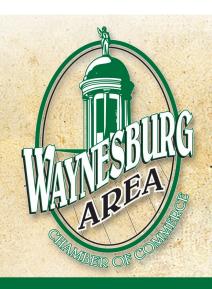
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The Official Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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5th Annual Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Membership

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Thursday, June 15th, 2017 Waynesburg Lions Club Park

5:00 to 7:00

Enjoy a Build your Own Hot Dog & Nacho Bar, Shaved Ice,
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27th Annual Chamber Scholarship Presented

The Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund presented the 27th annual scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500 to Jeromy Mackey of Waynesburg Central High School. In addition, John Frownfelter, owner of PCsquared, donated a fully loaded Lenovo laptop.

Eighteen year old Jeromy plans to attend California University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Secondary English Education this fall. He is the son of Bradley and Kelly Mackey of Waynesburg. He maintained a 4.0 grade point average. Jeromy and his family were special guests at the May General Membership Meeting where he read his winning essay.

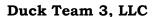
This year, thirty-one applications for the scholarship were received by the Chamber.



Welcome New Members

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By-Laws Change

At the April Board of Directors meeting, a change was made to the by-laws to reflect the new name of the organization. Effective July 1, our new name will be the *Greene County Chamber of Commerce*.

New Name!

Tri-County Patriots for Independent Living (TRIPIL) is now

Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL)

Mark IV is now **W.B. Mason Company Inc.**David & Beth Stoneking
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Beth.stoneking@wbmason.com
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May General Membership Networking Luncheon

The May General Membership Networking Luncheon was held last month at the Benedum Dining Hall at Waynesburg University. Guests were treated to a delicious meal by Aladdin Food Service and a very



informative presentation by our sponsor,

Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency.





Bridget Dennison,
Treasurer of the
20th Century
Club, presents
Chamber
President, Jeff
McCracken with a
\$500 donation to
the Educational
Scholarship Fund.

Thank you 20th Century Club!

Annual Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing was held on May 12th at Rohann's Golf Course. This event is always a great time full of networking, good food, prizes and fun! The weather cooperated as 19 teams participated in this benefit event which helps the Chamber complete its program of work each year. We thank everyone who participated and wish to extend a special thank you to Rohanna's, Back Bay Catering and Aladdin Food Service for all their help. Also thank you to TR Mahle of The Locker Room for the donation of the Steeler golf bag and Buddy Greco of Buddy's for the donation of the Pirate tickets.

We would like to say thank you to our major sponsors:

Skill Prize Sponsor – Lola Energy Snack Station Sponsor – Washington Health System Greene

Luncheon Sponsor – First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County

At the Turn Sponsor – Community Bank Beverage Sponsor – Waynesburg VFW Post #4793 Breakfast Sponsor – State Representative Pam Snyder

Sign Sponsor – Rhodes & Hammers Printing



For a complete list of all donors, teams, players and winners in addition to more photos, please visit the Chamber's Facebook page or website at www.waynesburgchamber.com

Congratulations to our Skill Prize Winners:

Close to Pin Men: Joe Yurio

Close to Pin Women: Laura Grandel Longest Drive Men: Nate Wagers

Longest Drive Women: Morgan Berardi

Longest Putt Men: Jeff Elser

Longest Putt Women: Laura Grandel

Congratulations to our winners!



First Place: Team Mark IV



Second Place: Team Waynesburg VFW Post # 4793



Third Place: Team Waynesburg University



Members in the Spotlight



First Federal Donates House to Redevelopment Authority

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County recently donated a house in Monongahela Township to the Greene County Redevelopment Authority, which plans to renovate the home and offer it for sale.

The 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom house on Duquesne Street in Greensboro had fallen into serious

disrepair, but the hope is for the Redevelopment Authority to fully rehabilitate and sell the home.

"It needs a lot of work, but we're confident we can rehab the house," said Dave Calvario, Redevelopment Authority executive director. "It would make a nice starter home."

Built in 1922, the house was originally part of the coal patch town for Duquesne Light, which operated the nearby Warwick Mine. As the Redevelopment Authority this year continues working on other homes and buildings across



the county, Calvario anticipates the Greensboro home being renovated and ready to be put on the market by late fall.

"We are very thankful to First Federal for donating this house and for being good local stewards and investing in our community," Calvario said. "We hope one day someone can say they're proud to live there."

Since 1924, First Federal has served the residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania through a combination of traditional deposit and loan products and evolving technological convenience. From checking and savings accounts to mortgage and home equity loans, from online bill pay to mobile banking, First Federal of Greene County offers a variety of services to its customers, all while remaining committed to being "The People You Know, The People You Can Trust."

First National Bank Contributes to Washington Health System Foundation

First National Bank (FNB) will contribute a total of \$10,000 to Washington Health System Foundation Greene and WARRIORS ROCK as part of its ongoing commitment to the communities it serves.

The funds provided to the Washington Health System (WHS) Foundation Greene will support the health system's Patient Transportation Program, which subsidizes transportation services for low

-income patients. The 2017 WARRIORS ROCK concert will benefit the Waynesburg American Legion Homeless Veterans Fund.

The donations are part of a special FNB Community Spirit Award recently given to Sheila Stewart, Manager of FNB's Waynesburg Office, in



recognition of her significant efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. Sheila selected the WHS, where she serves as a member of the board, and WARRIORS ROCK, to receive the donations, ensuring the funds will have a direct positive impact on the Greene County area.

Community service is a major component of FNB's culture, and the Bank is proud to recognize and support the

efforts of employees who are making their communities better places to live and work. To learn more about FNB and its community commitment, visit Sheila in the Waynesburg Office at 1 West High Street or visit fnb-online.com.

