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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.

2015 Polar Bear Battles

A beautiful blue sky greeted fourteen teams of four who participated in the 2015 Polar Bear Battle at Nemaconlin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pa recently. The 5th Annual Battle occurred between teams representing the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce and the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. "Team Olympics" consisted of Snow Golf, Snowball Toss, Giant Puzzle, "Wordles" and Bowling.

Five teams participated from Greene County representing First Federal Savings & Loan, The Baily Agency, The Special Events Commission, The Observer Reporter and The Chamber of Commerce. Team names and themes are quite common and our teams stepped up with "The Fearsome Foursome", "Total Liabilities", "The Rain Makers", "The Bad News Bears" and "Charlie's Chamber Angels".

As always, lots of laughter and great stories will be what teams take away from the event. But two of Greene County's teams came home with a little more. The "Bad News Bears" from the Observer Reporter captured the Silver medals and "Total Liabilities" from the Baily Agency brought home the Bronze medals. "Charlie's Chamber Angels" and the "Greene County Fearsome Foursome" from First Federal Savings and Loan rounded out the top five overall teams and the "Rain Makers" from the Special Events Commission brought home the "Monkey on Your Back" award for last place.

For a look at more of the wonderful photos and memories of the day, please visit the Chamber website or Facebook page.



"Bad News Bears" from the Observer-Reporter who took the Silver Medal



"Total Liabilities" from Baily Agency who took the Bronze Medal.



"Greene County Fearsome Foursome" from First Federal Savings & Loan

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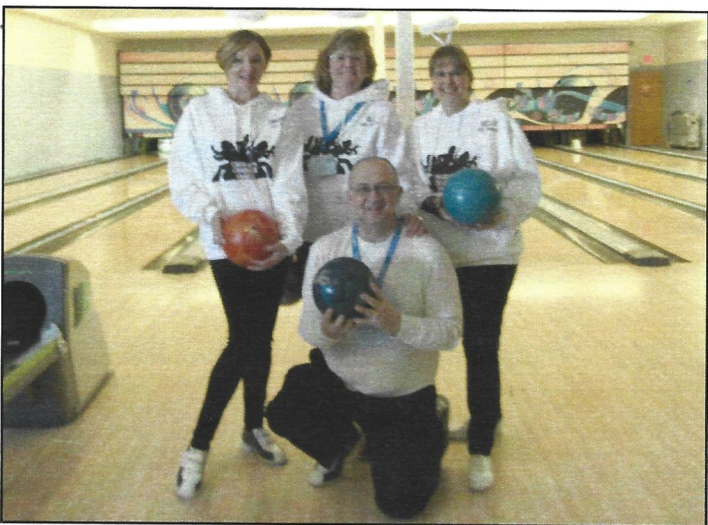
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"Rain Makers" from the Special Events Commission



"Charlie's Chamber Angels" from the Chamber Office

Welcome New Representatives

Donald Mangel, Business Service Representative – Office of Vocational Rehab - dmangel@pa.gov - 724-223-4430ext. 225

Emily Ronan, Adult Day Director – Senior Care Greene - eronan@seniorcaregreene.com - 724-852-2273

Crystal Simmons, Manager – Greene County Industrial Development Authority - csimmons@greencountyida.org - 724-627-9259

Aaron Boylan, Assistant General Manager – Bob Evans Restaurant

Candice Wentling, Sales Manager – Culligan Water Conditioning - Candice.wentling@culliganwater.com

Jody DePaul, General Manger – Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

Dr. Stephen Priscias, Director – Fayette Institute of Commerce and Technology - drp@fict.com

February Networking Luncheon

The sixty-two guests who attended the February General Membership Networking Luncheon were treated to a delicious lunch catered by Trisha's Treats. The event was sponsored by EQT. Speakers included Kelly Hunt, District Director from the Small Business Administration who presented their "Emerging Leaders" program available for Greene County Business owners. This program is new to the Pittsburgh area and free to those who participate; Michael Galardini from ChamberChoice who discussed the changes to the ChamberChoice product line in light of the changes in healthcare coverages in America. A special guest was present, Miss Rain Day 2014, Morgan Voithofer of Carmichaels who filled everyone in on what her reign as been like so far.



