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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.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016

First Assembly of God Church of Waynesburg in Eastview
4131 West Roy Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Lunch served at noon,
networking before and after lunch

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Bettie Stammerjohn, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Greene County

MENU

Honey Glazed Chicken, Green Beans, Whipped Potatoes, Garden Salad, Chocolate-Caramel Turtle Cake, Water, Sweet Tea and Lemonade.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, February 20th • 724-627-5926 or info@waynesburgchamber.com • Cost Per person \$15



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Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

@ Noon

Community Foundation of Greene County's Meeting Room
106 E. High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370

Registration Fee (includes boxed lunch):

\$15 Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Member or Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency Member
\$25 Non-Members

RSVP by Friday, February 12, 2016

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WHY BEING ONLINE IS IMPORTANT



97% of consumers look online for local goods and services.¹



4 out of 5 consumers use search engines to find local information nearby.²



37% of businesses have claimed a local business listing on a search engine.³

1. BIA/Kelsey, Use View Wave VIII, March 2012
2. Google/Spencer Stuart, Understanding Consumers: Local Search Behavior, May 2014
3. MarketingSherpa, 2012 Search Marketing Benchmark Report - SEO Edition, June 2011

2016 Polar Bear Challenge at Nemaocolin Woodlands Set for March 4th



Once again the Waynesburg Chamber members will face off against members from the Fayette Chamber in the 2016 Polar Bear Challenge at Nemaocolin Woodlands on Friday, March 5th. The event will feature moral lifting, team building events such as Snow Disc Golf, Snow Tube Bowling, Minute to Win It Games and a Bowling Tournament. Teams of four will compete for bragging rights and prizes. The day will include a box lunch at Horizon Point followed by the competitions and end with a buffet and prize ceremony. See the brochure included in this newsletter for more details.

This is the sixth year for the county to county challenge and we hope to come away a winner! "Polly" the Polar Bear and the Gold Medal last came home to Greene County in 2014 so we want to bring her back in 2016!

New Member Emails

SOAR of Greene County – soarofgreenecounty@gmail.com

Logan Law Office – tlogan@loganlawoffice.com

Barton's Auto Wrecking – bryanmiller135@comcast.net

Milinovich & Company, Inc. – tom@milinovichria.com

Bonnie Belles Country Store – tondajwilliams@live.com

American Legion – James Farrell Post #330 –

jameslfarrell330@gmail.com

Pennsylvania Coal Alliance – frances@pacoalalliance.com

New Member Websites

Bob's Chem Dry – www.bobschemdrypa.com

Greater Waynesburg Christian Outreach –

www.facebook.com/GreaterWaynesburgChristianOutreach

Milinovich & Company, Inc. – www.milinovichria.com

Corner Cupboard Food Bank – www.cornercupboard.org

American Legion – James Farrell Post #330 –

jameslfarrell@facebook.com

Pennsylvania Coal Alliance – www.betterwithcoal.com

Welcome New Members

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Jason White, President

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Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grants

Keystone Historic Preservation Project Grants are available to qualified nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development of historic resources, including but not limited to:

- Historic buildings surveys
- Historic preservation plans
- Design guidelines
- Feasibility studies
- Historic resource revitalization plans
- Preparation of plans to help communities develop preservation ordinances and/or Certified Local Government certification.
- Archaeological surveys
- National Register nominations
- Historic structure reports

Project Grant projects may apply for up to \$25,000. All projects require a dollar-for-dollar cash match with a minimum application of \$5,000. Full grant program guidelines and application instructions may be found at: <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx>

Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants are available to qualified nonprofit and public agencies that own or support publicly accessible historic property, property listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Applicants may apply for up to \$100,000. All projects require a dollar-for-dollar cash match with a minimum application of \$5,000. Projects must meet applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and projects must be for historic properties either listed in the National Register of Historic Places or have been determined eligible for listing in the National Register by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PASHPO).

Full grant program guidelines and application instructions may be found at: <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Construction-Projects.aspx#.VqfG2qEo6Uk>

Please note: If grant applications apply to properties that have not been evaluated for National Register eligibility within the past five years this determination must be made prior to the grant application. This can be a lengthy process. For more information on the eligibility determination process, look here: <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/National-Register/Pages/Process.aspx#.VqfHWKEo6Uk>.

A link to the E-Grant application and associated forms may be found here: <http://phmc.egrant.org/>

For more specific information about the Keystone Historic Preservation Program grants, please call Karen Arnold, Program Manager at 717-783-9927 or kaarnold@pa.gov.

He's Alive! 2016



Heaven Bound Ministries will once again be presenting the acclaimed Easter musical 'passion play', HE'S ALIVE!, at the grand Capitol Theatre, Main Street, Wheeling, WV this upcoming Palm Sunday weekend, March 18, 19, & 20. The Friday and Saturday evening performances of March 18 and March 19 will begin at 7:30 PM and the Palm Sunday matinee, March 20, will begin at 3:30 PM. The doors for each of the FREE performances will open one hour prior to the performance times. Seating is on a first come, first seated basis. No reservations are needed.

