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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



**2017 WAYNE COUNTY  
HOME & GARDEN  
SHOW**

**Calling all Exhibitors: Register Now!**

Spring is right around the corner, and The Wayne County Home and Garden Show is back for its 28th season on April 28th and 29th, 2018, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Our Home and Garden Show is known for providing the perfect place for over 200 exhibitors to feature their products and services to the general public at the lowest exhibit price in the region. And, with the largest attendance in the region of 20,000 visitors, the Wayne County Home and Garden show allows your business to reap the benefits of increased brand awareness, sales leads, merchandise sales, and the opportunity to network with other trades.

Each of our exhibitors will receive exhibit space, backdrops and side curtains, electric and water, plus advertising to over 40,000 households through our



various promotions throughout surrounding counties including radio, local cable TV, billboards, flyers, posters, and newspaper advertisements.

In addition to exhibits, the Home and Garden Show will feature new car displays, floral displays, a floral competition, a children's garden with free activities, plant sale, demonstrations and traditional fair food concessions from a variety of our local vendors.

Don't delay! Register now to secure your booth space by visiting our website [www.woosterchamber.com/events/whg](http://www.woosterchamber.com/events/whg) for a copy of the event contract.

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# Welcome New Members



#### • Albatross Management, LLC:

Albatross Asphalt, LLC is a full-service paving company located in Wayne County, Ohio. We're here for you when you choose to pave or chip & seal a surface, whether it's a driveway, tennis court, walking path, or parking lot. Albatross brings reliability, quality, and outstanding performance to every project, no matter the size.



#### • Mr. Rooter Plumbing:

Mr. Rooter is a state licensed and fully insured company. Mr. Rooter does a wide variety of plumbing services from minor residential to major commercial. These services include diagnostics, pipe repair, faucet repair and installation, drain cleaning, camera inspection, water heater repair and installation as well as hydro scrubbing of lines, vactor work, excavation and septic pumping. Mr. Rooter offers service 7 days a week as well as 24-hour emergency service with no overtime charge. Mr. Rooter looks forward to serving the Wayne and Holmes County area.



#### • The Silver Dollar Sportsman Club:

The Silver Dollar Sportsman Club has a proud history as one of Wayne County's oldest surviving conservation and sporting clubs. Located on Secrest Road, four miles east of downtown Wooster, the club has established itself as one of the premier dog trial facilities in the Midwest. Along with its flushing fields, the club occupies 150 acres offering a world-class trap shooting range; archery range with standard and 3D targets; and outdoor pistol range. It is a working-members club and is accepting new members.



#### • Templeton's Scottish Bakery:

Templeton's is located on the lower level of Liberty Street Marketplace in historic Main Street Wooster. The majority of our recipes are authentically Scottish and have been in the family for generations. Whether it's a bowl of our hot porridge for breakfast, a sweet treat, or a leisurely coffee or tea with friends we are more than happy to welcome you to Templeton's. We hope our friendly service and warm atmosphere will help make you feel at home.



#### • Smart Digital:

Smart Digital is a Veteran-owned Security Integration Company that specializes in security, surveillance and access control solutions. Smart Digital is the OEM manufacturer of Sentry PODS and OptiGuard surveillance products, located in Ashland, Ohio.



#### • KIKO Company:

KIKO Company started in the auction business in 1945 and has since grown to full-service asset advisors specializing in auctions and for sale real estate serving Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The company's more than 60 licensed auctioneers and realtors are trusted asset advisors, helping clients meet their goals with a diverse portfolio of options, including for sale, auction, special financing, online selling, buyer representation and consultation.



### WHEN & WHERE

Wednesday, March 7th  
5:30 – 7:30pm in the  
Schaeffler Conference Room

WOOSTER AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
377 West Liberty Street  
Wooster, OH 44691

Register online at:  
[www.cantonsbdc.org](http://www.cantonsbdc.org)  
A small materials fee applies.



## Celebrating Community Bank Month at Wayne Savings



Headquartered in downtown Wooster, Wayne Savings is home to 100 local employees. Come celebrate as April is Community Bank month and learn how community banks support the local economy. There will be great door prizes from local merchants and we will be providing delicious appetizers and desserts.

