

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.

Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce's

11th Annual Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon

Wednesday, April 22th, 2015 • 11:30am to 1:30pm

First Baptist Church, Waynesburg

\$20 per person

Platinum Event Sponsor:



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Enjoy a Milk Chocolate Fountain with marshmallows, pretzels,
Strawberries and pineapple

Shop displays of jewelry, gift items, cosmetics, home décor, candles,
kitchen items, and much, much more! Chinese Auction & Door Prizes

A served lunch, prepared by "Trish Green, Owner of "Trisha's Treats"
consisting of Toasted Pecan Chicken with Maple Bourbon Sauce,
Asiago Smashed Redskins, Carrots with Dill Butter and Garden
Salad with Sweet Vinaigrette. Rolls, ice tea, water and coffee.

For dessert, Ooey Goey Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel Sauce

Our featured guest speaker will be:

Mrs. Lynn Mancuso-Manning who will present: "Really??!!"

Honor your staff!

Surprise your most valuable employee or your entire staff with the
"2015 Outstanding Staff" Award

For an additional \$5 per person, you can honor your employee with a
special certificate and sweet treat. All recipients will be photographed
and included on a special section of the Chamber website.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 17th, 2015

Seating is limited to the first 100 reservations

To reserve your seats, call 724-627-5926 or
email info@waynesburgchamber.com



**Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
April 25th at 11:00 a.m.**

Come and join the staff of the Mt. Morris Pharmacy as they host their Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, April 25th at 11am.

Greene County Sherriff's Office K-9 Unit, Humane Society of Greene County, Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Bake Sale, Firetruck, Bounce House, Meet and Greet with the "Snow Queen" and lots more!

Enter to win a Kindle Fire and a Fit Bit, plus lots of other prizes.

Located at 120 Locust Avenue, Mt. Morris, PA

\$2,500 Chamber of Commerce 25th Annual Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce is reminding area seniors that the application deadline for the 25th Annual Chamber Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 is 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015.

This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. The scholarship program is open to any Greene County student who will be graduating senior in 2015. In honor of the 25th anniversary, the scholarship amount has been increased to \$2,500 and the winner will also receive a laptop, courtesy of Pcsquared and a custom backpack from the Greene County United Way.

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.

Applications are available in the Chamber of Commerce 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 Chamber of Commerce office at 724 627-5926 or downloaded from the Chamber website at www.waynesburgchamber.com

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

Annual Chamber Golf Outing – May 1st at Rohannas *"Get in the Swing of Things!"*

Thank you to our sponsor:



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.

Bonnie Belles Country Store Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting



The Chamber recently welcomed Bonnie Belles Country Store as a new Waynesburg Business. Congratulations to owner Tonda Williams, on the opening of this beautiful Country Primitive Shop located at 68 West High Street in Waynesburg. Be sure to stop by and find the next perfect addition to your home décor. For more information call the shop at 724-852-2662 or by email at bonniebelles-2@hotmail.com

BONNIE BELLES COUNTRY STORE

New Chamber Representatives

Welcome to.....

Jeanine Henry, Vice President,
Loan Administration for Community Bank

Krystle Smith – Director of Operations
Amedisys Home Health & Hospice

Steve Reese – Vice President
Bastian Homes

Dr. Stephen Priselac – Director
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Second Annual Career Day Held at Jefferson Morgan Elementary



The Chamber recently held the second annual Career Day at Jefferson-Morgan Elementary. Career Day is one of the Chamber's Community Service Projects and was very well received by teachers and students at Jefferson Morgan. Fifteen career presenters, representing twelve different career fields spent the morning telling students about their careers and answering questions. Members participating were: Waynesburg Borough Police, Southwest Regional Medical Center, Greene County Career & Technology Center, S.O.A.R. of Greene County, First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County, EMS Southwest and Alpha Natural Resources.



Members in the Spotlight



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We are happy to bring this business to Greene County and the surrounding area and excited to be further involved in the community.

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Padgett Business Services



Ami Cree has been the owner of Padgett Business Services since June 2002. To better serve the community, a Carmichaels office was opened in 2013 and the Waynesburg office was completely remodeled this fall! Both are IRS approved to e-file.

Padgett prepares income tax returns for individuals and business returns for sole proprietors, partnerships, corporations, farms and non-profits. Padgett provides financial reporting and tax consulting services, payroll services, preparation and filing of payroll taxes, estimated taxes, and sales tax. Ami has experience with the issues and opportunities associated with

the gas industry and is helpful in calculating estimated tax on gas leases, royalty and right of way payments.

Ami Cree, a 1989 graduate of Bethlehem-Center High School, earned both her Master's and Bachelor's Degrees from Waynesburg College. Prior to opening Padgett, Ami worked at Ellis and Everard for eight years where she was promoted from accounts payable administrator to accounting manager to assistant controller. She taught numerous evening classes at Westmoreland County Community College. Ami resides in Khedive with her husband Bill, a third generation dairy farmer, and their three children, Al, Beth and Ani. Ami enjoys volunteering at school activities and coaching soccer. Her business proudly sponsors numerous Greene County events.

Toby Whipkey, a 1991 graduate of West Greene High School, earned her Associate's Degree in Executive Office Administration from Penn Commercial. Toby has worked at Padgett for over a year and currently manages the administrative functions from the Waynesburg office. She handles payroll, bookkeeping and bank reconciliations for some clients and is a Registered Tax Return Preparer. Previously, Toby served Washington Federal for twelve years as a Senior Loan Processor in Residential Lending and as a Senior Loan Closer. Toby resides in West Greene with her husband Jim, owner of Scotty's Pizza, and their two children, London and Pieper.

