



# WAKARUSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Chamber Newsletter

MARCH - APRIL 2011

## Mark Your Calendar

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- March 21 - Maple Syrup Festival Meeting-6pm
- April 4 - 8 Chamber Office Closed for Spring Break
- April 15 & 16 42nd Maple Syrup Festival
- April 23 - Saturday - 10am Town Easter Egg Hunt
- June 14th - Annual JOINT CHAMBER GOLF OUTING  
Will include DEMO DAYS with Titleist, Nike, TaylorMade & Ping 11am-3pm
- ANNOUNCEMENT!  
Wakarusa Pro Hardware Open TIL 3pm on Saturdays starting 4/2

## Welcome New Members:

S&S Automotive Restoration and Collision, LLC  
 Scott Farney, Mark Becker, Owners  
 66485 SR 19 ~ Wakarusa, IN 46573  
 574-862-7924 snsauto2008@aol.com sandscollision.com



S&S specialize in auto body collision repair and restoration and a wide range of automotive repair and specialty projects. They are also a retailer of automotive aftermarket parts and accessories. Scott and Mark worked together at Monaco Coach repairing and restoring vehicles on the side until their "side" business grew into their "primary" business now located on SR 19.

Thompson Landscape Company  
 Brad Thompson, President/Owner  
 62011 SR 19 ~ Wakarusa, IN 46573  
 574-862-1712 brad@thompsonlandscape.com thompsonlandscape.com



Thompson Landscape is a family owned and operated business established in 1992 offering full service landscape maintenance and design/construction. From seeding, installation and renovation to mowing, pruning, fertilization and aeration their staff of well trained professionals work hard to serve the complete landscape needs of their clientele. They also offer snow and leaf removal.

The Perfect Touch Muscle Therapy  
 Zondra Quinn, Owner  
 111 Industrial Dr. ~ Wakarusa, IN 46573  
 574-675-7715 ptmuscletherapy@gmail.com



Perfect Touch Muscle Therapy provides professional wellness, medical and injury therapy treatments with a special touch. Our passion is to help "nourish your spirit" by creating a peaceful environment, meeting you "where you are in mind, body and spirit" we tailor a therapy treatment to individual needs offering reflexology, ion foot detox, body wraps, ear candling, aromatherapy, hot rock cupping, sports and injury - medical/clinical - relaxation massage, spa treatments and on-site workplace therapy.

Granite Ridge Builders  
 Olly Urschel, Controllor  
 1020 Woodland Plaza Run ~ Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
 260-491-1417 ourschel@graniteridgebuilders.com  
 graniteridgebuilders.com



Residential and commercial builders working in the new Wakarusa Business Center on SR 19.

# Thanks to Diamond Maple Leaf Sponsors

## NEW PARKING LOCATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL

Patrons will be encouraged to Park and Ride or Walk from 2 new locations 2011!

**Glen's Tire/ Michiana Truss** only .7 of a mile (4 blocks) from Town Square!

and **Schmidt Furniture Store** Park & Ride

Shuttle Service **will include "2"** WaNee Busses running Saturday from 8am-5pm.

The loop from D&M Auto to Museums to **Nelson's, to Schmidt Furniture, to Sugar Camp, to Glen's Tire/Michiana Truss** only takes 15 minutes!

Shuttle Sponsors:  
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 Navistar, Monaco RV,  
 Schmidt Furniture,  
 D& M Auto &  
 Hartman Electric

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**AmishCountry.org**  
 NORTHERN INDIANA

**WA-NEE CLINIC**  
 Walk-In Medical Clinic

**Anglemeyer Osteopathic Family Clinic**

**Dr. & Mrs. Robert Abel**

## MSF Entertainment

### Mark's Ark

*-It's Like Bringing A Zoo To You*

All **Mark's Ark** animals are **SAFE** and **PEOPLE FRIENDLY, PETTABLE** and **HANDLEABLE**. Many of the **Mark's Ark** animals are adoptees' that were either poorly treated, or well cared for pets that had owners who were unable to care for them anymore. Festival Show Times: Fri: 3, 5 & 7 and Sat. 11:30, 1:30, 3:30 & 5:30 - Post Office Parking Lot. **Sponsored by: Richmond's Feed Service**



