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# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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*To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.*

## JUNE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

THURSDAY, JUNE 18th

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### GREENE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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#### SET GOALS

*The Expo is a useful marketing tool to help your company achieve its goals. You can reach your goals by effectively targeting your prospects and marketing your Expo participation to them.*

**Thursday, September 17th**  
**First Assembly of God**

## New Member Benefit Unveiled!

### On-Line Open House Features Member Business of the Week

Visit [www.waynesburgchamber.com](http://www.waynesburgchamber.com) and click on On-Line Open House to check out the newest addition to your member benefits package. This new member benefit is for all members of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Just send us 10-15 photos in a landscape format that features your business, services and employees. Be sure to include at least one photo of the front of your business. You may include captions for each photo if you wish (up to 95 characters per caption). Also send along a few paragraphs, around 500 words or so, on your business. We will prepare your On-Line Open House and feature one each week in the order that they are received.

In addition, each featured member will also receive a request for members to visit their On-Line Open House in the weekly Eblast and on the home page of the website. Plus your On-Line Open house page will remain in the archives as long as your membership remains active and there will be links to your

On-Line Open House from both the Membership Listing and Member Service Listing sections on the website.

If you need us to stop and visit with you to take the photos and put together the text for you, please let us know. We will be happy to stop by. Don't miss this opportunity to advertise your business for FREE to fellow chamber members and all visitors to the chamber website! This is your membership working for you – take a few moments to help us promote your business!





## New Representatives

**Christie Schnelbach**  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Christie.schnelbach@lls.org

## New Address

The University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center has moved to the County Office Building at 93 East High Street, in Room 220.

## Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun!

On June 22nd, join fellow chamber members for Waynesburg Chamber Day at the Washington Wild Things for a picnic and ball game. And if that date does not work for you, use the form on the Chamber website to order tickets for any game this season and the Wild Things will upgrade your seats AND donate \$2 per ticket to the Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund!



Greene County Day at Kennywood Park is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th. Tickets will be available in May. Plan to join your fellow Greene countians for a fun filled day at our hometown amusement park – Kennywood!

Two ways to SAVE this summer and have FUN at the same time!

## New Emails

Studio R – mystudior@windstream.net

## The Frame-Up & Gallery

is pleased to announce the addition of their website

[www.theframeupandgallery.com](http://www.theframeupandgallery.com)

At your convenience, visit us on-line and check out the latest in custom framing.

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## First Summer Lunch and Learn Deadline Approaching

JUNE 25th

### Handling Conflict and Confrontation

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

Presented by: Lisa Petro, Human Resources – Southwest Regional Medical Center

Location: Southwest Regional Medical Center, Guesman Room

Speaker Sponsored by: Southwest Regional Medical Center

Luncheon Menu: Wrap, Wedding Soup, Parfaits and Beverage

Luncheon Sponsored by: Southwest Regional Medical Center

Reservation Deadline: June 18th, call 724-627-5926 to reserve your spot now

The Chamber is hosting a Summertime "Lunch and Learn" series. This will provide an opportunity for some employee training without the expense of an all day conference or seminar. The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m and will include lunch for the participants. The fee to enroll is \$30 per session and is open to the first 30 registrations as seating is limited. To register, please contact the chamber office at 724-627-5926 or [waynesburgchamber@windstream.net](mailto:waynesburgchamber@windstream.net)

JULY 23rd

### Marketing Tactics During Tough Times

Presented by: Tina Kreuzer, Marketing Consultant, Creative Mindset

Location: Stryker's Grill

Speaker Sponsored by: Chuck's Collision Service

Luncheon Sponsor: Available

Reservation Deadline: July 16th

AUGUST 27th

### Building Resiliency: How to Thrive in Times of Change

Presented by: Suzanne Patterson-Huffman, Owner, Foxfire Communications and Director of Training and Development at EDMC

Speaker Sponsor: Yingling Insurance

Location: CRED Building, Waynesburg University

Luncheon Sponsor: Waynesburg University Center for Research and Development  
Reservation Deadline: August 20th

A sponsor is being sought for the luncheon on July 23rd. If you are interested in showcasing your business at the start of the presentation and having your company name attached to this event, please contact the Chamber office.