Register for this event at [goo.gl/FLQTG3](http://goo.gl/FLQTG3)

### 2018 SCHEDULE

Tuesday,  
April 17th, 2018



151 North Market Street, Wooster

Tuesday,  
May 8th, 2018



6020 North Honeytown Road, Smithville

## BAH Recap: Touring C.A.B. – The Culinary Center

On Wednesday, February 28th, Certified Angus Beef opened their doors to the Wooster community, holding the first Business After Hours event of 2018. Chamber members were given a glimpse into the inner workings of the Culinary Center located at Wooster's north end. The global beef supplier based here in Wooster, left no stone unturned as their corporate chefs prepared a delicious assortment of beef related hors d'oeuvres, showcasing the incredible product that the brand has come to be known for. John Stika, President of Certified Angus Beef Brand, addressed the importance of the brand staying local. He stated that local developer, Jerry Baker, is to thank for helping the company stay in the

community by building their current offices, located on Riffel Rd. To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the brand in 2018, Certified Angus Beef is setting out to paint their logo on 40 barns across America. "We want to become the new Mail Pouch Tobacco", joked Stika.

The Chamber would like to thank John and the entire Certified Angus Beef team for their hard work in making our February Business After Hours a memorable experience for all of those in attendance. We look forward to seeing their continued growth in the future.



A FREE EVENT TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS

# Upcoming Topic: Contacting O.U.P.S. before you dig



**MATT HENNIS**  
Awareness & Services  
Coordinator, Ohio Utilities  
Protection Service

The Wooster Area Safety Council will meet on Wednesday, March 28th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Wooster. The group will hear from Matt Hennis, Public Awareness & Services Coordinator at the Ohio Utilities Protection Service. Matt will discuss the process of contacting the Ohio Utilities Protection Service when preparing to dig. This will cover everything from the responsibilities of the Excavator/homeowner to what the mark looks like.

Matt Hennis has worked in the utility industry for 16 years. The experience he has gained through various positions in the industry has allowed Matt to broaden his knowledge in the damage prevention field. In 2013, Matt took a position with the Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) as one of their Public Awareness & Services Coordinators. Primarily servicing the southeastern Ohio region, Matt works with contractors, excavators, and contract locators to spread the message of damage prevention. He provides safety talks to industry groups, participates in several Damage Prevention Councils, Utility Coordinating Councils, and promotes cooperation amongst all stakeholders. In addition, Matt acts as the communication link between OUPS member facility companies and OUPS management.

If you have any questions about the presentation, please contact Grant Delaney by either calling 330-262-5735 or emailing [gdelaney@woosterchamber.com](mailto:gdelaney@woosterchamber.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Register for this event at [goo.gl/Qybw93](http://goo.gl/Qybw93)



# February Safety Recap: Is Sleep Apnea affecting You?



Dr. Robert Sibilias talks to the crowd about sleep studies.

The Wooster Area Safety Council congregated on Wednesday, February 28th to hear from Dr. Perry Williams of MedPro Group and Dr. Robert Sibilias of Advanced Sleep Care. Dr. Williams and Dr. Sibilias addressed the topic of sleep apnea and how it can affect your work life as well as your health.

Dr. Williams stated that there are several types of sleep apnea, however, he focused his presentation primarily on Obstructive Sleep Apnea. Dr. Williams explained that sleep apnea can be caused by factors such as your weight and family history. The more a person weighs, the higher risk there is for them to develop sleep apnea. Over the last two decades, obstructive sleep apnea has increased due to an increase in obesity. Some workplace effects of sleep apnea are impaired judgment, tardiness, moodiness, etc. Next, Dr. Sibilias spoke more about sleep apnea and how you can treat the condition. Dr. Sibilias explained that in order to diagnose sleep apnea, a sleep study is required. In a sleep

study, the patient's breathing is monitored in a lab while they sleep. If a patient is diagnosed with sleep apnea, a CPAP or IPAP machine may be needed. To show the audience that these machines are not as loud or bothersome as some may think, he had Ken Bucheger of Wooster Glass wear the CPAP mask and talk about how it felt.

