

Chamber Newsletter

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Linking Business with Community

November 2023

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Get ready for the holiday season and be Loyal to Local!

The 4th annual Loyal to Local Holiday Passport Program supports our small businesses throughout the entire holiday shopping season.



This year's shopping experience kicks off on Monday, November 20 and continues through Thursday, January 4.

Pick up your passport at the Wooster Chamber or at participating businesses.

For additional details visit woosterchamber. com/loyaltolocal.

How do shoppers participate?

- Pick up a passport from one of the participating establishments.
- Present your passport when making a purchase at a participating business to receive stamps in your passport equal to the amount of your purchase.
- Turn in your completed passport at the Chamber office before noon on Thursday, January 4. Winners will be drawn for the Grand Prizes!

Passports must be stamped at the time of purchase. Any material other than the passport will not be eligible for the drawing. Customers may turn in multiple completed passports. Each completed passport increases the chance of winning a GRAND PRIZE!

Loyal to Local Grand Prizes

GRAND PRIZES WILL FEATURE ITEMS FROM THESE BUSINESSES AND MORE!

























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Roffler Cruise

Some of this year's participating businesses include...

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Albright Welding Supply Bay Lobsters II Café

& Fish Market Beef 'O' Brady's

Big Red Barn Apparel & Gifts

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Broken Rocks Cafe & Bakery/Rox Gastropub

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Buffalo Wild Wings

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Hartzler Family Dairy & Ice Cream Shop

HighPoint Furniture

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Ivory Room

JAFB-Wooster Brewery

JK Gift Shop

Jump n Shout

Lavish Brows

Lehman's Lincoln Way Vineyards

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Wooster Gift Corner And More!



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* New Members



Casa Mirabella Guest House

Casa Mirabella Guest House is a short-term rental in a 1913 historic home on Beall Avenue in the heart of Wooster. Reservations for any of its five private bedrooms can be made online through AirBnb. All guests are encouraged to enjoy the home's full kitchen and dining room, large living room with fireplace, second-floor sitting room, second-story patio, and backyard oasis with a pavilion and firepit area surrounded by mindful landscaping. Casa Mirabella Guest House aims to be the respite of choice for anyone coming to take advantage of all that Wooster and the surrounding area has to offer!



The Curry Pot

The Curry Pot is an authentic Indian Restaurant, nestled in the heart of Wooster, Ohio. This vibrant establishment is a culinary haven for those seeking the rich and diverse flavors of Indian cuisine including an array of vegetarian, vegan, dairy-free, gluten-free, and nut-free options, ensuring that everyone can find a delightful meal suited to their dietary needs. Whether you're a seasoned lover of Indian cuisine or a newcomer eager to explore new flavors. The Curry Pot promises an unforgettable culinary adventure that will leave your taste buds delighted and your senses satisfied



Illusions Screen Printing Company

Illusions Screen Printing Company was recently purchased by two sisters from the Creston area. Mandy Maibach and her husband, Scott, and Jen Shirey and her husband, Bryan. purchased the 31 year old business from Eric Steinman in October of 2022. Growing up in Wayne County, both ladies are Norwayne graduates.

Illusions can offer custom design, screen printing, embroidery, sublimation and heat press. They are truly a "one stop shop" for all of your custom apparel needs.

Contact them at 330-263-7770.



Panda Express

On a mission to inspire better lives, Panda Express® is the largest Asian dining concept in the U.S. Familyowned and operated since 1983, Panda Express is best known for creating a wide variety of industryfirst recipes, like The Original Orange Chicken® and Honey Walnut Shrimp.

The Wooster Panda Express team is thrilled to be part of the community and welcomes all guests into their doors to try authentic American Chinese favorites! They are open at 3910 Burbank Road in Wooster for dine in, take out, or order online for a quick and easy pick-up.

https://order.pandaexpress.com/

August 2023

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Small Business

Webinars and

Development Centers

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday,

November 29

Thursday, January 11

Orientation

Workshops

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Wooster Floral & Gifts

Wooster Floral helps you make the ones you love, FEEL loved! They have been serving the Wooster area for over a decade!

Visit them for all your floral needs in their new 207 S Market St. Wooster location. They are open Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm and can be contacted at 330-264-9630.

Connect with us on Social Media

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



Wooster Oral Surgery and Implant Center

At Wooster Oral Surgery and Implant Center they are committed to providing Oral Surgery, Dental Extractions, Wisdom teeth extractions and Dental Implants (often under general anesthesia) to the residents of the community in an effort to contribute to their overall wellness. They do this effectively with care, empathy and communication amongst your General Dentist and other Dental Specialists on your team They are in it with you to advance your oral health needs!



Safety Council will explore

the need for respirators

in the workplace

November 15 to hear from Sarah Ghezzi, Industrial Hygienist with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, on Respirators Do We Need Them?

