

October Newsletter

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Register today for the Wayne Economic Forum on Oct. 24!

Join us for the 2019 Wayne Economic Forum featuring top executives from the region who will share their perspectives and ideas about business in the world today, aiming to stimulate conversation regarding best business practices and to encourage thoughtprovoking ideas. Please join us for this year's Wayne Economic Forum on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Shisler Conference Center.



This years Wayne Economic Forum event speakers include:



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John Stika President, Certified Angus Beef LLC



Dave Yost State of Ohio's 51st Attorney General



Jerry Grisko Jr. President & CEO, CBIZ Inc.



Bernie Moreno President, Bernie Moreno Companies









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Girls on the Run inspires girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally celebratory 5K event. For more information, visit gotreco.org.

The Wooster Chamber would like to welcome McDonald's, located at 540 Beall Ave in Wooster as a new member. McDonald's not only serves fast food, but is also heavily involved in Ohio communities through scholarships, charities, and movements. To learn more about McDonald's local involvement visit www.mcdonalds.com.

Small Business Development Centers

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Wednesday, October 9 Appointments available 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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Economic Indicators								
	July 2018	July 2019	June 2018		July 2018	July 2019	June 2018	
Unemployment, U.S.	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	Labor Force, Employed Wayne County	59,100	60,600	59,500	
Unemployment, Ohio	4.9%	4.6%	5.3%	Labor Force, Unemployed Wayne County	2,400	2,200	2,600	
Unemployment, Wayne County	3.8%	3.6%	4.3%	Wayne County Sales Tax by Month	1,008,229.46	\$1,134,318.43	\$1,108,027.41	

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Business After Hours Recap: Whitaker-Myers Group 150th

Whitaker-Myers Group hosted a **Business After Hours** on September 19. Nearly 90 people were present throughout the evening to celebrate



the company's 150th anniversary. The Whitaker-Myers team and members of the Wooster business community enjoyed the evening of networking and socializing.

Thank you to Buehler's for providing appetizers and drinks for those in attendance.



Scott Allen, Whitaker-Myers chairman and CEO, addresses the Business After Hours attendees.

Interested in hosting a Business After Hours at your location? Contact the Chamber today at 330-262-5735.

Upcoming BAH and ribbon cutting at RES

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce and RES Auction Services will celebrate the opening of their new auction facility in Wooster on October 17! A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will kick off at 4:30 p.m. with Business After Hours to follow. Enjoy refreshments and camaraderie amongst local business professionals!

DATE AND TIME

Thursday, October 17, 2019 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

LOCATION

RES Auction Services 375 Fry Road • Wooster, Ohio



Visit them online at www.res.bid

Register online at bit.ly/WooChamberBAHOct2019

Chamber to host 2nd **Grow with Google event!**

National Google Digital Coach, Angelina Darrisaw, wants to help Wooster businesses thrive with Google During this workshop, Angelina wil share best practices and analyze trends



about how customers engage with your business online, then turn these insights into well-informed, actionable decisions. Please bring your laptop to follow along!

This event will be held at the Best Western Crown Ballroom. 243 East Liberty Street Wooster, OH 44691.

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and the Grow with Google Workshop will be from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Register at bit.ly/WooChamberGrowGoogle

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Leadership Wooster



The 2019-2020 Leadership Wooster class kicked off with Orientation

Leadership Wooster kicked off the 2019-2020 year with 33 students. Orientation was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Christian Children's Home of Ohio. Students spent the day getting to know fellow peers, participating in outdoor team



building exercises and learning the roles and myths of leadership.

The mission of Leadership Wooster is to enhance leadership skills among business professionals in Wayne County.





Curt Denning presents to the class about parks.

Leadership Wooster students learn about Community Development

Leadership Wooster was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. This day was focused on Community Development in Wooster. Leadership students started the day learning some of the latest statistics about the housing market in Wooster. They learned about the history of the development of the North End and Downtown along with being briefed on some current development projects in the area. The class also took a bus tour of the city and learned about different factors that impact development. In the afternoon, the class enjoyed a tour of the St. Paul Hotel and a discussion focused on empowering leadership.

