

# 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.*

## Second Annual Summer Membership Picnic A Big Hit!

Thank you to Office Systems of Fayette and Greene for sponsoring this second time event and to The Baily Agency for helping to organize and coordinate the event. Over 60 members and their families attended the picnic which was held at the Lions Club Park. Guests were treated to a free hot dog from Moore's Hot Dogs, chips, veggies, watermelon and cookies. Everyone in attendance had a chance at a Greene County Goodie Basket and also a pair of Kennywood tickets with Fun Money. The weather made for a beautiful evening for networking, food and fun. We hope to see twice as many members at the 3rd Annual Membership Picnic next June!



## 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 100 tickets sold. The "Fun Money" was good for food, games or souvenirs in the park. Also a group of tickets 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. 300 tickets were sold to members of the community in 2014 at a nicely discounted rate over the gate price.



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## ChamberChoice Business Insurance Program



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## Governor Corbett Announces \$12.5 Million Available for Energy Development Authority Grants and Loans

*Independent financing authority's allocations to include \$10 million specifically to renewable energy projects*



Governor Tom Corbett and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced that the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA), an independent public financing authority created in 1982, will offer an estimated \$12.5 million in grants and loans for alternative and renewable energy projects, along with projects deploying technologies such as solar energy, wind, hydropower and biomass.

“This funding is an opportunity for companies, municipalities, schools and organizations to deploy alternative energy projects or construct new facilities related to alternative fuels,” Corbett said. “Such projects further our goal to develop a diverse and robust energy sector here in Pennsylvania, in a manner that protects our environment and uses our resources smartly and efficiently.

Those eligible to apply include non-profit corporations; Pennsylvania schools, colleges and universities; any Pennsylvania municipality, and public or private corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, associations and other legal business entities.

Grant or loan funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. PEDA anticipates awarding approximately \$10 million specifically for alternative and renewable energy projects, deploying technologies such as solar energy, wind, hydropower and biomass. Funding is also available for clean alternative fuels, alternative energy manufacturing and alternative energy research. Funded activities must be conducted entirely in Pennsylvania and be in compliance with applicable laws.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on August 15th and must be submitted online using the state's eGrants system - [www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us). Grants will be awarded in the fall. PEDA is an independent public financing authority created in 1982 by the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority and Emergency Powers Act, revitalized through an April 2004 Executive Order. The authority's mission is to finance clean, advanced energy projects in Pennsylvania.

To complete the online grant application or learn more about PEDA, visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us), keyword: Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority.

The availability of funding helps further implementation of Gov. Corbett's “Energy Equals Jobs” state energy plan released in January. To learn more about the energy plan, click the PA State Energy Plan button on the DEP webpage.

## Member in the Spotlight

CONSOL Energy Dedicates BMX Mine in Honor of J. Brett Harvey



CONSOL Energy Inc. and other special guests celebrated the company's 150th anniversary and hosted a dedication ceremony at CONSOL Energy's Bailey Mine Expansion (BMX) Patterson Creek Portal. The BMX mine has been renamed the Harvey Mine in recognition of the leadership of J. Brett Harvey, who was recently elected executive chairman of CONSOL Energy's board of directors after sixteen years with the company as president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board.

"Brett's vision and strong leadership over the course of the past sixteen years have positioned CONSOL for the next 150 years," commented Nick Delulliis, CONSOL Energy president and chief executive officer. "He navigated the company through significant challenges he inherited when he arrived in the late 1990's, and made CONSOL the premier energy company that it is today. Brett's legacy will be defined, not only for the way he deftly guided CONSOL through one of the most significant chapters in our long history, but for the example he set and importance he placed on our core value of safety above all else."

Mr. Delulliis continued, "Today, Brett Harvey joins Ralph Bailey as the greatest leaders this company has ever known. Our companies, and the entire industry, are better off today because of Brett's unwavering commitment to the safety of the men and women who work underground every day to provide society with the comforts we all enjoy."

The Harvey Mine, which officially began production in March 2014, is the third coal mine and contains the fifth longwall system at the Bailey Complex – the largest underground coal complex in North America. The 5 million ton annual production capacity at the Harvey Mine brings total annual production capacity at the complex to nearly 30 million tons. Approximately 2,500 employees support work at CONSOL Energy's Pennsylvania Coal Operations, with 400 new jobs directly tied to the Harvey Mine.

With over \$700 million of investment dedicated to the Harvey Mine alone, in sum CONSOL has invested approximately \$2 billion to re-capitalize its Pennsylvania Coal Operations over the last seven years, and has positioned the complex to compete for decades to come. With its best-in-class natural gas and coal assets, underscored by the Harvey Mine, the company is primed for continued growth and cusses in the region and beyond.

## Knitters Have Been Seen In Public! Oh My!



June 18th was "World Wide Knitting Day OUT and local knitters gathered in front of the Waynesburg Courthouse near the Farmers' Market to knit away the hours. A few people learned to knit using the huge knitting needles that make learning easier. One of our favorite students was Criminal Defense Attorney, Mr. Harry Cancelmi. Lippencott Alpacas sponsored the event and they gave people information about joining regular Wednesday knitting classes at the Lippencott Farm Store. For more information, contact Lena Galing at 724-852-4084 for times and class details.

## Greene County United Way Stuff The Bus



Greene County United Way is sponsoring the 12th Annual "Stuff the Bus" program. When local students head back to school every year, many requests are received for back to school supplies. The "Stuff the Bus" program is designed to supplement these supplies for low-income children. With your support, the United Way can answer this need in our community. This year they are once again asking for your participation, by collecting new school supplies such as backpacks, lunchboxes, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, book covers, notebooks, binders and folders. Collection boxes can be supplied to your business by request. Monetary donations for the purchase of new school supplies are always appreciated.

Last year, the "Stuff the Bus" program collected over 425 backpacks filled with back to school supplies. Again this year, they will hold the event at the JC Pavilion at the Lion's Club Park on Wednesday, August 13th. Lunch for the children will be provided free of charge as part of the Summer Food Service Program through Central Greene School District. If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact them at 724-852-1009 or by email: [unitedway@windstream.net](mailto:unitedway@windstream.net)

Thank you for supporting this need in Greene County through the Greene County United Way.



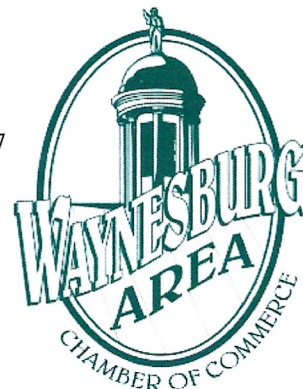
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## Save The Date

September 24th – General Membership Networking Luncheon  
October 16th – Greene County Business Expo  
October 31st – Halloween Spooktacular  
November 22nd – Annual Chamber Banquet  
December 6th – Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade



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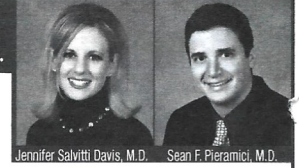


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