



Chamber Newsletter

May 2022



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Help kids grow an entrepreneurial mindset! Sign up for Wayne County Lemonade Day today!

We are using lemonade to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs! Lemonade Day is a FREE, community-wide educational program designed to teach youth how to start, own, and operate their own business through a lemonade stand. Kids will learn business skills, teamwork, goal setting, social and emotional skills, financial literacy, and responsibility through their participation in Lemonade Day.

These young business owners will have access to the My Lemonade Day app, which will give them all of the resources they need to set a goal, make a plan, and develop their lemonade stand. The program

culminates on Saturday, June 11, when children set up their lemonade stands across Wayne County to see their entrepreneurial dreams come to life. Participants are encouraged to save some of their profits, spend some and donate some to a non-profit of their choice.

Register today at woosterchamber.com/lemonade-day to be a part of Wayne County's first Lemonade Day!

For more information call the Chamber team at 330-262-5735 or email Michelle at mrothgery@woosterchamber.com.



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❖ New Members



After Hours Barbeque

Founded in 2013 by Alan Schroer and Josh Crall, two local guys who love spending their summer evenings barbecuing their favorite meats, After Hours Barbeque is a favorite at rib fests all over the state of Ohio. In their first year, After Hours Barbeque won both Judge's and People's Choice Awards at Orrville's Rib Fest, inspiring them to take their barbeque on the road. Their award-winning barbeque can be enjoyed at various rib fests throughout the state, with their summer tour culminating at our very own Woosterfest. They also provide catering services featuring a variety of deliciously smoked meats and finger-licking sides, including cowboy beans, roasted garlic golden potatoes, and baked corn soufflé.



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They look forward to working with Wooster Chamber members and the Wayne County community.

Connect with us on Social Media

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is on Facebook at fb.com/woosterchamber, YouTube, LinkedIn and @woosterchamber on Instagram.



Heidi's Pharmacy

Heidi's Pharmacy — Wooster Pharmacy LLC is a locally-owned professional pharmacy dedicated to providing personalized, high-quality service to the area. They regard service as the defining element of their business. It is their goal to provide complete customer satisfaction and meet the needs of each patient doing whatever it takes. Heidi's Pharmacy staff is made up of pharmacists, techs and delivery drivers with over 70 years of combined experience in the Wooster area. They have the experience and knowledge of a large provider but the benefit of being a small, local organization.

They believe pharmacy services should have a positive impact on patients and are dedicated to facilitating that and take pride in being part of your health care team.

❖ New Members



MARR's Breakfast & Bakery

MARR's Breakfast & Bakery is a locally owned company in Wooster that specializes in made-from-scratch, feel good food. They operate out of Local Roots Market and Café, where they serve breakfast every Saturday morning, as well as to-go options in the take-out cooler. MARR's Breakfast & Bakery will soon offer delivered and on-site catering to make your event special. Owned and operated by Wooster resident and career chef, Rachel Drake-Middleton Find them on Facebook at MARR's Breakfast and Bakery, to see all upcoming menus!



The Venue at St. Paul Hotel

The original brick walls, tin ceilings and wood floors of the fully furnished event venue make The Venue at St. Paul Hotel perfect for celebrations and business gatherings. With capacity to host up to 70 guests, they specialize in birthday celebrations, corporate cocktail hours, receptions, showers, and small conferences. The Venue's chic, modern accommodations mean that you don't have to worry about furnishings or décor, and their catering and bar service coordination makes the day of your event a breeze!



Vision 4 Your Life, LLC - Michelle Barrios

As a personal and professional Life & Leadership Coach/Trainer, Speaker, and DISC Behavioral expert, Michelle Barrios uses John Maxwell's proven systems to facilitate transformational growth within her clients. Her passion is helping people recognize opportunities, identify obstacles, build stronger teams, improve culture, influence measurable results, decrease turnover, strengthen communication in relationships, manage conflict resolution, maximize strengths, minimize weaknesses, meet and exceed goals.



Woosh Delivery

Woosh Delivery is a locally owned and operated delivery service, founded in 2018 by Wooster local Chad Tennent. They deliver food, groceries, prescriptions, alcohol, and tobacco with the goal of providing an exceptional experience to their customers. They are also very focused on providing a priceless experience for their restaurant partners. They do not charge their partners any percentages or fees!