ECONOMIC INDICATORS July 2022 August 2022 August 2023 July 2022 August 2022 Labor Force, Employed Unemployment, 3.9% 58.100 57.600 **United States** Wayne County Unemployment, Labor Force, Unemployed 4.3% 4.2% 3.7% 2,000 2,000 Ohio **Wayne County**

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Members join us at Freeman Building Systems new office for Business Áfter Hours on Nov. 15

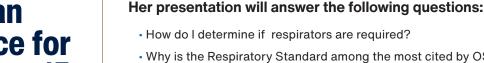
Join us for a Business After Hours and ribbon cutting celebration at the new Freeman Building Systems office from 4-6 p.m. on November 15! Tour the new space, mingle, and enjoy drinks and appetizers at 580 Venture Boulevard in Wooster.

Freeman Building Systems has had a longstanding presence in the Wooster Community. They have constructed over 7 million square feet of buildings for various businesses, including corporate offices, distribution centers,

manufacturing plants, aircraft hangars, and athletic facilities. They provide innovative and cost-effective design/build construction solutions for their customers with services based on honesty, integrity, and industry knowledge. Freeman Building Systems strives to make the building process a positive experience for its customers, employees, subcontractors,

We look forward to celebrating with them in a few weeks!

Register to attend at:



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• How do I determine if respirators are required? • Why is the Respiratory Standard among the most cited by OSHA?

but do you know which type to use and

when they are required? Wooster Area

Safety Council will meet on Wednesday,

• What do I need to do if my employees use dust masks?

Sarah Ghezzi is a Certified Safety Professional and an **OSHA Authorized Trainer** for General Industry and Construction. She has been practicing in the field of safety and health for over 25 years. She is currently an Industrial Hygienist at the Bureau of Workers Compensation working in the Canton and Cambridge Offices.



MEETING DETAILS

WOOSTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Date: Wednesday, November 15 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Bruch Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Ave., Wooster

Speaker: Sarah Ghezzi, Industrial Hygienist, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation **Topic:** Respirator Fit Testing

Cost: \$20 for Chamber members \$25 for non-members Lunch will be provided.

Register online at: bit.ly/woochambersafetynov2023

A small materials fee applies woosterchamber.com/business-after-hours. gister online at <mark>sbdcksut.or</mark>g

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The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to recognize these individuals and organizations at the 124th Annual Dinner Meeting in 2024!

Every year the Annual Chamber Dinner continues to be one of the largest across Ohio, with over 800 professionals in attendance.

The dinner meeting recognizes area businesses and leaders for their community service and business acumen.



WORTHYWORKS AWARD



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

> (LESS THAN 15 EMPLOYEES)



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

(GREATER THAN 15 EMPLOYEES)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD

Leo Miller

Distinguished Leadership Wooster Alumni Award

Andrew Guidetti

Mike Lezak Award for Volunteerism

Ashley Hershberger

Jack O'Donnell Award for Community Service

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



Bill DeRodes

Wall of Fame Recipient

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The Chamber looks forward to celebrating these award winners who have made extraordinary accomplishments in our community through the years. Stay tuned for more information to come.

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Learn more ways to get involved during the Membership 101 session

If you are curious about more ways to take advantage of your chamber membership, join us for a Membership 101 session on Thursday, December 7 from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. at The Connection Conference & Event Center.

Hear from program representatives about ways to enroll in the variety of Money Saving Programs available. The Chamber team will share about ways to participate in the many events and programs throughout the year.

Refreshments will be provided



Register to attend at: bit.ly/woochambermembership101

9th annual Wayne County Manufacturing Day to be held on Tuesday, November 7!

We are excited to hold the 9th annual Wayne County Manufacturing Day on Tuesday, November 7! Each year, this program brings Wayne County School Districts to area manufacturers to help connect the future workforce with employers in need of skilled labor.

Each school will tour two manufacturers and students will get a first-hand look at top employers as they explore the facilities and learn about various job opportunities. Students will meet industry leaders, see the cool things made in Wayne County, and have the chance to get some cool swag. We are looking forward to another successful and mutually beneficial day!

Thank you to the Orrville Area Chamber of Commerce for their collaboration with this program.

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Youth Free Throw Shootout Winner: Leo Adams

Wiener Dog Race Champion: **Porter May**

Adult Free Throw **Shootout Winner: Rob McCarter**



Pig Mac Eating Competition Champion: **Alex Murphy**



Cornhole Tournament Champions: Cody Byelene & Jim Workman



Beer Stein Race Winners Rich & John Fishburn, **E&H Ace Hardware Group**



Sausage Toss Champions: **Dennis Ripley** & Matt Zrebiec



Competition Champion: **Gary Miller**

Save the Date for the 2024 Woosterfest - Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28! Thank you to all of our 2023 Woosterfest event sponsors!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT, VISIT WOOSTERFEST.COM.

*Leadership Wooster

Leadership Wooster Class of 2024 explores agricultural sector of Wayne County

In October, the Leadership Wooster Class spent a beautiful day exploring various factions of agriculture in Wayne County. They started the day at The Ohio State University - CFAES Wooster Campus with Dr. Andy Michel, Assoc. Dean and Director of The Ohio State University CFAES Wooster campus and Dr. Kris Boone, Asst. Dean and Director, Ohio State ATI, who gave an overview of the college and its community impact.

