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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.

3rd Annual Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce Summer Membership



and Pool Party!

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Picnic 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.—Private Pool Party
 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Waynesburg Lions Club Park and
 Greene County Aquatic Center

Enjoy Moore's Hot Dogs, Networking Games and Prizes

Bring the family—games and activities for
 children and adults.

Register to win a "Fitbit" - two will be given away along
 with Aquatic Center Pool Passes, Zoo & PPG Aquarium
 and Waldameer Park Tickets!

Clothesline Challenge at 5:30, Teamwork Challenge at 6:30, Water Races at 7:30

Children can meet their favorite "Snow Queen" at 7:00

RSVP is appreciated at 724-627-5926 or info@waynesburgchamber.com

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June Business After Hours

Corner Cupboard Food Bank
 Tuesday, June 23rd • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 881 Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg



Menu: "Sliders" fresh fruit, cookie bar, coffee, tea.

4-4:30 in the Corner Cupboard Warehouse, Dan Wagner, Corner Cupboard Food Bank Board member & GCCTC Culinary Arts teacher.

Dan will Show how to use food from the Corner Cupboard Food Bank and make several creative meals

4:30 - 5:30 in the Corner Cupboard Kitchen, "Chopped", two local GCCTC Culinary Arts students will test their culinary skills as they face off against one another to prepare a spectacular meal. They

have to use all the ingredients we provide them, they might be fruit bars or mandarin oranges! At the end of each course, a mystery guest judge 'chops' one chef who fails to measure up in terms of taste, presentation and creativity. The last chef standing takes home bragging rights and a trophy!

5:30 -6:00 Mingle and enjoy!

RSVP to Hostess/Board Member Terri Cartier Trackemas at (tcartier@windstream.net)

Welcome New Members

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25th Annual Chamber Scholarship Presented



Taylor Crowe receiving the 25th Annual Chamber Scholarship from Alan Laick of Laick Design, 2015 Chamber President.

The Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund presented the 25th annual scholarship, in the amount of \$2,500 to Taylor Crowe of Waynesburg. The scholarship amount was increased this year from the usual \$1,500 to \$2,500 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the scholarship. In addition, John Frownfelter, owner of PCsquared, donated a fully loaded laptop and leather laptop bag to the winner and Barb Wise of the Greene County United Way donated a custom backpack.

Eighteen year old Taylor plans to attend Liberty University to pursue a degree in Business Administration this fall. He is the son of David and Kellie Crowe of Waynesburg and is a home-schooled student who maintained a 3.9 grade point average. Taylor and his family were special guests of the Chamber at the May General Membership Meeting where he read his winning essay. This year, thirty-seven applications for the scholarship were received by the Chamber.

Waynesburg Chamber Ranks 16th Largest in the Pittsburgh Area

The Pittsburgh Business Times recently released its list of the top 25 largest Chambers of Commerce as indicated by their membership numbers. The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce is ranked as number 16 with 356 members for 2015. In 2014, we were ranked at number 18. This is the tenth year that the Waynesburg Chamber has been included in the list. In 2005 we debuted at number 24 with 303 members.



Springhill-Freepport Career Day A Big Hit!



Chuck Trump from First Federal Savings & Loan speaks to the students.

The Chamber recently presented a “Fourth and Fifth Grade Career Day” at Springhill Elementary School in the West Greene School District. These events are part of the Chamber’s community service program and provides students the opportunity to explore various careers.

Greene County Day At Kennywood

Greene County Day at Kennywood Park is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd. Plan to join your fellow Greene County residents for a fun filled day at our hometown amusement park – Kennywood!

Ticket prices are \$28.00 for a Ride All Day ticket and \$42.00 for a Ride All Day plus Bus Transportation to and from Kennywood. Bus tickets will be available until the bus is filled.

Bus will leave the Greene County Fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m. and will depart Kennywood at 10:00 p.m. Fireworks will take place in the park at 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the Chamber office through Wednesday afternoon, July 1st until 4:00 p.m. No tickets will be available after that time.

