



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Another benefit of your West Union Chamber Membership!

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2015 Membership Campaign

As this year comes to a close, 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 will receive information about those activities and their impact on the community soon. Please 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. Our next meeting is December 11th. 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. The next Retail Committee meeting is December 4th.

Our Board and Staff welcome any questions or feedback! Thank you for your membership!

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! Included in this month's Newsletter is a Nomination Form. The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors ask that all business owners and residents take a moment to nominate someone you feel is a deserving candidate. Nominations are being taken for the following 5 categories: Religion, Community Service, Education, Health Care, and Youth.

Nominations are due to the Chamber office by Wednesday, December 31. Forms are available at www.westunion.com, under the Chamber Events tab. Additional forms can be picked up at the Chamber office. Tickets will go on sale soon! Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT: PRAIRIE VIEW

The Holiday season can be a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Prairie View Management, Inc. as an organization has much to celebrate.

The non profit agency was formed in 1986 to take over management of what had up to then been referred to as "the county farm." It was renamed "Prairie View Residential Care Facility". The services at the location in rural Fayette have evolved to address the changing needs in the field of disabilities and mental health. People used to live at Prairie View for many years, perhaps for the rest of their lives. Now, most people who come to the facility for services are able to successfully move back into their home community within months.

The types of services that are offered to help clients regain or maintain their health are varied. They include care from a medical director and psychiatrist, nursing and medication management, and group and individual intervention to help them learn daily living and coping skills. Often, people experiencing mental health or intellectual disabilities have lost or never learned skills to be independent and care for themselves. One former client of the care facility is fond of saying of these services, "I got my life back at the View!"

Growth and innovation are a hallmark of Prairie View. Over the years, Prairie View expanded to provide supportive services to those living in their own homes or apartments. The agency offers specialized services in Fayette County to persons with Prader-Willi Syndrome and other food related conditions. This is one of only a few programs in the nation. In January 2014, the agency took over the management of the Heritage Residence and community based services in Chickasaw County.

Prairie View is grounded with an attitude of valuing people. Prairie View currently employs approximately 140 staff and serves up to 155 individuals at any given time. The respectful relationships that staff build with clients help them achieve their potential.



Thank you to Prairie View for your Chamber membership and support!



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

Participating businesses are reminded to bring completed cards to the Chamber office by NOON every Monday.



CHAMBER BITS

The Gingerbread Shop

A safe, child-centered environment where children can learn to shop, budget, spend wisely, and experience the "joy of giving."

Open December 6th at Zion Lutheran Church from 8 to 11:30 am.

Craft Show

December 7th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Fayette County Fairgrounds

Welcome, Mike Johnson, to Edward Jones in West Union!

Stop out at the 5:05 Community Social on December 9th to meet him and enjoy a fun evening!

Festival of Lights

Displayed each night from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm through the New Year.

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

LETTERS TO SANTA



The West Union Area Chamber of Commerce invites area children to bring their letters to Santa to put in Santa's Mailbox! All children will receive a candy cane when they drop off their letters to the North Pole. Make sure to put your return address on your letters!

Santa's Mailbox is located in the West Union Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 101 North Vine Street. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

KDEC MATCH PROGRAM!

Double the impact for West Union! Any WU business participating in the "Sweeten your Season" Punch Card Promotion who chooses to further promote their own business for the Holidays on KDEC radio will have the ad value MATCHED by KDEC for use by the West Union Area Chamber! If you would like to be part of this partnership, please contact your account representative at KCED, Shirley Vermace. (563) 382-4251 or shirley@kdecradio.net

Elves for the Elderly

Anyone interested in helping to wrap gifts is encouraged to come to the "Elf Wrapping Party" at the West Union Good Samaritan Society on December 16th at 7:00 pm.



Congratulations NFV Tigerhawk Football!





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5:05 Community Social!

Enter to WIN
Door Prizes!

Enjoy
Refreshments!



Everyone is Invited

Everyone is Welcome!



Tuesday, December 9th
5:05 PM



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A 5:05 COMMUNITY SOCIAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE.

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