

Our Mission: To be a valid and dynamic link between local business and the community.

1. Call to order
2. Member Spotlight - Oconto Falls Area Ambulance
3. Introductions and membership updates

Ginny - O'Harrow's Family Farm - over halfway done with corn planting. **Carrie Hill** - NEWCAP, Small business, rural development loans and grants available on NEWCAP.org (almost \$1 million). **Dean Hess** - Oconto Falls School District - get to the website for spring athletics and concerts. Middle school project is ahead of schedule and under budget. **Bonnie** McSwain Machickanee XC Ski Club - awesome garbage pickup, trails ready after storm cleanup. **Dusty** - Cellcom business sales consultant 4-day sales today through 20th \$450-850 off phones on trade-ins plus non-traditional items. **Destiny** - Cellcom stores in Oconto and Oconto Falls new phones and line upgrades. **Ken Harter** - FFA Alumni and St. Anthony Church, wrapping up the year with students getting ready for awards banquet and convention, Friday of Memorial Day Weekend operating the Pig Pit (brat stand) at Piggly Wiggly. Memorial weekend they have a food stand at memorial field for the event. Stop by for lunch or ice cream. Alumni and students restoring 1946 John Deere Model A tractor and hoping to have it completed to be in the Memorial Day Parade. **Kevin Mallnor** Tri County United Way - focus on basic needs supporting food pantries in the tri-county area. "Transporting Oconto County" committee to help people know about resources. 211 Crisis line 24/7. Always recruiting new board members in need of Oconto County. **Katie Jagellio** - OEC- Still cleaning up from Winter Storm Cora. Just finished safety demos at seven schools for grades 3-5th. Sign-ups still for students Sophomore -Senior for Youth Leadership Conference at UW-Stout. Will take priority for members, and then non-members if room. **Amy Coppens** - Lioness Dash OF Color coming up Memorial Day weekend. **Ginny** - St. Clare Hospital Board. St Clare doing well, no concern after closure of Western Wisconsin hospitals. There is a lot of good going on at our hospital and going strong. **Patrick Ahlgrim** - OFAAS/Community Garden - opening to our plot renters on May 20th, May 29th volunteer training for adopt-a-plot organizations.

Thursday, May 16th • 7:30 a.m. • Oconto Falls Area Ambulance, 831 S. Main St., Oconto Falls

Board meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:30 a.m., monthly Membership meetings: 3rd Thursday January – November (noon or 7:30 a.m.)

4. Reports

- a. Secretary - mailed out, no changes.
- b. Treasurer - Thank you to community members who have sent in concert series checks.
- c. Communications (website, newsletter, welcome signs, calendar, social media) -
Welcome signs had some issues with uploads, but they are up and running now. Ashley has been updating the website.
- d. Membership
- e. Chamber Bucks
- f. City Administrator - Peter Wills - Encompass June 4th ribbon cutting and is filling up with a waitlist. Fire Department getting keys next Tuesday. Will have a dedication mid-August around the Trent Maloney tournament. Street Projects - 2025 Block grant march/April start on Columbia street to be done before school starts. Annexed both parts of Columbia street (not the properties, but the streets themselves) so the whole street is the City. Looking at some new housing development options. If individuals have properties in and near the city, talk to Peter as we're looking to expand housing options.
 - i. Carrie Hill provided that NewCap has a building on Country Side Lane for workplace housing. Income limitations (less than \$78k per year for a family of 4). Also offers down payment assistance. Purchase price \$225-235, would need a small loan to secure.
 - ii. Dean Hess clarified that Encompass waitlist doesn't mean that they're full, just that they haven't opened yet. If you are interested, still call Encompass and inquire there are still openings. 4K children should register with encompass or OFES.

5. Events

- a. Concerts
 - i. Friday, June 28th: Adam Trask - Classic Rock
 - ii. Friday, July 26th: Breakfast Club - 80's Pop
 - iii. Friday, August 16th: The Drive West Band - Rock, R&B and Country
- b. Leadership Oconto County - just had graduation, looking for participation, sponsorship for next year's program. This year's project was "Buddy Benches". They have been created and will be placed in Lena and St Anthony school.

- c. Community events - Abrams Rummage Sale, Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm at Shallow Acres Lena, Oconto County Farmer's Market starting June 4th, runs Tuesday through August.
- d. Oconto Falls High School Graduation at 2:00 on May 26th.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. No unfinished business

7. New Business

- a. Trail Signs - Chamber ordered trailhead signs for the eastside and westside trails. Should be coming in today and will match the other signs placed by the Chamber.
- b. Memorial Day Parade - looking for someone that is in the parade and willing to display one of our concert banners or somebody on behalf of the chamber. Would like to advertise in the parade.
- c. Any other new business: School needs bus drivers - PLEASE send people their way. Teachers, coaches, administrators driving busses. Doing everything we can, but could use help. Will provide training, pay for CDL, and pay WHILE doing CDL training. You can bring your kids to work.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 20, noon, hosted by The Cottages
held at 751 E. Highland Drive, Oconto Falls

Communications:

Electronic welcome signs: ocontofallsscott@gmail.com

Newsletter, social media, website (including employment opportunities):

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