ChamberChoice Energy Program

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The ChamberChoice Energy program helps meters of all sizes save money on their energy spend, from small retail operators to large industrial plants and institutional clients. To get started, simply call the ChamberChoice Energy hotline at 866-699-9968 and an Energy Advisor will begin exploring savings for your business, or help evaluate an offer you may have recently received.

Chamber Hosts Ribbon Cutting For Lendmark Financial

Lendmark
Financial Services



The Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Lendmark Financial located in the Widewaters Plaza. Lendmark Financial Services was organized in 1996 as a subsidiary of First Liberty Bank of Macon, GA. In the summer of 2000, First Liberty Bank and its subsidiaries (including Lendmark) were acquired by Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) of Winston-Salem, NC. Most recently, Lendmark was sold by BB&T in the fall of 2013 to Blackstone in New York, NY. Lendmark is a fast growing company with the number of offices totaling over 160 now. Lendmark will be opening at least 60 locations in the Eastern United States this year. More office openings have been planned for 2016 and beyond. The success of Lendmark Financial Services is specifically attributable to the quality of our personnel and their commitment to our customers. We value each customer and understand that people want to do business with people who care. That’s one way we differ from our competitors. We are proud of what we as a team have accomplished. We will always strive for improvement. Our motto since day one has been, “Success is the only option.”

On-Line Open House Features Member Business

Just email us 10-15 photos in a landscape format that features your business, services and employees. Be sure to include at least one photo of the front of your business. You may include captions for each photo up to 95 characters each. Send each photo in its own email with the caption in the body of the email to info@waynesburg-chamber.com Also send along a few paragraphs, around 500 words or so, on your business and services, hours, etc. and your also include your logo. We will prepare your On-Line Open House and post to the Chamber website. Your On-Line Open House remain active as long as your membership current. There will be links to your On-Line Open House from both the Membership Listing and Member Service Listing sections on the website. If you have a special event or promotion, or if you add new product or service, be sure to send us a photo and a caption or a new paragraph to add to your On-Line Open House. They can be updated easily, just let us know what you’d like to add or delete and when. If you need us to take the photos and put together the text for you, please let us know. We will be happy to stop by. Don’t miss this opportunity to advertise your business for FREE to fellow chamber members and all visitors to the chamber website! This is your membership working for you - take a few moments to help us promote your business!

Members in the Spotlight

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Nestled in the Laurel Highlands Region, the Park Inn by Radisson Uniontown, PA is surrounded by outdoor adventures and close to the Marcellus Shale area, making it perfect for leisure and business travelers. A staple in the Uniontown community since 1968, our hotel's newly renovated location features 180 guest rooms and suites that include convenient amenities like microwaves, refrigerators and Free Wired and Wireless High-speed Internet. The on-site Restaurant and Lounge serves delicious fare, ensuring you never leave hungry, and the 4,000-square-foot indoor courtyard offers a heated pool, games and a jungle gym for younger kids. Need to stay on top of work? The business center is available for use, and the nine meeting rooms can be reserved if you and your coworkers need more space to spread out.

Our business-friendly location is also near local colleges like Penn State Fayette and attractions like Ohiopyle State Park.

Choose from standard and poolside rooms, or upgrade to one of the four spacious suites.

Drop by the Restaurant and Lounge for burgers, steaks and seafood to enjoy alongside a cold beer or classic cocktail.

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For more information, contact -

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Financial-services firm Edward Jones ranks highest in a tie in investor satisfaction with full-service brokerage firms, according to the J.D. Power 2015 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Tom Fetsko announced recently. The study measures overall investor satisfaction with full-service investment firms based on seven factors: investment advisor, investment performance, account information, account offerings, commissions and fees, website and problem resolution. Edward Jones ranked highest in investor satisfaction by J.D. Power in 2012, 2010 and 2009, from 2005 through 2007, and in a tie in 2002, when the study began. The 2015 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study is based on responses from more than 5,300 investors who primarily invest with one of the 18 firms included in the study. The study was fielded from Jan. 5 through Feb. 3, 2015. For more information, visit jdpower.com. Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 14,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients. Edward Jones, which ranked No. 6 on FORTUNE magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2015, is headquartered in St. Louis. FORTUNE and Time Inc. are not affiliated with and do not endorse products or services of Edward Jones. The Edward Jones website is located at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

