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at the

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Friday, April 25th, 2014 • 11:30am to 1:30pm

First Baptist Church, Waynesburg

\$20 per person

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Our featured guest speakers will be:

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Annual Chamber Golf Outing – May 2nd at Rohannas



“Get in the Swing of Things!”

Reserve your spot now for a foursome or a sponsorship. This event, one of the Chamber’s largest, always sells out fast. In this newsletter is the event brochure which gives you all the details.

New Representatives

Welcome to Nancy Moore of D. Moore & Son Monuments, LLC! You can reach Nancy at nannyclc@hotmail.com or Todd at todd.moore@mooremonument.com

Welcome to Mr. David Cressey, President of the Cornerstone Genealogical Society. You can reach David at cgs123@windstream.net

Welcome to Brian Chelednik, Community Manager of Bridge Street Commons. You can reach Brian at bridgestreet@srcare.org

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May 22 2014
Presented by Alan Laick of Laick Design

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Thursday, May 22nd, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Waynesburg University
Center for Research and Development (CRED) Building, Room 104
Cost: \$25 for Chamber Member Businesses; \$35 for Non-Member Businesses
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First Career Day held at Jefferson Morgan Elementary

The Chamber recently held the first Career Day at Jefferson-Morgan Elementary after an invitation was accepted to expand the program into their district. Career Day is one of the Chamber's Community Service Projects and was very well received by teachers and students at Jefferson Morgan. Ten career presenters, representing seven member businesses spent the morning telling students about their careers and answering questions. The 60 students participating learned about banking, newspaper writing, law enforcement, veterinarian services, nursing, hair care and oilfield services. Member businesses participating were: Autumn Woods Hair Care Studio, First Federal Savings & Loan, Greene County Messenger, Southwest Regional Medical Center, Strad Oil Field Services, Waynesburg Animal Hospital and Waynesburg Borough Police.



Mark Your Calendar!

April 14 – Educational Scholarship Deadline – 4pm – Chamber office

April 24 – Peebles Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting – 9am – Next to Tractor Supply

April 25 – Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful's "Merchant's Roundtable" – 7:30am – CRED Building, Waynesburg University – RSVP to 724-627-8119

April 25 – Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon – 11:30am to 1:30pm – First Baptist Church

May 2 – Annual Members Golf Outing – 8:30am – Rohanna's Golf Course

May 8 – Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours – Ruff Creek Crafts and B&B Beads

May 9 – Waynesburg Central Elementary 5th Grade Career Day

May 22 – Facebook for Business Seminar – 9am to Noon – CRED Building, Waynesburg University

May 28 – Spring General Membership Networking Luncheon – 11:30am – Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

May 28 – Presentation of the 24th Annual Educational Scholarship – 11:30am Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

June 26 – Annual Membership Summer Picnic – 4:30 to 6:30 – Lions Club Park Jaycees Pavillion

June 26 – New Member Orientation – 4:00 – Lions Club Park Jaycees Pavillion

July 1 – Greene County Day at Kennywood Park

July 25 – Waynesburg Chamber Night at Consol Energy Park

September 24 – Fall General Membership Networking Luncheon – 11:30am Pennsylvania National Guard Readiness Center

October 16 – Greene County Business Expo – Pennsylvania National Guard Readiness Center

October 31 – Halloween Spooktacular – in conjunction with Waynesburg Borough – Courthouse Steps

November 22 – Annual Membership Banquet and presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards – 6:00pm – Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

December 6 – Annual Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade – 2pm

For more information or to make a reservation at any of these events, please contact the Chamber office at 724-627-5926 or info@waynesburgchamber.com

Animal Hospital to Provide Free Vet Care for New Service Dogs Training Program at SCI Greene



Five, yellow Labrador retrievers recently arrived at the State Correctional Institution in Greene County. They came to the maximum security facility to begin their training, not to become guard dogs but to become service dogs; those who are capable of assisting people who have physical disabilities. Their arrival marked the beginning of a partnership with SCI-Greene, Canine Partners for Life and the Waynesburg Animal Hospital. The program at SCI-Greene could not have been possible without the participation of Waynesburg Animal Hospital. The hospital has agreed to provide free veterinary services to the dogs during their stay. The puppies' trainers will be inmates who were selected for the program. At a brief ceremony to kick off the program, the inmates were introduced and expressed their gratitude for being given this opportunity. The puppies will live in the inmates' cells 24/7 and will be taught basic obedience skills by the inmate. After completing a year of training, they will return to Canine Partners for Life for more advanced training aimed at meeting their future owners specific needs. The dogs will be taught to assist with such tasks as opening a door, turning on a light switch or helping a person get dressed. CPL, formed in 1989, places 20-30 dogs a year with people with physical disabilities or medical conditions include multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spinal injuries and heart disease.

