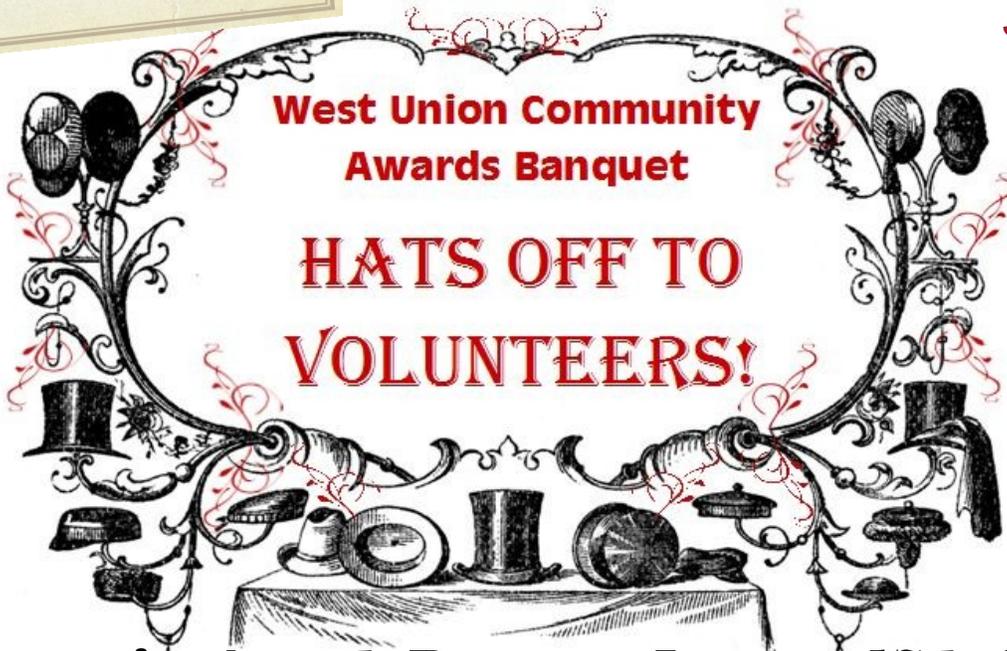




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Community Awards Banquet - January 17th, 2015

The Annual West Union Community Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, January 17th at the Echo Valley Banquet & Reception Center. This banquet honors local volunteers who freely give their time and talents to help make West Union a great place to live! The Chamber of Commerce has chosen this years award winners from the many nominations submitted by members of the community. Award winners have been chosen in the categories of health, youth, education, community service, and religion. The Fayette County Union's "Citizen of the Year," and Main Street West Union's "Volunteer of the Year" will also be honored on this night.

The night starts at 6:00 pm with cocktails, dinner at 7:00 pm, and the awards ceremony at 8:00 pm.

Buy your tickets today at the Chamber office. \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door.

This year, we are excited to hold two Raffles! Sims TV and Electronics has generously donated a 40" TV to raffle, along with the 50/50 raffle!

If your business would like to sponsor an appetizer, please contact the Chamber office.

West Union Community Awards Banquet
HATS OFF TO VOLUNTEERS
January 17, 2015
Echo Valley Banquet & Reception Center
\$20.00 Admit One
6:00 pm - Cocktails 7:00 pm - Dinner
8:00 pm - Awards Ceremony
Sponsored by the West Union Area Chamber of Commerce

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Notice our new Board Officers!

COORDINATOR

Jennifer Tobin

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT: EDWARD JONES

Mike Johnson has worked for Edward Jones for just over 2 years. Prior to taking over the office in West Union, he was running an office in Waverly. Mike is very excited to be in West Union, building his business and serving the citizens of this great community and especially loves the small town culture and atmosphere.



Mike would like to announce the hiring of his new Branch Office Administrator, Chandra Ritter.

At Edward Jones, they pride themselves on being a part of the community and getting to know their clients on a personal level. This allows them to make sure they provide great customer service and also understand their client's goals and objectives. They offer a wide range of financial services under one roof to make sure they are doing what is right for their clients. Those services include; Rollover's, 401k's, IRA's, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Trust and Estate Planning, Life Insurance, Annuities, CDs, etc.

Mike sees a great future for his business in this community. His goal is to be the number one choice for serious, long term investors. He's here to work with you to make sure there is a good retirement goal in place, but also make sure you have enough money to last you for the rest of your life.

