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The Official Newsletter of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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September General Membership Networking Luncheon

Wednesday, September 27th, 2017

Greene County Career & Technology Center

60 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg

11:30 am to 1:00 pm (Lunch served at noon)

\$15 per person

Menu: Greek Salad, Smoked Salmon Fillet with Grilled Pepper Salad, Chicken and Dumplings, Angel Hair Pasta with Feta and Pesto, Char-Broiled Vegetable Kababs with Rosemary and Garlic, Rice Pilaf and Dessert Bar

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The Chamber has Relocated!

With the Chamber's anticipated growth with our recent name change, we needed office space to reflect that growth. We have relocated to the Morrisville Plaza, **3157 Mt. Morris Road #103, Waynesburg PA.**



Thanks for the help with the move!

Wayne Lumber
Greene County Community Service Participants
Mountain State Waste
Wayne Hart
Shawn Negley
Renee & Tom Jones & "Gypsy"—Waynesburg VFW
Janice Blair Martin—Waynesburg Milling
Lauren Stauffer—Ruff Creek Crafts and Antiques
Randy Durr—First Energy
Jeff McCracken—Lifetime Honorary Member
Cassie Teegarden—Individual Member
Mike Katchmark—Waynesburg Borough
Mandi Lawrence

First Women in Business Breakfast a Success!



The first Women in Business Breakfast (WIBB) was held last month at Waynesburg University. The purpose of this event is to encourage aspiring and successful women profession-

als and entrepreneurs in various fields to meet, learn and inspire each other. Our keynote speaker, Laura Ellsworth of Jones Day Law Firm, left guests feeling empowered to expand their leadership potential!

Thank you to our Sponsors! **Platinum**

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Back to School Gift Card Raffle Winner!



Dave Mainer of Waynesburg was the lucky winner of the Chamber's "Back to School Gift Card Raffle". Dave walked away with \$1,350 in gift cards and gift certificates. Dave purchased the winning ticket at the Chamber Golf Outing

Thank you to all of the member businesses who donated towards the ticket:

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Chamber Annual Membership Banquet & DSA Presentation

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet and Presentation of the 2017 Distinguished Service Awards and the inaugural McCracken Legacy Award will be Saturday, October 21st at the Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall.

This event, which is usually in November, has been changed to October due to a change in the Waynesburg University student schedule.

There are still sponsorship opportunities available for your business to contribute to this annual event. Sponsorship levels include:

Event Sponsor - \$2,000

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Presentation Sponsor - \$1,500

Thank you Williams

Invitation Sponsor - \$500

Program Sponsors (more than one available)

Diamond - \$400

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Gold - \$200

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Silver - \$100

Bronze - \$75

We are also accepting items for our Chinese Auction that benefits the Educational Scholarship Fund. If your business would like to be a sponsor, please contact the Chamber office.

Updated Chamber Contact Information

With our recent name change, our contact information also changed. Please use the following to communicate with the Chamber Staff.

Melody Longstreth, Executive Director
melody@greenechamber.org

Michelle King, Membership Services
Coordinator
michelle@greenechamber.org

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www.greenechamber.org

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Greene County Pa Chamber of Commerce

PLEASE NOTE

August General Membership Networking Luncheon

The August General Membership Networking Luncheon was held last month at the Eastview Assembly of God. Guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch by the Hungarian Smokehouse and very informative presentation by our luncheon sponsor, **Mountain State Waste**. During this event we also recognized the 2017 PIAA Class A State Champions, the West Greene Lady Pioneers for their hard work and dedication.



Jason Smith of Mountain State Waste, presented information on the services they provide to businesses.

Thank you Mountain State Waste for being our sponsor!



Congratulations to the West Greene Lady Pioneers Softball team on their State Title!!

Members in the Spotlight

First Federal Donates to United Way's "Stuff a Bus"



Customers and employees of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County recently donated more than a dozen bins and bags worth of school supplies for Greene County United Way's 15th annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign. Supplies from backpacks and lunch boxes to notebooks and crayons, as well as monetary donations, were collected at First Federal of Greene County's Waynesburg, Carmichaels and Mt. Morris offices and at the Waynesburg drive-thru. Supplies and donations were also collected at 20 other sites around Greene County.

Backpacks full of supplies were loaded on a school bus and distributed during the "Stuff the Bus" picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Lions Club Park in Waynesburg. Each student can board the bus and select a backpack during the picnic, which will also feature free food, activities and library books for the children receiving backpacks. This year's "Stuff the Bus" campaign is sponsored by First Federal of Greene County. For more information, call Greene County United Way at 724-852-1009 or dial 211.