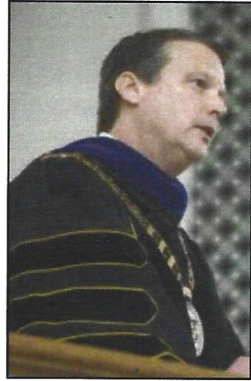
\$1,500 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The Chamber is reminding area seniors that the application deadline for the 24th Annual Chamber Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 is 4:00pm on Monday, April 14th. The scholarship is open to any Greene County student who will be graduating senior in 2014. 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 are urged to apply for this scholarship. Applicants will be required to furnish a listing of their school activities and local community involvement and must write an essay. Applications are available in the Chamber office at 143 East High Street and at each County High School as well as the Greene County Career and Technology Center. Applications can also be obtained by calling the office at 724 627-5926 or downloaded from the website at www.waynesburgchamber.com

Members in the Spotlight

University Inaugurates 15th President

Waynesburg University recently celebrated the inauguration of its 15th president, Douglas G. Lee with a multi-day event centering around a formal installation. The day also marked the University's 165th year and the 164th anniversary of its charter by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Lee's inaugural address focused on the University's founding principles as well as its current state. New President Lee asserted his confidence that the University's students, faculty, staff and alumni make an impact in the lives of others through service, describing one of the aims of a Waynesburg University education as "developing students with the personal integrity that comes when the connections between faith, learning and service are so many and so intertwined that a life's purpose is not mere existence but transformational. Mark Fox, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, conducted the investiture of Lee prior to the President's inaugural address. He described Lee as "a man of great faith who embodies the very characteristics the University strives to instill within its students", and noted that Lee is a servant leader who leads by putting others first. Chancellor Timothy R. Thyreen presented the University's great Chain of Office to Lee, which is the symbol of the high office Lee now holds.



LESLIE FEHLING WATERCOLORS

Leslie Fehling is a watercolor artist based in Prosperity. She specializes in illustrated sketchbook journaling and offers a wide range of freelance services. Her work has been included in several area art exhibits. "I sell originals and *giclée* prints of my work, both in local galleries and online," Fehling said. "I basically paint what I want to, but I also do a lot of freelance work, the most popular being pet portraits and



house portraits. I've done a lot of work for Greene County Tourism with postcards and Christmas cards. I also illustrate children's books." Fehling, originally a seamstress and designer who ran her own drapery business, decided recently to commit herself to watercolor art fulltime. "For 13 years, from 2001-2014, I owned a drapery business," she said. "I designed and fabricated custom draperies, slip covers, and other home furnishings. But I've decided



to close that down, and now I'm a fulltime water color artist and teacher. It's a big change, but I was transitioning into it because I've been doing my artwork for the last six years or so. In 2013 I decided it was time to take the plunge and do what I really love doing." Fehling has her own website, www.lesliefehling.com, from which one can view her past work, contact her for commissions, or inquire about taking watercolor and sketching classes with her. "Teaching has been incredibly rewarding," she said. "It's so gratifying to see my students learn and grow; their creativity is such an inspiration to me. One of my students recently told me, 'I really do look at the world differently now, since I've taken this class.' That's just music to my ears." *By Sandor Adam Mecs, Waynesburg University*

WCCC receives \$50,000 gift from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to help link healthcare professions' students to employers



Dan Onorato presents a \$50,000 grant from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to WCCC President Daniel J. Obara to fund a health professions career coach to link Westmoreland County Community College allied health and nursing students to regional employers.