## New Members

### Moore's Hot Dogs

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## Career Day 2009

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Waynesburg Central Elementary School PTA, sponsored the annual Career Day for 5th grade students. The event took place on May 15th for the entire fifth grade class. Twelve presenters took part in this annual event and shared their career fields with the students. The students rotated through the fifth-grade classrooms and learned about different career paths that may be open to them. The event is held annually for the fifth grade as the finale of an introduction to careers. This year, 152 students participated. Thank you to the following:

Timothy Logan, Logan Law Office

Jerry Tom, Allegheny Power

Alan Laick, Laick Design

Jammie Gencil, EMS Southwest

Dr. Jennifer Behm, Waynesburg Animal Hospital

Chief Timothy Hawfield,

Waynesburg Borough Police

Beverly Kelley, National City Bank, now a part of PNC

Rodney Burns, Pennsylvania Game Commission

Tim Hroblak & Tim Seighman, Cumberland Resources

Greg Hopkins, Arena Football Player

Max Loughman, U.S. Airways

Doug Wilson, WANB Radio





## Members in the Spotlight



### Southwest Regional Medical Center Awarded Accreditation From the Joint Commission

By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety, Southwest Regional Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Southwest Regional occurred in March.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," says Mark Pelletier, R.N., M.S., executive director, Hospital Programs, Accreditation and Certification Services, The Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Southwest Regional is focusing on the most challenging goal—to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Cindy Cowie, CEO spoke of her pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by The Joint Commission. "Our staff appreciated the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors. This Accreditation is a true validation of several years of very hard work and our dedication to providing quality care. It validates where we are and how far we have come to get here."

In addition to the hospital accreditation, the hospital's home health agency, Southwestern Home Care, also received accreditation. "All the staff at Southwestern Home Care should be proud of this accomplishment," continued Cowie. "The seal of approval further demonstrates the quality of care they are offering our community."

### POCKETSIZE PRODUCTIONS

Pocketsize Productions is the name chosen to represent potter Becky David's studio. Becky works primarily in clay and combinations of mixed media. She studied painting and drawing at Edinboro University and holds a Bachelors Degree in Art and Business Administration from Waynesburg University.

The Business provides the following services:

- \*Private art lessons/tutoring
- \* Small group workshops
- \*Photography of 3 dimensional artworks
- \*Off site demonstrations and workshops

For more information visit  
[www.pocketsizeproductions.com](http://www.pocketsizeproductions.com)

### SHAFFER'S FABRICATING

Shaffer's Fabricating Inc is a custom fabricating and mine repair shop that was established in 1983 by the owner Bill Shaffer, Sr. Before that Bill was a master mechanic at the Bobtown Shannopin Coal Mine. The company started as a one truck one employee operation. Today it has grown into a very successful business. The current location is in Masontown, PA but, we are looking to expand into a larger facility in Greene County. Shaffer's specializes in fabricating, welding and repair work for the mining, recycling and steel industries. Building such things as rail-cars, conveyors, drives and repairing surface and underground mining equipment. We have also built 10 glass recycling plants across the country. Shaffer's Fabricating is always open to new customers in the Greene County area so please feel free to call the shop with any questions. The number at the Shop is 724-583-2833 and ask for Bill Shaffer, Jr.

### WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY University Graduates Over 600 Students, Dedicates Fitness Center

Waynesburg University recently held its annual commencement exercises honoring approximately 615 graduates. The Honorable Cheryl L. Allen, Superior Court of Pennsylvania judge, delivered the address, "Character, Conviction and Commitment."

Waynesburg University awarded the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology degree, the Master of Arts in Teaching degree, the Master of Business Administration degree, the Master of Education degree, the Master of Science in Nursing degree, the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Bachelor of Science degree, the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, the Associate of Science in Allied Health degree, and the Associate of Science in Business Administration degree.

Prior to commencement exercises, retired chaplain Colonel Alvin "Sonny" Moore delivered the baccalaureate address, "Your Credo," to graduates and their parents.

In addition to honoring its graduates, the University celebrated the dedication of the Fitness Center on Saturday, May 16. The Fitness Center officially opened on Friday, February 6, and offers students, faculty and staff, an additional 16,000 square feet and a variety of new cardio and strength-training machines. The new facility houses locker rooms for athletes and additional locker rooms for students, faculty and staff. The Fitness Center is accessible from the Rudy Marisa Fieldhouse.

## 19th Annual Scholarship Awarded



*Lucy Northrop, President of the Chamber and Connie Grimes, Chair of the Scholarship Committee present Danielle Bihun with the 2009 Chamber Scholarship. Also pictured is her mother, Debbie Throckmorton.*

Connie Grimes, Chair of the Educational Scholarship Fund of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that the 19th annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to Danielle Bihun of Waynesburg Central High School. Eighteen year old Danielle plans to attend Waynesburg University to pursue a degree in Special Education this fall. She is the daughter of Deborah Throckmorton of Waynesburg, Pa. and a 2009 graduate of Waynesburg Central High School where she maintained a 3.08 grade point average.

