



WAKARUSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Chamber Newsletter

JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY 2011

Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- January 21
Deadline for
Maple Syrup
Sponsorships
who wish to be
listed in the
Brochure
- February 11
Valentine Prime
Rib Dinner at
Miller's Sr.
Living
- March 15-18
Maple Syrup
Education Days
- April 15 & 16
42nd Maple
Syrup Festival



New Member:

RV Transport Pro
Kristen Braun, Owner
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The experienced staff at RV Transport Pro is ready to share their wealth of expertise in outfitting, operating and marketing vehicles to professional transporters as well as everyday commuters! They offer affordable, quality used cars, trucks and SUV's. Browse thru their website at the comfort of your desk then stop in and Welcome Kristen and her staff to Wakarusa!

Success in RV transportation comes from understanding what is and is not financially realistic, deploying the appropriate vehicle and using knowledge and skill to do the work that is both rewarding and profitable to the transporter. RV Transport Pro is here to provide the necessary tools (such as vehicles, equipment and vendor contacts) and expertise (such as training, consulting and support service) to bring success to those who choose RV transportation as their profession.

EXCERPT FROM WEBSITE

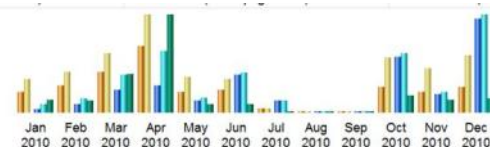
Other factors that set RV Transport Pro apart are: Prices marked on ALL Vehicles, 3 month/3,000 mile Drivetrain Service on ALL VEHICLES, and a low overhead that equals Low Prices!

Wakarusachamber.com

January is a good time to go to the Chamber Directory on the Chamber Website (www.wakarusachamber.com) and make sure your information is up-to-date and that your Link is working! While you're there - check out Larimer's and Jeanette's updated websites, RV Transport Pro (as I mentioned above) and more. And MAKE SURE you have a link from YOUR SITE to the CHAMBER!!

Unique Visits *tell the tale...*

There were 19,015 unique visitors to the Chamber Website in 2010!! Hopefully that will grow in 2011! I would love to HIGHLIGHT YOUR BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS on our site!! I just need to know what they are!



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2010	1395	2308	5766	17259	1.63 GB
Feb 2010	1848	2824	15702	26608	1.57 GB
Mar 2010	2872	4117	44413	74446	5.23 GB
Apr 2010	4657	6854	53577	122924	13.24 GB
May 2010	1431	2481	23440	28818	1.06 GB
Jun 2010	1584	2360	74829	80545	1.16 GB
Jul 2010	244	295	21817	22453	142.81 MB
Aug 2010	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 2010	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 2010	1816	3847	111627	119297	2.24 GB
Nov 2010	1391	3074	35861	41389	1.75 GB
Dec 2010	1777	4017	189126	196230	1.81 GB
Total	19015	32177	576158	729969	29.83 GB

First visit
01 Dec 2010 - 00:09
Unique visitors
1777

DeLane Graber Wins Christmas "Treasure Hunt"

2010 New Members:

- AA of CFC
- Abba Corp
- ABC Saw & Tool, Inc.
- At Home Quality Care
- Batson Sewer & Drain
- Best Formed Plastics, LLC
- Blazon International
- Corner Cafe
- Courtyard by Marriott
- Custom Millwork & Display
- D.N. Construction
- Design Studio, LLC
- Elkhart County Council On Aging
- Family Christian Dev. Center
- Farmwood Bed & Breakfast
- Hostetler Door
- Hy-Tec Fiberglass, Inc.
- Insight Accting Group
- Livin Lite RV
- M&N Plumbing & Heating
- McCormick Motors, Inc.
- Modular Technical Service, Inc.
- MPH Management
- My Mechanic
- Neal Yoder DDS
- North Central Industries, Inc.
- Pro IT Solutions
- Schrock Excavating, Inc.
- Seifert Drugs
- Subway
- The Pallet Builders
- Vango, Inc
- Wakarusa Convience Store
- WaNee Medical Walkin Clinic
- Waterford Street Family Medicine
- Wilson Print & Graphics



DeLane Graber takes home the Grand Prize worth \$1300.00 in the 2010 Wakarusa Merchant Treasure Hunt Contest. According to Facebook, DeLane was also treated to a taping of the "Oprah" show in 2010 - unfortunately it wasn't the "My Favorite Things" show - but alas, the next best thing: Wakarusa's version of giving away "Favorite" things! 2nd Prize winner Joyce Briant took home a "Justin" Work Coat donated by Wakarusa Pro Hardware and Pam Klotz, 3rd Prize winner gets to enjoy 15 Free regular 6" Subs from Wakarusa Subway.