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	January 2022	February 2021	February 2022		January 2022	February 2021	February 2022
Unemployment, United States	4.4%	6.6%	4.1%	Labor Force, Employed Wayne County	57,000	57,200	57,800
Unemployment, Ohio	4.8%	6.5%	4.8%	Labor Force, Unemployed Wayne County	2,100	2,700	2,100
Unemployment, Wayne County	3.5%	4.5%	3.5%	Wayne County Sales Tax by Month	\$1,346,219.68	\$950,850.72	N/A

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Thursday, June 2

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The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce offers active members an array of money-saving programs and benefits! Members have the potential to save thousands each year on necessary business expenses when utilizing Chamber member benefits.



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For additional information, please contact Penelope Quade at pquade@woosterchamber.com or by calling (330)262-5735.

Apply to be a Member today!

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.

❖ May Newsletter

Gregg Orthodontics hosts members in first Business After Hours event of 2022



On Thursday, March 24, members of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce gathered to enjoy the year's first Business After Hours event, hosted by the team at Gregg Orthodontics in their new Wooster location. Guests mingled while enjoying a delicious spread of gorgeous charcuterie and were given a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the space.

Thank you to the team at Gregg Orthodontics for opening your doors and graciously hosting the Chamber membership!



Members enjoy an elegant Business After Hours at The Venue at St. Paul Hotel

The Venue at St. Paul Hotel hosted Chamber members for an elegant Business After Hours, showcasing the gorgeous accommodations of this chic event venue in Downtown Wooster.



Treated to exceptional charcuterie, delicious refreshments, and beautiful surroundings, members raised a glass for an inaugural champagne toast, celebrating The Venue at St. Paul Hotel's official opening.

As a joint project between Grigio Wine and Cocktail Bar and the St. Paul Hotel of Wooster, The Venue at St. Paul is the perfect spot for any small event, including showers, business meetings, or small weddings. We are so excited for this elegant addition to our vibrant Downtown community.

Thank you to the team at The Venue at St. Paul for hosting such a lovely event!

❖ Safety Council

Ladder Safety Training slated for May Safety Council meeting

Todd Hayward, United Sales Associate with Little Giant will join Wooster Area Safety Council on May 18 to discuss Ladder Safety.

Little Giant is serious about ladder safety. Even the simplest, everyday tool can be dangerous when misused. Although seemingly harmless, there is an everyday tool on our job sites and sitting in our garages that causes more deaths than sharks, tigers, chainsaws and even plane crashes combined – ladders.

In the 1970's, Hal and Brigitte Wing met a German painter who had an interesting idea and a primitive prototype of a new kind of ladder. With that painter's blessing, Hal enhanced the ladder and started what is now known as Little Giant Ladder Systems®. After Little Giant's conception, the brand became a household name and staple in their local community of Utah, with it continuing to steadily grow across the country. Over the years, they have partnered with incredible



retailers and vendors to make their elite ladders more accessible to you.

On Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. please join the meeting via Zoom at bit.ly/woochamberladdersafety2022

❖ Leadership Wooster explores Wooster and Wayne County government

Leadership Wooster students spent their most recent session learning about Wooster and Wayne County government.



The class toured the Wooster Safety Center, learned about the Wooster Police Department from Chief Matt Fisher and had the opportunity to participate in a Fire Arms Training Simulator. Jason Waddell, Director of Medway Drug Enforcement Agency shared how they are investigating drug trafficking organizations, and other drug related crimes.

Chief Barry Saley of the Wooster Fire Department described all of the services they provide to the community.

Mayor Bob Breneman gave an update on the city of Wooster.

Sue Smail, Wayne County Commissioner shared an overview of their mission for Wayne County. Captain Doug Hunter, Wayne County Sherriff Department described their role as law enforcement for Wayne County. First Assistant Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Angela Poth-Wypasek taught the class about their role in the judicial system.

Judge Timothy Vansickle and Judge Michael Rickett wrapped up the day with a discussion on the Wayne County Municipal Court.