## Memories of the King "Elvis"

Featuring: Brent A. Cooper

Brent Cooper has been thrilling audiences with his uncanny and exciting Elvis tribute show **"Memories of the King"** since 1997. He has been blessed to meet many of Elvis' fellow musicians, friends and co-stars. This IU grad has appeared in commercials, television, on stage and appeared in the 1988 film **"Eight Men Out"**. **Brent will bring Elvis to life** at the 2011 Festival. Sat., April 16th ~ 5-7 pm. **Sponsored by: J&N Stone**



## Abracadabra Magic Show

Kevin Wilson's fascination with magic began with his first visit to a magic shop, at age 11. Easily mastering the magic tricks he had purchased, Kevin made several subsequent trips and soon began performing for neighborhood friends who readily paid the nickel admission to witness his amazing feats of magic. Over 30 years later - his audience larger, his magic more sophisticated (and his price tag a bit higher) - Kevin still performs to captivated audiences. Show Times: Saturday 11:30 & 2:30



**Sponsored by: Utilimaster Corporation & Loucks & Weaver CPA**



Friday Entertainment Schedule

Wakarusa Younger Generation Show Choir Entertainment Tent -Sponsored by: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Abel	3:30pm
NorthWood Middle School Select Singers Entertainment Tent -Sponsored by: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Abel	4:15pm
NWHS Dawning Generation & Vocal Jazz Entertainment Tent -Sponsored by: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Abel	5:00pm
ANIMAL SHOW - Mark's Ark Animals Post Office Lot Sponsors: Richmond's Feed Service	5:00pm
Festival Queen Coronation (Middle School Gym) Sponsors: J&N Stone; Wakarusa Dime Store; Dru's Jewelry; Elk Ridge Builders - Jeff King Owner; New To You Resale; Waterford Street Family Medicine- Dr.s John & Tricia Foster	6:00pm
WAKARUSA'S GOT TALENT "Talent Contest" Entertainment Tent - Pre-Reg. Required Sponsored by: Henschen Oil Company	6:30-8pm
ANIMAL SHOW - Mark's Ark Animals Post Office Lot Sponsors: Richmond's Feed Service	7:00pm

Saturday Entertainment Schedule

ANIMAL SHOW - Mark's Ark Animals Post Office Lot Sponsors: Richmond's Feed Service	11:30am
Abacadabra Magic Show-Entertainment Tent Sponsored by: Utlimaster Corporation	11:30am
Kid's "Minute Will Win It" Downtown Park/Cash Prize Sponsors: New To You Consignment Store, GVC Mortgage	Sign-up 11:30-12:30pm Start Time 12:30pm
Adult "Minute Will Win It" Downtown Square/Cash Prize Sponsors: Wakarusa Family Chiropractic & Waterford Street Family Medicine	Sign-up 11:30-12:30pm Start Time 12:30pm
NorthWood H.S. Jazz Band Entertainment Tent -Sponsored by: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Abel	12:30pm
The Concord (HS) Singers- Entertainment Tent Sponsored by: WaHee Medical Walk-In Clinic	1:30pm
ANIMAL SHOW - Mark's Ark Animals Post Office Lot Sponsors: Richmond's Feed Service	1:30pm
Abacadabra Magic Show - Entertainment Tent Sponsored by: Leucks & Weaver, CPA	2:30pm
ANIMAL SHOW - Mark's Ark Animals Post Office Lot Sponsors: Richmond's Feed Service	3:30pm
Memories of the King featuring Brent A Cooper Entertainment Tent -Sponsored by: J&N Stone	5:00-7:00pm
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Entertainment Tent - N. Elkhart Street Sponsor: Wakarusa Dime Store	

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The Wakarusa Dime Store



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Festival Fun You Won't Want to Miss.....



Authentic Amish Buggy Rides

\$7 per-person - 17 blocks Located at Rieth, Rohrer, Ehret Funeral Home Parking Lot (West Waterford St.)  
Sponsored by: Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home  
Friday 3-8pm/Sat.11-5pm



Camel, Pony Rides & Photo with a Baby Bear!

Provided by Maple Lane Wildlife Farms. Located across street from Vet Office in gravel lot on Elkhart Street. Sponsored by: Dr. Weldy & Assoc.

2nd Annual Car Show!



