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MISS RAIN DAY 1999 - Katie Wilson



Congratulations to Katie Wilson, the 17 year old daughter of Meg and Kevin Wilson of Rogersville. She will be a senior at West Greene High School this fall and plans to enroll in Evangel University with a major in Elementary Education. She and her court were the guests of honor at the July General Membership meeting. They are 1st Runner-Up - Katee Barnhart, daughter of Gary & Lois Barnhart of Carmichaels; Katee also won Top Talent and Evening Gown; 2nd Runner-Up - Carrie Beth Konosky, daughter of Michael & Debra Konosky of Waynesburg; Carrie also won the Interview Competition; 3rd Runner-Up - Brianna Gashie, daughter of Terri Gashie of Car-

michaels and Richard Gashie of Greensboro; Brienne also won the Sportswear competition and Miss Photogenic; 4th Runner-Up - Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Dave & Debbie Wilson of Greensboro. Elizabeth also won the Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award. Other winners were Lindsey Coneybeer, recipient of the Rain Maker Award, Rachel Lynn Magerko, recipient of the John O'Hara Essay Award and Anissa Mooney, recipient of the Miss Personality Award.



Left to right: Elizabeth Wilson, Carrie Beth Konosky, Katie Wilson, Miss Rain Day 1999, Katee Barnhart and Brianna Gashie. Taylor McAndrews, Crownbearer.

SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, noon to 1 p.m. • Groovy's American Café

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1999

Greene County Memorial Hospital Wellness Center

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

TOUR THE NEW WELLNESS CENTER.
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HOSPITAL.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 23
Noon to 1 p.m.
Groovy's American Café

Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

July 28, 1999 – Golden Corral

Members Present: Mike Klipsic and Doreen Klipsic - Castle Victoria, Linda Corfont - C.P.A., Katy Shultz - Hospice Care, Shirley Stockdale - Clerk of Courts, Andrew Corfont - Community Bank, Steve Barrett - Greene County Messenger, Chris Bruno - Community Action, Mary Parkinson - Honorary Member, Mary Pruss - Peacock Keller, Susan Stoy - Rep. Bill DeWeese, Debbie Gideon - Community Bank, Ralynn Lund - G.C.I.D.A., Jeanine Henry - University of Pittsburgh, Matt Moninger - University of Pittsburgh, Suzanne Huffman - C.D.C., Frank Pecjak - Pecjak's Sunoco, Kathleen Gregg - Greene County School to Work, Ruth Enci - Area Agency on Aging, Damon Neroni - J.T.P.A., Becky Wilson - Acorn Acres Bed & Breakfast, Barbara Cole - Careerlink, Chad Moore - First Federal, Edmund Ferencak - Allegheny Power, Kay Laskody - Mountainview Gardens, Sheila Barger - National City, Millie Wonderling - Bowlby Library, Beth Wilson, Carrie Konosky, Katee Barnhart - Rain Day Contestants, Katie Wilson - Miss Rain Day 1999, Kevin and Meg Wilson - Parents of Miss Rain Day, Melody Longstreth and Jenny Nicholson - Chamber Staff and Colleen Nelson - Guest.

Mary Pruss called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. On a motion by Chad Moore, seconded by Andrew Corfont, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. On a motion by Shirley Stockdale, seconded by Katy Shultz, with notice that the treasurers report was from last months meeting, the report was filed for audit.

Old Business: Susan Stoy reported on the Rock-n-Oldies Contests. The Hula Hoop contest was a great success. Doug Wilson had the contestants Hula Hooping several different ways. They got to keep the Hula Hoops and received a free movie rental as their prizes. The Bubble Gum Contest had no bubbles but they received toothpaste and gum as their prizes, fun was had by all. The Dunk Tank is here for Rain Day and in addition to the Miss Rain Day Contestants, W.A.N.B. personalities will be donating their time to sit on the booth. Pecjaks Sunoco has donated ice to put in before John Handiboe and Doug Wilson sit on the Tank. The Chamber office will be selling glow necklaces at the cost of \$2.00 each, and will also be selling the 1999 Christmas Bulbs at \$5.00 each. Suzanne Huffman reported that the Beautification committee has changed the name to Revitalization. They are going to be sending out a survey to Chamber of Commerce members, downtown businesses and civic organizations, for input to develop a master plan to obtain funding. They are meeting with a company who did a study of signage in the County