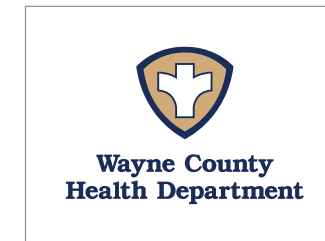


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Wayne County Health Department is an active resource for area businesses and citizens

Nicholas V. Cascarelli Ed.D., Wayne County Health Commissioner presented during the March 23 Safety Council meeting. Cascarelli discussed best practices for preventing the spread of infection as well as provided an update on COVID-19 and an overview of how the health department has responded to the pandemic.



He encouraged businesses to utilize the Wayne County Health Department as a resource. Cascarelli described the many programs and services they offer to the community. From administrative to environmental as well as patient care the Health Department is available to assist the citizens of Wayne County.

If you would like to know more, a recording of the full meeting is available at www.woosterchamber.com/wooster-area-safety-council.

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❖ Ribbon Cuttings

E&H Ace Hardware opens flagship store in Downtown Wooster's newly renovated Quinby Building



E&H Ace Hardware Group celebrated the official grand opening of its flagship location and corporate headquarters in the newly renovated Quinby Building. Designed as a top-of-the-line store featuring products not yet seen in other Ace Hardware locations, the first three floors are filled to the brim with everything you could need for your home — and more! The Nook offers a wide array of specialty items, including handcrafted products made by Wooster artisans and Woo gear. The first floor also features a sprawling Traeger selection, complete with a vast assortment of specialty spices, rubs, and sauces.



Hardware, says this is a hardware store unlike any other, featuring a new multi-floored retail concept with floors organized by project. The third floor, in particular, promises to be a social hotspot, with a contractor corner providing coffee and treats as well as a DORA that offers an exceptional view of our hometown.

We are so excited for this new addition to Downtown Wooster! Be sure to stop in for all your home, hardware, and outdoor needs!

Rich Fishburn, great-grandson of Ed and Helen Buehler and the vice president of E&H Ace Hardware Group, is happy to have been able to revitalize the Quinby Building and lay down roots for this locally-owned company in the heart of Downtown Wooster. Christopher Buehler, who serves as vice president of marketing and strategy for E&H Ace

Heidi's Pharmacy celebrates grand opening in Wooster



Congratulations to Heidi's Pharmacy on opening in Wooster! Conveniently located at 3431 Commerce Parkway, Suite D, Heidi's Pharmacy is an independently owned pharmacy dedicated to providing personalized, high-quality service to the Wooster community, offering both prescription and special-order over-the-counter medication. Heidi's Pharmacy staff is made up of pharmacists, techs and delivery drivers with over 70 years of combined experience in the Wooster area.



tailored services for individuals, small group homes, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.

Your doctor can find them for escribing under Wooster Pharmacy. Switching your pharmacy is a simple process that Heidi and her staff are happy to help with. Contact Heidi's Pharmacy at (330) 439-5139.

Heidi's Pharmacy specializes in different forms of compliant packaging, as well as regular packaging. They offer free mailing and free delivery, provided by a staff member. They also provide free packaging services to help keep patients compliant and on track with medications. They have a long-term care (LTC) license, which allows them to provide

❖ Young Professionals



🍀 Wooster YP's celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Spoon Market & Deli 🍀

The Wooster Young Professionals celebrated an uncharacteristically warm St. Patrick's Day at Spoon Market & Deli! The YPs were festive in their green and sipped on St. Patrick-inspired drinks to really get in the spirit. Thank you to Spoon for hosting another great event!

Join us at the May YP event for networking and wine-tasting at Lincoln Way Vineyards

The Wooster Young Professionals will gather at Lincoln Way Vineyards for our May social! We hope you will join us on May 18 from 5-7 p.m. for networking and wine-tasting.

Lincoln Way Vineyards opened in 2008 and is a locally owned and operated winery on the west side of Wooster. They offer a variety of dry, medium and sweet wines.



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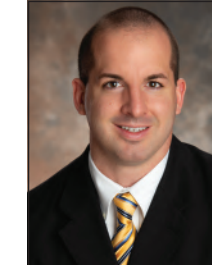
Shelbie Bardall, Employer Relations & Events Manager for the Ashland University Career Center for Life Calling, will be coming to the Wooster Chamber on May 24 at 8 a.m. to discuss how to recruit new college grads and students. Her presentation will cover how to use Handshake, the best platform for connecting employers with college students.



We hope you will join us for this workshop presentation! Coffee and light breakfast refreshments will be provided. Register online at www.woosterchamber.com/educationalseries



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