The door prize was two autographed copies of the new pictorial history book of Waynesburg, "Images of America – Waynesburg", donated by Glenn Toothman and Candice Buchanan who wrote and compiled the book. The prizes were won by Donna Bussey of the Hidden Treasures Store and Rachell Kamenos of Amedisys Home Health & Hospice.

Check out our Facebook page or website for more photos.



Administrative Professional's Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22nd

11:30am to 1:30pm

First Baptist Church, Waynesburg

\$20 per person

Guests will enjoy a Milk Chocolate Fountain,
a served luncheon, Chinese auction, door
prizes and shopping at multiple vendors

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**R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 17th, • Seating is
limited to the first 100 reservations**

To reserve your seats, call 724-627-5926

Graysville Elementary Career Day



The Chamber recently was invited to expand its Career Day program into the West Greene School District. On February 27th, chamber members and staff presented the program to the 4th and 5th grade classes at Graysville Elementary. Career Day is part of the Chamber's community service program and provides students the opportunity to explore various careers. The students vote for their most favorite presenters and this year top honors in the program will be announced at the May Networking Luncheon. Professionals taking part as presenters included: Max Loughman-SOAR of Greene County, Dr. Robin Archer-Cat Nip Acres, John Lampe-W. Sell Trucking Corporation, Officer Marcus Simms-Waynesburg Borough Police, Emily Bryan-Southwest Regional Medical Center, Renee Kiger-EMS Southwest, Steve Barrett-Greene County Messenger and Katie Horr-First Federal Savings and Loan.



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Members in the Spotlight

HEAVEN BOUND MINISTRIES



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 27, 28 & 29. The Friday and Saturday evening performances will begin at 7:30 PM and the Palm Sunday matinee, will begin at 3:30 PM. The doors for each of the FREE performances will open one hour before the performance times. Seating is on a first come, first seated basis. No reservations are needed.

This year a Charter Bus Service for the Friday and Sunday performances will be available. The Friday night bus will be departing from the Mr. Morris Gospel Tabernacle at 5:00 PM with a stop in Waynesburg at the Big Lots parking lot at approximately 5:30 PM, then on to the Capitol Theatre. The Sunday bus will be departing from the Big Lots parking lot in Waynesburg at 1:00 PM. The fee for either one of the charter bus services is \$15.00. Payment in advance is required for either trip. Contact Mrs. Carlyn Grimes at 724-499-5755 for information and reservation.

This live Christian theatre production involves over 200 cast and crew, hailing from around the tri-state area, who volunteer their time and talents in 'bringing the scriptures to life' on the stage of the beautiful Capitol Theatre. In 2014, 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". 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 five member Board of Directors, Doris Estep, Rick Headlee, Brenda Hetzel, Michael Hooper and Jeannie Pierce Waychoff. 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 our Facebook at Heaven Bound Ministries and He's Alive.

JERRY LEE'S EMPORIUM



Jerry Lee's Emporium is a new store at 1650 East High Street in Waynesburg. The store is mainly focused on work clothes, but also includes a selection of glasses and music. Owner Jerry Lee Edwards has an extremely interesting past. He started out his career in the 1980s in the music industry producing shows with Dale Shannon, Gary Puckett, The Impressions, Ramsey Lewis, and Survivor, among others.

Eventually, he got out of the music business and into selling mining clothes in West Virginia. He ended up making a name for himself by selling a mix of gently-used and new mining clothes at less than half the retail price. When the mines started shutting down there he wanted to follow where the miners went, which led him to Waynesburg.

It is important to note that the work clothing Jerry Lee sells is not just for people in the oil and gas industry, but includes regular work clothes for mechanics, carpenters, loggers, welders, and other similar professions. He even mentioned that he found motorcyclists actually like to wear the overalls and bibs while biking for the visibility the reflective stripes on the clothing provide them.

Some examples of clothing items he has available are men's sweatshirts for \$12, jeans for around \$25 and women's and

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men's work shirts and pants for \$15. One of the more expensive items he has is a pair of insulated pipeline bibs, which retail at \$400, for \$250.