Kurt Steiner of Steinhurst Farms then gave a presentation on Leadership in Agriculture and a Dairy Industry Update. It was an eye-opening experience for everyone to hear about the work that goes into running a dairy farm. Traveling to a different part of the campus to Skou Hall, Dr. Jon Witter, Assoc. Professor, and Ben King, Program Coordinator, Construction Technology, with assistance from some students, showed examples of the different technologies in agriculture.

The class then traveled to the beautiful Secrest Arboretum, where they got a tour from Jason Veil, Curator. They learned a lot about the different gardens and the plants that grow there. For lunch, everyone was treated to a delicious Certified Angus Beef gourmet taco bar. Tracey Erickson, Sr. Executive Vice President of Marketing, gave an overview of the Certified Angus Beef Brand, and the class toured the meat lab and heard from Sherry Leggett, Director of People & Culture, on Servant Leadership.

That afternoon, the bus took the class out to RMD Dairy, where they saw the advanced technology and robots that help the farm to operate. They interacted with the cows and calves, and were even treated to delicious milk and cookies from the generous hosts!

To finish the day, the class traveled to Lincoln Way Vineyards for a tour of the winery and a delicious wine tasting. It was the perfect way to wrap up an excellent day















Leadership Wooster is sponsored by:



* Ribbon Cuttings



Congratulations to Clazak on 25 years in business

Congratulations to Clazak on celebrating 25 years in business! Clazak is a full-service kitchen and bathroom remodeling company that has been serving Wayne County and surrounding counties for 25 years. Their Design Center is located at 8828 Dover Road, Apple Creek, OH 44606. They are a faith-based company that delivers a quality product with a highly trained staff that demonstrates integrity. Clazak builds and finishes its own custom cabinets, and provides their very own skilled electricians, plumbers and installers. Contact them through their website www.clazak.com or by calling 330-264-4691.

Congrats to Wooster Motor Ways on new retail store

Congratulations to Wooster Motor Ways on the grand opening of their new Fleetrite retail space. They are open 7 days a week and offer parts delivery, truck parking, storage trailer rentals, contract fuel sales, truck and trailer maintenance and much more! They are located at 3501 West Old Lincoln Way and can be contacted at 330-264-7690.

We are excited for what their new space will bring to our area!



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Congratulations to Centerra Country Store on their new retail store in Wooster

Congratulations to Centerra Country Store on their official ribbon cutting! The retail store, located at 1009 West Old Lincoln Way, Wooster, offers pet supplies, feed, bird feeders, gardening equipment, and much more! They



also have a convenient drive-through where their friendly staff will help you find and load whatever it is you are looking for.



Wooster Floral holds official ribbon cutting at new location



Congratulations to Wooster Floral on their official ribbon cutting at their new location!

They have been serving Wooster for over a decade! Visit them to find a perfect gift and for all your floral needs in their new 207 S Market St, Wooster location. They are open Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and can be contacted at 330-264-9630.

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Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing celebrates their new name

Congratulations to Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing at Honeytown on holding an official ribbon cutting to celebrate their rebranding initiative!

Divine Health Care Management, a leading provider of healthcare services, is thrilled to announce the renaming of their facility located at 1552 N Honeytown Rd, Wooster, OH 44691, as Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing at Honeytown.

The decision to rebrand reflects Divine Health Care Management's dedication to continually improving and enhancing the quality of care offered to its residents. With this new name, the facility aims to better represent its mission of providing compassionate and top-notch rehabilitation and nursing care to the community.

Congratulations to The Link-Wayne on their official ribbon cutting!

The Link is a program of The Society, which has been serving individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities for over 70 years! The Link Day program is located at 2827B Cleveland Rd, Wooster, and provides opportunities for the individuals they serve to participate in their communities through volunteerism, socialization, and recreation.





*Let It Glow

Wooster will shine bright this holiday season with Let it Glow

The Chamber team is ready to get into the holiday spirit with the 4th annual Let It Glow Competition! The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging you to spread some holiday cheer by adorning



your home with lights, lawn ornaments, wreaths, and more!

You even have a chance to win one of the three cash prizes!

REGISTRATION INFO:

- Deadline to register:
 Wednesday, December 6.
 It's FREE to register!
- Address must be within 44691
- Homes <u>MUST</u> be decorated by: Thursday, December 14
- Contact the Chamber to register:
 Email Michelle at mrothgery@woosterchamber.com
- To learn more visit: woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow

VOTING INFO:

- A map will be available marking the location of each participating house.
- Each house entry will have a number displayed on a yard sign.
- Vote anytime from Friday, December 15 Friday, December 29
- Winners will be contacted as well as posted on social media

PRIZE CATEGORIES:

- Best in Show: \$100 prize Selected by: MCTV
- Clark Griswold (most lights): \$100 prize Selected by: McClintock Electric
- People's Choice: \$100 cash prize Selected by: Community Vote

The Let it Glow Chamber Holiday Light Competition is generously sponsored by:





Register Today! Visit woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow or contact Michelle at mrothgery@woosterchamber.com or 330-262-5735.

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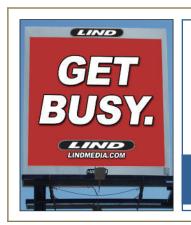
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