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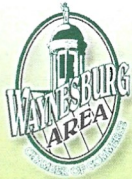
The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE GREENE COUNTY BUSINESS 2 BUSINESS SOCIAL

In an effort to better serve our members and respond to your valuable feedback, we have decided to make some exciting changes to the annual Greene County Business Expo. After much consideration and planning, we have given the Expo a significant facelift, retooling its focus and renaming it the "Greene County Business 2 Business Social." As the new name suggests, this event will cater to our business community's needs, fostering networking and helping you establish mutually-beneficial connections and partnerships in a casual setting.

ADMISSION

Advance tickets cost \$25 for Chamber members
\$30 for prospective members
\$35 for anyone at the door

Each attendee will receive a complimentary glass of wine from Thistlethwaite Vineyards, and Back Bay Catering will be serving light hors d'oeuvres. A cash wine bar will be available. Bring your business cards!



JOIN US!

Looking to attend this event? Call the Chamber office at 724-627-5926 to reserve your spot today!

LOCATION

Interstate 79 to the Waynesburg Exit
East on Route 21
Turn onto Progress Drive
Follow to the Readiness Center

OCTOBER 13, 2016
4:30 – 6:30 P.M.



PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER
EVERGREENE TECHNOLOGY PARK
500 EVERGREENE DRIVE – WAYNESBURG, PA 15370

RSVP BY TUESDAY
OCTOBER 11TH

9TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Monday, October 31st

8:30-9:30 judging on the Courthouse Steps – Awards presented at noon

Co-sponsored by the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Waynesburg Borough

Best Individual will be awarded \$100 and a trophy. 2nd and 3rd will be awarded \$50 and a medal. Best Group will be awarded \$100 and a trophy. 2nd and 3rd will be awarded \$50 and a medal. Most Original will awarded \$100 and the Custom Carved Pumpkin.

All pre-registered participants will receive a treat bag filled with goodies compliments of First Federal Savings & Loan. Awards and prizes donated by: Ken and Caitlin Carlisle's Famers Insurance, Baily Insurance, Rhodes & Hammers Printing, McCracken Pharmacy, PCsquared, Mark IV Office Supply, Laick Design and Community Bank. Trophy Sponsor – Lisa Brown Allstate Insurance. Pumpkin Sponsor – Brian Tennant. Pumpkin Carvers, Amanda Stauffer and Jennifer Stauffer.

St. Ann's Women's Guild will be hosting a lunch and bake sale on the courthouse steps featuring: cabbage and noodles, sloppy joes, vegetable pizza, kielbasa and sauerkraut and a variety of homemade desserts.

Members in the Spotlight

Northwood Gives Back to Humane Society



Northwood Realty Services in Waynesburg recently “gave back” to the Humane Society of Greene County. Keith Herrington and Brittany Herrington-Tubbs of Northwood’s Herrington Group, present Humane Society volunteer Vicki Duvall, Humane Society Board Member, with a check for \$2,547 which represents Northwood’s listing commission on a recent home sale.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Offers Business Solutions

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) which is located in Washington, Pennsylvania and covers Greene, Fayette and Washington Counties. OVR has business services that are available to all companies in the region. In addition, these services are open to all business/employers in the Commonwealth at any of our 15 OVR offices. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Business Services offers business solutions and consultation services which can help employers recruit and hire qualified employees, develop employee retention strategies and learn about disability-related issues. Today’s dynamic workforce is increasingly diverse. Employers must compete for highly skilled workers with the talents necessary to help their business grow and to be globally competitive. Many employers are looking to alternative labor market resources for more workforce options.

Employers benefit from the following no-cost OVR Business Solutions are:

- * On-the-Job Training reimbursement of wages
- * Tax credits, Federal Bonding
- * Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consultation. Sensitivity and disability etiquette training
- * Pre-screened candidates who have the appropriate skills, abilities, training and qualifications to perform essential job duties. This service is provided through our Business Services Representatives and Counselors
- * Consultation services to help retain current employees with disabilities