Charlotte McMillan, a 1967 graduate of Canon McMillan High School, has lived with her husband, William, in Greene County for 29 years. Together they operated a small business, Railroad Repair, from 1999 to 2004. Charlotte was employed by Catholic Charities as a Secretary for fifteen years, and also volunteered for the Greene County Food Bank for 15 years. She is a Registered Tax Return Preparer, looking forward to working with current and new clients during her first tax season at Padgett. Charlotte raised 3 children and has eight grandchildren.

To see how Padgett can help improve your business, or just to have your income taxes filed, call either office. Waynesburg 724-627-3800; Carmichaels 724-319-2274, both provide friendly and affordable services!

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

Patriot's Dream Riding Association Announces 2nd Annual Scholarship

The Patriot's Dream Riding Association is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for the 2nd Annual PDRA \$500 Scholarship Award to be awarded this June. A lucky senior who has a parent or grandparent who has a valid motorcycle license, valid American Motorcycle Association (AMA) membership (must provide copy of license or AMA membership card), or PDRA member is eligible to take advantage of this award by writing an essay about motorcycle safety. The scholarship program is open to any Greene County, PA student who will be a graduating senior in 2015. The essay must be submitted by May 4, 2015. PDRA urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a Post-secondary institution of higher learning as an incoming freshman this fall. Applicant must fulfill all graduation requirements during the year of the award. Applicant must provide proof of being accepted at a post-secondary institution of higher learning and proof of a GPA of 2.5 or higher to qualify. See your school Guidance Counselor for more information. The scholarship winner will be announced no later than June 2, 2015. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student. Candidates will have their information reviewed by the PDRA Scholarship Selection Committee.

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week



Caption: Executive Director, Melody Longstreth, was recently presented with certificate of appreciation from Karen Musante and John Trombetta, organizers of The Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week. The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce has been a supporter of this program for local high school juniors and seniors. The students attend a free, summer camp where they operate an imaginary company and their efforts and results are judged by a panel of qualified business experts.

Small Business Market Facts

1. Small businesses employ 77% of the private workforce with over 91 million employees
2. 64% of entrepreneurs with a business plan grew their businesses
3. Big banks (assets over \$10 billion) approved 21% of small business loan requests in February
4. Credit unions approved 43% of small business loan applications in January.
5. Boomers (born 1946-1964) are twice as likely to start a business than Millennials (born 1981-1997).
6. 40% of small business owners feel financially illiterate

Westmoreland County Community College and California University of Pennsylvania Sign 'Reverse Transfer' Agreement



Westmoreland County Community College
GREENE COUNTY EDUCATION CENTER

Westmoreland County Community College and California University of Pennsylvania recently signed an agreement that will allow students enrolled at Cal U to complete the diploma or associate degree they began at WCCC. This is the first reverse transfer agreement between California University and any community college. It benefits students who earn college-level credits at WCCC but transfer to Cal U before completing the requirements for a community college diploma or an associate degree. Credits that transfer students have earned while working toward their bachelor's degree will be sent back to the community college and evaluated for possible credit toward the completion of the associate degree requirements. Earning an associate degree is an educational milestone, university officials agree. They believe that students may be more likely to stay on track toward a bachelor's degree if they are recognized for completing the two-year degree along the way. Students who wish to transfer to California University or learn more about the reverse transfer agreement with WCCC may contact Cal U's Office of Articulation and Transfer Evaluation in Dixon Hall, Room 210. To learn more, visit www.calu.edu/transfer. For an appointment, call the office at 724-938-5939 or e-mail transfer@calu.edu. WCCC students may contact Robert Wright, counselor/associate professor, at wrightr@wccc.edu or 724-925-4282.



Great Gathering at Southpointe



Caption: Chamber members, Suzanne Huffman of Med-Express, Melody Longstreth, Chamber Director, Barb Wise of the Greene County United Way and Lindsey Gilkes of the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center, recently attended the Great Gathering at Southpointe, a networking event produced by The Pittsburgh Social Exchange.

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

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

Company name listed on event program, name on sponsor display sign at the event and listing in the Chamber newsletter, website and Facebook page

Annual Chamber Golf Outing - Friday, May 1st Rohanna's Golf Course

Corporate Sponsors.....\$1,000

Includes one Team, one Tee and two Cart Sponsorships with signs on each.

Tee Sponsors\$100

Includes a sign on the Tee with your company name on both sides.

Green Sponsors\$100

Includes a sign on the Green with your company name on both sides.

Cart Sponsors.....\$50

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

Annual Summer Membership Picnic and Pool Party - June 18th Lions Club Park

Hot Dog Sponsor\$200

Includes signs at the event and on the Hot Dog cart with your company logo and also your company name on the hot dog tickets given to each guest. Only one is available.

Pool Party Sponsor\$250

Includes signs at the event and on at the After Picnic Pool Party with your company logo and also your company name on the pool admission tickets given to each guest. Only one is available.

Save The Date

April 22nd - Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon -
First Baptist Church
May 1st - Annual Chamber Golf Outing - Rohanna's
May 27th - May General Membership Networking Luncheon
- Waynesburg University
June 18th - Annual Summer Membership Picnic
Lions Club Park
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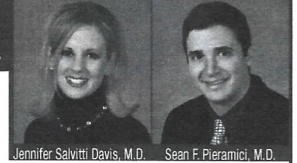
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