Leadership Wooster

Leadership Wooster Class of 2019-2020



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17 local manufacturers to host more than 700 students – The 6th annual Wayne County Manufacturing Day, scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019 will feature more local manufacturers and student participants than in previous years. With a growing interest from the manufacturing sector to connect with students and education, Manufacturing Day has continued to grow and is now recognized as the premiere event that builds awareness of local career opportunities. The Wooster Chamber, in partnership with the Orrville Chamber and Wayne Economic Development Council are thrilled that the event continues to expand and that participating manufacturers see the value that the day presents to their company. With an extremely tight local labor market, Manufacturing Day aims to connect today's students with tomorrow's local opportunities. Recognized as the most important industry to our local economy, the strength of the Manufacturing sector is vital to the future prosperity of our community and the Chamber is thrilled to be able to support the overall management of this event.

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Wayne Economic Forum

Don't miss these speakers at the 2019 Wayne Economic Forum



President, Certified Angus Beef LLC

As president for the Certified Angus Beef brand, John Stika guides grassroots programs to deliver

premium beef from farmers and ranchers to consumers. He has led the brand through 11 consecutive years of record sales, helping to satisfy growing demand for greattasting beef in 17,000 restaurants and grocery stores worldwide.

CBIZ

John received the Outstanding Young Alumnus award from K-State's College of Agriculture and the Achievement award from the American Meat Science Association.



State of Ohio's 51st Attorney General

Dave Yost became Ohio's 51st Attorney General on January 14, 2019, bringing to the office his extensive experience rooting out fraud, holding the corrupt accountable, and reforming government.

In two terms as Auditor of State, he helped convict 170 corrupt public

officials and uncovered \$30 million in stolen and misspent public funds. As Attorney General, he now pursues his mission of protecting Ohio's citizens while aggressively fighting corruption across the state.



Jerry Grisko Jr. President & CEO. CBIZ Inc.

Jerome P. Grisko, Jr. has served as President of CBIZ since February 2000. Mr. Grisko joined CBIZ as Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions in September. Prior to joining CBIZ, Mr. Grisko was associated with the law firm of Baker & Hostetler LLP, where he

practiced from September 1987

until September 1998, serving as

a partner of such firm from January 1995 to September 1998. While at Baker & Hostetler, Mr. Grisko concentrated his practice in the area of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures.



Bernie Moreno Companies

Bernie Moreno is the chair of a new company that will sell technology to put the process of car titling on blockchain technology.

In 2005, Moreno purchased what became the largest volume Mercedes-Benz dealership in the Central US.

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Today, Moreno is focusing on a variety of technology businesses through the

venture company, Ownum. Although most of the dealerships were sold, two were retained, Buick/GMC of Beachwood and INFINITI of Coral Gables.

What is the Wavne Economic Forum?

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting success by establishing an annual forum that aims to bring leaders and top executives together for sharing of business ideas, philosophies and leadership experiences.

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Talent Show Winner: **Norah Carroll**









Sausage Toss Winners: Jeremy Rowland & Donnie Dowling



Wiener Dog Race Winner: **Porter May**

Free Throw Shootout Winners:

Youth Division:

Lance Coultas & **Javen Mitchell**

Adult Division: **Rob McCarter & Emily Morgan**



Beer Stein Race Winners: **BCI Buckeye Division**



Polka Dancing Contest:

1st Place: Raymond & Meghan 2nd Place:

Cunningham

Drazan & Mirana Zagan

Get to know the Wooster **Chamber Board members!**



Director Meaden & Moore 2019 Wooster Chamber **Board Member**

Susan Marlar is a Director MEADEN & MOORE with Meaden & Moore, a regional

public accounting firm with a wealth of tax, accounting, forensics, and business consulting expertise, valuable to any company at any stage of growth. The firm not only has local service but a global reach through an affiliation with AGN International.

Susan was born and raised in Texas and is a graduate of Baylor University with a Masters of

Tax. She pursued her career in public accounting with Arthur Andersen in Dallas, Main Hurdman in Waco, Coopers & Lybrand in New York City and Charlotte, NC. She moved to Wooster in 2000 where she continued her tax practice on a part-time basis taking time to be a mom and active school volunteer. She joined Meaden & Moore in 2013 as a Director of the Wooster office.

Susan is married to David and they have two children. Stacey is married to Jake Reynolds and they live in Wooster with their three dogs. Stacey graduated from Kent University and is a warehousing logistics coordinator with the J.M. Smucker Company in Orrville. Chase was called to the Lord on August 3, but will remain forever in our hearts. He graduated from University of Cincinnati with a Business Operations degree and worked at Airgas as a logistics coordinator.

Currently, Susan is a Co-Chair of the Wooster/Smithville Rotary Parade of Flags program, serves on the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, Wooster City Schools Advisory Committee, and the College Hills Village Council.