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and Westmoreland County Community College have announced a major gift by the health insurance provider that will expand the college's workforce development strategy to connect WCCC health professions' students with employers. WCCC serves Westmoreland, Greene, Fayette and Indiana counties and enrolls approximately 1,600 students in the Clinical Laboratory Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nursing and Radiology Technology associate degree programs; Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting diploma programs; and Expanded Functions Dental Assisting, Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Phlebotomy/Specimen Processing certificate programs. The grant will fund a career coach who will guide health professions' students (continued next page)

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through the job search process, providing them with updated and relevant information on employment opportunities and track their progress during the job placement process. The health professions' career coach will also assist pre-college and current WCCC students with identifying potential healthcare careers and determining the appropriate educational path to achieve their career goals. Through networking with employers, the career coach will direct students to jobs they may have no knowledge of or did not feel were options due to their lack of understanding of position requirements. The college's goal is to increase by three percent the job placement rate of WCCC health professions students within 12 months of graduation.

American Red Cross Opens Office in Partnership With Greene County United Way



Greene County United Way recently welcomed the American Red Cross to their new offices at 748 East High Street. The new headquarters is located in the same building with the United Way. A ribbon cutting and open house recently showcased the many services that the Red Cross provide to the community. Representatives from both organizations along with local dignitaries were present as the ribbon was snipped. In addition to the well known services to families of disasters, the Red Cross provides preparedness training for individuals and organizations to help communities prepare for disaster. Various programs were showcased at the Open House such as "Touch and Truck", which gave an opportunity to view the vehicles used by the Red Cross. The Greene County Humane Society was present showing a mock pet shelter. For more information on the American Red Cross and its programs or to become a volunteer, please call 412-263-3100 or www.redcross.org



Physician Offering Two Cardiology Procedures



Michael Brown, MD is now performing two new procedures at Southwest Regional Medical Center. The first is venous ablation, a procedure used to treat venous insufficiency and the second is pacemaker insertion. Both procedures will be available at the SRMC Cardiovascular Care Center.

Venous ablation is a minimally invasive outpatient treatment uses to treat venous insufficiency. The procedure is performed using ultrasound guidance and is often covered by insurance plans. Venous insufficiency often causes varicose veins. The condition is caused by damage to the veins and valves, which leads to improper blood flow to the legs. The result is often blue, sometimes bulging, veins. Patients may also experience swelling in the lower leg and ankle, dull pain, restless legs and, in the most severe cases, ulcers. Chronic venous disorders of the legs are quite common. Varicose veins affect one out of two people age 50 and older, and 20 to 25 percent of all adults. Varicose veins can be caused by many factors including age, genetics, leg injury, lifestyle, occupation, obesity or prolonged sitting.

The second procedure is pacemaker insertion. Pacemaker insertion is recommended by doctors for a number of reasons. The most common reasons are bradycardia and heart block. Bradycardia is a slower than normal heartbeat, while heart block is a problem with the heart's electrical system. Placing a pacemaker requires minor surgery. Follow up services for pacemakers are also offered

The SRMC Cardiovascular Care Center also offers enhanced diagnostic and treatment capabilities to aid in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Cardiology services encompass stress testing, complete pacemaker insertion and follow-up, coronary CT angiograms, holter monitor application and analysis, EKGs, stress echo testing, echocardiograms, venous ablation, carotid dopplers, arterial dopplers and venous dopplers.

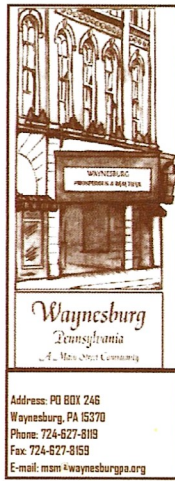
Anyone who would like to learn more about these procedures can call 724-627-2605.

Happy First Birthday to the Hampton Inn





"Polly" is hiding among the Chamber Board members. Can you find her? Who knows where she will show up next.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DOWNTOWN DIALOGUE

Friday April 25, 2014
7:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Networking
7:45 AM-8:45 AM Program
Waynesburg University: Center For Research and Economic Development

Come to the next downtown dialogue to hear more about upcoming events and programs in Waynesburg. The discussion will include:

- The "Buy Local, Buy Greene" Campaign
- The 2014 Sheep and Fiber Festival
- The 2014 Farmers Market Season
- The Summer Open House

Please RSVP at 724-627-8119 or email msm@waynesburgpa.org by Wednesday April 23, 2014
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