



WAKARUSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Chamber Newsletter

APRIL ~ MAY 2011

Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **May 21 -**
Playground work
day 8 am-Noon
- **June 6 - 23 Youth**
Tennis Lessons
- **June 10 - 12**
Wakarusa
Bluegrass Festival
- **June 14th -**
Annual **JOINT**
CHAMBER GOLF
OUTING
Will include
DEMO DAYS
with Titleist,
Nike, Taylor-
Made & Ping
11am-3pm
ALL ARE INVITED
- **June 18 ~ Town of**
Wakarusa Car &
Motorcycle Show!
9 am - 2 pm
- **June 18 ~ Lion's**
Club Steak In The
Park 4 - 8 pm
- **June 25 ~**
America at the
Ballpark
3 pm - fireworks

2011 Maple Syrup Festival:

Despite the wind and rain ~ smiles were plentiful!



7000 bags of popcorn handed out this year Thanks Interral!



The Tent was full for "Wakarusa's Got Talent"! Celebrity Judges were Cody Collier, WFRN, Kasi Pauletto, Miss Indiana International, Doug Moore, WFRN.



These "Synchronized Swimmers" stole the show!! Ryne Flickinger, Nick Lechlitner, Kayden Newcomer, Bryce Resler, Kyle Sellers/age 8 from wakarusa took 3rd Place!



Drew Flickinger, Brad Delio, Jordan Bemiller, Luke Holland/ Evolution of Dance/Wakarusa received 1st place!

2nd Place; Holly Weber & Katie Stock/Tap Dance from Fort Wayne

Ron Bedward, Michiana Promotions, was the MC for the 2nd year now and makes the Talent Show so much fun! We appreciate his willingness to volunteer for this event!



Thanks **Henschen Oil -** Wakarusa's Got Talent Sponsor.



Cidney Dobrodt and Hannah Schultz took 1st and 2nd in the 15+ age group



The Active Navy Band from Chicago played the National Anthem before the Parade.



Despite the drizzle - the streets were full and all enjoyed a great parade!

Thanks! Diamond Maple Leaf Sponsors

Thursday Evening many Craft and Commercial Vendors set-up their tents ~ Some met the morning with overturned tents and sprawled merchandise.

Some vendors headed home - some waited around until 4 PM and were placed in the hallways of NorthWood Middle School

Where they reported they were very thankful to be and did make some sales!

“You could tell who the “Veteran” Vendors were”

They were able to batten down their tents and stay the duration of the festival. Those vendors also reported good sales on Saturday - despite the weather!



A Mom's Home Store did well!

... along the Heritage Trail




Let the Heritage Trail be your voyage of discovery to popular attractions, unique shops, historic stops, tasty treats & friendly faces at every turn.

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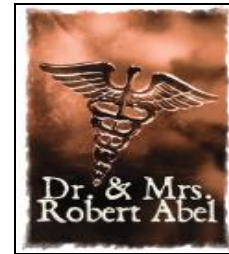
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NORTHERN INDIANA

WA-NEE CLINIC

Walk-In Medical Clinic




Anglemeyer Osteopathic Family Clinic



Dr. Wally and the group from Anglemeyer Family Clinic were the first unit and sponsor of the Parade!



Cub Scout Pack 704 stood at attention and presented the colors while the Navy Band played the National Anthem. This Cub Scout Group also helped the Festival go GREEN this year by placing recycling containers throughout the town.

Abracadabra



It took “nerves of steel” to stick your hand in this contraption that just cut a carrot in half! Just one of many magic tricks!

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

MSF Committee Member and Sponsor **Mike Schade, Wakarusa Hardware**, gets the KUDOOS for suggesting a Food Court Tent! It was a life saver at this years festival!!



Have you had a Sharing Citizens Pork Sandwich?



There's enough meat on there for 2!



Thanks to Gold Maple Leaf Sponsors

Tori Schwartz is QUEEN!!



