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July General Membership Networking Luncheon In conjunction with Rotary Club of Waynesburg

Wednesday, July 25th, 2018

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

\$15 per person

Menu: Chicken Pesto Wrap, Italian Wrap, Tortellini Salad, Veggie Tray with dip,
Homestyle Chips, Berry Cheesecake Parfaits



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5th Annual Motor Madness Car Show

The Chamber of Commerce recently held the 5th Annual Motor Madness Car Show at Waynesburg Central High School. Mother Nature did not cooperate but 45 cars braved the storms and joined us. The event featured “car-tunes” by The Greaser, a Chinese Auction, Door Prizes and the infamous “Jimmie’s Lunch” hot dogs. The event would not be possible each year without the support of our sponsors and donors.

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Best in Show - 1967 Chevy Camaro



Best in Show Veteran Owned - 1966 Ford Mustang

Owner: Frank Smith, Waynesburg, Pa



President’s Choice - 1970 Pontiac GTO



Event Sponsor Choice - 1965 Mack B61

Owner: David Chadderton

June General Membership Networking Luncheon



The June 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, the **ChamberChoice!**



Sheila Stewart and Jeff McCracken officially passing the gavel of the Chamber Presidency



Sharon Thomas, Executive Director of the Wetzel County WV Chamber of Commerce and DeAnn Cummings of White Cap Creative Group and Board of Directors member were guests at a recent luncheon. We have established a reciprocal membership between our Chambers and look forward to developing a working relationship.

2018-2019 Board of Officers Elected



At the June re-organizational Board of Directors meeting new officers were elected. Their term begins July 1, 2018 and will continue through June 30, 2019 Pictured above are:

- Melody Longstreth, Executive Director
- Barb Wise – Individual Member, Vice-President
- Jeff McCracken – Lifetime Honorary Member, Outgoing President
- Sheila Stewart – First National Bank of Pa, Incoming President
- Jeanine Henry – Community Bank, Secretary
- Alan Laick-Laick Design – At Large Member
- Missing is Bettie Stammerjohn-Community Foundation of Greene County, Treasurer



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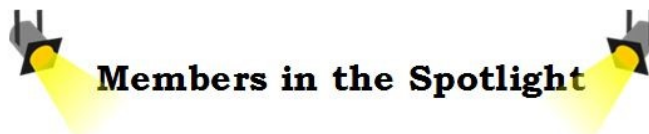
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Back to School Gift Card Raffle Tickets Available

Tickets for the 2018 Back to School Gift Card Raffle are still available! Winning number is taken from the first official 7:00 pm PA Pick 3 Daily Number on Friday, August 3, 2018.

Contact the Chamber office today if you would like to purchase a ticket or sell a book of ten tickets. Thank you to those you donated to the gift card raffle. Thanks to you, we have a **prize package of \$1,850 in gift cards** to give away to one lucky winner!



Members in the Spotlight

TEAM effort brings new shed to Humane Society of Greene County



L to R: Susan Cole, volunteer at Humane Society; Vicki Duvall, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Humane Society; Bill Murphy, Manager, Gas Transmission Operations, Dominion Energy; Patrick Brady and Karic Hughes, students from the Career and Technology; and Larry Franks, instructor from the Greene County Career and Technology Center.

It takes time and money to keep an animal shelter running and operating successfully, and everything done is for the benefit of the homeless and abused animals who reside there.

Thanks to a collaborative effort of several organizations coming together, the Humane Society of Greene County in Waynesburg, Pa., is the recipient of a much-needed storage shed on its shelter property.

"These organizations represented a real team effort to provide a building to replace one inhabited by snakes, mice and insects, and whose walls were crumbling," says Vicki Duvall, Marketing and Communications Coordinator for the Humane Society of Greene County."

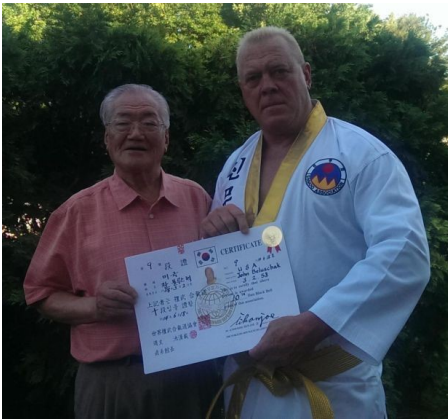
"Everything we do at the shelter takes teamwork, and this is a wonderful, successful example. TEAM to us means that Together, Each Animal Matters!"

