## Wednesdays with Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

January 27, 2021

#### **UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS**

Wednesday, February 3rd

9:00—Noon

Board of Directors Planning Retreat—Warren County R-III

Conference Room

Tuesday, February 9th

11:45 am

**General Membership Meeting—Deerfield's on Main** 

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change." ~Stephen Hawking

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### **DURABARN**

Barry Nuss (636) 542-8500 www.durabarn.com

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#### **GRATZA ELECTRIC, LLC**

Keith Gratza (314) 280-5757 www.gratzaelectric.com

#### CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce will, once again, be accepting scholarship applications from 2021 Warrenton High School seniors. There are four scholarships to be awarded this year. To be eligible for any of the scholarships, the recipients must be current seniors at Warrenton High School, sponsored by a Chamber member (go to www.warrentoncoc.com for member listings), and plan to attend a two year college, four year college or trade/vocational school or program in the Fall of 2021.

A \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded for the Danny J. Martin/Dr. James Cale Memorial Scholarship. The criteria is simple: 1) Academic transcript; 2) Resume to include, if applicable, Volunteerism, extracurricular activities, leadership experience, work experience; and 3) an essay on "Entrepreneurship and How it Impacts your Community" (maximum 1,000 words).

Another \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship will be awarded for the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Trade/Vocational Program Scholarship. The criteria for this scholarship is: 1) a resume (to include work experience), and 2) a project portfolio to include pictures of design, project in transition and completed project (with descriptions).

These scholarship applications will be available online through the Warrenton High School Counseling Office on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and need to be submitted by Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

The Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce was honored to award \$3,000 in scholarships last year and is looking forward to helping our community's youth and future leaders again in 2021.

#### FRIENDS OF THE CHAMBER

CertainTeed www.certainteed.com

Legacy Drugstores www.legacydrug.com

Ratholland Towing & Automotive Services www.rathollandtowingandauto.com

Farmers Insurance - Nick Skibinski www.agents.farmers.com/mo/warrenton/nick-skibinski

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

Warrenton Office Furniture - Patsy Barteau www.warrentonofficefurniture.com

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

#### WARRENTON AREA CHAMBER MISSION STATEMENT

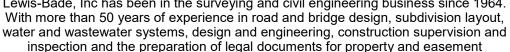
"To enhance the business climate and quality of life for the Warrenton area through programs that facilitate and stimulate economic and professional growth."



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH Lewis-Bade—Bart Korman Professional Surveyors and Engineers

Professional Surveyors and Engineers

Lewis-Bade, Inc has been in the surveying and civil engineering business since 1964.





descriptions, we have the capacity and capability to perform the tasks you require for a successful project. 636-456-2615

### Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

#### 2021 Community Guide/Directory Advertisement Order Form

Business Name:
Contact Person:
Contact Person e-mail:
Daytime Phone Number:
\$850 Outside Back Cover - 5" x 8" (Previous advertiser has first right of refusal) \$600 Inside Front Cover - 5" x 8" (Previous advertiser has first right of refusal) \$600 Inside Back Cover - 5" x 8" (Previous advertiser has first right of refusal) \$500 Full Page - 5" x 8" (possible choice of placement in Community Guide) \$250 Half Page - 5" x 4" \$125 Quarter Page - 2 ½ " x 4" or 5" x 1 ¾"
Orders must be submitted with payment and art work – business cards will be accepted for ads larger than ¼ page, however, we reserve the right to adjust the design to accommodate directory needs.
2,000 brochures will be printed and available at banks, realtors, title companies, city offices, Chamber members, and distributed throughout the community. Only 2020/2021 Chamber members will have the opportunity to advertise in this directory.
Ads sold on first come basis – ads are four color
Please mail this order form to Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 333, Warrenton, MO 63383 or e-mail (warrentoncoc@socket.net) with ad attachment in pdf or jpeg format. Ads must be submitted by February 12, 2021.
Please make check payable to: Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 333, Warrenton, MO 63383  (Please note address change)  Credit Card Check
Credit Card #

**DIRECTORY AND COMMUNITY GUIDE** 

#### **5 TIPS FOR THE ULTIMATE IN HIGH PERFORMANCE**

High performers will tell you that the key to continually delivering lies in a carefully planned set of habits that, over time, grows to become a mindset. No matter the occupation, everyone can boost their performance by combining a couple of approaches and sticking to effective routines.

That doesn't mean, however, that your average workday should comprise routines. Rather, it means that approaches that help you achieve better results should be adapted to suit each and every task at hand.

#### **Communicate Efficiently**

The importance of communication can hardly be exaggerated, especially nowadays when the dynamics of work are changing by the minute. Communication ensures employee engagement and also minimizes the risk of misunderstandings. However, this isn't to say that pointless meetings are a good idea. In fact, a study has shown that an average employee wastes 3.8 hours every week on unproductive meetings. The main reason for this is that many meetings are poorly planned. Obviously, to avoid this practice, set time limits and stick to the plan. Don't be afraid to completely eliminate pointless meetings set just for show. The main idea behind every successful meeting is to inform the participants about the objectives, planning and ideas of other team members.