This scholarship, the nineteenth for the Chamber, is presented each year to a Greene County senior who plans to attend a college or trade school. The 2009 scholarship was awarded based on grade point average and a 500 word essay on "How I Plan to Use My Education to Make a Difference in My Life and My Community". The students community involvement and school activities are reviewed in the case of a tie. Danielle and her family were special guests of the Chamber at the May General Membership Meeting of Chamber members where she read her winning essay.

This year, thirty-three applications for the scholarship were received by the Chamber of Commerce. The committee had a difficult task of selecting one winner from the qualified field. The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all who participated in the process and those donors who have contributed to the fund during the past year.

Gary & Sherry Winn, parents of recipient, Austin Winn  
Austin Winn - recipient  
Haddie Roberts - recipient  
Brian Hunnell - recipient  
Pat & Joe Walko, parents of recipient, Sarah Walko  
Patti Jo Jaiyeola - recipient  
Southwestern Pennsylvania Eye Center  
Donors and participants in the 2008 Chinese Auction held at the Annual Banquet



# 2009 Golf Outing

The annual Golf Outing was held in May at Rohanna's Golf Course. This event was a great time full of networking, good food, prizes and fun! The weather was beautiful and the rains held off. This year 24 teams participated in the Chamber's largest fund raiser which helps us keep the doors open. A huge thank you goes to Washington Greene Job Training Agency for once again being our Event Sponsor!



Thanks to our Event Sponsor - Washington Greene Job Training Agency

## 1st Place - \$300

Greene County Primary Care - 16 under

## 2nd Place - 200

Behm Funeral Homes

## 3rd Place

4-Pirate Tickets and Parking Pass Compliments of Charlie Riggs

Greene County Education Center of Westmoreland County Community College

## Last Place - Special Gift

The Fashion Shop

## Skill Prizes - \$50

from Pennsylvania Services Corp.

Longest Drive Men - Matt Eller from Dale Property Services Penn

Longest Drive Women - Amy Diamond from Greene County Primary Care

Longest Putt Men - Whittaker Potts from Dale Property Services Penn

Longest Putt Women - Barb Barchiesi from Keystone Mountaineer Power Systems, Inc.

Close to Pin Men - Jeff Nobili of Washington-Greene Job Training Agency

Close to Pin Women - Becky Salosky from Keystone Mountaineer Power Systems

Cash Hole on #5 - Kevin Pincavitch from Greene County Primary Care

Cash Hole on #17 - Jim Diamond from Greene County Primary Care

Putting Contest - Compliments of Diamond Y Enterprises - "Scotty Cameron Putter - \$150 Value" - Barry Gansor from Greene County Primary Care

Each golfer received a Pewter Putting Cup, compliments of the Chamber of Commerce

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### Teams

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### Event Committee

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Randy Rohanna - Rohanna's

Restaurant & Golf Course

Mike Baily - Baily Insurance, Inc., Coldwell Banker

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Nichole Virgili - Rolling Meadows Care, Inc

Miles Baker - First Federal Savings & Loan

Sheila Stewart - First National Bank of Pa.

Alan Laick - Laick Designs

Barb Wise - R.J. Lee Group, Inc.

### Volunteers

Angelo Naccarato

Waynesburg University Student

Kim Grimes

National City, now a part of PNC

Heidi Szuminsky

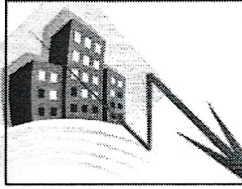
Waynesburg University

Lindsey Longstreth

2008 Greene County Fair Queen

Elissa McCracken - 2008 Miss Rain Day





**Question:**  
Due to a business downturn, I need to lay people off and I am not sure what financial or legal implications impact my decision. What do I need to consider?

**Answer:**  
The employee's eligibility for unemployment, health insurance continuation, rehire and vacation payout are just a few of the financial and legal implications involved with laying employees off. Employers would be wise to consult with professionals to mitigate risk of financial hardship or lawsuit.

**CPR** Core People Resources  
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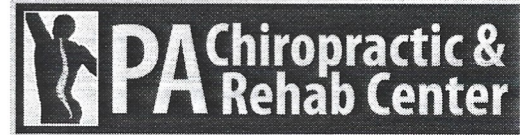


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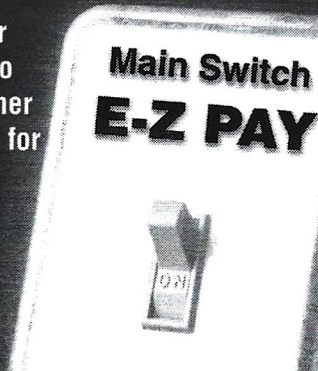
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