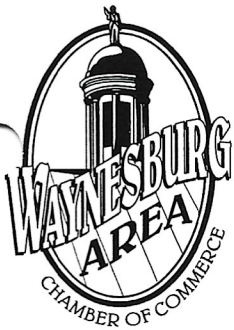


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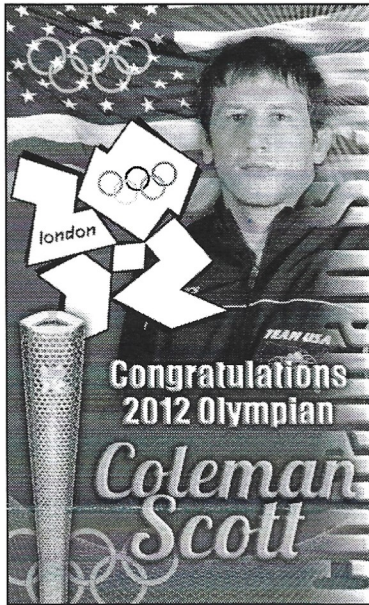
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Coleman Scott US Olympian

On Friday, June 29th, Greene County officially welcomed Coleman Scott, a Waynesburg native, back home to celebrate his spot on the 2012 US Olympic Wrestling Team. Coleman and his family arrived in a limo in front of the Greene County Courthouse. He was awarded a Lifetime Honorary membership in the Chamber of Commerce, a key to Waynesburg Borough and with proclamations from the Greene County Commissioners and Senator Tim Solobay. The crowd braved the 93 degree heat to cheer him on to victory in London this August.



Elissa McCracken Named Miss Ohio

June was a special month for Jeff McCracken, owner of McCracken Pharmacy. His daughter Elissa was crowned Miss Ohio and will be competing on the Miss America stage in January. Elissa, a third generation pharmacy student at Ohio Northern University has been working towards this goal for some time. Many of you may remember that she was crowned Miss Rain Day in 2008 and will make the second Miss Rain Day to compete on the Miss America stage. Elissa is the daughter of Jeff and Helen McCracken of Waynesburg and the grand-daughter of the late Jack McCracken who founded McCracken's Pharmacy over 50 years ago.



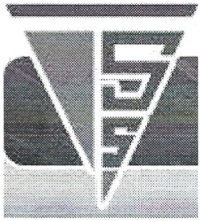
Downtown Summer Open House a Big Hit!



President of Chamber Jay Hammers presenting Coleman with an honorary lifetime Chamber Membership.



The Annual Downtown Summer Open House was once again a big hit with young and old alike. The downtown was alive with street performers, horse drawn wagon rides, children's activities and awesome sales and specials offered by the merchants. Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful organizes the event each year and was chaired by Craig Pellegrini, owner of Waynesburg Press Coffee Shop.



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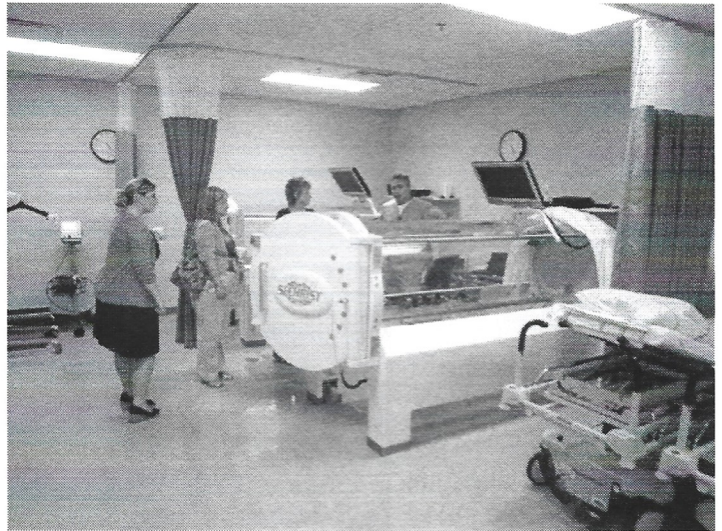
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June Business After Hours
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Coleman Scott Olympic Window Decorating Contest



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Perhaps you've seen the posters or heard the WANB radio spots and wondered what on earth this drag racing event at the Waynesburg Airport is all about. It can sound a bit intimidating, maybe even illegal – "Street Racing Without the Jail Time." It seems as though you are not alone. The first two events of the summer brought out over three thousand race fans!