Saturday, April 16

10-2pm Awards at 2 pm - free shuttle to downtown festivities and food! Dash plaques to first 50 entries! Sponsored by:

**McCormick Motors, Jenkin's Automotive/NAPA & Waky U-Store**  
Applications On-Line, Chamber, McCormicks or Jenkins!  
\$10.00 per entry! Competition Tent! DJ! Fun and Food!

**Fun to participate or browse! See McCormick's**  
2011 Buick Lacrosse, and 2011 GMC Terrain

Time to sign up!!! ~ forms online or Chamber Office

3 on 3 Basketball Classic ~ Aaron Wolfe Chair

\$40.00 per team - Deadline Friday April 8th - *Friday of Spring Break! Get Aps in Early!*  
Boys/Girls 9-11/12-14/15-18/18>up

Sponsors: **Wakarusa Subway, Alliance Marketing, State Farm Insurance/Ab Brown, OSMC, Dr. & Mrs. James Miller, Thompson Lengacher Yoder Funeral Home**

Car Show ~ Steve Hrynewycz Chair

\$10.00 entry fee ~ Dash Plaques/Goodie Bags for 1st 50/ Elvis DJ/Food/Fun/ Competition Tent - Snap-On Tool Display  
Rods, Customs, Antiques, Tucks, Motorcycles, Vehicles under construction and 100% Stock Vehicles. Register morning of 9-10am.

Sponsors: **McCormick Motors, Jenkin's Automotive/NAPA, Waky U-Store**

**Wakarusa's Got Talent Contest ~ Jenny Neely Chair**

Free Entry - Cash Prizes - \$50.00 1st Place! Deadline: Thur. April 14  
2 age groups: 14 < and 15 > Sponsor: **Henschen Oil, Inc.**

Festival Parade ~ Cindy Hill & Diane Swygart Chairpersons

Sponsor: **Anglemeyer Osteopathic Family Clinic**

# Get your "Game" on ~ Win Cash at Festival!

Sign up for all of these at the Festival One (1) hour before start time!!

MINUTE WILL WIN IT: Sponsors: Wakarusa Family Chiropractic & Waterford Street Family Medicine  
Downtown Square ~ 12:30 pm ~ Saturday, April 16th

You've seen it on TV, now your "Minute Will Win It", \$100.00 Cash that is, in the Adult Contest held in the downtown square, \$50 will go to the winner of the Kid's version of the game held at the Downtown Park.

BED RACE: Sponsored by: Dr. & Mrs. Abel

West Waterford Street ~ 2:30 pm ~ Saturday, April 16th

A favorite race down West Waterford Street - First place team wins \$100.00!

PEDAL PULL: Sponsors: Monteith Tire, Schwartz Electric, S&S Auto Restoration & Collision LLC

West Waterford Street ~ 1:00 pm ~ Saturday, April 16th -

Cash prizes of \$15/\$10/\$5 in 5 categories from age 3 to 12. Provided by the National Pedal Pull Association.

CROSS CUT SAW: Sponsored By: Lechlitrner Plumbing & Heating

West Waterford Street ~ 11:30 am (right after parade) ~ Saturday, April 16th

Teams of 2 win \$50/\$30 and \$20 in this grueling display of strength and precision.

**WAKARUSA'S GOT TALENT:** Sponsored by: **Henschen Oil Company**

\*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED ~ Deadline Thursday, April 14th

This is a crowd favorite ~ 1st/\$50, 2nd/\$30, 3rd/\$20 in two categories- 14 < and 15 >



Baby Olympics: Sponsored by Bible Baptist Church

12:00 PM at the Bible Baptist Church - Free Registration.

Medals awarded to Crawlers 0 - 12 months: Crawling Race and Hurdles

Walkers 12 - 24 Months: Running Race and Hurdles

Walkers 24 - 36 Months: Running Race, Hurdles and Bag Throw

## Are 2 days long enough to eat all the food you want?

16,000 extra pairs of feet in Downtown Wakarusa give local non-profit organizations a chance to raise money at the Festival. In addition to the All-U-Can Eat Meals you can find a variety of other yummy sandwiches and treats - so eating more than 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 meals uptown is a must!