18.97 Seconds!!

Harold Wilfong and Larry Keck took first place in the annual Cross Cut Saw Contest! 2nd place time: 23.25 Neil and Nate Brown: 3rd place time: 25.09 Jason & Lewis Telshow. Sponsored by: Lechlitner Plumbing & Heating. Ran by Mel Stutzman, Nappanee



They may not have sold out at the festival - but there was none to be had by Monday morning after selling the leftovers at their church... this office knows as we tried to buy some!!



Bringing "baked goods" is always a risk as they are perishable... This vendor had her doubts but by the end of the festival was almost sold out!



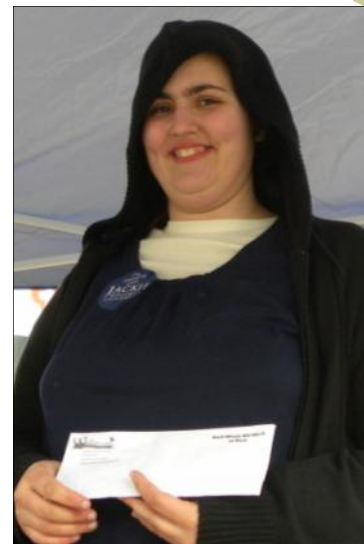
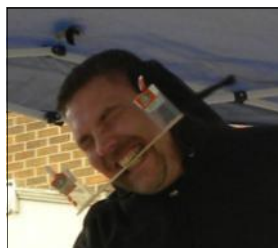
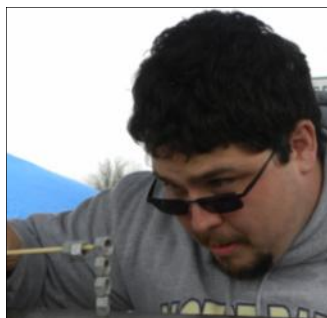
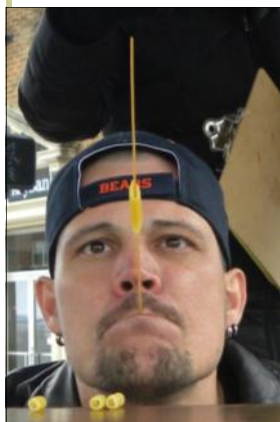
Kids Pedal Pull provided by the National Pedal Pull Association/Troy Zahner is a favorite - even in the rain! Sponsored by: **Monteith Tire, Schwartz Electric & S&S Auto Restoration**



Special thanks to Patty Baker, Utilimaster, and the crew she brought for volunteering to help run the Pedal Pull Contest!!

Doug Blosser - Chain Saw Carving Demonstrations Sponsored by: **Performance Technology**

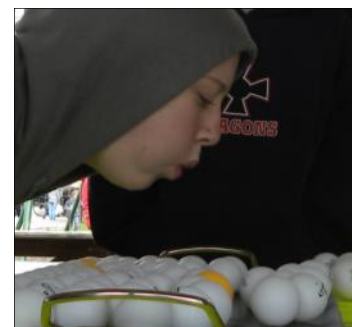
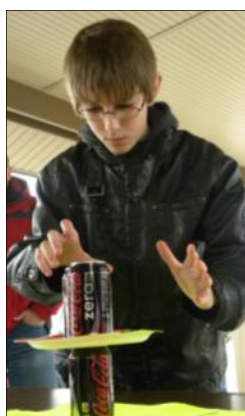
“Minute Will Win It” was “intense”



Sponsored by:
**Wakarusa Family Chiropractic &
Waterford Street Family Medicine**

Thanks so much to Jenny Neely for coordinating the competitions

Rebecca Day of Bourbon took home the \$100.00 prize!!



Nickole Maust - Middlebury won the kids contest.



Hidden Treasures found at the Maple Syrup Festival

Inside the Brown & Brown Woodshop you will find unique handcrafted items that will astound you!



 Friends to Date:
429 457

Brent Cooper Pleased A Small Crowd who walked away HAPPY!



Those who braved the cold from 5 - 7 pm Saturday night of the festival were treated to a Terrific Show highlighting the music of "Elvis". Many suggested we invite him back so more can enjoy the show!
Sponsored by:
J&N Stone

Thank You Silver Maple Leaf Sponsors:
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Wakarusa Subway
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Wakarusa Electronics



April 20 & 21, 2012

Suggestions and Comments about the festival always welcomed:
chamber@wakarusachamber.com or 574-862-4344!

