



# WAKARUSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Chamber Newsletter

DECEMBER 2011 ~ JANUARY 2012

## Mark Your Calendar

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **WaNee Christmas Break - December 26 thru Jan. 6th.**
- **January 16 - MSF Committee Meeting 6:15 PM - Chamber Office**

### THANK YOU COOKIE SPONSORS:

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Dr. Weldy & Associates ~  
WaNee Walk-In  
Medical Clinic ~  
Dr. Robert & Mrs. Abel ~  
Grandma's Pantry*

*&  
Dr. Abel for providing cups,  
napkins, cocoa &  
Wagon Rides!!!*

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!



## Christmas Around the Tree - Family Favorite!

Christmas Joy was plentiful at the Annual Christmas Around the Tree celebration Monday, Dec. 5th. Many enjoyed Hot Cocoa and a Grandma's Pantry cookie while being serenaded by the Wakarusa Elementary School, Younger Generation led by Shawn Skaggs and then NorthWood High Schools Dawning

Generation/Vocal Jazz directed by Jeff Cramer. The delicious cookies were compliments our gracious sponsors and baked fresh at the bakery at Grandma's Pantry. Chamber Board members Lois Meissner-Yoder, Troy Schwartz and Dr. Abel helped serve the crowd of

@300. Dr. Abel provided free horse drawn wagon rides. The horses were adorned with bells making every step remind you of Santa - who also stopped by to hand out candy.



The List Keeps Growing (47) ~ Goal is 55!

2012 Maple Syrup Sponsors:

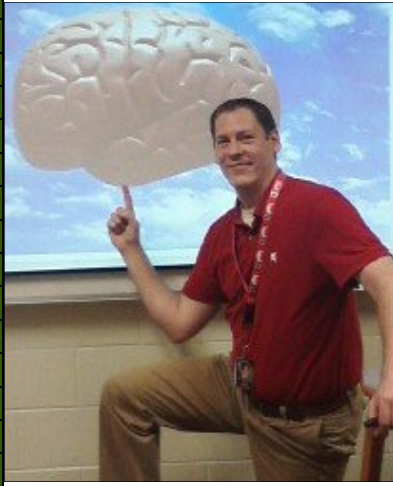
<b>Diamond</b>
Anglemeier Osteopathic Family Clinic
Dr. Robert & Mrs. Abel
WaNee Medical Walk-In Clinic
Richmond's Feed Service
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Wakarusa Electronics
<b>Silver</b>
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Wakarusa Subway
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<b>Copper</b> - Cook's Pizza

43rd Maple Syrup Festival only 5 meetings away!

The core Maple Syrup Festival Committee has started planning the 2012 Maple Syrup Festival. **The dates are April 20 & 21!** It's time for Sponsorship Commitments and THANKS TO SO MANY OF YOU (LISTED AT LEFT) Who have responded so quickly! **Remember - payment is not due until March 2012! DEADLINE to be in brochure Jan. 6.** Spike and the Bulldogs will be back this year and Mark's Ark Animal Act!! AAA Magazine and Midwest Living magazine have already called me about featuring our festival in their publications!! We are looking for a few more volunteers - Know anyone who likes to talk? We need someone to work at the Information Booth on Saturday and someone who would like to help with organizing the "Queens & Sweethearts" in the Parade. (This would include making a float)!!

Meet Your Chamber Neighbor from WaNee Community Schools

Mitch Gerig, NorthWood Middle School Math teacher, is someone you want to meet before Christmas! He and his family produce **Premium Handmade Soap and Home Fragrances!** Mitch learned the art of soap making in 2007, while working as a tour guide at a local historic village, and was inspired to research and develop his own "soap recipe" which resulted in starting his own business ~ **Walnut Street Soap** ~ with his wife, Sarah. Walnut Street Soap is hand-made, **Completely from scratch**, with no added commercial fillers or bases AND uses **as many local ingredients as possible!**



Mr. Mitch Gerig, NWMS



He also makes **Diffusers! In too many fragrances to list!** They smell great and last a long time! **So... now that you know your Chamber Neighbor "Mitch", you can give a very special and unique gift, made locally, at a very reasonable price!** He will also custom design labels for weddings and parties! Contact Mitch & Sarah Gerig at gerigmc@hotmail.com or ph: 773-3816.

2012 Maple Syrup Festival: April 20 & 21!

## B&B Organic Express is coming to Wakarusa Family Chiropractic!



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Order by 5 pm Sunday and pick up the following Thursday morning at 8:30 am at Wakarusa Family Chiropractic - 117 S. Elkhart Street - Downtown Wakarusa.

Call for more information: 862-1409

## Have a Great New Year!

**Thanks** to each and every Chamber Member for the support you show to our Wakarusa Community! Remember to "Help me, Help you!". I love trying new ideas and marketing strategies. I will take photos, do press releases, emails, highlight in newsletter, on facebook and on website, **your specials, sales and events!** We have very successful community events: The Maple Syrup Festival, Car & Motorcycle Show, Bluegrass Festival, Steak in the Park, Golf Outing, Fall and Christmas Party and America at the Ball Park - all due to YOUR generous support!

The beginning of the year is a good time to check your information on the Chamber Website to make sure the contact information is correct! If you would like to add a LOGO or PHOTO to your listing, email it to me at [chamber@wakarusachamber.com](mailto:chamber@wakarusachamber.com)



Time for New Beginnings. . . . . Taylor Addison, Blue Mountain Arts, 1989

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,  
Remember each experience for the good that has come of it  
and for the knowledge you have gained.

Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.

Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come.

Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings  
and the celebration of life."