We would like to thank both Dr. Sibilias and Dr. Williams for taking time out of their busy days to speak to the safety council. We would also like to thank Buckeye Deli in Nashville, Ohio for providing lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone next month!



# Now Seeking Leadership Students – Apply today!

Leadership Wooster is the Chamber's premier leadership program designed to identify leaders and motivate them to take a leadership role in the community. Now in its 22nd year, and with an alumni network totaling over 500 community members, the program has become a network of business leaders who contribute to the area through a variety of ways including volunteering and serving on the boards of local agencies.



Leadership Wooster is a series of 10 day-long sessions each devoted to a community topic. Students learn about the local economy, government, education, medical field, community organizations, volunteerism, arts & religion, and small & large enterprise. Participation is open to anyone in the area who aspires to, or has talent for leadership positions. Tuition is \$1000 for Chamber members and \$1300 for non-members and covers all costs associated with the program. To apply, visit [www.woosterchamber.com/programs/leadership-wooster](http://www.woosterchamber.com/programs/leadership-wooster) for an application.



2017 Leadership Wooster graduates



# Leadership Wooster Featured Students



**JESSICA MATTISON**  
Logistics Account Manager, Wooster Motor Ways



**What is Your favorite quote?**

"It matters not who you love, where you love, why you love, when you love or how you love, it matters only that you love." – John Lennon



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**What brought you to Wooster or Wayne County?**

I had been visiting Wooster for most my life since I had family who lived here, but about 8 years ago my Uncle who is the pastor at Hands of Grace, asked if I would move up here officially and help him with his church, and I'm so glad I did, because that's where I met my wife, and my life has been changed ever since.



**DANIEL SAYRE**  
Manager - Torque Converter Design, Schaeffler

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**What do you hope to get out of the program?**

I hope to get a better respect and understanding of the different approaches to leadership.



**TAMERA ROBOTHAM**  
MD - Bloomington Medical



**Your favorite thing about Wooster or Wayne County?**

I really like the close knit community of Wooster. Wooster also offers most amenities in town and only a short distance from nationally renowned venues.

# Leadership Wooster explores Large Enterprise Businesses

The Leadership Wooster class spent Wednesday, February 21st focusing on large enterprise. The day began at Sprenger Health Care Systems with a tour and overview. The day continued on to The Wooster Brush Company. The students enjoyed learning about the company and getting to experience all of the work that goes into making paintbrushes. The class then traveled to Schaeffler for a tour and overview. The class got to hear different perspectives from Buehler's Fresh Foods, MCTV, Seaman Corporation & Schaeffler on a business panel. The day also included a leadership development session with Rodd Welker on conflict management.



Keith Hancock presenting about the Wooster Brush Company to Leadership Wooster.



After a tour of the Schaeffler Group, Brandon Hall shared an overview of the company.

# Wooster Area Young Professionals, We Want You!

The Young Professionals (ages 21-40) supported by the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is a voice for our area's young talent. The Young Professionals connect, engage, and inspire through leadership development, social enrichment and community investment.

The YP's focus on both social and leadership development. The program consists of monthly events for its members, ranging from leadership luncheons, professional development seminars and social networking opportunities. These activities will serve to connect young professionals to the community

and provide them with meaningful opportunities to interact with others in their age group, as well as with business and community leaders.

Does this sound like something you're interested in? Then plan to join us! We want to keep you connected with young professionals of this community. Come out and enjoy the company of like minded individuals and have great conversation, good food, and create excellent opportunities. Because isn't that what it is all about?



## Bar at the Barre @ Studio Irie



The Wooster Young Professionals enjoyed a Barre & Yoga class at Studio Irie on Tuesday, February 13th. The evening began with barre instructor, Rachel Henerey, guiding the group with barre exercises followed with beginner's yoga led by owner/instructor, Christine Canter. Thank you, Studi Irie, for hosting us! It was a great evening of yoga, refreshments and invaluable networking.



YP's enjoying yoga at Studio Irie.

Be sure to visit Studio Irie (located on Liberty Street) for their wide variety of unique offerings.