When asked about being a Wooster Chamber Board Member, Susan stated "It is very rewarding to be a part of the pro-active environment of the Chamber. The programs and events that have been around for years are still going strong supporting the interests of our current members and fostering goodwill in the community. In addition, the staff is always looking for new program/event opportunities or ways to enhance current ones. Nothing remains status quo with this group. I encourage you to visit the website www.woosterchamber.com and click on events and programs. You will be amazed!



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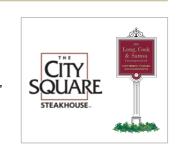




Young Professionals

October YP social at The City Square Steakhouse

The Wooster Young Professionals will gather at The City Square Steakhouse covered patio for our October social, Tapas & Tinis, generously hosted by Long, Cook & Samsa! We hope you will join us for great conversation, tapas and martini specials.



The Wooster Young Professionals group is comprised of 21-40-yearolds living or working in Wayne County. We hope you will join us! Any questions, comments or concerns, please direct to Katie Foster at kfoster@woosterchamber.com.

SAVE-THE-DATE – YP Luncheon with Rodd Welker

DATE AND TIME Tuesday, November 19 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce 377 W. Liberty Street, Wooster, Ohio





September YP held at Blue Barn Winery

Thank you to everyone who joined us in September and a big thank you to Blue Barn Winery for hosting us! Over 30 Young Professionals (YP) had the opportunity to meet and mingle over great wine and



beautiful weather to wrap up the summer. We hope to see you all at future YP socials!

Thank you to our program sponsors, The Commercial & Savings Bank & Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd.!

Join the YP's at JAFB

Join the Wooster Young Professionals at JAFB for a cold one and a tour of the brewhouse! JAFB will provide a \$1 discount on beers and light appetizers will be available.

We have loved seeing so many new and familiar faces at our recent socials! We hope you will join us!

Questions? Contact Katie Foster, Communications & Events Coordinator at kfoster@woosterchamber.com



DATE AND TIME Wednesday, November 20 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION

JAFB Brewing Company 120 Beall Ave, Wooster, Ohio



Register for the November Young Professional event online at bit.ly/WooChamberYPNov2019

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Safety Council

Upcoming Safety Council: Drones



Josh Grappy Digital Forensic Analyst - UAS Program Coordinator

The next Safety Council meeting is scheduled for October 23. Josh Grappy, Digital Forensic Analyst - UAS Program Coordinator will present on DRONES -Commercial uses, regulations and best practices.

This presentation discusses the various industries currently using drones for increased efficiency and safety. Also discussed are the current FAA regulations required to operate commercially and the best practices involved to ensure safe operation. Additional topics include how BWC is using drones and the types of assistance they can provide to Ohio employers

interested in creating their own drone program.

Josh oversees the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The UAS program uses drones to document catastrophic workplace accidents investigated by the Safety Violations Investigation Unit. Josh also works as a Digital Forensic Analyst within the Special Investigations Department and is an 18 year BWC employee.

Safety Council meets monthly from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Ave. Wooster, OH 44691.

Safety Council Recap: Managing care for your bottom line

Wooster Area Safety Council met on September 25 to hear Dr. Perry Williams of MedPro Group speak about Managing care for your bottom line: Achieving better outcomes for both employer and employee.

Approving a claim quickly can lead to an employee returning to work sooner. The sooner the injured employee can access treatment the sooner the worker can return to being productive. The goal is to prevent injuries in the first place, but once an injury occurs the goal should be to seek treatment quickly.

Accelerated care means accelerated recovery and that can reduce overall claim costs for an employer Dr. Williams is a board certified occupational medicine specialist. He received his medical degree from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and has been in practice or 25 years. He is also certified with BWC, is DOT certified and is a certified medical review officer.

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Get ready for Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 30!

Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner The Wooster Chamber would like to remind our community how important it is to Shop Small on Saturday, November 30th. In its tenth year, the Shop Small Saturday initiative continues to grow as it competes against other sales events such as Black Friday & Cyber Monday. Shop Small Saturday has become a holiday tradition with a focus on supporting local businesses! Whereas other shopping days place an emphasis on getting "great deals" at big box stores and corporations, Shop

Small Saturday brings you deals at local establishments which in turn helps to support our community. Our friends, family, and neighbors are the same people who own or work at locally-owned small businesses. And, events like Shop Small Saturday help keep our local economy strong! So be sure to save the date and make plans to Shop Small! #ShopSmallWoo #LoveLocal



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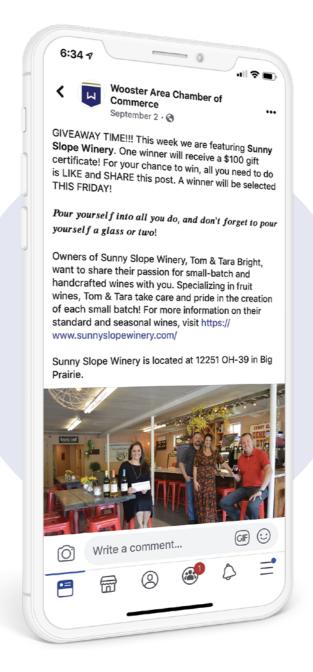




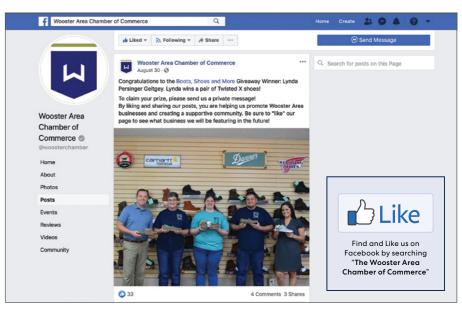


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Market your business on the Chamber's Facebook page!



Looking for a way to market your business? Participate in one of the Wooster Chamber's Facebook Giveaways. The Chamber features members on our Facebook page to strengthen relationships with our members and the community. We want to feature your business in the next giveaway! If you are interested in sponsoring a giveaway or would like more information about Wooster Chamber Facebook Giveaways, please contact us at 330-262-5735 or by emailing kfoster@woosterchamber.com.





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October 5 Harvest Festival Noon – 8 PM Blue Barn Winery 330-575-1028 • www.bluebarnwinery.com	October 12 – 13 Rittman Orchards Fall Festival Weekends Sat 9 AM – 6 PM & Sun 11 AM – 5 PM Rittman Orchards and Farm Market 330-925-4152 · www.rittmanorchards.com
October 5 Howl-O-Ween Dog Walk Noon – 3 PM Oak Hill Park 330-345-1018 • www.waynedogshelter.org	October 12 – 13 Wayne County Farm Tour Sat 11 AM – 6 PM, Sun 1 – 6 PM Southwestern Wayne County 330-263-7456 • www.ofbf.org/counties/wayne,
October 5 Apple Festival Days 8 AM – 5 PM Bauman Orchard 330-925-6861 · www.baumanorchards.com	October 16 Guided Autumn Walk 2 – 3 PM Secrest Arboretum – OARDC 330-263-3761 · http://secrest.osu.edu
October 5 Buckin' Ohio Fall Family Fest 1 – 5 PM 8154 Garman Rd., Burbank 330-624-7205 • www.buckinohio.com	October 18 – 19 Ghost Walk Through History Fri 6:30 PM Sat 5 – 9 PM Wayne County Historical Society 330-264-8856 fb.com/Wayne-County- HistoricalSociety-Wooster-OH Saturday Patron's Night
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October 10 Main Street Wooster Beer & Wine Tasting 5:30-8:30 PM Downtown Wooster 330-263-6222 · www.mainstreetwooster.org	October 20 Wooster Chamber Music Series - Emerson String Quartet 3 PM Gault Recital Hall, College of Wooster 330-263-2115 · www.woosterchambermusic.com
October 11 Sounds of Downtown 6-8 PM Downtown Wooster 330-262-6222 · www.mainstreetwooster.org	October 24 Wayne Economic Forum 12 PM - 5 PM OSU's Shisler Conference Center woosterchamber.com/wayne-economic-forum
October 11 – 12 Enchanted Forest 6 – 9 PM The Wilderness Center 330-359-5235 • www.wildernesscenter.org	October 25 Sounds of Downtown 6-8 PM Downtown Wooster 330-262-6222 · www.mainstreetwooster.org
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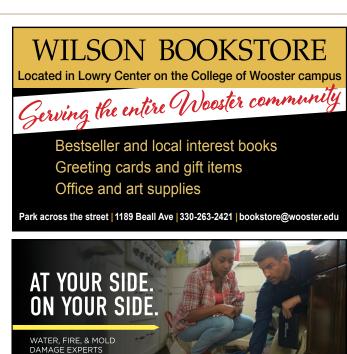
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