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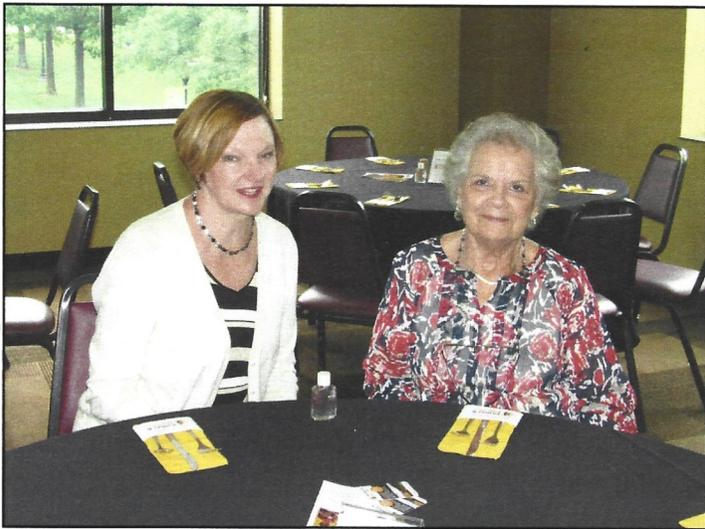
May General Membership Networking Luncheon

The May General Membership Networking Luncheon was held last month at the Benedum Dining Hall at Waynesburg University. Guests were treated to a delicious meal by Aladdin Food Service and a very informative presentation by our sponsor, Father Son Camp East. The 25th Anniversary Chamber Scholarship was presented at this meeting to Taylor Crowe of Waynesburg.

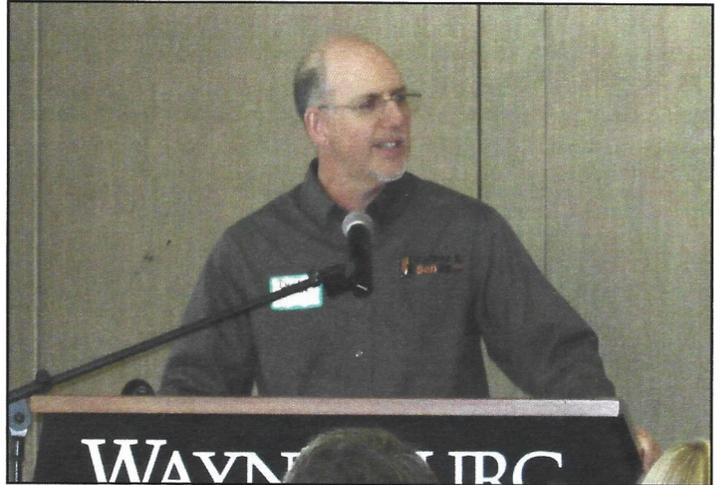
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Alan Laick of Laick Design and 2015 Chamber President addresses members.



Barb Wise from the Greene County United Way and Nancy Davis from the Greene County Education Center of Westmoreland County Community College.



David Crowe of Father Son Camp East speaks about the program.



Chris Becker and Joe Conklin of Penn State Cooperative Extension.



Chamber staff, Melody Longstreth and Michelle King welcomes members to the luncheon

“I Voted, I Gave” A Success For The Corner Cupboard Foodbank



Left to Right: Melody Longstreth – Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce; Garrett Huffman – Consol Energy; Barbara Wise – Greene County United Way; Maribeth Coote – Corner Cupboard Food Bank and Mark Fox – Fox Ford.

The Corner Cupboard Fund/Food Drive on May 19th, primary election day was a success! It seemed like people really did “VOTE and then they GAVE”. There are many people which need to be thanked. Every person that brought a can or a monetary gift. The Greene County community, came together and gave 459 pounds of food and \$2598.48 in new gifts. In addition the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation gave us their \$20,000 commitment for 2015, 6 months early! Summer can be a challenging time for the Food Bank, we are grateful that our community wants to care for their neighbors in need. A special thanks to the Inspire Greene County 2015 graduating class for donating their time the whole day.