2011 Non-Profit Food Vendors:

Wakarusa Methodist Church ~ Italian Sausage Sandwiches

Wakarusa Sharing Citizens ~ Pulled Pork/Ham & Bean Soup/Ice Cream

Olive Mennonite Church ~ Butterfly Chops/Pork Burgers

**Hickey's Saved Ice ~ Snow Cones**

Wakarusa Missionary Church Youth ~ Baked Goods

Holdeman Mennonite Church ~ Grilled Hot Dogs/Pie

Other Non-Profit Vendors are located inside the Middle School:

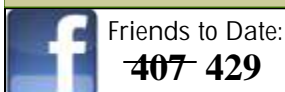
**Samaritan's Purse** - Operation Christmas Child

**Baugo Women's Fellowship** ~ baked good/crafts

The Joseph Storehouse ~ collecting can goods

Pony Express Riders ~ baked goods/crafts

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation ~ baked goods



## Thank You Silver Maple Leaf Sponsors:

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Richmond's Feed Service  
Wakarusa Subway  
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Wakarusa Electronics

## New Faces at the Festival

Kevin Ramer, Hoover Lumber & Coal, will be taking the **"Popcorn Popper"** reins from Reid Eby, long time chair, who is leaving the post to concentrate his energy on the Historic Museum. **Sponsored by: Interra Credit Union**



Steve Hrynewycz, Snap-On Tools, Car Show **Chair for Zion Chapel's "Crusin' To Glory" annual show** and avid fishing buddy of Steve Shively, will Chair the 2nd Annual Festival Car Show. He brings lots of experience and an exciting **"Competition Tent"**. **Sponsored by: McCormick Motors, Jenkins Auto/NAPA, Waky U-Store.**



Aaron Wolfe, NorthWood High School Boys Basketball Coach will Chair the 3 on 3 basketball classic. The classic runs Saturday morning April 16th starting with an 8:00 am meeting. With the deadline the Friday of Spring Break ~ make sure you get your applications in early!  
**Sponsors: Wakarusa Subway, Alliance Marketing, State Farm Insurance/Ab Brown, OSMC, Thompson Lengacher Yoder Funeral Home, Dr. & Mrs. James Miller**

## Meeting Since September ~ Be Sure to THANK These Chairpersons!

Todd Scheets ~ **When you pass 10 years of volunteering, I think you quit counting.... Todd has invested** much thought, time, money and sweat in the MSF for too many years to count. Many changes have occurred over his tenure and he is always open to new and exciting ideas to keep the festival growing and current. He is now investing more volunteer hours in his community as the newly elected president of the Wakarusa Historical Society.

Jenny Neely ~ **Richmond's Feed Service ~ Entertainment Chairperson ~ For a small festival, Jenny has** been able to bring quality entertainment to the festival, giving Entertainment Sponsor dollars great value. **The "Entertainment Budget" flexuates with the economy allowing for larger animal acts in the past, but we** look forward to the economy turning around and adding them again in the future. This year is a step in that **direction with "Mark's Ark Animal Act". She also thinks up and provides the Adult and Kids Contests. (the** "Scare Factor" previously) and this year **"Minute Will Win It". AND SHE DID all this with twin baby boys!!**

Bud Miller ~ The man who does it all. Besides Chairing the Tour De Waky Bike/Run, Bud helps with Education Days and many behind the scene necessities. He helps set-up and maintain the Maple Sugar Camp, he serves as an Education Days Tour Guide, he makes sure we have a semi-trailer to use as a Festival **Stage every year (again, for how many years I do not know), He's the man with the truck so he helps haul the** entertainment stage, sets it up **AND returns it, he's hauled and picked up trash and so much more.**

Eli Kuhns & Wilbur Miller ~ Sugar Camp Chairs. For 13 years, we think, Eli and Wilbur have helped keep the Sugar Camp functional and enjoy educating kids and adults about the process. These guys volunteer the 4 days of Education Days, their busiest time at home as Maple Syrup Producers, and during the MSF. They **don't get much sleep during Educational Days, especially when the sap runs as good as it has this year.**

Darla & Bruce Bordner ~ Darla has been the friendly face at the Information Booth for many years. You **need to tell her THANKS this year, as she claims, "it is her last year in this position". Bruce is another** "right hand man with a truck" who helps where needed with the Sugar Camp, Festival and Car Show plus he **keeps the Popcorn and Sugar Camp stocked with firewood. Starting the Festival Car Show was the Bordner's** idea. They have an antique vehicle and enjoy car shows themselves. The Festival Car Show has been a great and successful addition to the festival hosting 84 entries last year!

