Welcome September

CHAMBER TICKET

MOMENTUM BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION 2016

This year’s Momentum Business Plan Competition top 5 have been announced (please see inside page for business information) and they are ready to solidify their presentations and try to earn $50,000 for the 2016 round of the competition.

Business plans will be judged on the following criteria. Those with the highest scores will advance as finalists.

• Use of market research data
• Passionate and enthusiastic presentation of idea
• Scalability
• Clear Statement of assumptions
• Clear and logical business plan for a launch or expansion with measurable objectives for each stage
• Demonstration of competitive advantage
• Indication of how prize money will be used

Come see the Momentum Business Plan Competition on Friday, September 23rd at West Shore Community College at 6:00pm!
NEW MEMBERS

Please support our members with your patronage and let them know you appreciate their community involvement through the Chamber of Commerce.

Downtown Ludington Market
Matt Larson, Owner
231-794-1471
124 South James Street, Ludington
Shared office, co-working retail and event space available in the big old bank building on South James Street.

Westhouse Insurance
Tara Westhouse, Owner
231-843-6657
Ludington
Medicare Questions? Health Insurance Questions? Westhouse Insurance can help! Answer questions, identify subsidies, review options and assist with enrollment! Their goal is to find the right plan to meet your needs AND your budget!

Western Land Title Agency, LLC
Open House on September 8th
from 11:00am - 2:00pm, Ribbon Cutting at 12:30pm
Stephanie Yeck, Manager
231-843-5606
1200 Conrad Industrial Dr., Ludington
Title Insurance, Escrow Services, Title Searches, Settlement and Closing Services - Services can be provided anywhere in Michigan. Extraordinary expertise in title searches allowing quick, accurate and efficient searches. 20 years of settlement services experience.

Table 14 Restaurant
Howard Iles, Chef/Owner & Laura Iles, President
231-843-5606
130 W. Ludington Ave., Ludington
Casual restaurant using local ingredients with a Southern flair. Creative cuisine and classic cocktails.

Mason County Mutts
Sara Lutz, President/Co-Founder
231-794-2757
Helping make Mason County a more dog-friendly community.

SEPTEMBER MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you to all of our members, both new and established for their continued support of our wonderful business community through their investment in the Chamber of Commerce and the Ludington & Scottville Area.

9/10/1986 - West Shore Educational Service District
9/11/1989 - Preferred Office Machines/Xerox
9/22/1991 - Baldwin Canoe Rental
9/8/1993 - Holiday Inn Express & Suites
9/16/1993 - Sherman Oaks/Sherman Oaks Manor
9/24/1996 - United Way of Mason County
9/30/1996 - Best Western Lakewinds
9/25/1997 - Midas Auto Systems
9/27/1999 - WMOM - FM Radio
9/27/2000 - Vanderwal, Spathro & Richards, PC.
9/6/2001 - Master Muffler & Brakes
9/19/2001 - Surf Care Mole Man, LLC
9/20/2001 - Community Foundation for Mason County
9/6/2002 - Grand Rental Station
9/9/2002 - Thompson, Thompson & Glenville, P.L.C.
9/20/2004 - Larsen's Landscaping, LLC
9/28/2004 - Gibson Custom Homes, Inc.
9/13/2007 - Hardman Construction
9/17/2007 - Exchange Team Advantage, LLC
9/19/2008 - The Brill Company
9/10/2010 - Frontier Communications
9/30/2010 - Cartier Mansion
9/15/2011 - Pere Marquette Charter Township
9/20/2011 - Gene's Ventures, LLC
9/17/2012 - Spectrum Health Medical Group
9/24/2012 - Simone Family Dental
9/21/2015 - Hidden Forest Manufactured Housing Community
9/25/2015 - JCK Construction, LLC
9/25/2015 - Kratos Personal Training
9/25/2015 - Hydro-Blaster Masters
9/25/2015 - Mandie Kirkpatrick - Accounting Consultant

MOMENTUM BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION TOP 5 FOR 2016

2016 Momentum Business Plan Competition Top Five
In No Particular Order:

Stuart Family Organics, Custer Michigan
A family company that has developed a Vegan Protein Cookie Line using Organic Hard Red Winter Wheat that is grown on their certified organic farm in Mason County. They are to open a bakery and store front in Downtown Ludington this fall.

James Stuart, Wesley Stuart 231-690-2000 info@stuartfamilyorganics.com

KandyLand Dairy, Scottville Michigan
KandyLand Dairy raises dairy goats on a farm in Scottville for the sole purpose of producing milk for cheese and yogurt; you may have seen her at Ludington's local farmers market, KandyLand started with three goats and has now grown into a herd of over 100.

Kandy Potter 231-578-5339 Kandylanddairy@gmail.com

Makers Market of Ludington, Ludington Michigan
The Makers Market is Mason County’s magnet for people who love to create, innovate, get their hands dirty, problem solve and feel proud about what they have accomplished. It is a Makerspace that started in downtown Ludington in February of 2016.

Erica Karmeisool 231-498-4545 director@makersmkt.org

Love Wines, Ludington Michigan
Loves Wines Winery Started in January 2014 and is a family owned and operated winery in downtown Ludington, specializing in unique hand crafted wine, made in the heart of Ludington.

Jana Brockwell 231-852-0094 jana@ludingtonwine.com

LakeFX Media, Ludington Michigan
LakeFX Media is a full service creative agency with a focus on creating cinematic video production. It has been operating the past three years locally and regionally delivering high quality video production and other creative services.

Randy Boerema 231-613-2717 randy@lakefxmedia.com

RELOCATION GUIDE AD SALES AND MEMBER VISITS

The new relocation guide ad sales are about to begin, sales will go through October 5th and the guide will be printed and available for distribution around April of the upcoming year. For information about the Relocation Guide/Membership Directory and its uses or why you should advertise please call for a media kit!

We are also beginning to schedule Chamber Member visits. If you have a specific time available and would like a staff member to visit you to discuss membership, relocation/ member directory information, state of the community, what we can do better or anything you might need from us, as your Chamber, please call us to set an appointment up at 231-645-0324!