to review their recommendations. Colleen Nelson recommended that the committee contact Mike Murray with Council of Arts for music and art for the downtown area. Mary Pruss said she visited some towns in Massachusetts that were smaller than ours and they had flower baskets hanging from all the light posts and their downtowns were very beautiful. Melody Longstreth reported on updating the web page. After Rain Day, Within Technology is going to update the site with no cost to us. All they ask for is an ad in the newsletter in return for their donation of time. The 1999 edition of the Christmas Bulbs featuring Miller Hall are going to be on sale at the Rain Day. We also have a few 1997 and 1998 bulbs also available. Chad Moore reported that the Golf Outing was canceled this year but the committee is thinking about joining up with the Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce next year for a joint tournament.

New Business: Andrew Corfont reported on the Miss Rain Day Pageant, The Flashbacks did a final performance and the community will miss them. There were eleven contestants competing for the title of Miss Rain Day 1999. Kristin Szarell, Miss Rain Day 1998, said goodbye with her farewell performance. The judges had a difficult time judging because all the contestants did a wonderful job. Stephanie McCoy from Mt. Morris also performed. Andrew thanked all the businesses that helped out with their donations of ads and bonds. He also thanked the parents of the contestants, the committee members and the office staff. Andrew introduced the new Miss Rain Day - Katie Wilson and her court; 4th runner up - Beth Wilson; 3rd runner up - Brienne Gashie; 2nd runner up - Carrie Konosky; and 1st runner up - Katee Barnhart. Beth also won the Kelly Smotzer Award, Rachel Magerko won the John O'Harra Award, Lindsey Coneybeer won the Rain Maker Award, Bricanna won Photogenic and Sportswear, Anissa Mooney won Miss Personality, Katee won both talent and evening gown, Carrie won Best Interview. The new Miss Rain Day will be going to Orlando to compete in vocal competition in a few weeks. Andrew pointed out that in the pageant she competed with a dance selection, so our new Miss Rain Day is multi-talented. Andrew is stepping down after 12 years of directing the pageant, he said Robyn Riggs has some interest and has done promotions in the past. The membership thanked him for his services.

On a motion by Chad Moore, seconded by Susan Stoy, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Nicholson, Chamber Secretary



Your Human Resource members will enjoy this:

STUFF FROM RESUMES THAT DIDN'T WORK

- I demand a salary commiserate with my extensive experience.
- I have lurnt Word Perfect 6.0, computer and spreadsheat programs.
- Received a plague for Salesperson of the Year.
- Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave.
- Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions.
- Failed bar exam with relatively high grades.
- It's best for employers that I not work with people.
- Let's meet, so you can ooh and aah over my experience.
- You will want me to be Head Honcho in no time.
- I Am a perfectionist and rarely if if ever forget details.
- I was working for my mom until she decided to move.
- Marital status: single. Unmarried. Unengaged. Uninvolved. No commitments.
- I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse.
- Please feel free to respond to my resume on my office voice mail.
- I have become completely paranoid, trusting completely no one and absolutely nothing.
- My goal is to be meteorologist. But since I possess no training in meteorology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage.
- I procrastinate, especially when the task is unpleasant.
- Personal interests: Donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far.
- Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain store.
- Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as job hopping. I have never quit a job.
- Marital status: Often. Children: various.
- Reason for leaving last job: They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 every morning. Could not work under those conditions.
- The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers.
- Finished eighth in my class of ten.
- References: None. I've left a path of destruction behind me.

TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

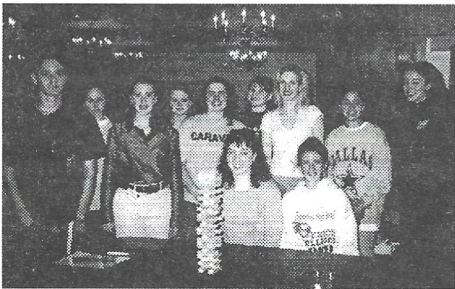
Thank you for donating the post cards and wooden coins. It was much appreciated.

I took these promotional items to the Americanism Youth Conference at Valley Forge. This conference is sponsored by the National Legion Auxiliary and is a chance for student leaders from across the nation to come together. I was, in fact, Pennsylvania's only representative. At the conference, we heard many speakers, which ranged from costumed speakers to a motivational speaker. We also toured historic Valley Forge and historic Philadelphia.

The postcards and coins were used at the "leadership carnival" we held. At the carnival, we were divided into groups and asked to perform several activities which would require us to act both as a leader and as a group. Once the activities were through, we exchanged our swap meet items with everyone else there. We all left with interesting representations from all the different states.

Again—thank you for your part in making my trip possible.

Sincerely,
Katie Rohanna



This is my group at the Leadership Carnival. I am sitting in the front row right behind the Jenga.

Educational Fund Scholarship

The Chamber's Educational Fund has awarded the 1999 Scholarship of \$1,500 to Heath David Mankey of Waynesburg. He is the son of Ron & Goldie Mankey. Heath will be attending West Virginia University this Fall and majoring in Music Education with an emphasis on Voice. He has been very active in music during his High School career and was the Drum Major for the WCHS Marching Band. Following is his winning essay.



Music As My Life

I feel that my main purpose of life is to educate and entertain both children and adults with the use of my musical skills. I believe that music can bring to people experiences and emotions that nothing else can. It has been documented that music expands the brain for other areas of education such as math, science, etc. It also teaches responsibility and dedication which I feel is crucial in today's society. Not to mention the pure enjoyment or relaxation someone can feel from either making music or even just listening to it.

I will be starting my bachelors degree this fall. I am majoring in Music Education with voice as my primary instrument. My goals are to get the best education possible and use it to become a very successful performer and instructor. After I have earned my bachelor's degree, I intend on getting my master's degree and possibly (after years of experience) a doctoral degree. I am well aware of the long hours and study needed to attain these goals and I am very eager to start.

I'm very passionate about what I do. I am undoubtedly intrinsically task motivated and enjoy every minute. As far as family plans I'm

not really sure. For the next few years I know that I want to stay single so that I will have the opportunities to develop my career and be totally dedicated to every position and individual student. The more difficult the challenge, the more exciting it is to achieve that goal. I love to see someone finally get that note or rhythm that they've been trying so hard to get.

When I have secured a lifestyle of strong financial standing, I would like to donate money to various charities and programs, especially ones that are saving the music in our public schools such as **VH1's Save the Music**. Sometimes in today's culture people forget how important the arts are in a child's developmental years. They play a crucial role in teaching social skills and nurturing a young person's creativity. Hardwork and cooperation is also required when performing in an ensemble. I know personally music has helped me develop into the adult I am today and has opened numerous doors of opportunity in my life that I am infinitely thankful for.

I do not only support music, but am an avid supporter of all the performing and visual arts. I study dance and musical theatre at a local dance studio. I plan on performing in the area of musical theatre as my forte someday. I am already instructing a local colorguard and will be performing in colorguard at the college I attend this fall.

My goals and dreams are very focused. I am very hard-working and if I should be chosen as the scholarship recipient, I can assure the committee that the money will be well invested and extremely appreciated. I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration.



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for more info:

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Bill Cole, Pres. of
Greene Academy, Carmichaels
(724) 966-7996, White Bridge
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Sept. 19 Antiques Fair
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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE SURVEY

Recently you received a survey from the Downtown Revitalization Committee which is chaired by Suzanne Huffman. The committee needs input from our members and business owners to begin to form a master plan for our Downtown area. There are grants available however, we must have a finalized master plan in order to apply for funding. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts and ideas with the committee.