#### **Set Goals Capable of Meeting Organizational Objectives**

First of all, high performance depends greatly on the realistically set goals. This appears to be the greatest challenge for many people, because sometimes it is difficult to tell right from wrong. The most common mistake people make is opting for quantity over quality. When the goals are set realistically with long-term objectives in mind, employees can easily focus on the important parts. Good management also keeps in mind individual objectives, aligning them with organizational objectives for best results.

#### **Set Expectations and Performance Standards**

Expectations are another factor that can often go astray, especially when the goals are set unrealistically. First of all, managers must communicate clearly their expectations. Secondly, the said expectations must be realistic.

Clearly set expectations are those that are properly defined, explained, and, for best results, documented. Employees should know what their responsibilities and accountability are. To measure the success of the expectations, it is also crucial to set performance standards. There's no point in expectations if you don't know how to measure how elaborate they are. While there is no general rule to this, some standards can be measured by the following:

Are there sufficient resources for the tasks?

Are employees putting enough effort?

Is communication between team members and management going smoothly?

Are standards realistic?

While sometimes it is impossible to know why exactly a project has failed, the standards will at least show what's lacking and which aspects can be bettered.

#### **Motivate Employees**

It's no secret that motivation is the very factor that drives success. Motivated employees naturally become high performers. However, what comprises motivation for different people may be a bit of a riddle. What is certain is that employees who enjoy their tasks are motivated to perform better. In this sense, the fulfillment is aligned with employees' values and standards and often culminates in them observing company success as their own.

On the other hand, some employees appreciate challenges. Assigning them the tasks that will help them fulfill their potential is the key to maximizing their performance and keeping them motivated. Closely linked to the latter is encouraging personal growth. It is a well-known fact that - no matter how fulfilling the role - when the work-life balance is poor, people tend to be unhappy. The whole point of boosting performance is in maintaining good prospects for the company and employees alike. People who think outside of the box often seek other positions that will enable them to unleash their potential. More often than not, money is not the most important factor.

As is the case with everything business-related, knowing the employees is the key. Businesses allowing their employees to pursue their personal interests are certain to enjoy their talent for a very long time. That's the whole point of long-term success, actually. Keeping happy people happily engaged.

#### **Modernize Evaluation**

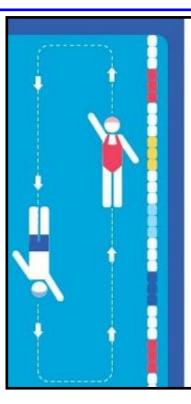
Evaluation is necessary, but the means of conducting it are changing fast. E.g., year-end reviews are becoming obsolete, with an increasing number of employees preferring regular over annual evaluation. This brings us back to communication, which may well extend to the realms of both group- and one-to-one meetings. By playing a personalized approach, good management can inspire the best results by allowing employees to pursue their aspirations while meeting goals at the same time. Finally, there are a number of measurement tools that can be used to track and measure employees' individual performance. The metrics obtained in this way can help adjust the approach and objectives on the go, thus ensuring high performance can be eventually achieved and maintained.

#### Conclusion

Times have changed so dramatically that the once somewhat murky term "high performance" is becoming more palpable by the minute. With the development of new technologies, there are now the means to help each individual grow professionally and yet allow them to pursue their own standards while fulfilling their roles. A healthy combination of communication, encouragement, objective goals and evaluation is what is certain to motivate everyone no matter their differences.

~Angela Ash

Chili Cook-Off-Deerfield's on Main



# LAP LANE RESERVATIONS

New Year resolutions create a high demand for lap lane exercise. To best meet the needs of our patrons, we are introducing Lap Lane Reservations.

Lanes are available on a first come first serve basis.

Reservations can only be made one day in advance. Before your desired exercise day, simply go online to make a reservation for an available time slot. You can also call ahead on the desired day to check for availabilities.

www.warrenton-mo.org 636-456-2288

\*Exercise pool hours 6am-Noon are reserved for members only. During Rec Swim hours lanes are open for reservations to members, City residents, & their guests.







### Deerfield's Chili Cookoff, Saturday January 30th from Noon to

To regate your chill in the Costoff, please fill this out and send via email to <u>internation (frictinal com.</u> or mail if to Decritefolds On Main, 227 E. Boonestek Road, Warrenton, MO 63383. You can call Bob at 314.604.4139 to regalar your soup or drop to fed braingther business hours witch are Thurstop to Saturatey from 11.30 am to 10pm or Sunday from 11.30am to 3pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bob at 314.604.4138.

EMAIL: ADDRESS:\_ CITY: STATE: ZIPCODE: TYPE OR NAME OF CHILL: \_

- It costs 55 to enter your chill. Bring one creekpot of chill of any variety you wish.

  Chill will be judged by the public.

  For \$10, you can sample as many chills as you wish. You can judge the best chill.

  The chill with the greatest number of votes will received \$100 cash.

  All proceeds go to Warren County Handloop Services.