UPCOMING EVENT



983 Lincoln Way East, Wooster

Join us Wednesday, March 14th from 5-7pm at Wayne Lanes Register online at [goo.gl/w9vEFY](http://goo.gl/w9vEFY)

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# WOOSTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE!



## Round table with your State Representative Scott Wiggam

State Representative Scott Wiggam will be holding an open round table with Chamber members on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Chamber Complex. The session will offer attendees the chance to address pertinent topics for your business. This casual session is also open to company representatives that have interest in receiving a general update on the following topics that are being discussed at the State House:

- Unemployment - Compensation and Process
- Opioid's in the Workplace
- Workforce Training



### WHEN & WHERE

Friday, March 30th, 2018  
 8:00 - 9:00am  
**WOOSTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
 377 West Liberty Street  
 Wooster, OH 44691

REP. SCOTT WIGGAM,  
 District 1, The Ohio House  
 of Representatives

Register for this event at [goo.gl/m3qPny](http://goo.gl/m3qPny)

## Join us for Bowling & Mingling with the YP's

Plan to join us for an evening of bowling and mingling with the Wooster Young Professionals at Wayne Lanes on Wednesday, March 14th from 5-7 p.m. This is a fun & casual way to meet & network with other YP's in the area! Games will be \$2 (including shoe rental). Appetizers will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. Bring a co-worker, and join the fun!



YP's take a break from the action to pose at Wayne Lanes.

See you on Wednesday,  
 March 14th @ 5:00pm!

# Chamber seeks 2018 Business of the Year Nominations!

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for the 2018 Small Business of the Year. All finalists for this prestigious award will be recognized at the Small Business Reception in June. This event was established in 1987 to recognize the innovation, growth and entrepreneurial spirit of Wooster's small businesses. Nominees will be judged on the history of the business, growth in number of employees, continued growth in sales, improved financial position, innovativeness of product or service and response to adversity. Nomination forms can be found under the events tab at [www.woosterchamber.com](http://www.woosterchamber.com).



The 2017 Small Business of the Year award for 15 or more employees was awarded to Pine Tree Barn.

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# Local Area Ribbon Cuttings

On Friday, February 16, Chamber and community members congregated at Minglewood Distilling Company for its official ribbon cutting. Around 100 attendees packed the tasting room as they sampled some Minglewood spirits and enjoyed friendly conversation. Justin Starlin addressed those in attendance on the what this new business means to the growth of the Wooster Community. After cutting the ribbon, Owners Mark Morrison and Andy Troutman gave community members a tour of the facility followed by allowing everyone to sign the commemorative barrel. We would like to congratulate Minglewood Distilling Company on a wonderful event and we are very excited to see what they have in store for the future.



**MINGLEWOOD**  
DISTILLING COMPANY



Minglewood Distillery owners, Mark Morrison and Andy Troutman, enjoy cutting the ribbon to signify the opening of the distillery.



WOOSTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# KNOW A SUCCESSFUL AREA BUSINESS?

Nominate them as the  
**2018 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is searching for nominees from 1-50 employees including franchises and independent business owners.

**CRITERIA**  
History of the business, staying power, sales, continual growth, financial position, and contributions given to the community.

**DEADLINE**  
Monday, March 12th. Awards Ceremony to be held in June 2018.

**TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION VISIT**  
[woosterchamber.com/events/small-business-award-reception](http://woosterchamber.com/events/small-business-award-reception)



2017 Small Business of the Year winners include



# New Members enjoy Coffee & Conversation

On Thursday, February 22, the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce held its new member orientation, Coffee & Conversation. Twenty of the Chamber's newest members gathered to hear about the many benefits the Chamber offers to its new members. Attendees had a chance to introduce themselves and talk a little about what it is they do. President, Justin Starlin, went over the history of the Chamber as well as some of the events and programs it sponsors. After learning about the many opportunities the Chamber offers its members, attendees had a chance to network with each other while they enjoyed some coffee and pastries from Templeton's Scottish Bakery. If you are a new or existing member that would like to learn more about the Chamber, be on the lookout for our next Coffee & Conversation.



