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11:30-Networking
Noon-Lunch and Program
At Waynesburg University
51 W. College Street

Cost - \$20/member \$25/non-member

This event is joint meeting with the
Rotary Club of Waynesburg and Miss Rain
Day 2021, Emily Bennett, will be a special
guest.

Register by Wednesday, July 13th
by emailing guest name(s) to
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Lunch will be provided by
Aladdin Food Service and will
consist of Santa Fe Chicken
Wrap, Turkey Bacon Club
Wrap, Roasted Vegetable
Wrap, Pasta Salad, Flash Fried
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Reservations made must be paid for unless cancelled 48 hours in advance.

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2022 Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, & players as well as Carmichael's Golf Course, Back Bay Catering, & Waynesburg Giant Eagle for a great 2022 Annual Golf Outing! It was a beautiful day!



2022 Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing



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Welcome Our New Board Members & Elected Officers!

At the Greene County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting in June, we welcomed our newly elected Board Members for the 2022-2025 term.

Bridget Vilenica - Hilltop Packs Coffee Company

Kathy McClure - Eva K Bowlby Public Library

Darton McIntire - Baily Agency

Thank you to our outgoing Board Members:

Mark Krupa - Greene County Career & Technology Center

Elizabeth Menhart - First Federal Savings & Loan

Janice Blair Martin - Waynesburg Milling Company

Sheila Stewart - First National Bank -*Immediate Past President

We also elected our new board officers

President - Casey Durdines - EQT

Vice-President - Darton McIntire - Baily Agency

Secretary - MaChal Forbes - Greene County United Way

Treasurer - Kathy McClure - Eva K. Bowlby Library

At Large - Jenn Ross - Individual Member

Immediate Past President - Janice Blair-Martin - Waynesburg Milling Company



Ground Breaking for Centerville Clinic

Our new Vice President, Darton McIntire, representing the chamber at Centerville Clinic ground breaking with Marianne Gideon, Retired Director Primary Care Satellite Offices, Medical Records, and Privacy Offices.



IN THE NEWS

Waynesburg named a College of Distinction for Seventh Time

Waynesburg University has been recognized as a 2022-23 College of Distinction for its commitment to helping undergraduate students learn, grow and succeed, marking the seventh consecutive year for the honor. The University was also named a Pennsylvania College of Distinction and a Christian College of Distinction.

Colleges of Distinction's selection process includes a sequence of in-depth research and detailed interviews with schools, all of which must adhere to the Four Distinctions - Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community and Successful Outcomes. According to Colleges of Distinction, these principles are informed by high-impact practices to prioritize the ways that institutions enable students to have a fulfilling, individualized college experience both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to the overall undergraduate recognitions, Colleges of Distinction also presented Waynesburg with special recognition in the areas of Business, Education and Nursing. Waynesburg's business administration program prides itself on providing students a practical experience from knowledgeable faculty, invaluable internships and hands-on learning centered on steadfast business practices. Likewise, the education program offers unique learning experiences that balances strong educational content with in-classroom opportunities that begin as early as a student's freshman year. Waynesburg's nursing program has consistently been ranked regionally and nationally for value and academic excellence. The program's high academic standards and early clinical opportunities are among the program's advantages, including the state-of-the-art simulation laboratory.

For more information about Waynesburg University's rankings and awards, visit waynesburg.edu/value.

Waynesburg U.'s Entrepreneurial Leadership Program recognized nationally as a "Rising Star"

Waynesburg University's Entrepreneurial Leadership Program was recently presented with the Rising Star Award for Excellence in Curriculum Innovation in Entrepreneurship at the 11th Annual Deshpande Symposium. A formal reception was held at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Mindy Walls, Director of the University's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program and the W. Robert Stover Chair for Entrepreneurial Leadership, accepted the award. Recipients of the Excellence in Curriculum Innovation in Entrepreneurship Award are recognized for their demonstration of and commitment to innovative educational courses and/or programs that promote institution-wide entrepreneurship education. Cognizant of the criteria of the award, Walls felt one particular Waynesburg course, Plastics to Progress, aligned with its purpose, and submitted a nomination.

Co-created and taught by Walls and six faculty members comprised of Waynesburg's Entrepreneurial Leadership Faculty Fellows, the Plastics to Progress course provided students with an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving while serving the community's need for plastic recycling. Over the duration of the fall semester, students studied plastic waste issues using plastics accessible across campus and generated ideas for how to repurpose it. Launched in 2018, the mission of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at Waynesburg University is to provide students across all majors with the educational framework to instill an entrepreneurial mindset. Through the use of cross-disciplinary coursework, students from various disciplines with an interest in entrepreneurial leadership are able to develop that mindset through problem-solving skills transferable to any profession.

