# Wednesdays with Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

August 18, 2021

#### **UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS**

Wednesday, September 1st Friday, September 10th Wednesday, September 15th 10:00 am to Noon 3:00 pm 5:30—8:00 pm HR Forum—Warren County R-III Conference Room Groundbreaking—Farmers Mutual Insurance Regional Job/Career Exploration Showcase—Warrenton

**High School** 

#### REGIONAL JOB/CAREER EXPLORATION SHOWCASE

September 15, 2021 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Warrenton High School, 803 Pinckney, Warrenton

The goal of this event is to expose our regional students and their families to possible careers/ employment outside of the college route.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce at 636-456-2530 or warrentoncoc@socket.net.

Things you should know:

This showcase is free to all vendors and participants; Set up begins at 3:45 pm and you must be totally set by 5:15 pm. If you need to set up earlier, please let us know.

Booth space is free; Bring your own tables, chairs, tent, etc.; You will be able to visit and inform high school students and their families from Warrenton, Wright City and Montgomery schools; Bring information about your business; The event will be in the high school parking lot, so you are encouraged to bring whatever equipment, simulators, etc.; Live demonstrations and hands on activities will speak loudly to our students.

## HR FORUM SEPTEMBER 1ST

Having trouble getting and keeping employees? These challenges are real and we are all in this together! Join us on Wednesday, September 1st from 10:00 am to noon to discuss this topic and see if others have strategies for overcoming this problem that may be able to help you. We will be meeting at the Warren County R-III administration conference room located at 385 W. Veterans Memorial Parkway. RSVP to warrentoncoc@socket.net if you are planning to attend.

## GROUND BREAKING Farmers Mutual Insurance

September 10th, 3:00 pm 906 South Hwy 47, Warrenton

### GROUNDBREAKING SEPTEMBER 10TH

Join us for a very exciting groundbreaking! Farmers Mutual Insurance is embarking on a new journey.

The ground breaking date is set for September 10th at 3 pm for their new office building property at 906 South Hwy 47, Warrenton.

146 years in business and it's their first new building... so very exciting!

## FRIENDS OF THE CHAMBER

CertainTeed www.certainteed.com

Amy Lombardo Insurance - Amy Lombardo www.myuhcagent.com/Amy.lombardo

Warrenton Office Furniture - Patsy Barteau www.warrentonofficefurniture.com

Town & County Garage, Inc. www.townandcountygarage.com

Better Health with Bridgette www.bridgeyourhealth.com

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH Turning Point



Our mission is to assist survivors and their children in learning to overcome the cycle of physical, sexual, mental, and emotional abuse.

We respond to requests for services from across the region, with a core service area of Franklin, Gasconade, Lincoln, Montgomery, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren counties. Each year more than 500 women and children seek assistance from Turning Point. We shelter more than 100 women and 60 children annually and provide support services for many more through community-based programs.

We operate on grants and donations in providing shelter and support services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and sex trafficking.

We provide a 24/7 hotline, emergency shelter, court advocacy, safety planning, general advocacy, economic empowerment, counseling, substance abuse advocacy, and resource education.

If you're experiencing violence or abuse, we are here to help. 636-456-1186

#### SIX STEPS TO HELP SLOW EMPLOYEES WORK FASTER

Ah, the employees whose veins must be filled with molasses. You know the ones—you leave them with an hour's worth of work and it takes two days before they're finished.

There's good news, though: Not only are there strategies for increasing these slow employees' work speed, but when you follow these steps, you may also get better quality work out of them, too.

**Determine why your employees are slow.** Just simply ask. Explain that you've noticed their speed isn't up to par and ask what's slowing them down. They might be confused. They might be so detail-oriented, they're getting caught up in particulars that don't matter to you. They may even know their performance is subpar and be glad you asked. In any case, a number of things may be causing employees to work slower than you'd like, and the first step toward a solution is determining the underlying cause.

**Team up with them.** Employees may get defensive when they feel backed into a corner, and that's the opposite of what you want. It may help to make it clear you're there to help, not simply point the finger and walk away. Ask, "What can we do to improve this situation?" or "How can I help?" Sometimes the answer is there, you just have to ask the question.

**Give clear deadlines with priorities.** You know which tasks are most important, but do your employees? While it's great to give your staff to-do lists, it may help to prioritize tasks, or you may run the risk of your employees taking care of the least demanding and important tasks first. And don't forget about Parkinson's Law, that work expands to fill the time we allot for it. Don't be afraid to give your staff clear and demanding deadlines. You won't know how quickly they can turn projects around unless you push them.