HE'S ALIVE! has been a part of the Ohio Valley's Easter Season celebration since 1996. This live Christian theatre production involves over 200 cast and crew from around the tri-state area, who volunteer their time and talents to 'bringing the scriptures to life' on the stage of the beautiful Capitol Theatre. In 2015, nearly 6000 people were welcomed into the theatre to "watch the greatest story ever told" (that of the life, death and mighty resurrection of Jesus Christ) come to life on the stage.

One of the most common comments received by the viewing audience is that "the presentation is so very real. The cast is always so close to us and we feel as though we are stepping back into Biblical times. We feel like we are walking with Jesus and His disciples! It's just perfect!" Heaven Bound Ministries' Board Members are thrilled with those comments. "We strive for that genuine sense of closeness with Jesus Christ for our audience and for ourselves", say the Board members. "And we do strive for perfection because we serve a mighty God who loves us just the way we are and He makes us perfect!"

HE'S ALIVE! is produced and directed by Heaven Bound Ministries, Inc., a non-profit, non-denominational organization devoted to the sole purpose of spreading the Word of God through Christian entertainment via music, drama, humor and the spoken word. Heaven Bound Ministries is governed by a Board of Directors. For more information about Heaven Bound Ministries or the HE'S ALIVE! inspiring musical drama, call 304-232-6122, 304-233-4470 or 724-883-2241 or go online to heavenboundministriesinc.org or 'LIKE' us on Facebook at Heaven Bound Ministries and He's Alive, Twitter at [HesAlive_HBM](https://twitter.com/HesAlive_HBM) and Instagram at [hesaliveheavenbound](https://www.instagram.com/hesaliveheavenbound).

Welcome New Representatives

Roberta King, Administrative Supervisor
Specialty Herbal Products

Shawnie Avery, Community Manager
Bridge Street Commons

Besty Frances, Manager, Membership & Administration
Pennsylvania Coal Alliance

Michele Deems, Adjutant – American Legion
James Farrell Post #330

Bob Dugan, President – Greene County Country Club

Chamber Chatter Newsletter Ad Slots Open For 2016

It is that time of year again when we renew our annual newsletter ads in the “Chamber Chatter” and accept new ones. The Annual ad rates for remain the same at \$300 for all of 2016, while the distribution has increased drastically over last year at this time. You will get the hard copy distribution to current members, new members, potential members and visitors to the office, PLUS, distribution electronically to nearly 600 addresses on our mailing list. In addition, the newsletter will be posted to our website each month, allowing visitors to our site to also see your ad. All ads will be in full color and you may change it as many times throughout the year as you'd like. If you would like to take advantage of this great advertising opportunity, please contact the office.

Join A Committee!

Do you want to know an easy way to make your membership work for you? Join a committee! Chamber committees will place you with other business leaders in the area that you may not have gotten an opportunity to meet. Our committees are fun and always provide you with time to network with one another and of course, eat! Most committees meet during the lunch hour in the Chamber office. Committee members serve as sounding boards for one another as the committee and Chamber staff plan each event. The staff executes the ideas and committee members help during the actual event. So your time commitment is limited but you get unlimited opportunities to expand your contacts. Don't hesitate, join today!

Our committees include:

- Golf Outing
- Marketing/Membership
- Scholarship
- Long Range Planning
- Christmas Parade
- Summer Membership Picnic
- Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon
- Annual Membership Banquet and Distinguished Service Awards
- By-Laws and Polices
- Greene County Business Expo
- Fund Raising

Share a little of your time and talents and get a lot in return! If you have questions or would like to join any of these committees please call the office at 724-627-5926 or email melody@waynesburgchamber.com

Member in the Spotlight

Waynesburg University and Central Greene Build Mutually Beneficial Partnership

Waynesburg University and the Central Greene School District (CGSD) have established a mutually beneficial partnership, through which University students begin gaining real-world experience as early as their freshman year while supporting CGSD kindergarten teachers with larger-than-normal enrollment.

The partnership, which began four years ago, has enabled Waynesburg students to gain valuable field experience and has helped CGSD support the class sizes and needs of their students with no additional cost to the district.

In return, Central Greene faculty and administration have made themselves available to facilitate mock interviews and offer various training and professional development sessions for Waynesburg students. Staff members from Waynesburg's Department of Education have also offered their service to the district's literacy and strategic planning teams.

Waynesburg students have been afforded a substantial amount of hands-on learning from Central Greene's mentors who have engaged them in classroom activity from the first day. Students also participate in Central Greene's teacher training and professional development sessions throughout the school year.

The partnership has grown from nine student teachers at the kindergarten level to 47 student teachers kindergarten through 12th grade. Waynesburg University also supports field experiences in school districts throughout Greene, Washington and Fayette counties.

Applications Being Accepted For 2016 PFEW Program

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week is now accepting applications for its 2016 program. If you know of any Chamber members who have students who are currently sophomores or juniors in high school, please encourage them to APPLY NOW!

To learn more about PFEW, visit their website at www.pfew.org or contact their offices at (814) 833-9576.

Interested in mentoring your own group of students or making it possible for a student to attend? Contact Karen Musante at karen@pfew.org



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