1999 Edition Christmas Bulb

The 1999 edition of the Christmas Bulb is now available for sale. The new bulb features Miller Hall on the Waynesburg College Campus and features a line congratulating the college on their 150th Anniversary. The new bulbs are \$5.00 each. A set of three featuring the Courthouse, Carmichaels Covered Bridge and Miller Hall can be purchased for \$12.00,

however, quantities are limited for the set. If you would like to help the Chamber sell the bulbs in your business or would just like one for yourself, please give the office a call.

A Special Thank You

WITHIN TECHNOLOGY, our Internet Service Provider, donated free monthly service and access to the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce and we are most grateful to them for their consideration and generosity. Our site has not been updated in some time and the summer interns are busy contacting all the members to get the most current information available for our new site. We will have a new look and some new features. If you have a web site of your own and you have not yet been contacted by the interns, please call us and give us your address. Visitors to our site will be able to link to your site if we have your information. All members will be listed alphabetically and under service categories. Please be sure to stop by and visit the site in a few weeks to see the progress.



GREENE COUNTY JOB/ TRAINING FAIR

Barbara Cole, the coordinator of the Careerlink Office, announced that a job/training fair will be held on Thursday, September 30, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Greene County Fair Grounds in Waynesburg. Ms. Cole stated that the event represents an exciting opportunity to bring Greene County employment/training opportunities and job seekers together to meet the employment needs in our area.

The fair will be a forum for large and small local and regional employers to explore the possibilities for employment with job seekers who need employment or are underemployed. "The goal," Ms. Cole said, "is to offer a significant representation of employers from business, industry, government, not-for-profit, and health and human service organizations."

At the fair employers will be afforded the opportunity to accept applications and resumes, offer information about positions currently available, and conduct interviews for part-time or full-time positions, while training organizations may promote courses and sign up those interested in developing or sharpening marketable skills.

Ms. Cole said the event is sponsored by agencies of the new Pennsylvania Careerlink Office; including the Area Agency on Aging, Community Action Southwest, the Greene County Assistance Office, the Greene County Job Center, Green Thumb, the Greene County School-to-Work Partnership, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Social Security Administration, the United Mine Workers of America Career Center, the Washington-Greene County Job Training Agency, and Waynesburg College. Any organization interested in participating, may contact Barbara Cole at 724-852-2900, ext. 229.

THANKS TO COMFORT INN

Thank you to the Waynesburg Comfort Inn for hosting the Chamber's Revitalization Committee Meeting in August. We appreciate your support of the Chamber's Programs.



Greene County Bus Tour

The Penn State Greene County Extension Office is sponsoring a bus tour of Greene County sites on Saturday, October 23. The tour will feature the Welcome Center on 1-79, the White Covered Bridge, the Carmichaels Covered Bridge, John Corbly Massacre, Greensboro, Rices Landing and Carmichaels. The cost of the trip is \$12. Buses will leave the Greene County Fairgrounds at 9am. For more information or to make a reservation contact Ruth Enci at 966-5454 or the Penn State office at 627-3745.

STATE TRANSPORTATION MEETINGS

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Public Participation Panel will host public meetings throughout southwestern Pennsylvania in order to prepare testimony for hearings sponsored by the State Transportation Commission on October 28 and 29 in Pittsburgh. **In Greene County, the public meeting is scheduled for 7p.m. Wednesday, September 8th, at Stover Center, Waynesburg College, in Waynesburg. All Chamber members are encouraged to attend this meeting!** The October hearings mark the beginning of the public input process for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Twelve Year Program and Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP forms the first four years of the state's Twelve Year Program. The TIP is a spending plan for building and maintaining roads, bridges and transit services, and is updated every two years.

Member Honored

Behm Funeral Home Inc. of Jefferson was honored recently for more than 75 years of professional service to the community by the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association (PFDA).

At the leadership conference Greg Rohanna was elected to represent Pennsylvania on the National Funeral Directors Association Board. Only one person from each state is elected to the board.



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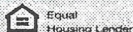
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