Chamber President, Justin Starlin, presenting the benefits of joining the Chamber to new members.

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**MARCH 3  
MACHINERY SALE**  
Kidron Auction 9:00 AM 330-857-2641  
kidronauction.com

**MARCH 3  
WOOSTER OILERS JR. HOCKEY GAMES**  
NA3HL Junior Hockey Club. Alice  
Noble Ice Arena 7:45 PM  
woosteroilers.com

**MARCH 4  
WOOSTER CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES  
EMERSON STRING QUARTET**  
Musical performance of Emerson  
String Quartet presented by the  
Wooster Chamber Music Series. Gault  
Recital Hall, College of Wooster  
3:00 PM 330-263-2115  
woosterchambermusic.com

**MARCH 4  
SCOT SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT**  
The College of Wooster Scot  
Symphonic Band will present its  
pre-tour concert which will include  
bagpipers and Highland dancers.  
McGaw Chapel, College of Wooster  
2:30 PM 330-263-2419 wooster.edu

**MARCH 8  
PRUNING WORKSHOP**  
Hands-on pruning workshop by pre-  
registration for both the homeowner  
and commercial landscaper. Secrest  
Arboretum 8 AM - Noon  
740-485-0129 secrest.osu.edu

**MARCH 9  
WOOSTER OILERS JR. HOCKEY GAMES**  
NA3HL Junior Hockey Club. Alice  
Noble Ice Arena 7:45 PM  
woosteroilers.com

**MARCH 10  
NORTHWESTERN  
RURITAN PANCAKE DAY**  
All you can eat pancakes and whole  
hog sausage. Proceeds benefit  
Northwestern community projects.  
Northwestern High School 7 AM-7 PM  
330-345-5547

**MARCH 10  
PERFORMANCE SERIES:  
"THE HONEY DEWDROPS"**  
Sonnenberg Village 7:00 PM  
330-857-9111  
kidronhistoricalsociety.org

**MARCH 10  
WOOSTER OILERS JR. HOCKEY GAMES**  
LNA3HL Junior Hockey Club. Alice  
Noble Ice Arena 7:45 PM  
woosteroilers.com

**MARCH 11  
WOOSTER OILERS JR. HOCKEY GAMES**  
LNA3HL Junior Hockey Club Alice  
Noble Ice Arena 6:30 PM  
woosteroilers.com

**MARCH 11  
VOICES FROM THE PAST:  
"THE HONEY DEWDROPS"**  
Tickets available at the Historical  
Society or Local Roots. Wayne County  
Historical Society 2:00 PM  
330-264-8856  
waynehistoricalohio.org

**MARCH 17  
LIGHT UP THE NIGHT, CELEBRATE  
LIFE'S JOURNEY BENEFIT**  
70's themed live/silent auction to  
benefit LifeCare Hospice patients and  
families. Shisler Conference Center  
6:00 PM 330-264-4899  
LifeCareHospice.org

**MARCH 17  
SHREVE MIGRATION SENSATION**  
Full day of events centering around  
the annual start of birding in the  
Killbuck Marsh Area in Shreve. Guest  
speakers, workshops, vendor hall  
and special children's educational  
activities. Shreve Elementary School  
Rt. 226. Shreve Elementary School  
8 AM - 4 PM 330-464-4382  
shreveohio.com

**MARCH 21  
MUSIC ON MARKET: "CLARK WILSON,  
SILENT FILM ORGANIST - HAROLD  
LLOYD IN THE FRESHMAN"**  
One of the most recognized scorers  
of silent photoplay in America today.  
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United Methodist Church 7:00 PM  
330-262-5641  
fb.com/MusicOnMarketWooster

**MARCH 22  
SIP AND COLOR**  
JAre you an adult? Do you like to  
color? If so, please come join fellow  
adult colorists at Bent Ladder the  
fourth Thursday of every month.  
Bring your pencils, markers, crayons  
and coloring books to Bent Ladder.  
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you share in your love of coloring,  
shading, blending and layering! Never  
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register, just show up and ask about  
the coloring group! We can't wait to  
get started! Please note that after  
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**MARCH 23 - APRIL 21  
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WORKSHOP EXHIBIT**  
National workshop for ceramics  
artists returns to the Wayne Center  
for the Arts. The Ohio Designer  
Craftsmen bring some of the finest  
examples of functional ceramic art to  
our galleries. Reception April 19 at 7  
PM. Wayne Center for the Arts Daily,  
330-264-2787 wayneartscenter.org