Volunteers begin clocking hours since September by attending monthly meetings...



MSF - Front Deb Shively: 2nd Row - Bud Miller, Stephen Schmidt, Todd Scheets, Shelley Flickinger: 3rd row - Eli Kuhns, Wilbur Miller, Jenny Neely Mike Schade and Jim Stembel.

Shelley Flickinger - Queen Contest Chair  
Running the Queen and Sweetheart Contest while running after her own kids is what keeps Shelley running and always with a smile. She has the Queen Contest down to a science but it still requires many hours of preparation. She loves the girls and the girls love her. The gym is always packed during the coronation on Friday night of the Festival.

*Shelley is also a wonderful friend and will be donating her kidney April 6th to her friend - so send out prayers for two successful surgeries with speedy recoveries!*

Jim Stembel - IPM - Imagination Pro Media, Inc  
Jim and his crew provide all the audio and lighting for the festival. Again, not sure for how many years. He covers many place at once during the festival and always that one behind the scenes you count on whom without you could not function!

Mike Schade - Wakarusa Pro Hardware ~ Committee Member

Mike contributes his ideas and his sponsorship to the festival. He allows John Shirk to display his wood turning in his front window and supports the retired greyhounds group.

Joe Wisler - Food Chairperson

**Everyone appreciates Joe's organization as food chair with helping to bring our "Festival Food Court" half-circle!** Units had to be placed in a certain order and certain angles but he did it! This year we are adding a new food tent area with picnic tables under it for our patrons comfort!

Reid Eby (Kevin Ramer, intern) and Jon Flickinger - Popcorn Chairpersons

**One's a poppin' and one's a baggin', sort of like "pickin' and a grinin'", which is how they serve!** Serving the popcorn is a non-stop job - they averaged 11,500 bags the past two years!

Helen Hoffman and Joyce Hartman - Vendor Booth Chairpersons

**We've had a record number of vendors wanting to attend our festival the past couple years. What a wonderful predicament to have to deal with.** Helen and Joyce do a great job dealing directly with the vendors. **It's a big job making sure not to duplicate products, getting electric to those who require it and keeping them confined to their 12 x 10 space.**

Dr. Abel & Wayne Sawyer - Carnival Rides

These men have a genuine heart for the community, not only at Maple Syrup Festival time but all year round... **Another pair who serve outside of the lime-light** and often give credit to others for what they themselves deserve.

Cindy Hill & Diane Swygart - Parade Chairpersons

**Historically these 2 served as "judges" for the parade. Now they step into the Chairpersons shoes which fit them well.** It is amazing how much time and effort goes into providing this FREE event and no one realizes it until you change Chairpersons and the job needs to be learned. That is when ump-teen details of the event are exposed! Thanks so much to Tom Roeder who served as parade chair for many years!

Stephen Schmidt - Schmidt Furniture and Cabinetry

Helping us tackle the challenge of enticing *Festival Traffic* to exterior Wakarusa businesses brought Stephen onboard the committee. He is allowing his store to be a new park and ride shuttle stop. There has been refreshing discussion on the subject and an area the committee continues to work on.

## I Didn't Know That.....

The Wakarusa Historical Museum comes to life during the Maple Syrup Festival. There is one huge building and 9 small buildings at the Museum. **The large building is packed with "history" even a T-Pee and automobile.** The 9 outer buildings consist of a One-Room School House, Fire House, **Blacksmith Shop, Grandpa's Tool Shed, Train/Caboose, Grandma's Haus,** Veterinary/Medical Office (with a real iron lung) and Depot Station. During the festival (and Education Days) you will find a curator in each building, **ready to share the history of the building and all it's contents!** Soon the **"Birds Eye View" building will be open displaying a miniature view of Wakarusa from "a top" - a birds eye view.** This museum is indeed a hidden treasure on Wabash Street in Wakarusa.... And so many people say, **"I didn't know that!"**



FREE TOURS: Saturday, April 16th

11am-4pm **Sponsors: Martin's Custom Butchering, Grandma's Pantry & Wakarusa Pro Hardware**