36 New Members in 2010 - Chamber Currently 134 Strong

RENEWALS	J&N Stone	Richmond's Feed Service
Air Fixtures, Inc.	Jack Hess Insurance	Rieth Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home
All City Delivery	Jeanette's Fabric Boutique	Robco Engineered Rubber
Alliance Marketing	Jenkin's Automotive/NAPA	Rose Lane Bed & Breakfast
Avery, Fred & Cheryl	Jessco	Schmidt Furniture
Barnes & Thornburg	Kelwood Designs	Schwartz Electric
BD Custom Manufacturing	Key Bank	Shortstop Inn
Bear's Auto Body Repair	Kindig & Sloat	Sorg Chrysler Dodge Jeep
Bellman Oil Company	Lanting Music	Spherion
Bible Baptist Church	Larimer Furniture	Stahly Produce
BL Brown Construction	Lechlitner Plumb & Heat	State Farm Insurance
Bread...It's in the Bag	Martin Brother's Contracting	Stresco/Equipment Svc, Inc.
Brown & Brown	Martin's Custom Butchering	Synergy Insurance Group
Comfort Inn Suites	McDonald's	Tax Man
Cooks Pizza	Michiana Column & Truss	Thompson Lengacher Yoder Funeral Home
Cor-a-vent, Inc.	Midwest Tool & Die	Town of Wakarusa
Countryside Insurance	Miller's Senior Living	Union Tool Corp
Custom Wood Products	Mom & Me Floral	United Way of Elkhart County, Inc.
D&M Automotive	Monteith Tire of Goshen	Utilimaster Corporation
Dr. Brent Sonner	Moyer Electric	Wakarusa DimeStore
Dr. Weldy's Associates	Nelson's	Wakarusa Electronics
Dru's Jewelry	New To You	Wakarusa Family Chiropractic
Duane Leatherman Body Shop	Orr Cabinetry	Wakarusa Library
ECCVB	Paramount Plastics	Wakarusa Medical Clinic/Elk Gen.
EDCEC	Performance Collision Center	Wakarusa Missionary Church
Elkhart County Government	Performance Technology, Inc	Wakarusa Pro Hardware
Express Press	Physicians Health Plan	Waky U-Store
Gayle & Ardythe Sayers	Premier Auto	WaNee Community Schools
Glen's Tire	Protective Covers, Inc	Weldy Enterprises
Grandma's Pantry	Provident Tool	Weldy Mortgage Svc.
Harold Myers, Attorney	Prudential Financial	Wightman Petrie, Inc.
Hartman Electric	Quality Wood Products, Inc.	
Horizon Transport	Red Dog Communications	
Interra CU	REM Industries, Inc.	

1-1-10 (116) Members /98 renewed +36 new -18 dropped 1-1-11 (134) Members

- MOVED OR OUT OF BUSINESS**
- MEWS by design
 - The Mug & Brush
 - Panther Pit
 - Am. Countryside Farmers Market
- Love to have you BACK!
- NON-RENEWAL 2010**
- Blackford Law Office, PC
 - Crossroads Seamless Guttering
 - TMK Enterprises, Inc.
 - James Electric, Inc.
 - Key Machine Tool, Inc.
 - MTG Air, Inc
 - New Country Design
 - OPI, Inc
 - Protrux Truck Accessories
 - PCI Covers
 - Boss Products, Inc
 - Brook's Construction Co., Inc.
 - Papa John's
 - Wakarusa Party Shop

Sponsors!

Diamond

- Dr. Robert & Mrs. Abel
- WaNee Medical Walk-In Clinic

Gold

- J&N Stone
- Interra Credit Union
- Wakarusa Dime Store

Silver

- Alliance Marketing Group
- McCormick Motors
- Miller's Senior Living
- Monaco RV, LLC
- Navistar, Inc.
- Richmond's Feed Service
- Utilimaster
- Wakarusa Electronics

Bronze

- Dr. Weldy's Associates
- Glen's Tire
- Henschen Oil Co.
- Jenkin's Automotive/NAPA
- Loucks & Weaver CPA
- Monteith Tire
- OSMC
- Schmidt Furniture
- Wakarusa Family Chiropractic
- Wakarusa Pro Hardware
- Waky U-Store
- Yellow Creek Gravel

Platinum

- Bible Baptist Church
- Countryside Insurance
- D&M Automotive
- Dr. James & Sylvia Miller
- Gale & Ardythe Sayers
- Grandma's Pantry
- GVC Mortgage
- Hartman Electric
- Kindig & Sloat
- Larimer Furniture
- Lechlitner Plumbing & Heating
- Martin's Custom Butchering
- Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sawyer
- New To You Resale Shop
- Performance Technology
- Schwartz Electric
- Thompson Lengacher Yoder Funeral Home
- Wakarusa Medical Clinic
- Waterford Street Family Medicine
- Wilson Print & Graphics LLC

Copper

- Jessco
- Studio 119 Hair Salon
- The Tax Man
- Brent Sonner., DDS, PC
- Cook's Pizza



51 of our 134 Members are Sponsors of the 2011 Maple Syrup Festival!

Still room for more ~ but deadline to be included in Brochure is January 21st.

If you are not able to sponsor ~ you can always Volunteer!!

Dates: April 15 & 16, 2011



Photo by Deb Shively 2010!

FYI - For your information, the Chamber Events Calendar, and the Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County Annual Report has been attached to this months Newsletter Email!

Note in the Annual Report - attempts being made to “Link Manufactures” together! Just another way to “Stay Local”.

Speaking of Staying Local... The 3/50 Project.

The **Warsaw Community** is working on an initiative called The 3/50 Project. This project is asking local residents to commit to spending \$50.00 per month at 3 local businesses. You can read more at <http://www.the350project.net/home.html> but in a nutshell ~

3 - What three independently locally owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared? Stop in. Say Hello. Pick up something that brings a smile. Your purchases are what keeps these businesses around!

50 ~ If half the employed population spent \$50 each month in locally owned independent businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue. Imagine the positive impact if 3/4 the employed population did that!?

68 ~ For every \$100 spent in locally owned independent stores, \$68 returns to the community thru taxes, payroll and other expenditures. IF you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. *Spend online and nothing comes home. Ouch!*

Wakarusa has and estimated 750 households - if 1/2 (375) households spend \$150.00 locally per month that would generate \$56,250.00. Since Wakarusa is small - a commitment to spend only \$50 would still generate \$18,750 and \$100 would be \$37,500. WE can make a difference in our community!

Did you know that according to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, that Indiana NOT being a “Right To Work” State is an immediate deal breaker for many businesses looking for a state to relocate in? What do you think? If you would like to see the Indiana Chamber FACT sheets let me know - I would be glad to email them to you.

Wakarusa Chamber Board of Directors

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Friends to Date:
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