**MARCH 24  
WOOSTER KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY**  
Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce,  
beverage. Wooster High School

**MARCH 24 - OCT 27  
EXHIBIT: "CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF  
THE OHIO LIGHT OPERA. A COSTUME  
DESIGN RETROSPECTIVE"**  
A collaborative effort of the Society  
and The Ohio Light Opera. Extended  
hours during summer OLO season.  
Details on website. Wayne County  
Historical Society Fri & Sat 1-4 PM  
330-264-8856  
waynecountyhistorical.org

**MARCH 25  
WOOSTER CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES  
DAVID FINCKEL & WU HAN**  
Musical performance of David Finkel  
& Wu Han presented by the Wooster  
Chamber Music Series. Gault Recital  
Hall, College of Wooster 3:00 PM  
330-263-2115  
woosterchambermusic.com

**MARCH 31  
EASTER HOP**  
A wonderful event for families with  
young children. Easter and Spring  
events at both stores. The J.M.  
Smucker Company Store and Cafe &  
Lehman's 10 AM-2 PM 800-438-5346



# EDUCATIONAL SERIES

## The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is a reality!



**CYNTHIA KULA, CPA/PFS, CFP**  
Senior Manager, Tax  
Walthall CPAs / Rea Associates

Register for this event at [goo.gl/dn8P7m](http://goo.gl/dn8P7m)

Major tax reform is occurring in 2018. Are you prepared? We invite you to participate in our tax reform discussions. The following are key discussion points:

- What are the Individual Provisions in the new Tax Act?
- What are the Business Provisions in the new Tax Act?
- Pass-through Entity Deduction-Explanation and calculation
- How will the tax reform impact you?
- What are the Individual Provisions in the new Tax Act?

We hope the interactive discussions will help you get a head start on planning for 2018 under the new tax reform laws.

With more than 40 years of public accounting experience, Cynthia has spent the majority of her career concentrating in taxation. A graduate of Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Science in computer and information science, Cynthia is a frequent speaker to and writer for industry, business, and community groups and trade associations.

A FREE PROGRAM TO MEMBERS

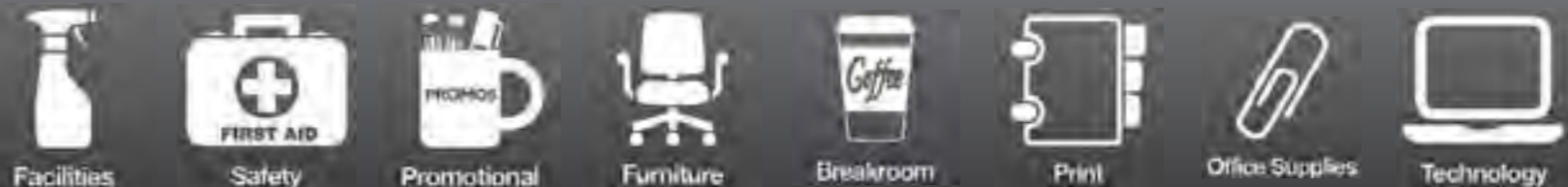
### WHEN & WHERE

Wednesday, March 14th  
11:30am - 1:30pm

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377 West Liberty Street  
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## Discover 30 Years of Wooster's Downtown Revitalization!



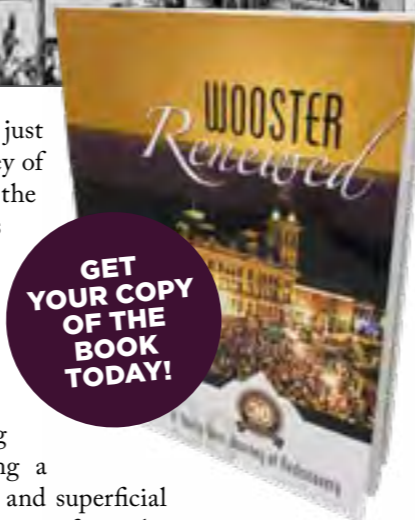
The plans, ideas, some implemented, some now just history. "Wooster Renewed...a Thirty year journey of rediscovery" tells the story of the past 30 years and the Main Street Wooster, Inc. organization, which is dedicated to the economic sustainability and preservation of downtown Wooster.