For more information on the University's Entrepreneurial Leadership Program, visit Waynesburg.edu/EL.



Member in the Spotlight

CARE CANDLE COMPANY

Care
Candle
Company

Hi there- we are Kelcee and Jordan Rupert, owners and operators at Care Candle Company. This is the story of how our business came to be!

In March of 2020, the world shut down due to the global Covid-19 pandemic and the military was called into action to protect and serve those who had been impacted by the virus.

Jordan served in a reservist unit in a military combative hospital and was sent into mobilization status to be deployed 4 days after being notified.

With 4 days notice, there were lots of emotions and areas of life that needed to be figured out and arranged. But one thing was certain- our family was not the only one being impacted and others involved needed love and encouragement.

With that in mind, we wanted to be able to make care packages that would encourage those deployed. So our business came about to make candles in order to sponsor care packages for military personnel to let them know we love and support them, and are also praying for them.



STAND ALONE HRAs: A FIT FOR YOUR GROUP?

Regulations passed in 2019 permit employers regardless of size to offer an individual coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA) as an alternative to offering a traditional health insurance plan. The versatility of an ICHRA, employees can utilize pre-tax dollars to purchase health care coverage or pay for qualified medical expenses, such as out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and coinsurance.

Although an ICHRA is available for groups of any size, it's up to each employer to determine if the ICHRA presents a strategy that will work for their particular circumstances and benefit objectives. Over the first two years of its existence, these programs have become increasingly popular as an alternative to the traditional, direct contribution model.

An employee who elects to participate in an ICHRA offered through their employer must enroll (along with any covered dependents) in either individual health care coverage (through the Marketplace or through a private plan) or in Medicare Parts A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance) or Part C (Medicare Advantage). Short term plans and limited benefit programs like dental or vision do not fulfill these coverage requirements.

It is necessary that coverage in one of the required programs start by the time the employee's individual ICHRA begins. And if the employee and any dependents are already enrolled in individual health insurance coverage at the time their ICHRA becomes effective, there's no need to change that coverage. Likewise, if someone is already enrolled in Medicare Part A, Part B or Part C, their enrollment will satisfy the ICHRA requirement.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at greene.mybenefitadvisor.com or contact Mike Galardini at (800) 377-3539.

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Open House for The Cherry Door

Be sure not to miss the Open House for The Cherry Door on Friday, July 22 as we celebrate our new management in this vital, Greene County business. Kiln to Table is catering lunch from 11:00 am to 2:00 in the borough parking lot just across the street. Operating under our new general manager, Sally Johnson, along with hospital auxiliary personnel and volunteers from The Way, Waynesburg's newest outreach program, all sponsored by GCMH Foundation. Come and check it out!

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS...

IN THE 2022-2023 COMMUNITY & BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



Don't miss out on this opportunity to promote your company in the Chamber's most valuable publication. 600 copies are distributed to Chamber members, new member businesses and the general public. The publication serves as a member directory and a "Welcome to Greene County" that showcases what Greene County has to offer. This full-color, high gloss directory is the "go-to" tool on your desk, providing you with the names, numbers, email and websites for all of the Chamber's 350+ member businesses.

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2022 Calendar of Events

Mark your
calendars!

Wednesday, July 13th - Women's Leadership Conference, Valley View Farm
Wednesday, July 20th - Business Connections Luncheon, Waynesburg University
Saturday, August 20th - Greene County Day at the Wild Things Ball Park Washington
Thursday, August 25th - Business After Hours, Thistlethwaite Vineyard
Wednesday, August 31st - Coffee & Commerce, Hill Top Packs Coffee Company
Thursday, September 8th - Lunch & Learn, Community Foundation
Wednesday, September 28th - Business Connections Luncheon, TBD
Thursday, October 6th - Lunch & Learn, Community Foundation
Friday, October 14th - Women in Business Breakfast, The Denny House
Thursday, October 27th - Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation, Valley View Farm
Thursday, November 10th - Business After Hours, Hampton Inn Waynesburg
Saturday, November 26th - Small Business Saturday
Saturday, December 3rd - Downtown Christmas Parade

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Questions? Call or email us!
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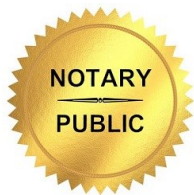
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- Make a Difference in your Community

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