**If you decide to go...**

*BE SURE TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS!!! They are invaluable!!*

## Maple Syrup Season Does Not End

2011 has been a banner year for Maple Syrup. Grandpa Miller said, **"The sap doesn't run when the wind is from the East and we've had a dry fall, my pond is down 18 inches, you're not gonna get any sap."** well.... **That isn't quite how it was this year.** Grandpa Miller's grandkids (Wilbur Miller's children) decided to tap the trees anyways and their buckets have been overflowing, as has all the buckets this year. The Amish Maple Syrup Producers have been boiling syrup past midnight for days in a row and are ready for the sap to quit running. You may remember last year was NOT a good year and sap (sugar water that runs from the trees) had to be purchased out of state, but this year, crops have more than doubled! It may not effect the cost though **as it takes @ 45 gallons of sap (sugar water, often referred to as just "water")** to make 1 gallon of fresh syrup which takes up to 2 1/2 hours of boiling, plus



**another hour or more to strain and bottle, but boy... is it good... AND THE SEASON DOES NOT END** when the sap stops running - FREE Sugar Camp Tours are still a favorite at the Festival a month later. Eli Kuhns and Wilbur Miller enjoy sharing the art of **producing Maple Syrup and love to hear, "I never knew this" which they hear quite often.** Get a free sample this year at the sugar camp! FREE TOURS: Friday 10am-5:30 and Saturday 10am-4:30 pm **Sponsors: Wakarusa Medical Clinic, Wayne Sawyer Family, Gale & Ardythe Sayers.**

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neral Home  
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Copper Maple Leaf Sponsors:  
Brent Sonner, DDS; Cooks Pizza;  
Jessco; Studio 119 Hair Salon;  
The Tax Man



# New Festival Parking!!

Tell Your Friends and Family!! Saturday morning before the parade parking is at a minimum in Wakarusa but this year - **Park at Glen's Tire/Michiana Truss and walk to town (only .7 of a mile) 4 short blocks!!** Or you can wait for the shuttle to bring you to D&M Automotive PLUS You can park at Schmidt Furniture and Shuttle into town! We will have 2 shuttles running from 8am to 5pm Saturday. The loop usually takes only 15 minutes!!

**SOUTH SHUTTLE:** D&M Auto to Historical Museums, Nelson's Banquet Hall, Schmidt Furniture, Sugar Camp, Glen's Tire Store returning to D&M.  
Friday Noon to 5:00 pm and Sat. 8am - 5 pm.

**NORTH SHUTTLE:** Saturday ONLY after the Parade.  
 Library to the Elementary and Middle School areas.

**SHUTTLE SPONSORS:** Miller's Senior Living, Navistar, Monaco RV LLC, Schmidt Furniture, D&M Auto & Hartman Electric

**Free parking lots:** Glen's Tire/Michiana Truss, Bible Baptist Church, Wakarusa Missionary Church, Methodist Church, NW Middle School, Wakarusa Elementary School

## NEW LOCATION FOR GARDEN TRACTOR PULL

The 2011 Garden Tractor Pull will be held North of the Middle School this year on Saturday from 1 - 4 pm. (see maps) *Where drive goes back to elementary school off of Elkhart Street.*

Sponsors: Yellow Creek Gravel Service-**Goshen, Glen's Tire**



Active Duty Navy Brass Quintet Band from Chicago will play in downtown square from 9am-10am Saturday before the Parade Begins!

## keep up-to-date at [wakarusamaplesyrupfestival.com](http://wakarusamaplesyrupfestival.com)



## Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival Food Vendor List:

All-you-can-eat Pancakes & Sausage  
**Wakarusa Lion's Club**

All-you-can-eat **BBQ Meal at Nelson's**  
 Wakarusa Elementary School PTO

Italian Sausage Sandwiches  
 Wakarusa Methodist Church

Ham & Bean Soup, Roast Pork Sandwiches, All Beef Hotdogs, Soft Ice Cream  
 Sharing Citizens of Wakarusa

Pulled Pork, Butterfly Chop, Pork Burgers  
 Olive Mennonite Church

Snow Cones  
 Kona Ice - **Memorial Hospital's Ronald McDonald's House**

Assorted Baked Goods:  
**Baugo Church Women's Fellowship**  
 Pony Express Riders  
 Zion Missionary Church  
 Wakarusa Missionary Church Youth