With a grant from the Wayne County Community Foundation, "Wooster Renewed" tells the story of the downtown, from a historical perspective. In 1987, Wooster's once bustling downtown was looking time-worn and needing a "facelift". Retail occupancy had dropped to 42% and superficial attempts at beautification had not kept the customers from the malls, a huge change in shopping and restaurants. Main Street Wooster, Inc., a process for downtown change of preservation of our traditional buildings and "heart of the city" ambiance, began to implement what is now a thirty year story of public and private reinvestment and visioning what a renewed small-town downtown could be.

Today, there is more than 90% occupancy in retail, restaurant and service businesses, "on the street" and 96% occupancy in the second and third stories of the buildings, showcasing more than 148 lofts and 15 condominiums.

Pictures and text tell the story of the change, of the collaboration and visioning of so many and the support of the community.

Cost of the book is \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Main Street Wooster office (377 West Liberty/The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce), Wooster Gift Corner, Books In Stock and the Florence O. Wilson Bookstore, in Lowry Center, at The College of Wooster.



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If you are interested in sponsoring a giveaway or would like more information about our Facebook Giveaways, please contact Grant Delaney, Membership & Marketing Coordinator, at 330-262-5735 or by emailing [gdelaney@woosterchamber.com](mailto:gdelaney@woosterchamber.com).



Members of the Chamber and LifeCare Hospice pose with 70's memorabilia in the new Friendtique space. LifeCare Hospice will hold its 70's themed Spring Gala on March 17th.



Justin Starlin and Samira Zimmerly pose with Nancy's Draperies staff at their location in Marshallville.



Members of the Chamber staff sit alongside several members of the management staff for Smoke the Burger Joint.

Recent Facebook Giveaways include:



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## Linking Today's Youth with Tomorrows Opportunities



Local students participate in a demonstration at the Wooster Community Hospital during Health Care Day 2017

With the Wooster Area unemployment rate being one of the lowest in the State, while also being recognized for a high ranking job growth area, it is vitally important that our business community feels confident that they can find the workforce needed to be successful locally. Such concern has caused a number of non-profit and government agencies to focus on Workforce Development efforts in the area. Your Chamber has been a leader in recognizing that a strong current and future Workforce will lead to a continually prosperous business community, and the Chamber believes that an effective approach to this issue is the development of a strong Education to Industry relationship. Specifically, the Wooster Chamber has led this portion of the overall Workforce Development network, by building close relationship with teachers, administrators and school boards throughout the County and in-turn utilizing these relationships to build positive connections with local Industry.



From annual Manufacturing Day (first Friday of October), which provided more than 550 local students with two personalized site visits to Industry partners, to the development of a County-wide Health Care Day that aims to serve 240 students, your Chamber in partnership with the Wayne Economic Development Council and Orrville Chamber is creating lasting and impressionable opportunities for our local Youth, by letting them see just what happens at businesses throughout Wayne County. Recognizing that the retention and engagement of our youth can lead to positive developments for all involved, we are proud to share that Wayne County Health Care Day aims to be larger and more effective then it ever has, and we could not put this day together without the support from our participating Industry partners, Local School District Support and various Event supporters.

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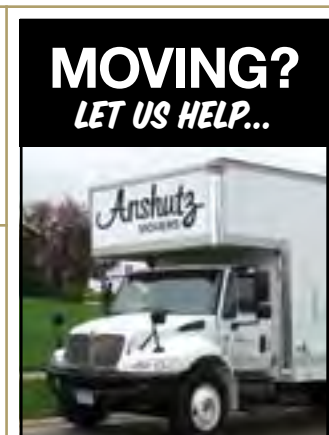
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