



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

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Happy Thanksgiving November 2014

Annual Holiday Punch Card Promotion



SWEETEN
your
SEASON
SHOP LOCAL!
WIN PRIZES!



The West Union Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor the 8th Annual Holiday Punch Card Promotion. This year's theme is "Sweeten your Season." Gingerbread men will be all around town in the windows of our participating merchants and sponsors.

Every time a customer makes a \$5 or greater purchase, they get a punch in their card. Once their card (valued at \$150) is complete, the customer signs their name, address, and phone number on the back and deposits the card in the cans available.

Prize winners of local gift certificates will be drawn at the Chamber office each Monday morning, beginning November 24th. Winners will be posted at the Chamber and listed in the Union each week. The final drawing will be held on December 22nd. Prizes include multiple \$100 in Chamber Scrip and a **KitchenAid**® Tabletop Mixer!

The more a customer shops locally, the more times they will be entered in the drawings!



Shop West Union!

West Union Holiday Open Houses will be held November 13th - 15th.

November 29th is **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!**

Show your appreciation to local businesses! Shop right here in West Union!

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE AND GET YOUR PUNCH CARD FILLED!

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT: TRADITIONS OF WEST UNION

Traditions Assisted Living offers residents light-filled, spacious, accessible apartments, exciting and enriching activities, and three home-cooked meals a day. They offer beautiful spaces in the building as well as inviting outdoor spaces to enjoy in a relaxed and caring atmosphere. The campus provides a retirement lifestyle that enables seniors to enjoy the highest quality of life by focusing on the specific needs of each individual resident. Assisted Living is a philosophy of care and services that promotes independence and dignity. The number one goal at Traditions of West Union is to provide seniors with the assistance they need to live full and satisfying lives, while maintaining their independence and dignity.



Traditions Memory Care offers residents spacious individual suites, a great room that includes a dining room, a beautiful living room area that features an electric fireplace, beautiful furnishings, and a flat-panel television. Cable and internet are available in the great room area and there is also access to a private courtyard. The Memory Care wing is a safe and secure haven for those residents with memory issues.

In July, the property was purchased by a North Dakota investment group with an outstanding reputation in business and politics. The Traditions campus is managed by Oxford Property Management, a Minnesota based real estate services company specializing in senior housing management. Oxford is a fully licensed health care service provider operating throughout the Midwest. Oxford's Mission is "Providing healthy living environments for our senior communities." The Oxford properties are as unique as the residents who live in them. The Traditions campus is operated and managed as if they were a family-owned business, allowing staff members to customize programs and develop cultures which serve as a reflection of the residents at the site.

The Traditions campus is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The caring, professional staff of thirty-three, continually strive to offer residents the opportunity to enrich and enhance their lives through social interaction, activities, special events, etc. Judi Faas is Campus Director and Sandy Koester is the Clinical Director at Traditions. Judi Faas states, "My goal is to offer outreach to the community to enhance and maintain our resident's greater community connections. I invite the community to take part in our campus events and activities!" Give Traditions a call at 563-422-9200 for information about upcoming events, or view their activity calendar at www.tradtionswestunion.com.



Thank you to Traditions for your Chamber membership and support!

Chamber Bits



COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET JANUARY 17, 2015

It's that time of year when we are thankful for our many blessings. As a community, we are thankful for the many volunteers who give their time and talents to make West Union a great place to live, work, and play. Each year, we recognize those individuals at the Community Awards Banquet. This year, the banquet will be held on January 17, 2015 at the Echo Valley Banquet & Reception Center. There are five categories in which volunteers can be nominated; Community Service, Religion, Education, Health, and Youth. Start thinking of who you believe most deserves to be honored at this event! A nomination form has been included with this Newsletter and can also be found on the West Union website (www.westunion.com) under the Chamber Events tab, or in the Chamber office. Nominations are due to the Chamber office by December 31, 2014.

8TH ANNUAL TURKEY...TINSEL...AND TEARS PRESENTS

HOW FAMILIES GRIEVE – COPING TOGETHER

Monday, November 10

Boeke-Freed Education Center at Palmer Lutheran Health Center

5:30 p.m. Social and Refreshments

6:00 p.m. Guest Speakers: Rick Bouska, MA, LMHC

Darwin Schrage, West Union man who lost his wife, Barb

Following his talk, Darwin will field questions and discuss coping during the holidays and ways to remember loved ones.

Loss touches everyone in different ways. Gundersen Health System and Palmer Lutheran are pleased to present this program to help you deal with any loss you may be experiencing as the holidays approach.

(563) 422-3811, ext. 1763



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THE DUELING PIANOS OF ANDY & MIKE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
ECHO VALLEY SPEEDWAY | 10201 Harding Rd., West Union

Order your tickets at City Hall, Main Street West Union office, or at the Chamber office.

Festival of Lights 2014

Your business or group is invited to join the Festival of Lights "Streets of West Union" fence! The fence is located along the baseball diamonds on the east end of the West Union Rec. Center. The Grand Lighting will be Friday, November 28th at 5:30 pm. Hot dogs, Christmas cookies, and hot chocolate will be served - all free of charge. Santa will arrive by fire truck to greet all the children in a tent provided by S.K. Rogers Funeral Home. Coloring books and candy canes provided by the West Union Chamber of Commerce will also be given away. This is the 7th year for this event and many new displays will be showcased. You don't want to miss out! It is asked that displays be in place by November 10th using LED lights and providing an extension cord.

Call Judy at (563) 380-5614 with questions.

Snowball Drop

Saturday, November 22, 2014

10:00 a.m.

CIVIC Plaza Square



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

GREEN PILOT UPDATE

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT:

Construction is complete on this project and apartments are now available for rent in all three buildings. Anyone interested in a tour or information should contact the building owners, Dick Woodard, Pam Rogers or the Main Street West Union office at 422-8655. Both income qualified and regular units are available for rent at this time.

FAÇADE MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

This project is also complete with 10 buildings recently updated. Thank you to everyone for their patience as this work was completed downtown.

DISTRICT GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM:

Local businesses are reminded that there are still state and federal tax credits for geothermal projects including connecting to the City of West Union system. Anyone interested should contact the West Union Energy District system provider Jim Bear at 641-777-1706. The West Union system was recently highlighted at the Iowa Energy Summit held in September and also featured in an article of Midwest Energy News in St. Paul, MN.





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5:05 Community Social!

*Enter to WIN
Door Prizes!*

*Enjoy
Refreshments!*



**Everyone is Invited
Everyone is Welcome!**



**Tuesday, November 11th
5:05 PM**



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

100 North Walnut, West Union

Telephone (563) 422-5797