

Applicants

APPLY NOW!

It is *available to students of any age, not just high school seniors*, seeking post secondary education in any major. Priority will be given to those who show involvement in their community. All eligible individuals, whether you were previously a recipient or not, are encouraged to apply applications are due by April 15th.

Chamber & Member Events



A convenient calendar for all chamber and chamber member events all in one place. Calendars don't get more local than this!

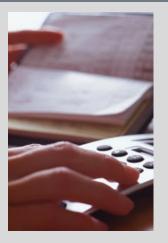
MEMBERS: Be sure to <u>send us your events</u> to get them added to the calendar!

Member Updates

Tax Time is the Right Time for a Budget Check-Up!

Tax preparation may be the only time of year many of us take a "deep dive" into our finances and have everything in one place. Wouldn't it be the perfect time to take a critical look at how much money is coming in and where it's being spent? Here are 6 steps to assist you in getting started:

- 1. **Create some Categories.** Start by dividing expenses into useful categories and subcategories.(ie home, auto, food, entertainment, charity, etc.)
- 2. **Follow the Money.** Where is your money being spent? It take time, but track everything.



- 3. **Project Expenses Forward**. Use your tracked data to project future expenses.
- 4. Determine Expected Income. Add together all sources of income (net income)
- 5. **Do the Math.** The moment of truth! Subtract projected expenses from expected income. Do you need to make some changes in your spending?
- 6. **Stick to the Plan.** If it's not in the budget, don't spend it. Emergencies happen, but then you'll need to make adjustments elsewhere.

If you find yourself overwhelmed with this process, call WhiteCap Financial Advisors, LLC to set up your free, no obligation meeting with us. We'd love to assist you with your financial goals!

WEST consin Credit Union to Host Spring Food Drive

To help aid those in our community facing food insecurity, the WESTconsin Credit Union Spring Food Drive will kick off on Monday, March 11 and run through Saturday, March 23. WESTconsin will accept donations of nonperishable food items in all offices. Additionally, monetary donations can be made at any WESTconsin office with a Member Service Representative or through drive-ups, or by calling the Service Center at (800) 924-0022. Proceeds will be distributed to 15 different community partners across western Wisconsin. "Monetary donations are especially valuable because information shows food pantries have great buying power with monies available to them, and for every \$1 in cash, they can purchase up to \$10 worth of



food," says Stephanie Rasmussen, WESTconsin Credit Union Chief Experience Officer. "Last year, we raised nearly \$2,400 and collected 1,564 non-perishable food items. That money allowed local pantries to buy nearly \$24,000 worth of food for those in need. We are hopeful this upcoming food drive will make that same level of impact."

Discounted St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity Gala Tickets for Chamber Members

St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity is lucky to be a member of several very active Chambers of Commerce! We want to recognize how important these organizations are with a small thank you... and a little friendly competition!

Through March 11, our fellow chamber members can purchase gala tickers with a unique code for 15% off. Everyone who registers using this code will receive 5 free raffle tickets! Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce with the MOST attendees at our gala will get:

- · Recognition at the event
- 10 additional free raffle tickets to each member in attendance
- The chance to schedule a private team build day, with lunch provided!

Central St. Croix Valley Chamber Member Promo



Code: CSCCHAMBER1524 - Tickets can be purchased at onecau.se/roadhome

This year, our gala is focused on raising funds to build a new home for a veteran! We recognize that when returning home, many veterans face unique challenges in obtaining an affordable home that fits their needs. Our goal is to make home ownership a reality for someone who has served our country. We hope to see you there!



Pillar Bank Bedding Drive

We have teamed up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace for a pillow and bedding donation drive. Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to ensuring that all children have a secure and cozy place to sleep.

Throughout March, Pillar Bank will be accepting new pillows and Twin-sized bedding donations. You can drop off these items at any Pillar Bank branch to contribute to this cause.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

37th Annual

PARADE

AT 3:00PM

AT BOBTOWN BAR & GRILL

11AM- 10PM Corned Beef & Cabbage Baby Red Potatoes Carrots Endless Soup & Salad Bar \$14.99 per plate

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March 16 & 17

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RESTAUR

& Bar

DRINK SPECIALS ALL MONTH: (FEATURING GUINNESS, JAMESON & SHAMROCK MINT TIPPY COW) \$3 Guinness Bottles; \$5 Irish Mint Coffee or Irish Hot Chocolate; \$6 Irish Cow or Irish Mule; \$7 Irish Car Bomb

SUNDAY FUNDAYS (starting at 2:30) BINGO IS BACK! (STARTING MARCH 17)

5/\$12 DOMESTIC BEER BUCKETS 2-FOR-1 DRINKS ON NASCAR YELLOW FLAGS



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Organizing an event involves various tasks,

such as selecting a venue, catering options, decorations, and more. At AK Events, we aim

to provide you and your guests with an unforgettable experience. With a wide

network of connections, we can handle all

the details, allowing you to fully enjoy the event planning journey. Understanding that each event is special and should be tailored to your preferences, we offer customizable packages to meet everyone's needs. Contact

us today to schedule your complimentary consultation!

Join the Chamber

We'd love to have you join us! Being a Member of the Central St. Croix Chamber not only benefits you and your business ~ it benefits the Community!

Our chamber services Polk, Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

For a full list of our members, and their

			websites, <u>click here</u> !
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