On your Mark! Get Set! GO!!!! 1000 eggs found April 23rd at the Annual Chamber Easter Egg Hunt!



Rev-Up Your Creative Juices!

*The Annual
Wakarusa Car
show will be
held June 18th*



This is a GREAT opportunity for you to run a “Car Show” special!

More effort to bring foot traffic to town is being made this year.

The Chamber is “geared-up” to help you promote your business!

The Town of Wakarusa Car & Motorcycle Show will be
Saturday, June 18th - 9am - 2pm.

Steak in the Park is that evening from 4 - 8pm

PLEASE - HELP THE CHAMBER MAKE THIS A GREAT RETAIL EVENT

Car Show Sponsors: Livin’ Lite and S&S Automotive Restoration

TOWN OF
WAKARUSA

CAR SHOW

& Motorcycle



SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

JUNE 18th

FREE!
NO Registration Fee!
(Judging Fee \$10)

\$200.00 Cash Prize
BEST OF SHOW

DOOR PRIZES

TROPHIES

Registration opens
at 8:00 a.m., or pre-
register by calling the
Wakarusa Chamber
of Commerce at
574.862.4344, or via
email at: [chamber@
wakarusachamber.com](mailto:chamber@wakarusachamber.com)



GREAT CARS!



GREAT FUN!

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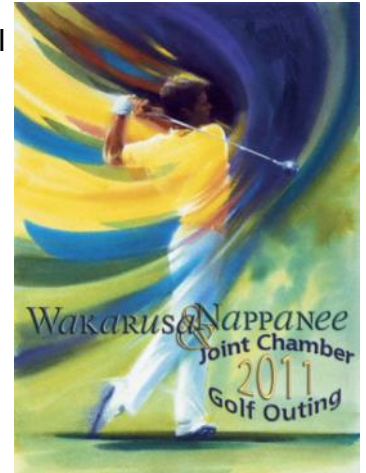


8th Annual Joint Wakarusa & Nappanee Golf Outing Tuesday, June 14th

Hundreds of golfers enjoy this event every year! Our Chamber outing is known for being a well organized, fun outing with great hole prizes! (See list of LAST YEAR'S HOLE PRIZES)

Due to the generous support of our MAJOR SPONSORS; golfers enjoy a Continental Breakfast, Snacks & Drink, Putting Contest, Deli Lunch, Carts, Hole-In-One Contests, Raffle and lots of FUN!

Thank You Major Sponsors!



- 2010 Hole Prizes ~ 2011 to be equal or better!!
- Hole #1 – Longest Putt – Taylormade Raylor
 - Hole #3 – Closest 2nd Shot – Cleveland Putter
 - Hole #5 – Long Drive in Fairway – Mizuno Bag
 - Hole #7 – Closest to the Pin – Odyssey Putter
 - Hole #9 – Long Drive in Fairway – Nike Shoes
 - Hole #11 – Closest 2nd Shot – Cleveland Sandwedge
 - Hole #13 – Longest Putt – Cobra Driver
 - Hole #15 – Long Drive in Fairway – Penta Balls
 - Hole #17 – Longest Putt – Nike Tour Driver

Did You Know.... Volunteering is a VERY COST EFFECTIVE

AND RELIABLE form of advertising?? For example: If you volunteer to be a Hole-In-One Witness for 2 hours at the Golf Outing – You will have the opportunity to network face to face with 20 to 30 golfers! By wearing a shirt or cap with your businesses logo while you volunteer, you are a **living billboard** for your business! Example 2: We run snacks to the players via a golf cart. This is also a great way to introduce yourself and your business to a new set of patrons! On another note: Volunteerism is just a “good and helpful” practice! AND IT IS FUN!! The fact that @ 15 people volunteer EVERY YEAR speaks for itself! Call me! Deb Shively – 862-4344 or email: chamber@wakarusachamber.com as I am the VOLUNTEER Coordinator for the Golf Outing and want to fill my Volunteer chart up ASAP!

Rain Date: June 16, 2011 ~ Registration Deadline: June 3, 2011