The May 20th Flashlight Drags kicked off the season with record numbers. Racers, spectators, sponsors, and advertisers came to Greene County from all over Western PA, West Virginia, and Ohio. The June event was another record-breaker. With three events remaining in the 2012 season, Waynesburg is positioned to be a destination for race enthusiasts.

The Flashlight Drags are produced by Altered Gas Performance Events, LLC, owned by Michael and Colby Schindel. The idea is simple – to offer a safe alternative to street racing. The concept is a throwback to the early days of drag racing when things were uncomplicated – two cars lined up, and someone blazed a flashlight to signal the start of the race.

Greene County Commissioners, Parks Director Jake Blaker, the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Greene County Tourism Agency supported the idea, and collectively worked to bring the Flashlight Drags to Waynesburg. The Waynesburg Airport seemed the ideal place to stage the races. The long, straight runways permit two cars to speed down the 1/8 mile track in contention for bragging rights. Throughout the day, more than 200 drivers line up to race against anyone they want, as often as they want. It doesn't matter if they win or lose, they just get back in line and do it again.

Only legal street cars and trucks can qualify. The field of vehicles spans the entire range of makes, models, years, and conditions. Classics, tuners, big dogs, muscle cars, trucks, and minivans get in on the action. Mustang and Corvette clubs arrive; speed shops come to showcase their latest creations; backyard builders are eager to test and tune.

In addition to the growing enthusiasm from the racers, fans, sponsors, and advertisers, new initiatives for 2012 have brought improvements to every aspect of the event:

- Two new cement starting pads on the runways, installed by the County, have improved safety for the racers, as well as the pilots who fly in and out of the airport. The cement is intended to give the cars more traction to help keep them pointed straight when they "launch" from the starting line, and the pads prevent the runways from being damaged in the future.
- New Ultra High Intensity LED starting and win/lose lights allow for more efficient starts, no matter how bright the sun may be.
- Sponsors and local merchants, artists, and crafters have been invited to participate in a Vendor Midway this summer. Spectators are able to shop for non-race items at Grandmas Attic, Our Glass Stained Glass, Mary Kay Cosmetics, State Farm Insurance, and more.
- The Flashlight Drags have joined forces with the Corner Cupboard Food Bank for the 2012 racing season to help serve the needy in Greene County. Volunteers from the Corner Cupboard Food Bank will staff the gates during each race to collect non-perishable food items.

The support of local agencies, the title sponsor, Jack's Excavating, and the many additional sponsors and advertisers enable the Flashlight Drags in Waynesburg to continue. A complete list of sponsors is posted on the Flashlight Drags website at www.flashlightdrags.com.

To become involved sponsoring, advertising, or promoting the races, contact:

Michael Schindel

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Remaining 2012 Schedule

July 22	Sunday	Gates Open at Noon – Racing 2 until 6:00 PM
August 26	Sunday	Gates Open at Noon – Racing 2 until 6:00 PM
Sept 8	Saturday	Gates Open at Noon – Racing 2 until 6:00 PM

Greene County Day at Kennywood

Greene County Day at Kennywood Park was co-sponsored by the Chamber and Williams. Williams underwrote the cost of the bus transportation this year making it free to ride the buses to and from Kennywood! In addition they purchased "Fun Money" tokens that accompanied the first 200 tickets sold. The "Fun Money" was good for food, games or souvenirs in the park. Also a bus full of tickets that were donated to needy families to attend this County-wide tradition. Fireworks closed the evening as guests made their way back to the main gate.



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- Check Your Withholding Page 23

Read the posting requirements to determine if additional posters are required for your place of business. You can also print the posters in Spanish!!!

For state posters, visit www.dli.state.pa.us or call 717-783-8794 and click Employers tab on left. Click Mandatory Workplace Postings under Compliance & Reporting. Read the posting requirements (middle column) to determine which posters are needed for your place of business. You can also print the posters in Spanish! Click on the Form # (first column) of the poster you need to print. You need to print each one separately.

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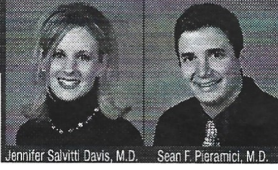
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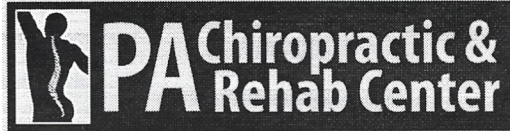
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