Commercial Vendors:  
Bodacious Concessions:  
 Fajitas, Burritos, Tacos, Nachos, Quesadillas, Haystacks, Salads

**Bryan's Concessions:**  
 Funnel Cakes, Corn Dogs, Fried Candy Bars/Twinkies/Oreos, Lemon Shake-Ups

C&E Concessions:  
 Giant Onion Blossoms, Cheesy Cauliflower & Zucchini, Beer Battered Broccoli, Seasoned  
 Ribbon Fried,  
 Foot Long Chili Cheese Dogs, Giant Tenderloins, Johnsonville Brats

**Joe's Gyros:**  
 Gyros, Salads, Potatoes, Baklava, Spinach Puffs, Hot Dogs

**Nelson's (Downtown)**  
 10 pc. Chicken Wings, Foot long Brats, Chicken Wrap, Hot Dog, 4 pc. Chicken Strips,  
 Nachos & Cheese, Pit-tatoes, Chicken Halves

**Richie's Place To Eat:**  
 Italian Beef, BBQ, Chicken, Steak, Tacos, Sausage Wraps & Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Ham-  
 burgers, Chili, Fries, Soup, Nachos, Salads, Cappuccino, Smoothies, Italian Ice, Tenderloins

Rocket Science Ice Cream:  
 Ice Cream blended with your favorite ingredients

The Pretzel Wagon:  
 Fresh Baked Pretzels

Withers Concessions:  
 Elephant Ears, Fresh Lemonade

**Downtown Restaurants:**  
**Cook's Pizza**  
 Pizza, Calzones, Hand-Dipped Ice Cream

Shortstop Inn  
 Full Menu

We are  
 making  
 Goodie  
 Bags



We are making 50  
 Goodies Bags for the  
 Car Show

And

200 for the Joint  
 Chamber Golf Outing



WE ALSO NEED  
 Items for door prizes  
 at the Car Show!!

Email:  
[chamber@wakarusachamber.com](mailto:chamber@wakarusachamber.com)  
 to schedule item  
 pick-up

McCormicks Motors will feature  
 at car show:



2011 GMC Terrain



2011 Buick Lacrosse



**Maple Cream Pie ingredients:**

1 3/4 C milk, divided  
 1/4 C cornstarch  
 3/4 C plus 1 T maple syrup, divided  
 1/4 t salt  
 2 egg yolks  
 2 T butter  
 1 C whipping cream  
 Sliced Almonds, toasted

**Baking Contest Sponsor:**

**Dean Ferguson, Countryside Insurance**

## Maple Syrup Baking Contest

*This mouth watering event is held inside Shear Adventure. Submit your entries between 8:30 and 9:00 am on Saturday before the parade. Winners will be announced immediately after the parade in 4 categories: Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Breads/Rolls and receive a ribbon and a bottle of fresh Maple Syrup!*

Maple Cream Pie is a Baking Contest Favorite:

**Use favorite pie crust recipe for 9" baked crust. For filling, blend together 1/4 c milk and cornstarch in saucepan. Gradually stir in remaining milk, 3/4 c of syrup and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir about 1/4 c of the hot mixture into the yolks; return all to the saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Remove from the heat. Stir in butter. Cool thoroughly, stirring frequently. Meanwhile whip cream until stiff. Fold 1 c into cooled filling; spoon into prepared pie crust. Fold remaining syrup into remaining cream; frost top of pie. Chill for several hours. Garnish with toasted almonds. Yields 8 servings.**

Commercial Vendors  
 Use Maple Syrup Festival  
 to Highlight their  
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AC Cellular  
 American Sunspace  
 Anglemeyer Osteopathic Clinic  
 AVON  
 Bath Fitter  
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 Hickory Meats & More, Inc.  
 JW Service  
 Kaotic Kreations  
 Kynd Valley  
 Michiana Water Conditioning  
 Miller Stove & Fire Placd  
 National Basement Solutions  
 OSMC  
 Plain & Fancy Gourmet Kettle  
 The Teapot & More  
 Veni's Sweet Shop