As mentioned before, the Emporium also sells music and glasses. There is a wide variety of genres of music available from the past several decades, looking through the record titles is a walk down memory lane. As for the selection of sunglasses, Jerry Lee is from the Virgin Islands and began selling sunglasses there and has now expanded that to include reading glasses and safety glasses.

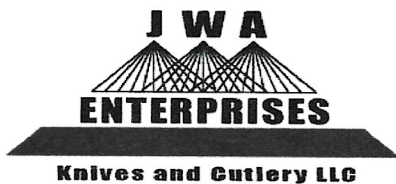
Jerry Lee's Emporium is the only store in the area selling used work clothing on a regular basis. The store has no other employees, but is currently looking for a seamstress. Even if you do not work in one of the fields mentioned above, take a few minutes and stop in to Jerry Lee's Emporium and take a look around, what he has to offer may surprise you!

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\$2,500 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for the 25th Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May. In celebration of the 25th Anniversary, the winner will also receive a Laptop compliments of PCsquared in Waynesburg. The scholarship program is open to any Greene County student who will be a graduating senior in 2015.

The Chamber urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a College or Technical School as an incoming freshman this Fall and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better while in high school to apply for this scholarship. Applicants will be required to write an essay on "How do you plan to use your education to make a difference in your life and your community". Applicants must also furnish a listing of their school activities and local community involvement that will be used in the event of a tie. Applications are available at each County High School and the Greene County Career and Technical Center or can be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 724-627-5926. A copy may also be printed directly from the Chamber website at www.waynesburgchamber.com

Completed applications must be submitted by 4:00pm on Monday, April 15th. The winner will be announced in May and the Scholarship Award presented at the Chamber's monthly General Membership Luncheon on May 27th.

New Emails & Websites

Mt. Morris Pharmacy – mtmorrisrx@gmail.com – Ramona Mills

Harry's Paving – harrispaving@hpeprint.com – Betty Boswell

Greater Christian Outreach – Ashley.gwco@gmail.com – Ashley Beaman

Greene County Historical Society – Eben Williams - gchsmuseum@greencountyhistory.com www.greencountyhistory.com

Southwest Training Services – lneil@swtraining.org – Lisa Neil

Jefferson Baptist Church – jeffersonbaptist@hotmail.com – John Rich Dorean

Washington County Builders Association – cjones@wcbbuilders.org

On The Move

Washington County Council on Economic Development has relocated their offices to 273 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301

Stapp Law Office has returned to 64 North Richhill Street, Waynesburg, Pa 15370

K Daniels Custom Graphics has relocated to 1006 East Greene Street, Waynesburg, Pa 15370

Current Sponsorship Opportunities

Don't miss the opportunity to put your company name in front of your fellow Chamber members and their employees at these upcoming events.

Annual Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon – Wednesday, April 22nd First Baptist Church

Platinum Sponsor\$500
Includes **Four** luncheon reservations, napkins for the event featuring your logo, company name listed on event program, name on sponsor display sign at the event, logo on the Chamber newsletter, website and Facebook page. Only one is available

Gold Sponsor\$300
Includes **Two** luncheon reservations, company name listed on event program, name on Sponsor display sign at the event and listing in the Chamber newsletter, website and Facebook page.

Silver Sponsor\$100
Includes **One** luncheon reservation, company name listed on event program, name on sponsor display sign at the event and listing in the Chamber newsletter, website and Facebook page

Bronze Sponsor\$50
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Annual Chamber Golf Outing - Friday, May 1st Rohanna's Golf Course

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Green Sponsors\$100
Includes a sign on the Green with your company name on both sides.

Cart Sponsors.....\$50.00
Includes a sign on the Cart with your company name.

Chinese Auction Contributors

Donate an item of your choice for the Chinese Auction drawings.

Please call the office to reserve your spot. 724-627-5926

Save The Date

April

8 - Board of Directors Meeting
22 - Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon

May

1 - Annual Chamber Golf Outing - Rohanna's
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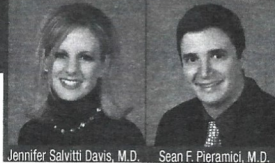


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