EQT Foundation Awards Waynesburg University \$20,000 Grant

Waynesburg University recently received a \$20,000 grant from the EQT Foundation to fund the Waynesburg University Urban Forest and Walking Trail project. “The EQT Foundation is pleased to partner with Waynesburg on the development of this natural resource for both the University and the community at-large,” said Charlene Petrelli, EQT Foundation President. “EQT is committed to developing natural gas responsibly in order to protect the environment and preserve the area’s natural beauty. This trail will create an inviting space on campus that will educate our region’s students, and connect them with the environment in a way they haven’t experienced on campus before.” The Waynesburg University Urban Forest and Walking Trail consists of approximately 2 square miles, including 1.5 miles of walking trails and wooded areas that will be preserved for student research and environmental restoration. “The Waynesburg University Urban Forest and Walking Trail will provide educational opportunities for University students, K-12 students in the borough and community members to have a place to enjoy nature while learning about natural species and restored ecosystems,” said Dr. Janet Paladino, assistant professor of biology. Funds from the grant will help provide an outdoor classroom; construction of a foot bridge along the walking trail; the clearing of invasive species, undesirable vegetation and debris; signage for the development of a 0.5 mile interpretative trail; walking trail improvements and additions; bird feeders; additional native trees and vegetation; and student internships. The University’s goal is for the forest and walking trail area to be a place for students to learn, research and spend time with nature, while also offering the greater Waynesburg community the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate nature in an urban setting. “This project provides a chance for the University and the community to work together to create a valuable resource for both educational and recreational opportunities in a forest ecosystem,” said Paladino.

New Name

On October 1st, Golden Living Waynesburg became Waynesburg Healthcare and Rehabilitation.

New Representative

First Assembly of God – Jim Galbraith, Lead Pastor
pastorjimfirstag@gmail.com

ChamberChoice Business Insurance Program



Does your business insurance earn dividends? Ours does! ChamberChoice has partnered with Penn National Insurance to offer affordable business insurance featuring enhanced coverages, plus the opportunity to earn a dividend. In fact, we just returned over \$500,000 to ChamberChoice-affiliated chamber members for the first program year. Find out how you can benefit from this program by calling our local member agency – The Baily Agency at 724-627-6121

Upcoming Events! Hope to See You There!

October 13th – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Greene County Business 2 Business Social
National Guard Readiness Center, EverGreene Technology Park
Call Chamber office for tickets 724-627-5926

October 25th – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Business After Hours and Ribbon Cutting
Kesterson-Rush Funeral Home, 3275 East Roy Furman
Highway, Rogersville

October 27th 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Lunch-n-Learn – “Are you ready?...AED, CPR, First Aid
Training”

Presented by Ken Carlisle, Certified Trainer
Foundation Room, 108 East High Street, Waynesburg
*\$15 registration fee – boxed lunch provided
RSVP by 10/25*

November 10th 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch-n-Learn – “Digital Branding”
Presented by Petrina Supler – Soups Marketing
Foundation Room, 108 East High Street, Waynesburg
*\$15 registration fee – boxed lunch provided
RSVP by 11/7*

November 19th – beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet
Benedum Dining Hall on the Waynesburg University Campus
Invitations will be mailed soon! Event sponsored by EQT

December 3rd – 2:00 p.m.

Annual Downtown Christmas Parade
Applications are now available by calling the Chamber office
at 724-627-5926
Event sponsored by First Energy Foundation

Pioneer Grocery Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Ken and Caitlin Carlisle, the new owners of Pioneer Grocery in Rogersville.

Cruise Planners Business After Hours



Guests enjoyed some tasty treats from ports around the world, compliments of Cruise Planners at their recent Business After Hours.

Milestone Awards



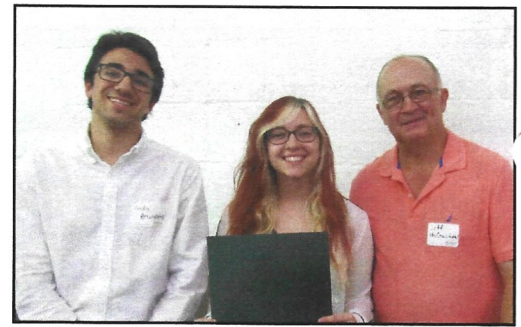
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September General Membership Networking Luncheon

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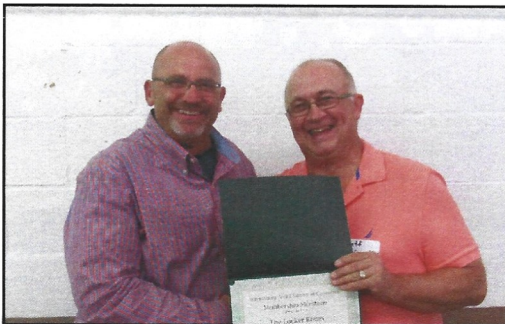
Waynesburg University
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Lippencott Alpacas
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American Cancer Society East
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The Locker Room
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First Assembly of God of Waynesburg
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