## Craft Vendors Bring Unique Wares

Artistry ~ Handcrafted Jewelry  
 The Handcrafter ~ Machine Embroidery  
 Creative Wave ~ Crochet items & Jewelry

**Dip'n Good Dips**

**Carrie's Clay Creations ~ Handmade Jewelry**

Dee DeVincent ~ Watercolor Originals

**Brent's Woodcrafts, Inc ~ Wood Items**

**Dog Gone It I'm Special ~ Dog Treats**

Kreations ~ Soup, Dessert Bread mixes

**1-2-3 It's Me ~ Personalized Books**

Plain & Fancy Gourmet Kettle ~ Homemade Apple Sauce & Pie Filling

Fisher Enterprizes ~ Touch lamps and Throw rugs

The Rice Guyz ~ Name on Grain of Rice



Recycled Denim - bags & purses

Acorn Furniture ~ Solid Oak Children's Furniture

**Heaven's Rim ~ Perfumes, Oils, Incense**

TheZstick.com ~ Handcrafted Campfire Sticks & More

Usborne Books

**Handmade "Stuff" by John ~ Wood and Acrylic lathe turning as you watch inside Wakarusa Pro Hardware!**



[Mythirtyone.com/rachellemc](http://Mythirtyone.com/rachellemc)

The Pampered Chef

KM Fashion ~ Leather Goods

Genuine Gemstone Jewelry

Ceramics Are Me

Tastefully Simple

The Teapot & More ~ Decorated China

The Personal Touch

**Robin's Letters ~ Photo Letters**



Ellie Mays Goat Milk Products: Soap straight from the Goat! Beverly Crussemeyer, Bristol, milks the goats and makes her natural goat milk soap. She also sells hand lotion bars, natural but not from goat milk.



Z Stick Enterprise - Columbia City



Taking Craft and Commercial Applications until April 8th. Forms online. (sorry non-electric only)

## MSF WSBT-TV Commercial

Chamber Members and Festival Sponsors are invited to participate in a cooperative Maple Syrup Festival TV Commercial. Brian LeVan and **Jeremy have pounded Wakarusa's pavement asking local businesses if they would like to participate and are now ready for "production"**. This opportunity presents itself from the idea that instead of the Chamber/MSF spending a lump sum on a stand-alone TV commercial about the Festival - why not divide the lump sum, make the Festival Message secondary and allow Wakarusa Businesses be the primary focus in Festival TV commercials.

Cooperative Advertising is an economical way to promote your own business in conjunction with promoting the Festival. This concept can also **be done throughout the year, promoting "Wakarusa as a destination" as the secondary message BUT... it takes some commitment and cooperative fund raising.**

## Over 1000 Enjoyed Education Days

It started out a little rainy but no one complained about their wonderful field trip to Wakarusa Educational Days. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who helped make it happen and to Todd Scheets, President of the Historical Society, for his many hours of organizing the event. Fresh warm maple syrup samples were given out at the Sugar Camp, **"I didn't even know I liked Maple Syrup Straight from the jug, now I'm hooked"**. Samples will be given out during the festival also. Bob Wisler was greatly missed as he served for many years as the **"head master"** of Ed. Days and left some big shoes to fill.



After having a hand at stirring and watching a batch of popcorn pop, she was excited to have some "she made herself!"

Thanks to Interra Credit Union for sponsoring the Popcorn!

The INSIDE SCOOP:

**Bread...It's In the Bag**

~Inside Wakarusa  
Antique Store

Quilt Mural Quilt Raffle  
**-Inside Jeanette's Fabric  
Boutique**

Quilting BEE  
-Inside Larimer  
Furniture

Hand Dipped Ice  
Cream Cones

**-Inside Cook's Pizza**

Crafts & More  
**-Inside Mom's Place**

John Shirk Wood  
Turning  
-Inside Wakarusa Pro  
Hardware

Yankee Candle Sale  
-Inside Schmidt  
Furniture Store

**Children's Resale Sales**  
-Inside New To You  
Resale Shop

Watches, Batteries &  
Clocks  
**-Inside Dru's Jewelry**

Jumbo Jelly Beans  
-Inside Wakarusa Dime  
Store

Florals & Antiques  
**-Inside Mom & Me's**  
Floral Boutique

Hair & Nail Products  
-Inside Shear  
Adventure