Stop in and meet Mike and Chandra at the Edward Jones office, located at 105 South Vine Street, or call them at (563) 422-5658.

Thank you to Edward Jones for your Chamber membership and support!

2015 Membership Campaign

As we start this new year, we want to thank you for your Chamber membership! It's now the time of year when the West Union Area Chamber continues to work on their 2015 Membership Campaign. We have worked hard this past year as the Chamber Board, Staff, and Retail Committee. We have coordinated, sponsored, and involved ourselves in many activities and promotions in 2014. All of our current 2014 members should have received information about those activities and their impact on the community. If you have not, please call the Chamber office and let us know. Remember to return your data form with your 2015 Membership Dues, so we can update the website with current information.

As always, our members are invited to attend all Board Meetings, held monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 am in the Chamber office. Also, all members are invited to join the Retail Committee as they plan events and promotions. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 am in the Chamber office.

Thank you for your membership!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PUNCH CARD PROMOTION!

We had a very successful 2014 Punch Card Promotion! Thank you to all of the participants and sponsors for helping to make this year the best yet! Thousands of cards were returned to the Chamber office, totaling \$797,400 spent in West Union during this 5 week promotion! That's an increase of \$75,450 from last year! Amazing!



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SHOP LOCAL!
WIN PRIZES!



2014 Punch Card Participants

- *Loomis Plumbing & Heating
- *West Union Hardware
- *Dessel-Roach Furniture & Floors
- *Sims TV & Electronics
- *China Kitchen
- *Union Drug
- *Norby's Farm Fleet
- *Unionland Feed & Supply
- *Spirits & Such
- *NAPA Auto Parts
- *Moonlight Stitching Studio & Sisters Retreat
- *McJ's Embroidery
- *J&W Autobody
- *Saboe Jewelry
- *Spahn & Rose
- *Moss Service Center
- *Old Mill Floral
- *Gus & Tony's Town House Café
- *Quillin's Foods
- *The Fayette County Union
- *NuCara

2014 Punch Card Sponsors

- *Bank 1st
- *West Union Veterinary Clinic
- *Best Rest Inn & Suites
- *Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank
- *The City of West Union
- *Palmer Lutheran Health Center

***Participants and sponsors of the Punch Card Promotion are asked to bring their gingerbread man, bucket, and unused cards back to the Chamber office. Thank you!

[Parks and Recreation Snow Sculpture Contest!](#)

Create a snow sculpture and call Parks and Rec to come take a picture. An independent party will judge all entries in February. Winners will receive Subway gift certificates of \$25 for 1st place, \$15 for 2nd place, and \$10 for 3rd place.



Call 422-3685 or
(563) 380-8495
To get your
picture taken!

APARTMENT
FOR RENT

The upstairs
apartment in the
Chamber
building is
available to rent.
Contact the
Chamber office
for more
information.

Congratulations Punch Card Winners!

[\\$25 Gift Certificates](#)
Curtis Reicks, Katie Barness, Chelsey Matthias
Mary Lockwood, Janet Chensvold, Leonard
Larson, Daryl Weidemann,, Kathy McMillan,
Linda Upton, Joan Schroeder, Lisa Seitz, Kim
Connelly, Eileen Schlawin, Gary Streif, Mark
Enyart, Rod Hemry, Rod Rema, Sue Anne
Opperman, Diana Smith, Arnold Gibbs, Pat
Baumler, Ed Molokken, and Kathy Langreck

[\\$50 Water Bill Gift Certificates](#)
Marian Harford and Reggie Gross

[\\$100 Scrip Winners](#)
Norma Schmitt, LuAnn Severson, Tom Heyer,
Dennis Opperman, and Max Harkin

[KitchenAid Tabletop Mixer](#)
Phillis Holmstrom



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You are cordially invited to the West Union Chamber Appreciation Night on Saturday, January 10, beginning at 4 p.m. at Dorman Gymnasium Suite on the Fayette campus.

This casual, social event is in conjunction with the home basketball doubleheader against the University of Sioux Falls; women's game begins at 4 p.m., with the men's game to follow at 6 p.m. Food and beverages (cash bar) will be available in the suite throughout the evening.

Upper Iowa Athletics is excited to host this special event to show their sincere appreciation of area businesses and communities, like yours, who support their programs.

Please R.S.V.P. for you and a guest by January 2. Register online, or call the Alumni Office at 563.425.5388. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year! Go Peacocks!