**Limit distractions.** Employees who feel overwhelmed may end up accomplishing very little, but if you feed them tasks a few at a time, they may be able to knock out phenomenal amounts of work. You might try to find ways to streamline your problem employees' environments and give them the chance to succeed. Keep in mind that we may be distracted by different things. I've learned that I can't have my email up and running if I'm trying to complete a complex task by a deadline, as I'm likely to be sidetracked by client questions. Determine what gets your slow employees off task and try to address those issues.

**Find out what your employees like to do.** When you take the time to explore the tasks that make your staff feel fulfilled, you're really trying to find out what they're good at. While you can't assign everyone only the tasks they enjoy, it often makes sense to work to your employees' strengths. If you can balance jobs that feel like drudgery with jobs they love, your employees may be happier and less likely to drag their heels. You don't have to treat work like preschool, but employees who feel a balance of fulfilled and challenged may be the most productive.

**Give regular feedback.** So you meet with your slow employees, find out what the problems are and develop a plan to speed up their work completion. The critical last step is to follow up. Consider planning a series of meetings to discuss their performance and progress and decide how things are going. It may also be important to set incremental goals. When you have otherwise good employees who simply lag a bit, you don't want to have to fire them if their first evaluation shows they haven't achieved absolutely everything. Rewarding incremental progress may help you keep the tone positive, while still working toward your end goal. Constructive criticism and a focus on what they've accomplished may make the meeting a positive one, rather than something they'll dread.

An added benefit to addressing the problem of slow employees in a pragmatic fashion is you're modeling a positive method of conflict resolution in your business. Your staff sees that while you have high expectations, you don't expect perfection. They'll hopefully understand that you value them and their contribution enough to work toward better results. Feeling supported and valued often translates into loyal, long-term employees, ones you can trust to deliver on time.

## Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce 9-Hole Golf Tournament 3-Person Scramble



\$60 PER GOLFER INCLUDES:

- 9 Holes of golf with cart
- Beverages (including beer)
- Dinner
- Excellent Networking
- Great Fun!

Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:00 pm Shotgun Start

Warrenton Golf Course 24805 S. Hwy 47 Warrenton, Missouri

### **Mullet Golf!**

Business in the Front and Party in the Back!

#### **Schedule**

Registration 3:00 pm Shotgun Start 4:00 pm Dinner and Awards after golf



#### CHOOSE YOUR GOLF GAME

- Want to play 9-holes of golf with old friends and new friends? Choose the front 9.
- Just want to play some crazy golf and have fun? No golfing experience necessary. Choose the back 9.

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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES \$350 Tournament Sponsor (Includes 2'x4'

- large sign displayed at tournament, food & beverages for two people, program mention & recognition at awards ceremony)

  \$350 Beverage Cart Sponsor (Includes
- signage on beverage cart to drive around tournament, food & beverages for two people, program mention & recognition at awards ceremony)

  \$350 Food and Beverage Sponsor (Includes 2'x4' large sign displayed at tournament, food & beverages for two people, program mention & recognition at awards ceremony)
- \$175 Super Hole Sponsor (Includes larger signage and exclusive rights to set up a table with promotional giveaways at hole of your choice (business or party) at tournament, food & beverages for two people, program mention & recognition at awards ceremony)
- \$75 Hole Sponsor (Includes signage on hole at tournament, program mention & recognition at awards ceremony)

For more information: Jan Olearnick—(636) 456-2530 warrentoncoc@socket.net

Proceeds benefit the ongoing efforts of the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce SPONSOR INFORMATION

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**BUSINESS CONTACT** 

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#### TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

- \$60 Entry Fee (per golfer)
   Includes Team Mulligan & a free Birdie - (2 Mulligans per team member & team may use the Birdie on the designated hole)
- ☐ Front 9 (business)
- ☐ Back 9 (party)

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### **EVENT DATES (see flyers)**

August 13
August 17
August 20
August 21
August 24
August 25
August 31
September 25th

Concert in the Park—Warrenton Pool Gardening—Scenic Regional Library School Supply Giveaway Woofstock—CCAC Terracotta Takeover—Scenic Regiona

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Fall Festival & Car Show—Warrenton Downtown Association and the City of Warrenton





