History of Kesterson-Rush Funeral Home, LLC



The property was originally owned by C.F. Wood and his wife, who sold furniture and performed undertaking. They sold the business to Ralph Scott and James F. Adamson on March 7, 1925. Mr. Scott was a licensed undertaker, although Mr. Adamson was not, he held one-half interest in the business.

After Mr. Scott's death in 1945, the Adamsons and Mrs. Scott operated the funeral home until 1948, when the Adamsons sold their one-half interest of the business to Mrs. Scott, making her the sole owner of the business which operated as Scott Funeral Services until February 9, 1956. She then sold the funeral home to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lantz, operating under the name Robert L. Lantz Funeral Home until Mr. Lantz retired May 1, 1985, when Mr. Carl E. (Gene) Rush purchased the funeral home and property, which operated under the name Rush Funeral Home, Inc.

Mr. Rush is a native of Greene County, having been born in Waynesburg, PA. Gene has been involved in the funeral industry since his discharge from the U.S. Air Force in 1972. From 1972 and while attending Robert Morris College and after graduating from Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1975, he was employed by the former Ferrell Funeral Home in Claysville, PA until 982. On May 1, 1985, he purchased the business from Hulda Jean and the late Robert L. Lantz. After 44 years in the funeral business, 31 of which was spent in the Rogersville community, Gene feels it is time to pursue a different goal, spending more time with the people he loves the most. Gene and his wife Judy, are parents to four adult children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Rush sold the funeral home on April 6, 2016 to Tony and Phylicia Kesterson, a husband and wife funeral director team, with the business now operating as Kesterson-Rush Funeral Home, LLC.

Tony grew up in Hundred, WV and graduated from Hundred High School, Phylicia is a native of Johnstown, PA., and a graduate of Westmont High School. The two met while attending the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science and graduated thereafter.

The Kestersons were married in October of 2011. They have resided in the Pittsburgh area for the last ten years gaining experience and working in funeral homes while owning and operating a mortuary transfer service. Tony has a son, Christopher, who is attending Penn State University and together, Tony and Phylicia have a daughter, Presley, who is 15 months old.

The Kestersons' aim is to keep the long legacy of the funeral home continuing, putting one goal above all else, helping our community members through a very difficult time of their life by offering support and guidance while paying tribute to the most important person, their loved one. "We wanted to take our own ideas and experiences in the funeral industry and start a new journey. It was time for us to own a funeral home," said Phylicia Kesterson, funeral director.

The Kestersons are also very active in their community. Tony and Phylicia said, they have met so many wonderful people at the funeral home and around the area, we truly appreciate the warm welcome we have received from Greene County.

We take pride in offering a variety of funeral options from traditional burial to cremation. Our staff notifies Social Security, files the certified death certificate, assists families of Veterans with Veteran's benefits and arranging full military honors. We are also experienced in handling life insurance and pension benefits. The funeral home offers many financial options for those wishing to pre-plan their funeral. We serve all of Greene County and the surrounding areas and accommodate out-of-state arrangements. Kesterson-Rush Funeral Home, LLC. is available at your convenience to answer any questions you may have.



Welcome to our 2017-2020 Board of Directors!

At the May General Membership Networking Luncheon five new Board of Director members were elected. Welcome to:

Sandy Wilson - Producer's Supply
JoAnne Marshall - Greene County Tourism
Caitlin Carlisle - Farmers Insurance
Alan Laick - Laick Design
Ben McMillen - Ben McMillen Photography

Annual 5th Grade Career Days a Big Hit!

The Chamber recently completed it's annual presentation of the 5th Grade Career Day in Jefferson-Morgan, Waynesburg Central and West Greene Elementary Schools. These events are part of the Chamber's community service program and provides students the opportunity to explore various careers.

A huge thank you to all the presenters who made each career day a success!





Cricket Wireless - Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

The Chamber welcomed Cricket Wireless to the Waynesburg Business Community on May 19th. Cricket Wireless is located at 55 Sugar Run Road, Waynesburg. Check them out for great deals on cellular devices!





\$1,350 in Gift Cards for Back to School Raffle

The Chamber's Fund Raising Committee is selling a raffle ticket for \$1,350 in gift cards for Back to School. Winning number will be taken from the first official 7:00 pm PA Pick 3 Daily Number on Friday, August 4, 2017. Donation is \$10 a ticket. If you would like to purchase a ticket or would be willing to help sell by taking a book of ten tickets, please get in touch with the office. The proceeds from the ticket will help the Chamber continue its program of work.

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Saturday, June 24th

Waynesburg Central High School \$10 Registration 10:00am-12:00pm Awards 3:00pm

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The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce has taken over the organization of the Annual Motor Madness Car Show which had been put together by the Mason-Dixon Crew since 2013. The show is held annually at the Waynesburg Central High School and usually attracts about 100 cars from three states and a good number of local spectators who come to see the show and enjoy the historically famous "Jimmie's Lunch" hot dogs.

The Chamber is seeking members to support this fund raising project by becoming a sponsor and promoting your business in the process. We hope that you will join the fun and excitement of this new event!

All sponsors will receive:

- * Recognition in the Chamber newsletter, on the Chamber eBlast, and our Facebook page
- * Recognition on the Thank You brochure included in each participant registration packet
- * Listing on thank you banner and table signs at the event
- * Recognition by announcements throughout the day

Full Throttle - \$1,000 - SOLD _ THANK YOU TOMMY HOMES!

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- * Customized award to the car of your choice, you attend, pick a winner and present award during the awards ceremony. If you are unable to attend, we will pick a car for you.
- * One free car registration to the event

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Chinese Auction Item

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- * Company name will be announced during the prize drawings

Door Prize Item

* Company name will be announced during the prize drawings

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Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn Event



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Presented by Jim Gaffney of Peak Performance

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