Pictured, from L to R., with the collected school supplies are First Federal of Greene County Senior Vice President/Treasurer Chad Moore, employees Chrystal Allison, Lauren Weaver, Jordan Brooks, Ted Brewer and Sandy Wood, President/CEO Judi Goodwin Tanner and Greene County United Way Executive Director Barb Wise.

Doug Wilson Celebrates 25th Anniversary!

This year the Voice of Greene County, Doug Wilson celebrates 25 years with WANB Radio. Doug started his career at WANB shortly after graduating from Waynesburg University just to do the Oldies Show on Sunday evenings. Twenty-five years later, Crazy Dougie Wilson is still entertaining his Greene County audience on Sunday evenings with hits from the 50s and 60s.

To celebrate his 25th Anniversary, friends of Doug, Randy Riggle and Melody Longstreth, planned a roast to recognize Doug's commitment to the radio station and to the community. The Rockin' Roast featured several members and leaders of the community including Randy Riggle, Doug's father, Rev. Donald Wilson, Nate Regotti, Roger Doty, Doug's brother, Tom Wilson, Blair Zimmerman and Melody Longstreth.

The evening was full of fun and laughter! The event raised \$2,500 to be split between the Greene County Historical Society and Greene County United Way.



Civil Air Patrol Hanger Dinner Dance

On August 19, 2017, the Greene County Composite Squadron 606, Civil Air Patrol hosted a 1940's-style Hangar Dance at the Greene County Airport after the Aviation Day activities sponsored by S.O.A.R (Support-Our-Aviation-Resources) organization. The program began by recognizing veterans in the audience from all wars and conflicts. Major Ed Sillasy, Pennsylvania Wing, Civil Air Patrol, Group One Commander, presented a challenge Coin to the oldest veteran, Jean Gusic, who served as a nurse in Japan after the bomb was dropped, and Randy Filkins, the youngest veteran in attendance.

Representative Pam Snyder and Senator Camera Bartolotta participated in the promotion ceremony of Cadet Chase Hixenbaugh who was the first candidate in Squadron 606 to achieve the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receive the Wright Brothers Award which is the first milestone in the cadet program and marks the completion of Phase I of the cadet program Learning Phase. To earn the Wright Brothers Award and the grade of Cadet Staff Sergeant a cadet must complete the promotion eligibility requirements, pass a comprehensive leadership exam, completed the Cadet Physical Fitness Test, participated actively in their squadron and met specific leadership expectations.

Coincidentally, Cadet Hixenbaugh was awarded the Wright Brothers' award on Orville Wright's birthday. A buffet dinner, prepared by the auxiliary of Waynesburg VFW post 4793 was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Followed by the Swingin' Bobcats Big Band providing the musical portion of the evening. Some guests were dressed in era clothing and they danced in the 1940's swing style. Handouts were provided and members of Squadron 606 were available to answer questions about the newly formed Greene County Composite Squadron 606 of the Civil Air patrol.

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a Congregational-chartered federally-supported non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force (USAF). Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer organization with an aviation-minded membership that includes people from all backgrounds, lifestyles, and occupations. It performs three assigned key missions: emergency services (which includes

search and rescue by air and ground) ; aerospace education for youth and the general public; and cadet programs for teenage youth. In addition, Civil Air Patrol has recently been tasked with Homeland Security and courier service missions. Anyone interested in learning more about or joining our local Greene County Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 606, please visit our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/capsq606> or the Civil Air Patrol website at <http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/> . You may obtain more information from any member of Civil Air Patrol or from the Commander, Captain Dave Shaw ta captshaw@squadron606.us or 724 627-8545 or by stopping by VFW Post 4793 any Monday night between 6:30 and 8:30pm.



EQT REC Center Charter Membership Now Available

The EQT Rec Center is opening this fall! Charter Members are now being enrolled. Don't miss this opportunity to join the EQT REC Center with our lowest rates and receive all its great benefits.

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Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation

Business After Hours - First National Bank of PA

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**Business
After Hours**

First National Bank of Pa held a Business After Hours event at their Waynesburg location. Guests enjoyed wine and cheese, networking and had the opportunity to meet Adam Kearns, Vice President & Financial Advisor of FNB Investment Services



Welcome to Waynesburg Billboard



We are happy to be apart of the new Welcome to Waynesburg billboard right off of Route 21 in Waynesburg. Thank you to Baily Insurance and Bee Graphics for making this nice addition to the Waynesburg area and thank you to Lola Energy for the donation of the billboard space for the remainder of the year.

American Pickers to Film in Pennsylvania



Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Pennsylvania! They plan to film episodes of the hit series AMERICAN PICKERS throughout the region in September 2017!

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items.

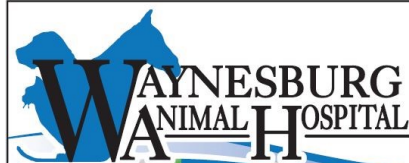
The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

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