Penn National Insurance To Issue Dividend

We are pleased to announce that Penn National Insurance has declared a 6% dividend for the third year (May 2, 2013 through April 30, 2014) Business Insurance Program. Chamber members, who placed their insurance coverage with Penn National Insurance during the 2012/2013 program year and remained active Chamber members and policyholders through the end of the program year, will receive a dividend check during the month of June. The dividend amounts to be paid total more than \$1.3 million. Over the past two years, total dividends returned to businesses communities throughout Pennsylvania exceeds \$3.3 million.

The ChamberChoice Business Insurance Program is just one of many benefits that CCSC offers its Chamber members. The partnership between Penn National Insurance and CCSC was designed to provide a value-added membership benefit that would help Chambers attract and retain members.

An important aspect of this group insurance program is preventing loss and controlling claims costs. Because dividends are based on the group's collective loss experience, a business that may have had a significant loss may still be eligible to receive a dividend.

The program is sold locally through the Baily Agency exclusively to current Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce members.

Inspire Greene Graduated First Class



2015 Graduates from Left to Right Eben Williams – Greene County Historical Society, Tom Schlosser – Southwest Regional Medical Center, Christin Schlosser – The Baily Agency, Ashley Beaman – Greater Waynesburg Christian Outreach, Melody Longstreth – Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Jason Pagel – First Baptist Church, Mark Carlson – American Red Cross, Garret Huffman – Consol Energy, not pictured: Barb Wise – Greene County United Way and Brian Uplinger – Central Greene School District.

Thursday, May 28 was the graduation of the first class of **Inspire Greene County: An Inspirational Approach to Leadership** at Waynesburg University. **Inspire Greene County: An Inspirational Approach to Leadership** is based upon four major goals: Educate-Understanding the various sectors of the Greene County community. **Collaborate**-learning to appreciate and acknowledge the various perspectives and context of their fellow leaders in Greene County. **Serve**-develop an ethic of service that is based upon their faith, taking them beyond personal interests to tangible engage in helping others through community involvement and **Exemplify** – Each class will model community focused Christian leadership at its finest.

Monthly session topics of learning about the county's Social Services, Parks and Environment, Education, Arts and Culture, Business and Economy, Health Care, Media, and Criminal Justice were led by individuals knowledgeable in these areas. The Christian Leadership portion of the program was led by David Baily and Jonathan Johnson. Rev., Dr. Don Wilson wrapped up each session with a reference of the monthly topic to scripture. As part of the program, each class will sponsor a project that will benefit and leave a demonstrative reminder of their efforts. The 2014-15 class sponsored the “I Voted...I Gave” project on the courthouse steps which benefited the Corner Cupboard Food Bank. **Inspire Greene County: An Inspirational Approach to Leadership** Inquiry and applications are now being accepted for the 2015-16 year. For further information, please contact Nancy Davis 724-833-3818 or Rev. Dr. Ed Peirce, First Baptist Church, Waynesburg, PA. 724-627-6444.

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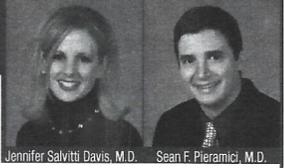
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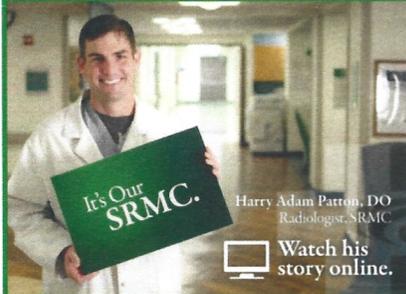
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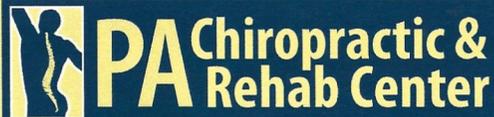
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