The team effort began last September at a Greene County Chamber of Commerce general membership networking luncheon. Representatives of the Humane Society, Greene County Career and Technology Center, Blueprints (formerly Community Action Southwest) with funding from the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and The Challenge Program, Inc., met and discussed the shed project for the very first time.

The effort blossomed from there to receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, which was used to pay for supplies. Blueprints paid students from the Career and Technology Center to build the shed through a Work-Based Learning Experience where students gain work experience. Sherwin-Williams donated the paint.

"We are proud to support the Humane Society of Greene County and its mission of ending animal abuse, abandonment and suffering," says Bill Murphy, Manager, Western Area, Dominion Energy Transmission. "I want to especially thank the students at the Greene County Career and Technology Center for their efforts and outstanding work in building the shed that will be used for many years to come."

Grandmaster John Beluschak Receives Highest Ranking



On June 18, Grandmaster John Beluschak, owner and operator of the American Judo-Hapkido Institutes in Waynesburg and Clairton, was promoted to the rank of 10th Degree Black

Belt, the highest ranking in the Martial Art of Hapkido.

Beluschak was granted this high honor by the founder of Hapkido, Do Ju Nim, Ji, Han Jae. In addition to being awarded the 10th Degree Black Belt, he was also honored with a special Gold Belt in the art.

Beluschak explained that his teacher, Ji, Han Jae had been "hired by Bruce Lee to teach him in preparation for movies. It was actually Bruce Lee's final movie that he did, 'Game of Death,' my teacher and Lee fought each other. He had my master wear a gold belt with a white uniform with gold trim because he awarded him the gold belt, the highest level in martial arts."

In recognition of that, Jin, Han Jae awarded Beluschak the gold belt, along with title of "Sun Sa Nim," which is a Korean title meaning "one who is risen and who is master of masters and teacher of teachers." Ji, Han Jae also appointed Beluschak head of his own style of Martial Art, Sin Moo Yu Sool Kwan, which is a style of martial arts rooted in the traditions of Hapkido

but also draws up Beluschak's background in the art of Judo.

The 10th Degree Black Belt is one of many accomplishments that Beluschak has obtained throughout his martial arts career. He has been involved in martial arts since 1962. He became one of the youngest black belts in the United States when he received his black belt at the age of 15. He has competed in hundreds of tournaments at the local, national, and international level, achieving numerous awards over the years.

Beluschak was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1990 and was later inducted into the World Karate Union Hall of Fame in 1998. His list of accomplishments continued to grow when he was awarded a special commendation at the first annual World Martial Arts Competition in Seoul, South Korea in both 1998 and 2000.

In 2003 and 2005, Beluschak was selected to be Grandmaster of the Year by the U.S. Martial Arts Association. In 2009, Grandmaster Beluschak received the Golden Lifetime Achievement Award from the Action Martial Arts Magazine.

Though Beluschak has achieved many awards and honors, he explained that receiving the 10th degree black belt was one of the greatest honors for him. "The 10th don is the probably the highest honor you could get, the highest rank you have in the art," he said. "This is kind of the ultimate to achieve."

Beluschak also owns and operates the American Judo-Hapkido Institutes, located in Clairton and Waynesburg. The programs offered at the American Judo-Hapkido Institutes aim to improve self-defense skills, while also serving to strengthen stamina, coordination, and confidence. The art of Hapkido is designed teach students a range of physical skills such as kicks, strikes, self-defense moves, control, and throwing maneuvers, in addition to proper breathing and meditation techniques.

Beluschak's latest achievement further establishes his impressively displayed physical skills and discipline. After achieving the highest honor in the art, Grandmaster Beluschak plans to keep the Hapkido traditions alive.

"I don't want it to end on my watch," he explained. It's important to preserve the legacy and its heritage and to pass on what I have learned to my students and see them implement it in their own lives."

- Article by Faith Headlee for the Greene County Messenger



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8:00-8:30 am.....Registration & Breakfast

8:30-9:30 am.....Program

9:30-10:00 am.....Networking Activity

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