training and career services.

❖ Safety Council

Safety Council hears OSHA Enforcement Update



Howard Eberts, Compliance Assistance Specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA presented an OSHA Enforcement Update at the November Wooster Area Safety Council meeting.



During his presentation, he discussed OSHA inspection statistics and results, reviewed recent significant OSHA enforcement actions, explored results from a study of OSHA inspections, and presented OSHA's enforcement plans and initiatives for the upcoming year. Currently, Eberts oversees the Cleveland Area Office, an OSHA enforcement office

with 28 people, including 18 Compliance Officers and three Whistleblower Investigators. The Cleveland Area Office is one of four OSHA Area Offices in Ohio, with Toledo, Columbus, and Cincinnati, and it covers 12 counties in the northeast corner of the state.

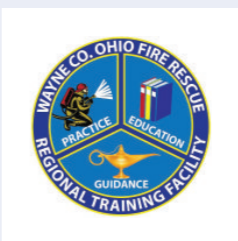
Next Safety Council meeting is set for January 26, 2022

Erica Springer, Executive Director of the Wayne County Regional Training Facility, will present Preparing for a Medical Emergency when Safety Council meets on January 26, 2022.

She will present information and special considerations involving first aid and ways to protect employees in emergency medical situations. As well as ways to help improve outcomes and assist first responders with vital information.

Springer is also a certified emergency nurse with additional certifications in trauma care, pediatric care, advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, stroke care, and emergency medical services. She is a graduate of Northwestern High

School and has a Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Management.



She oversees 56 staff and instructors who provide training to members of public safety from nearly 50 different counties in the state of Ohio, in addition 20 different states. The instructors have a combined 1,357 years of firefighting experience and 1,343 years of EMS experience.

Please note there is not a meeting scheduled for December.

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❖ Ribbon Cuttings

Congratulations to Gregg Orthodontics on holding their official ribbon cutting in Wooster on Milltown Road

Congratulations to Gregg Orthodontics on holding their official ribbon cutting at their Wooster location, 208-B East Milltown Road!

Gregg Orthodontics is an up-to date orthodontic practice with a family-friendly attitude, and making sure your visit will be the most awesome part of your day. Their team assures you that you'll not only count down the days until your next visit, but you'll come to hang out long after you've had treatment completed!

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❖ Ribbon Cuttings

Canaan Meats celebrates opening at their new location!



Congratulations to Canaan Meats on holding their Ribbon Cutting commemorating the opening of their new location at 1679 Old Columbus Road in Wooster.

Originally located in Creston, Canaan Meats recently moved their business to Wooster and opened its doors in July.

Unlike most groceries, Canaan Meats encourages you to watch them skillfully process the meat, so you can be confident about their high quality. Their old-school, hands-on approach to butchering and processing meats is why many customers prefer Canaan Meats' superior taste, quality, and freshness.

Stop by to purchase your bacon (15+ flavors), steaks, chicken, pork, sausage and so much more! Canaan Meats now



offers hot lunches to go as well! You can purchase their marinades, rubs and sauces for your own cooking creations. Talk to their staff when you visit; they will help you find the perfect type and flavor of meat for you and your family!

Whether you are planning for a graduation party, family reunion, or simply planning meals for the week, you can find great products at Canaan Meats! Canaan Meats now also supplies a deli counter and a beer cave (coming soon)!



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❖ Wayne Economic Forum

2021 Wayne Economic Forum features enlightening talks for a great afternoon of networking and learning!

For eight years, members of the local business community have gathered to listen to top executives speak on relevant business topics and to share ideas and best business practices at the Wayne Economic Forum. This year's event was held on October 28 at Greystone Event Center and featured David Kennedy, Founder and CEO of TrustedSec, Meisha Lutsey, President of Operations Support and Services for CACI International Inc, Eric Roegner, President of Amcor Rigid Packaging, and John Hamilton, Retired Senior VP for Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

The speakers addressed growing cybersecurity needs, the value of company culture in hiring, the new world of packaging, and the importance of integrity in business. The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for a successful event and a great afternoon of networking and learning! The Chamber is also appreciative for all of Dee Vaidya's help in coordinating the event. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to help develop Wooster into a prosperous area for business growth and investment.



A special thank you to our 2021 speakers:



David Kennedy
Founder and CEO, TrustedSec

Meisha Lutsey
President, Operations Support and Services, CACI

Eric Roegner
President, Amcor Rigid Packaging

John Hamilton
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